

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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



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

WHAT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY?

What should the Feast of Pentecost mean to us here and now? Pentecost is thought of as the birthday of the **CHURCH**. So, the question might touch on the meaning of the church in our lives.

Reflecting on the question, we realize that the church is the greatest gift our God has given us. We come together to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the other sacraments. Our faith is matured and allowed to grow. We enjoy the presence of other people who share that faith.

It's true. Some days are joyful; some are ordinary; some are extremely difficult. Our faith enables us to accept all our days trusting in the power of the Spirit to guide us.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

May 19 to May 27, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph and Julie Campafiore
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Jill Garber
	10:30 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12:00 Noon	Maria Venezia
Mon.	7:00 am	William Rainsberger
	12:10 pm	Fern Tetreau
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Margaret Halloran
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	James E. Edwards
Thurs.	7:00 am	Mary Anderson (28th)
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richards
Fri.	7:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	12:10 pm	Frederick Weiss
Sat.	9:00 am	Mass at Cemetery
	5:00 pm	Agnes Roach
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Roger Ailes
	10:30 am	Edward O'Sullivan
	12:00 Noon	Raymond A. Toth (30th)



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Brooks David Bienashski**
- Michael Schott Cleveland**
- Charles Emerson DeForte**
- Harper Elizabeth DeForte**
- William Oliver DeForte**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Without the Spirit, we can neither love God nor keep His commandments.”

St. Augustine



Next 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.

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 Slovensky
John Lengen	Joseph Sciarillo
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
\$ 157,801

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.



Did you know that St. Thomas has its own cemetery on Mill Plain Road, just a short distance from our church???

It's been around since the 1860's. There is a saying, "Everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die!" It's true, this is one subject that we all frown upon and really do not want to talk about. However, it is our future and future of our families. Have you thought about a plot? A graveside? A final resting place? If not, perhaps now is a time to think about and then put it behind you until the day comes that the Good Lord calls you home.

Call our parish office, ask for Catherine Lopata our Cemetery Manager to see what is available at the St. Thomas Cemetery & Mausoleum at 203-255-1097

LEADERSHIP Summit
 June 20, 2018 - 6 pm
 @ The Catholic Center



All ministry leaders are invited to attend a dinner and share in

an important conversation on Wednesday, June 20th at 6 pm at the Catholic Center (238 Jewett Ave, Bridgeport). We will be joined by nationally known speaker Charlotte McCorquodale, who will discuss how the learning process has changed and how we can be more effective at engaging those we are called to serve.

The audience for this meeting includes anyone who works with young people or adults, sacraments or liturgical ministries. In short, all are welcome to learn more about the ministry we share. To register, please email institute@diobpt.org.

Parish Support

Ascension Thursday 2018:	\$ 1,484.00
Ascension Thursday 2017:	\$ 1,581.00
7th Sunday of Easter 2018:	\$ 10,839.35
7th Sunday of Easter 2017:	\$ 9,797.77
Catholic Communication 2018:	\$ 1,538.70
Catholic Communication 2017:	\$ 1,209.61

Thank you!

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Kenneth (3rd) and Hildegard Spigarolo

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!)



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.



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

**Please visit our website at
Stthomasfairfield.com**

For all forms and information

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



Upcoming Schedule:

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



**BACON AND BREWFEST
Notre Dame High School, Fairfield
Sat., June 9th 12 noon-4 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of beer sampling, food trucks, live music and fun! May 21-June 8: \$30 plus fees. Day of event: \$35. Designated driver: \$15. To purchase tickets, visit our Bacon and Brew Fest website: www.ndbaconandbrew.com

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 if you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at mass on the weekends.

Operation Hope

Are you able to help in preparing a meal for Operation Hope. Please contact Bernadette Crowe if you are interested or have questions.203-255-0740.



**2018 Catholic Charities/
Aetna Golf Classic Fundraiser
Honoring the late Dan Caruso
Monday June 4**

The Patterson Club
1118 Cross Highway, Fairfield CT
Includes lunch and 18 holes of golf

To support this annual fundraiser which benefits Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, contact Amy at 203-416-1336 or azajac@ccfc-ct.org.