

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

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



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

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

DUST OFF TRADITION

Three servants are entrusted with their master’s “talents”; the one who fearfully buries his is reprimanded while those who grow theirs earn the “master’s happiness” and trust.

Today, we take the hint. We try to share the gifts God gives us. But earliest versions of the parable repeat the phrase “to hand over,” meaning the transmission of religious tradition.

And so perhaps it’s time to review our portfolio. Is our Catholic heritage a buried treasure, or do we pull it from our pocket regularly? Has our participation in the Eucharist collected dust, like a keepsake of First Communion, or has it grown into a larger way of life?



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Boden Robert Garvey

Marriage Banns



I. David Pegnataro and Rachel Reese

II. Joshua St. Onge and Diana Kral

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Fear only two: God and the man who has no fear of God.”

Hasidic Proverb



**Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday Morning
November 23rd at 8:00am**

Lets come together to give thanks to God



November 18 to November 26, 2017

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Thomas and Mary Murren & Family |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For our Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | John McHale (45th) |
| | 10:30 am | Stephen Coughlin |
| | 12:00 Noon | Helen K. Daly |
| Mon. | 7:00 am | Elizabeth D’Agostino |
| | 12:10 pm | James Pellegrino Sr. |
| Tues. | 7:00 am | Susan Carroll (2nd) |
| | 12:10 pm | Leonard Sanders |
| Wed. | 7:00 am | Eugene Kenny Sr. (1st) |
| | 12:10 pm | Cecelia F. Edwards |
| Thurs. | 8:00 am | Mass of Thanksgiving |
| Fri. | | No 7:00 am Mass |
| | 12:10 pm | Dennis McElmeel (1st) |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | David Barber (2nd) |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | Gloria Boland |
| | 10:30 am | Gloria Dellaera |
| | 12:00 Noon | Brendan Walsh |

Please pray for the sick

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| 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 Saturday **Dec. 2., 9 :00am to 12 noon.** For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at carriecach@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. Contact Bernadette at 203- 254 -7569 if you have any questions.



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.



Diocesan Youth Choir Sunday December 17th

Join Bishop Caggiano and the Diocesan Youth Choir for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of Fairfield University at 7:00 p.m. on December 17th . Tickets are general admission and are available online and at the box office for \$20.

Please visit the diocesan website
<http://bridgeportdiocese.com>
for more information.



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree.
(Beginning Next weekend Nov. 25/26th)

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 stthomasfairfielddiocese@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 please contact Jessica Nayden stthomasfairfielddiocese@gmail.com /740-424-4581
Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



Tree Lighting Ceremony

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!!!



**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.



**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

Parish Support

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 12,258.49
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 8,497.55

Thank you!



November News

Wed./Thurs. Nov. 22/23: No Class– Thanksgiving
Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or stthoaqccd@aol.com



**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 or Christina 516.375.5004 Christina@tkesales.com

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK

Antonio Manca



THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Special Intention



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities!)*

