

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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**New Parishioners**

Welcome to our Parish Community! Please register at the parish office and feel free to contact anyone on our staff regarding the Parish and its activities.

**First Friday Masses**

7 :00 am  
8:15 am (School Mass)  
12:10 pm

**Sanctuary /Blessed Mother Candles**

May be memorialized for a sick person, a deceased loved one, or in celebration of a special intention. Please call the parish office to reserve a date.

**Parish Center Rentals**  
Contact The Parish Office



**Baptisms and Marriages**

By arrangement with Parish Office.

**Pre Baptismal Instruction**

Required prior to Baptism.

**Pre-Cana**

Required prior to Marriage. Arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance.

**Communion Visit for the Homebound**

Please call the parish office to request a visit

**Rev. Victor T. Martin**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Lawrence A. Larson**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello**  
*Retired-Parish Deacon*

**Mary Jane Edwards**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Catherine T. Lopata**  
*Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.*

**Gerrie Desio**  
*Office Receptionist*

**CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

**Sunday**

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

**Weekday Masses**

7:00 a.m. and 12:10 Noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

**Jacqueline Herbert**  
*Dir. of Religious Ed*

**Dominique Johnson**  
*Religious Ed. Assistant*

**David E. Harris**  
*Organist/Music Director*

**Patricia E. Brady**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Patricia Grassi**  
*RCIA Coordinator*

**Jean Correa**  
*Parish Accountant*  
203-255-1097

**Mr. Richard Miller**  
*Parish Advisory Bd. Chair*  
203-259-0824

**Mr. Edward Dayton**  
*Parish Finance Bd. Chair*  
203-255-5141

**Mission Statement:**

For St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, prayer and liturgical worship is the essence of our faith community. The Gospel message is proclaimed by word and deed, nurtured by ongoing opportunities for religious formation, evangelization, social action and worship.

*Message from the Pastor*

**LIFE AFTER DEATH**

We are in the fall season and around much of the country trees are ablaze with glory. But the colors of fall are the precursor to the gray of winter.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is just two weeks away, and just as the glory of fall foliage leads to the gray of winter, the glory of Christ the King will lead us to ponder another gray, the grayness that we call human death,

Unlike the cold of winter after the fall, however, our eyes of faith take us past the grayness of death and allow us to see the promise of heaven, something that actually can give us a reason to celebrate death.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“To live joyfully, we must let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge”*

Pope Francis 10/11/16

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*In Loving Memory of*

*Joseph Meeker and Richard P. Freeburg*

**THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR**

*David Barber 1st Anniversary*



**OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR**



*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*

**Parish Support**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$10,135.30

*Thank You!*



**November 5 to November 13, 2016**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg (8th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Francis Meissner
	10:30 am	John Padula
	12:00 Noon	Allie and Anne Richard
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Commissioning Mass</b>
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Michael Ambrosio
Tues.	7:00 am	Ann O'Neill (1st)
	12:10 pm	Patricia Jean Augenthaler (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Rev. Patrick Dunlap (24th)
	12:10 pm	Donald Logan
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joseph Meeker (8th)
	12:10 pm	Joey Kulaga
Fri.	7:00 am	<b>Mass for All Veterans</b>
	12:10 pm	Lawrence Gress
Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas & Mary Murren and Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Nancy Stanco
	10:30 am	Ryan and Maisano Families
	12 :00 Noon	Thomas J. Greenwood



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| Nancy Gianni         | Maria Ines Galindo |
| Amanda Morguelan     | Walter Murphy      |
| Laura Terranova      | Carl Collica       |
| Shirley Mongillo     | Annette Ham        |
| Javier Sattler       | Susan Hasiuk       |
| Leonor Sattler       | Chet Greene        |
| Mary Durkin          | Tom Lopez          |
| Rebecca Scalera      | Nancy Stevens      |
| Irene Ercolani       | Jane Harwood       |
| Betty Freddino       | James Rooney       |
| Rene Ercolani Molnar | Richard Martin     |
| Peggy Krotki         | Sally Cohane       |
| Mary Toth            | Anthony Mongillo   |
| Carl Palmieri        | Rosemarie Fowler   |
| Liam Craane          | Joseph Mitchell    |
| Robert DeVitto       | Veronica Hughes    |
| Noreen Hernandez     | Margaret Poulsen   |
| Rev. Charlie Allen   | Dennis Rich        |
| Frank Slovensky      |                    |

### PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of the church. Collections start on Saturday, Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3rd From 9 to 12 o'clock. For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at [carriecach@aol.com](mailto:carriecach@aol.com)



**Mark your Calendars**  
**Thanksgiving Day Mass on**  
**Thursday Morning November 24th**  
**at 8:00am**

**Lets come together to give thanks to God**

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### COVENANT HOUSE COLLECTION

Each year on Thanksgiving Day at our 8:00 am morning Mass, a special collection is taken up for Covenant House in NYC. This collection helps runaway teenagers to receive help with food and shelter and medical attention at Covenant House. Perhaps you will be away for Thanksgiving Day Mass but would like to give an offering to help these young people? Please place a gift in any Sunday offertory marked for this purpose or send it directly to the Parish Office.

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### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

For the needy area families and in support of food pantries in our area. Donation of canned goods and non-perishable items are most welcome!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church are decorated with feathers indicating the items that you intend to provide please return the items to the church by Sunday Nov. 13th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 18th.

*Thank you for your help!!*



### St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Christmas Evergreens & Poinsettia Sale

Decorate for the Christmas Season and support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. All money raised will help fund our end of the year activities. Order forms are available at church entrances and orders can be made after Masses on November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support! Any questions please call Christine Dooley at 203-319-8274.



### Scouts of the Diocese of Bridgeport Day of Reflection

Saturday November 12th  
10:00am to 5:00pm

St. John Fisher Seminary,  
Newfield Avenue, Stamford

Come join us for a day of reflection and fellowship. Everyone in 8th-12th grade is welcome to come partake in the sacraments, games, talks and to learn about what the Catholic Church has to offer for young men and women in scouting programs.

Please RSVP to Fr. Andy by Nov. 7th @ [frvill@diobpt.org](mailto:frvill@diobpt.org)  
\$10 includes lunch and all materials



### Upcoming Events for Ladies Guild Mark your Calendars

Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 15, 2016. We will be collecting items to send care packages to our troops for the holidays.

The annual Advent Wreath Sale sponsored by the Ladies Guild is scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2016, after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. To pre - order call Bernadette 203 254 7569 .

Our annual Bake Sale is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2016 after all the mass.

**Election Day is this  
Tuesday November 8th!!!**





## Knights of Columbus Council 2616

The Knights of Columbus on Unquowa Road have sold their building and have moved into our chapel in the Church.

The **3rd Degree** meets every First Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **4th Degree** meets every Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **Columbiettes** meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Men and women 18 years of age are invited to join.



## November News

Sun. Nov. 6th : Grade 8 Child/Sponsor or Parent  
Commissioning Mass 4:00 pm Church

Tues. Nov. 8th: **No Class Election Day**

Mon. Nov. 14th: 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat  
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Gym  
**No Class for Grades 6 and 7**

Wed./Thurs. Nov. 23/24: **No Class Thanksgiving**

Questions please contact Jackie or  
Dominique at 203-255-1984 or

[stthoaqccd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqccd@aol.com)



## 3rd Annual Women's Conference for the Diocese of Bridgeport "Made By Love, For Love"

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

St. Catherine of Siena Family Center, Trumbull  
9:30am check-in until closing Mass at 5:30pm.  
Tickets are \$45 (which includes breakfast, lunch,  
afternoon snack, and hospitality bag) Please visit  
[www.bridgeportwomensconference.org](http://www.bridgeportwomensconference.org) for more  
information and to register.



## St. Thomas Catholic School Alumni Event Wednesday, November 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service 9:00 am St. Thomas Aquinas Church

There will be reserved seating and a light  
reception will immediately follow. Students  
will be available to give tours.

Questions please contact:  
[barbara.duffin@stasonline.net](mailto:barbara.duffin@stasonline.net)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:



Would you like to help a  
family build their new home?  
We have the opportunity to join  
with local churches to help a  
family in Bridgeport build their  
home on Sat, Nov 19. Construction skills not  
needed just a willingness to help.

If you can work 1 or 2 or 3 hrs or all day, you are  
welcome to join us. If you are interested, call  
Karen Ann Simmons 203-335-7432 for more  
information.

## YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday, November 6:**  
High School from 7-9pm (Part 4)  
**Sunday, November 13:**  
Thanksgiving Food Drive Sorting Night of Service

St Thomas Aquinas Church is now on Facebook! "Like" St Thomas  
here: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield>

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



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