

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

LAETARE (“REJOICE”) SUNDAY

Today, approximately halfway through Lent, we celebrate **Laetare (“Rejoice”) Sunday**. Rejoice is the first word of today’s entrance antiphon, and we rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships, or sufferings we may endure, even death. We know that the sacrifice that we are building toward holds the greatest victory imaginable: **our salvation**.

NEWLY BAPTIZED



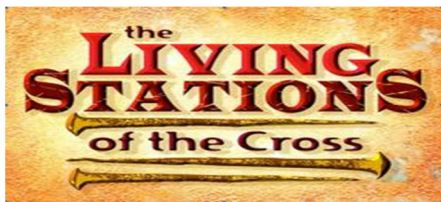
Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Eleanor Clare Morrow**
- Jack Edward Gunzy**
- Keagan Marie Minio**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Although we praise our common Lord for all kinds of reasons, we praise and glorify Him above all for the cross.... It is this death for people like ourselves that St. Paul constantly regards as the sign of Christ’s love for us.”

St. John Chrysostom
(c. 347-407)



Our St.. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host the “**LIVING STATIONS**” on Friday evening, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. here in our church. All are welcome to attend this beautiful portrayal by our students of our Lord’s final steps before His Glorious Resurrection.

What a wonderful way to come together as a family to celebrate our Lenten season.



March 10 to March 18, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Jeanne Orłowski (1st)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Kenneth Eckert
	10:30 am	Raffaele Romano (15th)
	12:00 Noon	Jasper and Antoinette Lodato
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Tues.	7:00 am	Vincenza M. Nicholas (1st)
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
Wed.	7:00 am	Anne Fenton
	12:10 pm	Anne Leeber McCaffrey
Thurs.	7:00 am	Edna Waters (45th) & Robert J. Miller
	12:10 pm	Catherine Wylie
Fri.	7:00 am	Carol Chacon (1st)
	12:10 pm	Trudy Lambert (12th)
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	5:00 pm	Teresa Rabbia
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Msgr. William Loughlin
	10:30 am	Kenneth Eckert (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	Christopher McEttrick



Msgr. Stephen Digiiovanni	FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller
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	Frank “Bud” Carroll
Margaret Carroll	Ed Zera
Nancy Roche	Brendan Maguire



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000	Pledged to date
Appeal Weekend /Video — March 10/11	\$46,00
In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29	Donors
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL!!!	78

BISHOP CAGGIANO COMMITMENT WEEKEND MESSAGE

My dear friends in Christ,

This Saturday and Sunday is Commitment Weekend. I am honored and humbled to bring to your prayerful consideration our 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. This weekend is the time when we again join together and make a commitment as a diocesan family to joyfully share the gifts God has given us so that lives can be transformed and blessed by God's love.

For us it is an opportunity to realize our Catholic mission, the mandate that Christ has given to you and me. The works of the Church are many and essential, including Catholic education, our outreach through Catholic Charities to the poor, the homeless, the hungry; the pastoral care of the sick and elderly; care for our retired priests, who have given a lifetime of service and now in their elder years demand a place of dignity and respect, and for so many other ministries in our midst.

My friends, in the ACA materials you have read, the many works of our diocese witness to our faith in the Lord Jesus. During Commitment weekend I appeal once again to you and ask for your generosity to allow these works to continue. Sacrificial giving is never easy, but the reward is great.

As always, I am deeply grateful for your past generosity and for the support you give to your parish and pastor, our schools, school communities and the diocese. Thank you for all that you do quietly, generously and faithfully, to allow the Church's mission to go forward.

To those who already contributed, I offer you my heartfelt thanks. To all others, I ask you to join me today by giving generously to this work, which brings people closer to the healing power of Christ's love, one person at a time.

As always, I promise to keep all of you in my prayers. May God bless you with His love and care. I also ask that you continue to pray for me and my ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School



2018-2019 SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS
We are a Blue Ribbon School
REGISTER NOW!

St. Thomas Aquinas has an open admission policy. Admission is based on a personal interview, placement screening, and previous school records, when applicable.

For further information, please contact the school office between 8 am -2 pm at 203-255-0556 x 225.



*To Tammy Jullian and all the
Volunteers who helped make the
Fish Fry a Success!!.*

*To Steve Carpentiere owner of
Dunville's Restaurant in Westport for the Award
Winning New England Clam Chowder.*

Fish Fry will be back again in 2019

Fr. Martin



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Trudy Lambert

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



John Valentino

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



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



**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.



Loaves & Fishes

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.

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.

Parish Support

3rd Sunday of Lent 2018:	\$ 10,781.93
3rd Sunday of Lent 2017:	\$ 10,499.75
February Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 1,161.00
February Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 1,055.00
3rd Week of Loaves and Fishes 2018:	\$ 1,517.00

Thank You!



March News

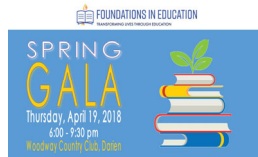
Thurs. Mar. 29: **No Class-Holy Thursday**

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



**Foundations in Education
2018 Spring Gala**

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the
Woodway CC. in Darien.

Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano in celebration and support of Catholic education. Proceeds support the mission of Foundations in Education to provide hundreds of children from low-income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation at Catholic schools throughout the Bridgeport Diocese. Proceeds also support and promote innovation and leadership initiatives in our Catholic schools, thus benefiting our students further. Contact Karen at 203.416.1671, or ksportini@foundationsineducation.org



**2018 Wedding Jubilee
Mass and Concert**

On Sunday, April 29th at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. A reception will follow after the concert. *Space is limited please RSVP by April 18th to the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.*