

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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

THIS WEEK THE WORD IS “LOVE”!

In both his first letter and the Gospel, St. John writes *“love one another.”* It is a command to all Jesus’ disciples from the apostles at the Last Supper to all of us gathered around the table of the Lord today.

My friends,

To love each other as we are loved by God is what we are all called to do!

Speaking in Philadelphia during his American tour, Pope Francis related this personal story. At a question-and-answer session with schoolchildren, a student asked Pope Francis, *“What was God doing before He made me?”* *Pope Francis replied, “He was loving you.”*



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| Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni | 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 | Ryan Keith |
| Delores Weis | Kay Slovensky |
| John Lengen | Joseph Sciarrillo |
| Romano DeCastro | Margaret Carroll |
| Ed Zera | Nancy Roche |
| Brendan Maguire | Barbara Nunes |
| Russell Nunes | Ryan Kelly |



May 5 to May 13, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Chuck Boyle
	10:30 am	Dudley Anderson
	12:00 Noon	Frederick Weiss
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Margaret Halloran
Tues.	7:00 am	Leland Sember
	12:10 pm	Diana Helaine Galvez Cortes
Wed.	7:00 am	Joseph Christiano
	12:10 pm	Louis Rabbia
	5:30 pm	Joan Whitely (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	8:15 am	Mary Shea
	12:10 pm	Bernice Arena (1st)
	5:30 pm	Orlando Callado (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Gertrude White
	12:10 pm	George C Skidd Jr. (1st)
Sat.	11:00 am	First Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorella Families
Sun.	7:00 am	Msgr. William Loughlin
	9:00 am	Patrick and Mary Leonard
	10:30 am	Frederick Weiss (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	Maria Venezia (1st)



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Holy Day of Obligation

The Church marks Forty Days after Easter with the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.

Thursday May 10
Masses at

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

Wednesday May 9

Vigil Mass at 5:30pm



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Stiles Conley McBride**
Mia Rae Pitassi
Hudson Owen Patino



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

Pledged to Date
\$ 148,965

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls of our parish who received their First Holy Communion this weekend and who will be receiving on Saturday May 12th



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 RSVP to the parish office (203-255-1097).

ANNUAL MAY CROWNING
Sunday May 13th at the 9:00 Family Mass



Please meet at the Main Entrance of the Church at 8:45 and bring fresh flowers.

Those who will receive their First Communion this year on May 5th and 12th are invited to be in the procession. All children of the parish are also invited to bring flowers to the Blessed Mother.

National Letter Carrier Food Drive



On Saturday May 12th, USPS will be having there annual "Stamp out Hunger Food Drive" Put your non-perishable donations in a Bag by your Mailbox, and the Letter Carrier will take them and deliver them to a local Food Bank.

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

Joseph R. Romano Sr. 5th Anniversary

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



William Loughlin

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

FOOD FOR THOUGH

"Let us in all time.... Learn to love as we should God above all things, and all other things for Him."

St. Thomas More
(1477-1535)

Parish Support

5th Sunday in Easter 2018:	\$ 7,460.64
5th Sunday in Easter 2017:	\$ 10,589.65
Catholic Home Missions 2018:	\$ 1,970.81
Catholic Home Missions 2017:	\$ 1,774.30

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.



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!



The Ladies Guild invites you to their monthly meeting on Tuesday May 15th, at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Following a brief meeting we will make and say the 'Rosary' to celebrate our Blessed Mother Mary and patron of our organization.

The rosaries will be blessed and donated to Bridgeport and St. Vincent's hospital for distribution to patients. Pre- made rosaries and rosary beads are welcome.



Refreshments will be served. Come with a friend. For questions call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.

A sincere 'Thank You' to Grace Parisi our coordinator, volunteers and parishioners for supporting our 'Spring Bake Sale'.



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 stthoaqccd@aol.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.



Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, May 13: High School & Middle School from 6-8pm

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Exciting news! Save the date for Fan the Fire Youth Rally at St Rose of Lima Church in Newtown on Saturday, August 11th!