

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



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

Robert and Jessica 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

NO EXCUSES

If only I had more money, more time, more assistance, more talent. We all have a pretty impressive laundry list of why we can't be of more service to God and to others.

Even St. Paul had his *"thorn in the flesh"*, some private difficulty that seemed to hold him back from being the apostle he sought to be. St. Paul kept praying for its removal so he could be free of this impediment. Finally, he reinterpreted the thorn: not as an impediment, but an opportunity to let God be God.

Maybe it's time to stop protesting and start serving!



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 September 8th at 10:00 am



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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Jesus tells us that insults "open up a path that ends in murder." We disqualify others through insult. They rob people of their respectability. By insulting people we silence them, we take away their voice."

Pope Francis

Marriage Banns



II. Ryan Giasullo and Katharine LaRosa

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

July 7 to July 15, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Mike Murphy
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Kathleen McHale
	10:30 am	Caroline Freeman (1st)
	12:00 Noon	Robert Kish Sr. (8th)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Audrey Gilbertie
Tues.	7:00 am	Deceased Members of the Hagan Family
	12:10 pm	Margaret Mulford
Wed.	7:00 am	Rose D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Shirley Okerblom (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	James Giff (1st)
	12:10 pm	Joseph and Teresa Rabbia
Fri.	7:00 am	Anna Corsi
	12:10 pm	Daniel Logan (13th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorella Families
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Edward Flynn (1st)
	10:30 am	Ronald Papini (4th)
	12 :00 Noon	Joseph Blackall

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
Hope McCauley	Jane Harwood
James Rooney	Hope McCauley
Luis Gonzalez	Patrick Carroll
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Edward Schuck
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



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

St. Thomas Parish Center: Following the 5:00 pm Mass
Come together as a parish family
Good food / Fellowship & Sing-along!
Additional info to come



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK
Anne Dreyer

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



Special Intention

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



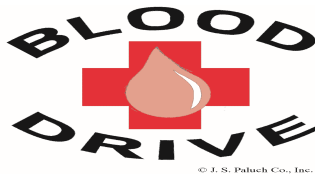
*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities!)*

MISSION CO-OP COLLECTION

Next weekend (July 14/15) is the Annual Co-Op Mission Collection in the parishes of the Diocese of Bridgeport. St. Thomas parish has been assigned the *Rev. John F. Higgins who will speak on behalf of The La Salette Missionaries.*

The second Collections will be for the Missions throughout the world.

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Thursday July 19th 1:30pm to 7:00pm
~ In the Gym ~

Sign up today! Visit the Red Cross
www.redcrossblood.org or call
1-800-redcross (1-800-733-2767)

*Something for
EVERYONE!*

“The 55+ Club”

(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

- July 10th: Ice Cream Social**
- Aug. 14th: BBQ at the Rectory**
- Sept. 18th: Guest Speaker**
- Oct. 16th: St. Paul the Apostle Film**
- Nov. 13th: Thanksgiving Arts and Craft**
- Dec. 11th: Reflection/ Christmas Luncheon/
Grab Bag and Student Sing-Along**

Please RSVP for any of these dates to:

Gerrie Desio: Parish Office 203-255-1097
Peggy Toth: Leader 203-255-1097



**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 Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am to 12:00pm
Friday
Closed

**The Office will be closed the
Week of August 6th-10th**



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.

Please Note:

3rd Degree Meets in July and August

\$25,000 Tuition Raffle

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Fairfield is excited to announce our **Parish-SeptemberFest** raffle will be a \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. **Only 2,000 tickets will be sold at \$25 per ticket.** The prize can be used for any student of the winner's choice to attend any K-12 school, college or university, located and accredited in the U.S. Additionally, it can be used to pay back college loans! **We must sell 1,000 tickets by August 15th** for the raffle to proceed. If fewer are sold, the raffle will be canceled and the ticket purchasers will receive a full refund.

The drawing will take place at the end of Sunday September 16 at 6:00 PM. *To purchase tickets, please contact Assumption Parish office at (203) 333-9065, Monday-Thursday 9-3 PM.*

Merton Center Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at Merton Center for various activities. In addition to its nutrition programs, Merton Center offers case management services to help guests become more independent, writing classes, spiritual groups, a women's group, and other support groups. Guests can also take advantage of shower facilities two days a week. It is located at 43 Madison Avenue in Bridgeport. To volunteer: 203.367.9036. or visit www.themertoncenter.org



2018-2019 School Year

Please visit our website at

Stthomasfairfield.com

For all forms and information

Registration Due July 21st

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

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, July 11: Middle School & High School
from 4-5:30pm
Wednesday, July 25: Middle School & High School
from 4-5:30pm
Wednesday, August 1: Middle School & High
School from 4-5:30pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



The rally is open to **Teens Grade 8th thru 12th.**
The cost is \$45 which includes and dinner and helps
to fund the service project of packaging 10,000
meals for Burkina Faso in Africa .

For more information or to register:

www.formationreimagined.org/fan-the-fire/



Looking to help others in our community? The CT Challenge is looking for volunteers! We have hundreds of jobs available during the weekend of July 27/ July 28. Come out to the Hunt Club and be a part of something amazing! Check out our link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ba8ac2aaaff2-20181> You can sign up to ride at bike.ctchallenge.org. Questions Kate Peloso Rider Liaison 203.292.8103
kpeloso@ctchallenge.org