

**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

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

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

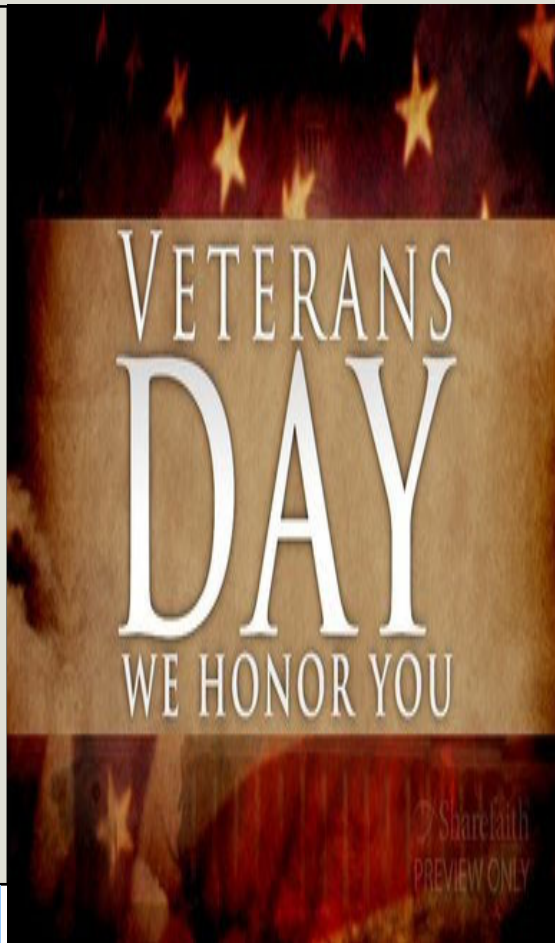
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**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

**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

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

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

**Stephen L. Anderson**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Patricia Grassi**  
*RCLIA 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*

**ATTENTION!!!**

A constant theme of these weeks leading to Advent is akin to the motto of the U.S. Coast Guard: ***Semper paratus: “Always ready.”*** For what? The military remains ready for threats or disasters like a tornado or flood, but Jesus’ call to be ready always is neither a threat nor a prediction of catastrophe. It is his expectation that we be aware of the presence of the sacred as we move through even the most ordinary day.

Mary Oliver suggests the same in her poem ***“The Summer Day”***: ***I don’t know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention.***

Being prepared for the coming of Christ means keeping eyes and ears, hearts and minds open.

***The sacred, the Christ, is all around You!***

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Braeden Matthew Pastore**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Be faithful in small things because it is in them your strength lies.”*

**St. Teresa of Calcutta**



**Prayer for Veterans and Military Men and Women**

*Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all.*

*May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at a high cost, and should not be taken for granted. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



**November 11 to November 19, 2017**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Elizabeth D’Agostino
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Donald Maute
	10:30 am	Robert and Emilie Newman
	12:00 Noon	The Ryan and Maisano Families
Mon.	7:00 am	Nancy Stanco
	12:10 pm	Gloria Blewitt (3rd)
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Helen Bunce (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	12:10 pm	Gilda Burgess
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ida Miller (32nd)
	12:10 pm	Carl J. Palmieri (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Gloria Hudson
	12:10 pm	Norma Primerano (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas and Mary Murren & Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John McHale (45th)
	10:30 am	Stephen Coughlin
	12:00 Noon	Helen K. Daly



James McInerney	Joan McInerney
Barbara McShane	Amelia Mikulka
Maria Ines Galindo	Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Annette Ham	Francis Xavier Edwards
Susan Hasiuk	Walter Murphy
Chet Greene	Tom Lopez
Charlie Capalbo	William Ceruzzi
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Jane Harwood
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Luis Gonzalez	Patrick Carroll
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Veronica Hughes	Noreen Hernandez
Dennis Rich	Frank Slovensky
Delores Weis	Kay Slovensky
John Lengen	Joseph Sciarrillo
Romano DeCastro	Mary Jane Edwards
Frank “Bud” Carroll	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Edna Miller

**PROJECT APPALACHIA**

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of the church. Collections on the following Saturdays **Nov.18, and Dec. 2.,** 9 :00am to 12 noon. 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 23rd 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 are needed. Please return these items to the church by Sunday Nov. 19th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 17th

**Thank you for your help!!**



**Breakfast with Santa 2017  
Saturday December 2nd**

This is a very special St. Thomas Aquinas School tradition, sponsored by the Kindergarten class parents, that includes a pancake breakfast, photo with Santa, crafts & cookie decorating. Families, friends and parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas are welcome!

Popular time slots fill up quickly, so reserve your spot early. Seating times are 8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children. Additional \$5 fee for photo with Santa. **Reservations are required and must be received by Nov. 22nd.**

Please contact Julie at 203-984-9044 or [jaccrow@optonline.net](mailto:jaccrow@optonline.net) or Christina 516.375.5004 [Christina@tkesales.com](mailto:Christina@tkesales.com)

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*Thomas Greenwood Sr.*

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

*The Ryan and Maisano Families*



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



*All those Unemployed*

**(Praying for job opportunities!)**

**SAVE THE DATE  
Tree Lighting Ceremony**

On Saturday December 2nd following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass, we will hold the lighting of the Parish Christmas tree in front of the Church. All are welcome to attend!!

**Come Together to Begin the Holiday Season!!!**



Next Weekend Nov. 18th & 19th  
Ladies Guild Bake Sale

After all the Masses. Volunteers are needed please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569.





### 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.

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### Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Father Coleman Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes

will hold their annual Christmas Party on

Sunday December 3rd at 2:00pm  
St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center Gym

There will be food, and Santa to give out gifts to children and also a sing-a-long for the children. Please RSVP to Sally Savage at 203-366-4826 by Nov. 26th and let us know if you can come.

When you RSVP please have the names and ages of the children up to age of ten (for a gift) and also how many in your group so we can have a head count to order food.

The KOC would like each family to bring a Non-perishable item and an Unwrapped toys for Sister Tremby, Daughters of the Most Precious Blood on Bpt. to be given to needy families.

Any questions please contact  
Sally at 203-366-4826



Sun. Nov.19: Food Drive Sorting & Delivery 1pm  
(Middle School & High School)

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



### November News

Mon. Nov. 13th: 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat  
5:30-8:30pm Child Only in Gym.  
(No Class for Grade 6 and 7)  
Wed./Thurs. Nov. 22/23: No Class– Thanksgiving  
Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984  
or [stthoaqcd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqcd@aol.com)

### Ladies Guild Upcoming Events

Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 28, at 6:00pm in the chapel followed by a reception and meeting in the Parish Center.



The annual Advent Wreath sale is Dec.2 & 3 after all masses. Cost per wreath is \$20. **To pre- order call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.**

Volunteers are needed and appreciated for making the wreaths. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Bernadette at 203- 254 -7569 if you have any questions.



### Second Collection Next Weekend Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. More info. at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### Parish Support

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,823.42  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$10,135.30

All Saint's Day 2017: \$ 1,817.00  
All Saint's Day 2016: \$ 1,722.00

Capital Fund for October 2017: \$1,219.00  
Capital Fund for October 2016: \$ 966.00

*Thank You!*