

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

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



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
and
World Day of
Prayer for the Sick
Sunday, February 11, 2018**



**February 14th
ASH WEDNESDAY
LENT BEGINS**

**Ashes distributed during
each of the Masses**

Masses:

**7:00 am, 8:15 am, 12:10 Noon,
5:30 pm and 7:30 pm**

Liturgy of the Word/Ashes at 4:15 pm

FOOD THOUGHT

*“Lent is the favorable season for renewing
our encounter with Christ
living in His holy Word
in the sacraments
and
in our neighbor.”*

**Pope Francis
March 12, 2017**

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

February 10 to February 18, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Dorothy Y. Davis (63rd)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Diane Kudzy McIntyre
	10:30 am	Gail L. Edwards
	12:00 Noon	Owen J. Black Jr. (1st)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Calvert Burns
Tues.	7:00 am	Mary D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Wed.	7:00 am	Claire Martin
	8:15 am	Daniel Richard French
	12:10 pm	James V. Edwards
	4:15 pm	Liturgy of the Word Service
	5:30 pm	Ralph P. Arena (1st)
	7:30 pm	James Giff
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joseph, Alice, Peter Scarafile
	12:10 pm	Sandra Lausten
Fri.	7:00 am	Edward Roach
	12:10 pm	Richard F. Dow (1st)
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	5:00 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Larry Rollins (4th)
	10:30 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12 :00 Noon	Catherine McDonough

*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!!!

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lenten Regulations

Laws of Fast

Those who are over 18 years of age, but not yet over 59 years of age, are obliged to observe the law of fast. On days of fast, those bound by the law, are limited to a single full meal. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these meals should not equal another full meal. There are two prescribed days of fast: **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

Laws of Abstinence

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law, abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. **Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.**

Lenten Discipline

No Catholic will hold himself or herself lightly excused from the law of fast and abstinence.

Loaves & Fishes Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday

The annual Lenten campaign to feed the hungry, "**Loaves & Fishes**," takes place in all parishes throughout Lent. Catholic Charities and other agencies benefit from these funds that serve over 800,000 meals to the poor and homeless of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Loaves & Fishes is a major source of support for our soup kitchens and feeding programs and we urge you to participate.



Stations of the Cross

Our Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:00pm during the Holy Season of Lent.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Special Intention

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



Josefina Fonseca

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



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its next "Coffee and" Sunday Feb. 25th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Parish Support

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 9,485.10
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$15,956.15
Catholic Schools Collection 2018:	\$ 2,814.50
Catholic Schools Collection 2017:	\$ 2,925.10
"Souper" Bowl Sunday 2018:	\$ 1,000.00
"Souper" Bowl Sunday 2017:	\$ 1,050.00

Thank You!



**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.



**Friday March 2nd
4:30-7:00pm Dine In**

*Take out (Drop in or call ahead)
(No take out orders accepted after 6:00pm)*

Cash Only

Adult Dinners: \$15

*Baked or Fried Cod, Fried, w/choice of 2 sides:
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, or
Clam Chowder plus one dessert and a beverage*

Children Dinners: \$8

*Macaroni & Cheese w/a dinner roll; plus one
dessert and a beverage*

New England Clam Chowder Only

Cup \$5/Pint \$8/Quart \$15

Beverages included with dinner:

Water, Coffee and Soda

Take Out Phone Number: 203-314-4423

**Orders will be accepted on the day of the dinner
from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.**

All take out orders must be picked up by 6:30 p.m.

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

Volunteers Needed for the Fish Fry Dinners

If you are interested please contact
Tammy Julian @ 203-314-4423



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 distributed 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

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 stthoaqccd@aol.com



February News

Sun. Feb 11: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Feb.25: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm



**March 2, 3, and 4th
at Sacred Heart University**

Convivio is a conference for youth, organized and led by youth. Local High School and College Students, who are leaders in their parishes, schools, and communities.

This years theme is "Made For More" Please visit the website <http://www.convivio-us.org> for information and to register .