

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

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

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

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

If there is one thing we can use less of, it's negative attitudes. After a brief perusal of daily headlines, we might be forgiven of thinking that the next six wars are preloaded, our food supply is toxic, strangers may be killers, and all leaders are liars.

My Friends,

YET OUR SACRED STORY DECLARES THAT HUMAN HEARTS CAN CHANGE! THE FUTURE CAN BE ANYTHING WE WANT IT TO BE. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CHOOSE. DECIDE TODAY TO WALK THE ROAD OF HOPE!!!!



To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class.

To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Canna Classes www.bridgediocese.com



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases God more than our coming back to god with true repentance."

Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662)

Parish Support

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 12,239.37
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 11,231.98

Thank You!



January 21 to January 28, 2018

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include: Sat 5:00 pm Kenneth Eckert; Sun 7:00 am For our Parish Family; Sun 9:00 am Michael Connors; Sun 10:30 am Edward O'Sullivan; Sun 12:00 Noon Roisin Lyons; Mon 7:00 am Cruz Maria Cruz; Mon 12:10 pm Donald Logan (16th); Tues 7:00 am Jen Thomas; Tues 12:10 pm Gisela Peck; Wed 7:00 am Donna McIntyre; Wed 12:10 pm Emil Aysseh; Thurs 7:00 am Doreen Thornton; Thurs 12:10 pm Mary Venezia; Fri 7:00 am Joseph Blackall; Fri 12:10 pm James J. O'Connor (1st); Sat 5:00 pm John and Susan Antonicelli (10th); Sun 7:00 am For the Parish Family; Sun 9:00 am Arthur Hudon; Sun 10:30 am Christopher Bowley (17th); Sun 12:00 Noon Donna K. McIntyre (1st)

Please pray for the sick

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



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Begins.....

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000

Education Weekend // Appeal Video — March 10/11

In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL!!!



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its first coffee ‘an **Next** Sunday Jan. 28th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

The first Coffee ‘an will be sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
Open House Next
Sunday, January 28th
10:00am to Noon**



Faculty and staff, together with current parents and students, will be available for tours and conversation. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School educating Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 for over 90 years! Questions please contact the school office at 203-255-0556 or visit the school’s website at

www.stasonline.net



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

At 7:00PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH CENTER

**"Open Mic Night"
at the Heavenly Grounds Café**

**HOSTED BY THE
ST. THOMAS LADIES GUILD**

**~Performed by
St. Thomas Choir and Friends~**

~Doors open at 6:00pm ~

Bring your own food and drink

**CALL OR STOP BY PARISH OFFICE FOR
TICKETS (tables of 8) ~203-255-1097~**

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



Elizabeth D'Agostino

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



*In Loving Memory of
John and Susan Antonicelli*

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



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

A Message from Fr. Martin

*When there is **NO SCHOOL** in
Fairfield due to the Weather the
7:00 am Mass is **Cancelled.***



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.

ladies guild January Meeting is on Tuesday Jan.23rd. at 6:00pm in Parish Center.

We will be conducting our annual 'Baby Shower'. The proceeds will support Salvation Army, Mother Teresa and Sr. Teresa Trembley's missions in Bridgeport. New and lightly used goods & toiletries are welcome. **No strollers, bedding, or car seats are accepted.** Thank you for your continued support. Any questions please call Bernadette 203 254 7569.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE ONE AND ONLY FISH FRY FOR 2018

FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd 4:30- 7:00pm

**More information to come
in future Bulletins.**

Questions? Please contact Tammy Julian at 203-314-4423 or by email at tmbjbj@aol.com



January News

Sun. Jan. 21st: Grade 2 Parents
First Reconciliation/First Communion Mtg.
2:00pm Parish Center (snow date Jan. 28th)

PLEASE NOTE:

**When Fairfield Schools are closed
CCD classes are automatically canceled.
For information on weather related cancellations
TV Channel 3, Channel 8, or Channel 12
and ctweather.com**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984
or stthoaqccd@aol.com



January and February News

- Sun. Jan. 21: Middle School from 4-5:30pm,
High School from 6-8pm
- Sun. Jan.28: High School from 6-8pm
- Sun. Feb. 4: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm
- Sun. Feb 11: High School from 6-8pm
- Sun. Feb.25: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Summary of the End of 2017 Statements
for tax purposes were mailed on
Friday Jan. 19th.

If you have any questions or did not receive
one by January 26th please contact Catherine
in the Parish Office 203-255-1097.