

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Religious Education Office—203-255-1984 School— 203-255-0556 Youth Ministry—203-256-8962
St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net
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

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

EASTER SEASON



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

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

Jessica/Rob Nayden
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

PEOPLE CHANGE

Once England was our enemy. Ditto for France, Spain, Mexico, Germany, Japan, Italy, China, Korea, Cuba, and most of the Middle East. Our country has been in conflict with island nations and African peoples. We fought up and down Central America, not to mention our own Native Americans. Southern states were pitted against the North.

My friends of Easter,

It takes our hearts time to catch up with a new reality. Paul, the Christian killer, became a signature disciple of Jesus.

How long before we're prepared to call an enemy a friend?



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Dylan Faye Dierna



Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Altar Servers.

All parish children age 10 and older are eligible to serve. Training classes are scheduled for the second and third week of May. If you are interested, please email

Lisa McCurley

sta.fairfield.altar.servers@gmail.com or call her at 203-292-6877.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In His farewell discourse, Jesus tells His disciples that He is the Vine and we are the branches. If we remain connected to Him, He will nourish us with Life and Light.



April 28 to May 6, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Frank Provenzano
Sun.	7:00 am	Claire Johnson
	9:00 am	Donald Logan
	10:30 am	Allie D. Richard
	12:00 Noon	Michael Stockman
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard (22nd)
Tues.	7:00 am	Rev. Gregory J. Huminsky
	12:10 pm	Margret Halloran
Wed.	7:00 am	Cynthia Stanco (12th)
	12:10 pm	Mary L. Riley
Thurs.	7:00 am	Juan Liceaga
	12:10 pm	Lou Ceruzzi
Fri.	7:00 am	Matthew Vitro
	8:15 am	Christopher McEtrrick
	12:10 pm	Shelia Carroll Michko
Sat.	11:00 am	First Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Chuck Boyle
	10:30 am	Dudley Anderson
	12 :00 Noon	Frederick Weiss



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	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	Barbara Nunes
Russell Nunes	



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000

Pledged to Date
\$ 127,480



CALLING ALL ADULT SENIORS

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is rejuvenating our Ministry to “SENIORS” for our parish and community.

What will be called “The 55+ Club” will be holding a meeting as we provide those attending with a lite luncheon on Tuesday: May 15th immediately after the 12:10 Mass in our parish center conference room.

We will be explaining what new programs we have in mind as well as listening to your interests and activities for this new parish ministry.

You and your friends are welcome to attend. Let us know how many are coming so that we can have enough food for everyone. Please call the parish office (203-255-1097).



On Saturday – May 26th we will hold our Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery on Mill Plain Rd. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend this special Mass to honor those buried in our parish cemetery and for those who gave their lives for our American freedom! **In case of inclement weather it will moved to the church.**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Matthew Vitro

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

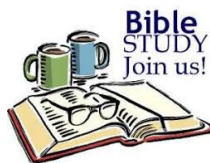
Msgr. William Loughlin



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



Spring Bible Study

Join us for *Follow Me* faith formation study on the Gospel of John starting on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. More information about the unit can be found on our web page at Stthomasfairfield.com and click on Bible study.

Study materials are \$20. Email Jenn Romano at stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com to sign up!



Thursday May 3rd at 12:00– 12:45 pm
Town Hall Green –Post Road -Fairfield

Join others from Fairfield’s communities of faith, town official and area residents as we seek God’s blessing on our nation, region, state and town through prayer.

This year’s theme is “Unity”, provides an invitation to all of our faith communities to unite in being a blessing on our nation region, stat and town through prayer. Questions? Visit the website at <http://nationaldayofprayer.org>

Parish Support

4th Sunday of Easter 2018: \$ 14,675.54
 4th Sunday of Easter 2017: \$ 13,840.89

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Sun. April 29: High School from 6-8pm

Sunday May 6th

All high school students are invited to take part in a CRS FoodFast, a hunger awareness and experience for Catholic youth.

Throughout the event, young people will fast from eating, learn about the causes of hunger and poverty and how we can combat them, grow in their faith through prayer and interactive experiences, and come together with other young people to fundraise for Catholic Relief Services.

Visit www.catholicservicecorps.org to register online for the CRS FoodFast and join the team fundraising page to fundraise online! **Participants must register by May 1st.**

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

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.



Second Grade Parents please check your emails for Communions Information and Practices

**Registration has begun for the
2018-2019 School Year**

Please visit our website at

Stthomasfairfield.com

For all forms and information

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7th and 8th Grade Religious Ed Students!

We are happy to announce that you will now have the choice of having your 7th and/or 8th grade Religious Ed student attend classes on Mondays from

EITHER

4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

OR

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please be sure to indicate your preference on the

2018-2019 Re-Registration Form

found on our website:

Stthomasfairfield.com

Registration is due by July 12th!

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

Making Room for God's Love: *Humanae vitae* at 50

A symposium marking the
50th anniversary of
Blessed Pope Paul VI's
landmark encyclical letter

featuring talks by
George Weigel
Mary Eberstadt
Mary Hallan FioRito
A panel of medical experts

Vigil Mass celebrated by
Bishop Frank Caggiano

Saturday, June 23, 2018
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"In preserving intact the whole moral law of marriage, the Church is convinced that she is contributing to the creation of a truly human civilization."
Blessed Pope Paul VI



For more information please go to the Basilica's website at

Stjohnsstamford.com