

**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  
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



**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*

**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*

**LET CHRIST'S LIGHT SHINE!**

A good thing for us to do today is to ask ourselves how well we proclaim the gospel these days. We might be surprised to notice that we do thing in many ways.

For one example, we're here today and that says a great deal about our faith. Our faith is important to us, so much so that we come together to worship regularly, even when it's inconvenient. We make choices on our priorities.

If worshipping together is a priority, we are proclaiming our faith!



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.”*

St. Pope John Paul II



On Saturday – May 26th we will hold our Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery - 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.**

**Mass Intentions** FOR THE WEEK

**May 12 to May 20, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorello 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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Mary and Patrick Leonard
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Tues.	7:00 am	Frederick Weiss
	12:10 pm	Margaret Halloran
Wed.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Frederick Weiss
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joan Maney (1st)
	12:10 pm	Maggie Quick (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Katie O'Brien (7th)
	12:10 pm	Mary L. Riley
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph and Julia Campafiore
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Jill Garber
	10:30 am	Gloria Rabbia Dellaera
	12 :00 Noon	Maria Venezia

*Prayer Request*

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 Slovinsky
John Lengen	Joseph Sciarrillo
Romano DeCastro	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	Barbara Nunes
Russell Nunes	Ryan Kelly
Hope McCauley	



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

**Pledged to Date**  
**\$ 149,590**

**ladies**

**guild**

The Ladies Guild invites you to their monthly meeting on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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 NEXT Tuesday: May 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Spring Bible Study**



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

Study materials are \$20. Email Jenn Romano at [stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com) to sign up!

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*In Loving Memory of Kate O’Brien*

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



*Frederick Weiss*

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



*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*

**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.

**Parish Support**

6th Sunday of Easter 2018:	\$ 9,688.64
6th Sunday of Easter 2017:	\$ 7,975.30
April Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 975.00
April Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 1,016.00

*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.



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 June 2nd at 10:00 am.

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To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Cana Classes [www.bridgeportdiocese.com](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com)

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**LECTORS ARE NEEDED**

Interested in joining the Ministry of Lectors to read at mass on the weekends? Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED**

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 if you are interested in being a Eucharistic minister.

**Retail Vendors Needed**

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, is looking for retail vendors (arts, crafts, handmade items, direct sales, etc) to exhibit and sell their products at the 2nd Annual Bacon and Brew Fest on Sat. June 9. For more information about vendor space, contact Theresa at [tmarzik@notredame.org](mailto:tmarzik@notredame.org) or log on to the website @ [www.ndbaconandbrew.com](http://www.ndbaconandbrew.com)



**CCD CLASSES ENDS  
ANOTHER YEAR**

*I would like to thank Mrs. Jackie Herbert DRE); Mrs. Janice Dayton (Home Study Coordinator); Miss Peggy Toth and Mr. Robert Kish and the many teachers, assistants, volunteers who have helped this past school year.*

*Our Religious Education program has been and always will be successful with the support of our many parishioners who come forward to sacrifice their time and knowledge of the Catholic faith with our students.*

*From a grateful pastor and parish to our CCD program.*

*Fr. Martin*

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

**Please visit our website at  
[Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com)**

**For all forms and information**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday, May 13: High School & Middle School 6-8:00pm  
Sunday, May 20: High School & Middle School 6-8:00 pm

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

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at [StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, Presents FOOTLOOSE! Friday, May 18, 8 PM and Saturday, May 19, 2 PM and 8 PM at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at SHU. To purchase tickets, please contact the Edgerton Center Box Office @ (203) 371-7908 or visit the website at <http://webovationtix.com/trs/cal/233>.