

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

Parish /Cemetery Office—203-255-1097 Office Fax—203-256-8177 Email: STTHOAQ@aol.com  
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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**  
*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*

Prophets challenge their listeners. They speak words that touch hearts and connect to their listener's everyday lives. Prophets remind the people not just who they are, but whose they are. This seems to be the core message of every authentic prophet God sends:

**YAHWEH IS THEIR GOD,  
AND THEY ARE HIS PEOPLE!**

Jesus is seen as this kind of prophet, because He speaks with confidence and sincerity, challenging those who hear to a conversion of heart. The words of Jesus possess the primary purpose of softening hardened hearts.

*“In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, He spoke to us through His Son, whom He made heir of all things, and through whom He created the universe.” (Heb 1:1-2)*



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, next class on Saturday February 3rd at 10:00 am.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“A fish never complains of having too much water, neither does a good Christian ever complain of being too long with the Good God.”*

St. John Vianney

**Catholic Schools Second Collection**

Next Weekend February 3rd and 4th there will be a second collection at all the masses. Please help support our own Parish Catholic School.

**Thank you!**

**Parish Support**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 8,834.06  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,974.55

*Thank You!*



**January 27 to February 4, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 pm	John and Susan Antonicelli (10th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Arthur Hudon
	10:30 am	Christopher M. Bowley (17th)
	12:00 Noon	Donna K. McIntyre (1st)
Mon.	7:00 am	Dorothy Jean Norell
	12:10 pm	Maria Venezia
Tues.	7:00 am	Elaine Atwood
	12:10 pm	Special Intention
Wed.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Raymond Knapp
Thurs.	7:00 am	Victor L. Martin (19th)
	12:10 pm	Dorothy M. Fodor (19th)
Fri.	7:00 am	Delna Morrissey
	8:15 am	Donald Tripp
	12:10 pm	Tim and Kim Donnelly
Sat.	5:00 pm	Margaret Martire
Sun.	7:00 am	Eileen Brown
	9:00 am	Msgr. William F.X. Casey (35th)
	10:30 am	Donna K. McIntyre
	12 :00 Noon	Joseph F. Rabbia

*Please pray for the sick*

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	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	



### 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!!!**

#### Next Weekend

**February 3rd and February 4th  
Annual "Souper" Bowl Weekend**



On Super Bowl Weekend, Youth Ministry will be collecting donations after all the Masses for the Annual "Souper Bowl" of Caring Collection that will benefit the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport.

*Thank you in advance for all of your support!!*

#### A Message from Fr. Martin

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

#### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

**THIS WEEK**

*Robert Rielly*



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

*Mary Rielly*



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

*All those Unemployed*



*(Praying for job opportunities!)*

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

#### February News

- Sun. Feb. 4: "Souper" Bowl collection after all Masses. No Meetings
- 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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



**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~**



**Seniors Only Valentine's Dance**

**Wednesday February 7**

**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Lauralton Hall  
200 High Street Milford**

Please join us for an afternoon of fun for the annual Key Club Senior Only Valentine's Dance.

**Refreshments and Free Admission, and Live music featuring The Survivors.**

RSVP to Lauralton Hall at 203-877-2786.

**\*\*In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. Please call the above number to check status if in question.**



**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.

**Fairfield County Hospice House Opens**

Dedicated to filling a need for those receiving home hospice care in Fairfield County and surrounding communities, the House provides 24-hour private assisted living services for individuals receiving home hospice care from an accredited hospice agency and offers people a place to find meaning and joy in their final days. This new 10,000 square foot home is located in a residential neighborhood at One Den Road in Stamford, easily accessible to the Merritt Parkway and north and south corridors to Interstate 95.

For more information about Fairfield County Hospice Home programs, services and volunteering opportunities visit their website at [fchospicehouse.org](http://fchospicehouse.org) or call Terry Exec. Director at 203-921-5111 Ext. 7.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
THE ONE AND ONLY  
FISH FRY FOR 2018**

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

**Volunteers are needed please contact  
Tammy.**

Questions? Call Tammy Julian at 203-314-4423 or by email at [tmbjbj@aol.com](mailto:tmbjbj@aol.com)



**February News**

Feb. 12 Mon.: Grade 8 Confirmation Test and Last day of Class for Grade 8

Feb. 14 Wed: Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distrusted to all students in classrooms

Feb. 19 Mon: **No Classes– Winter Break**

Feb. 20 Tues.: Grade 8 Penance Service (for School and CCD Students) 7:00pm in Church.

Feb. 21 Wed.: Confirmation Practice for Grade 8  
Group 1: Child Only –5:45-7:15 pm in Church  
Group 2: Child Only– 7:15-8:45 pm in Church

Feb. 23 Fri.; Confirmation Practice for Grade 8  
Group 1: Sponsor &Child –5:45-7:15 pm in Church  
Group 2: Sponsor &Child – 7:15-8:45 pm in Church

Feb. 24 Sat: Confirmation at 11:00am and 2:00pm

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**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 12and  
ctweather.com**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984  
or [stthoaqcd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqcd@aol.com)



**Girl Scout Troop 30303 Sponsored  
Food Drive for Operation Hope  
February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

After the holidays the shelves have been wiped empty and by bringing in shelf safe milk, canned and dried meats, tuna, coffee, jelly, honey, syrup, granola bars, chili, stew, clam chowder, canned fruit, condiments, salad dressing, cereal, oatmeal, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and shaving supplies, we can all help bring food to those who really need it.

Look for the bins marked Girl Scout Food Drive at all the entrances of the Church on Feb. 10th/11th.

**All donations are greatly appreciated and we look forward to giving the items to the members of Operation Hope!**