

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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

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

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

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

THE REIGN OF GOD IS AT HAND

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent our focus begins to shift from the end of time to the time immediately before the first coming of Christ into the world.

Yet the message is still the same: God’s reign is at hand. As we worship together today, let us heed John the Baptist, whose message of preparing those people of Israel so long ago echoes in our hearts: **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“The God who creates justice for those who suffer violence... that is the God of hope for the new world of righteousness and justice and peace.”

Jugen Moltmann
“Ethics of Hope”



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Dominic Jan DeCarvalho



Marriage Banns

III. Peter Fred Anderson and Megan Ann DeRita



December 3 to December 11, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mabel Retman
	10:30 am	Daniel Groudier
	12:00 Noon	Paul Beatty
Mon.	7:00 am	Special Intention
	12:10 pm	Rev. Vincent J. O’Connor
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Delfina Gallifoco
Wed.	7:00 am	Martin Crowe
	12:10 pm	William J. Lopata Sr
	5:30 pm	Barry Ahearne
Thurs.	7:00 am	For The Parish
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
	5:30 pm	Juliane Kennedy
Fri.	7:00 am	Gregory Halkides (1st)
	12:10 pm	Ruth Beardsworth
Sat.	5:00 pm	The Marko Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Cynthia Stanco
	10:30 am	John Howard (4th)
	12 :00 Noon	Thomas Murray



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
Ilene Ianniello	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Veronica Hughes
Noreen Hernandez	Margaret Poulsen
Rev. Charlie Allen	Dennis Rich
Frank Slovensky	



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree.

This is an enormous project and every year the parish rises to the occasion. St. Thomas Aquinas families and parishioners share their generosity with many people in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Through the Advent Giving Tree, we provide specific gifts for individual families from St. Charles and St. Mary parishes in Bridgeport and Catholic Charities families, coats for Mercy Learning Center, warm weather clothing for patrons of the Ella Grasso Center, gift cards for Operation Hope, books and games for children of the Cardinal Sheehan Center, outfits for the Missionary Sisters' pre-school children, toys for the Daughters of Charity Convent, and we provide help for families in our own parish.

If anyone would like to “adopt a family” and purchase gifts for a family please e-mail stthomasfairfielddyouth@gmail.com

Please take tags from the trees at the entrances of the parish and bring the item back, unwrapped, by the date on the tag. If you return your gift during the week, please bring it to the Parish Office where it will be secure. If you return your gift after a weekend Mass, please bring it to the boxes in the Church. If you are available to help deliver items to Bridgeport contact Jessica stthomasfairfielddyouth@gmail.com 740-424-4581 **Thank you in advance for your generosity**



The Ladies Guild Annual Christmas Dinner

Is on Tuesday December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the LUIGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, 170 Post Road.

Menu - Appetizers: Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Salad and Pasta. Entrees: Chicken Marsala; Stuffed Filet of Lemon Sole; New York Strip grilled to your preference. Dessert: Toasted Almond Cake or Cannoli Pie. A glass of Wine and Tea/Coffee. Cost \$34.

Please RSVP to Bernadette 203-254-7569 or Pat 203 -254-2357 by December 2nd.

All are welcome!!!!

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory of Lydia Lacerenza

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Martin Crowe



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

"ARISE AND SHINE," DIOCESAN YOUTH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**Sunday December 18, 6:00pm.
Klien Memorial Auditorium**

A Christmas Concert featuring 78-member Diocesan Youth Choir (C4Y) **What a better way of celebrate the Advent Season than in Song?** The concert will feature some of your favorite traditional and contemporary Christmas hymns, as well as prayers and scripture readings.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for students can be purchased on line at www.theklien.org or phone at 800-424-0160.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Patroness
of the United States of America**

**Holy Day of obligation for all
Catholics in the United States**

**Masses will be celebrated on
Thursday, December 8th
7:00 am, 12:10 Noon & 5:30 pm**

**Vigil Mass on
Wednesday December 7th
5:30 pm**



**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.



Music for Youth, Inc.
Presents
**The Chamber Singers of the
Fairfield County Children's Choir**

7 PM on Saturday December 10th
St. Thomas Aquinas Church

The program will include holiday, gospel and classical vocal selections.
Seating will open at 6:40 pm.
Donations of cash or food donations for Operation Hope will be accepted at door. For more information call (203) 254-0123.

Parish Support

Solemnity of Christ the King 2016: \$ 11,543.16

Solemnity of Christ the King 2015: \$ 10,755.86

Human Development 2016: \$ 1,697.00

Human Development 2015: \$ 1,881.75

1st Sunday in Advent 2016: \$ 10,233.05

1st Sunday in Advent 2015: \$ 12,318.40

Thanksgiving Day 2016: \$ 2,500.00

Thanksgiving Day 2015: \$ 1,500.00

Thank You!



December News

Mon. Dec. 5th: Grade 8 Penance Service 7:00pm
No Class for Grades 6 and

Thurs. Dec. 8th: **No Classes for 2nd Grade**

Mon. Dec. 12th: Grades 6/7 Penance Service 6:00pm
No Class for 8th Grade

Tues. Dec. 13th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15
No Class Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 14th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15
No Class Grade 1

**Dec. 19th to Jan. 2nd 2017 Christmas Break
Classes Resume on January 3, 2017**

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

stthoaqccd@aol.com



Congratulations to Altar Servers

Installed in November 2016

Paige Bierman, Kate Backus,
Ryan Backus, Tyler Backus,
Kelly Monahan, Jacob Rao, Jay Rao,
Sophia Ricci, Daniel Solis and Anne Taylor

Look in the bulletin in late April and May for the next Information Session on joining Altar Serving.



December Meeting Schedule:

Sunday, December 4: High School
from 7-9pm (Part 4)

Sunday, December 11: High School
from 7-9pm

Sunday, December 18: Christmas Parties!!!
Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com