

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://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*

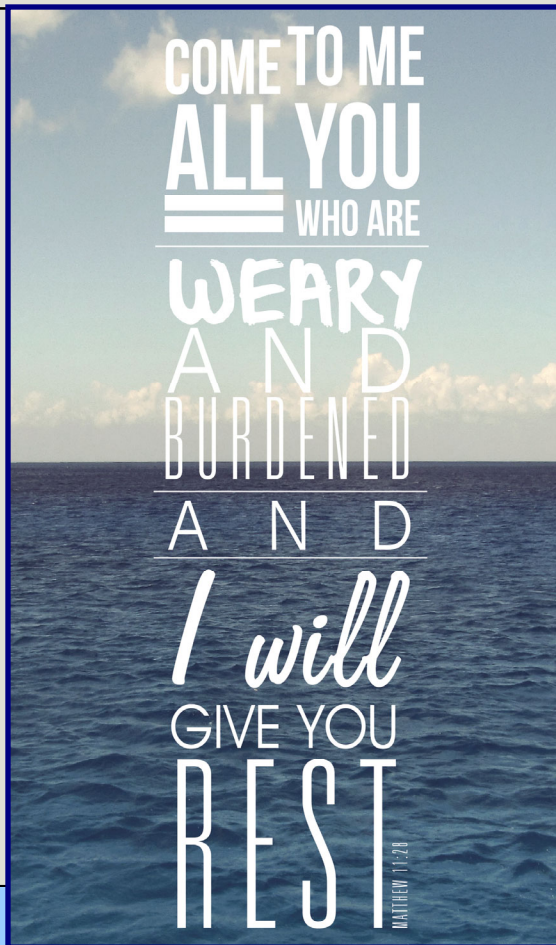
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**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*

**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*

**FREE FOOD**

Most of us learn early that there's no free lunch. Even when Manna falls from the sky, an expectation is attached to this heavenly hoarfrost. It's the expectation that sharing this meal makes you a member of the community; that this community worships the one God; that such identity involves a life shaped around common values.

My friends, We bread and drink this cup in perfect freedom. An yes, it's free—for those who take divine life from heaven seriously.

*Ask yourself: Am I prepared to bring Christ-life into the whole world.?*

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

**August 4 to August 12, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Loretta Misano
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Carey Gilbert
	10:30 am	Christopher M. Bowley
	12:00 Noon	Susan Santucci (6th)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D' Agostino
	12:10 pm	Joyce Grattan (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Victor L. Martin
	12:10 pm	Edward Roach
Wed.	7:00 am	Holly Routhier
	12:10 pm	Loretta Archer (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	12:10 pm	Msgr. Frank C. Dellolio
Fri.	7:00 am	Rosemary A. Smith (1st)
	12:10 pm	Dorothy M Fodor
Sat.	5:00 pm	Theresa Ostrosky (10th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Doris Sirois (1st)
	10:30 am	Edward Roach
	12 :00 Noon	Nancy Maciaszek (1st)



**Marriage Banns**

**I. Alan Fiano and Meagan Korolyshun**

*Our prayerful congratulations are extended to those who will be joined in the Sacrament of Marriage.*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Yes, the time has come for conversion, for personal transformation, for inner renewal. We must get used to thinking in a new way of humanity, of common life among humans, of the roads of history and the destiny of the world.”*

**Blessed Pope Paul VI  
(1897-1978)**

**Parish Office Summer Hours**

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

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS  
COMING WEEK AUGUST 6TH TO 10TH**



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	Ryan Kelly
Arline Rich	Steven McGuire



**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**



*Peter Guglielmo, Jo Ann Powers,  
Peter O'Rourke and Fr. Elio Persechino*

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



*Loretta Misano*

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



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

**Parish Concert**

**Sunday: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Our parish Choir will remember  
the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
It has been 17 years since  
our country was attacked.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



**ladies** **guild** During the month of August a special envelope is in the packets for all Ladies of the parish to join The Ladies Guild. This important parish organization embraces a spiritual and social environment in which the women of our parish can come together. The guild meets once monthly during the school year and welcomes all current members back and welcomes new members of all ages to come and see what the guild is all about. Annual dues are \$10.



**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.

*Something for*  
**EVERYONE!**

**"The 55+ Club"**

**(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)**

**Aug. 21st (New Date): BBQ at the Parish Center**

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speaker**

**Oct. 16th: St. Paul the Apostle Film**

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Arts and Craft**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: 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**



### 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.



### Jr. Lector Program

Jr. Lector program during the 2017-2018 School Year for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. This program will be open to students in Grades Six through Twelve. We will have a training session for those interested in the fall. If you are interested in participating as a Jr. Lector please contact Mrs. Maria Pierson at [maria.pierson@stasonline.net](mailto:maria.pierson@stasonline.net)

### Anointing of the Sick

This is a sacrament of healing. Do no hesitate to call the parish office if you or a member of your family wishes to receive this sacrament in your home, at the hospital or nursing home.

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### Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

### A Ride To Church Needed

**A Parishioner in the Fairfield Center Area needs a ride to church on the Weekends. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 for details.**



2018-2019 School Year

Please visit our website at

[Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com)

For all forms and information

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or [stthoaqed@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqed@aol.com)



Saturday August 11th

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/](http://www.formationreimagined.org/fan-the-fire/)

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



**Friday, August 10 at 6:00pm**  
**Saint Rose of Lima – Newtown**

Please join us for the celebration of the Mass followed by a social with wine, cheese, and delicious appetizers. After the social, we will hear an inspiring and entertaining presentation on married life from national Catholic speaker Chris Padgett.

Free childcare will be available for children over 12 months. Infants are welcome to attend with their parents. The registration fee is \$20 per couple to register for this event please go to:

<https://www.formationreimagined.org>