

**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*

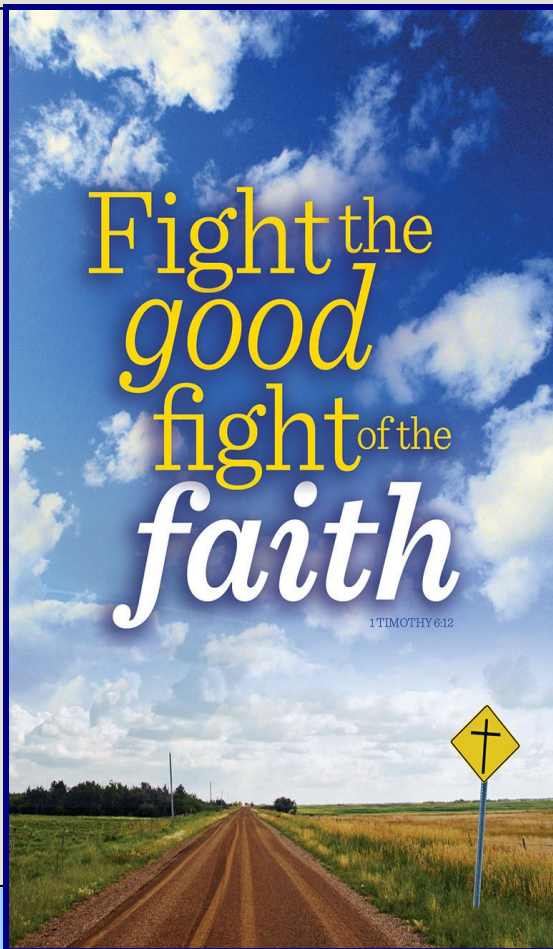
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello**  
*Retired-Parish Deacon*

**Mary Jane Edwards**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Catherine T. Lopata**  
*Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.*

**Gerrie Desio**  
*Office Receptionist*



**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

**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

**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



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts as well as being a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

MASSSES will be celebrated here at St. Thomas at 7:00 A.M. – 12:10 – 5:30 P.M.

A VIGIL MASS will be celebrated on Tuesday (August 14<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30 p.m. This Mass fulfills the holy day obligation.

**O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN.... Pray for us!**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“The Eucharist shows us in the glorified flesh of the Risen Christ the world has already transfigured, and it inaugurates the definitive harmony of earthy things, the harmony of glory. Rise my soul, take and eat the pledge of all salvation and glory for all flesh.”*

**Karl Rahner (1904-1984)**

Marriage Banns



**II. Alan Fiano and Meagan Korolyshun**

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

August 11 to August 19, 2018

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Daniel Logan (13th)
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth A. DeFeo (11th)
	12:10 pm	James Fenton
	5:30 pm	Joseph Blackall
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary Hunter
	12:10 pm	Luisa Giansanti
	5:30 pm	Dolores Crowley RSM
Thurs.	7:00 am	Teddy Gerber
	12:10 pm	Al and Gloria Dellaera
Fri.	7:00 am	Steve D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	The Venezia Family
Sat.	5:00 pm	The Padula Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Robert Dunne (2nd)
	10:30 am	Irene Donch
	12 :00 Noon	Linden Bell Tucker

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	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



**THANK YOU!!!!**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
Goal \$200,000**

**2018 Annual Catholic  
Appeal Pledged to Date**

**\$ 245,826**

**Parish Concert**

**Sunday: September 9th, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.**

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



**R.C.I.A. Classes**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
(R.C.I.A.)

Classes will begin in the fall. Do you know  
someone who wants to become a Catholic  
OR Catholics who did not receive all their  
sacraments are welcome to attend.

Please call the parish office for information.



MERCY  
LEARNING  
CENTER

**Volunteer Tutors  
Needed To Teach**

Become a tutor at Mercy Learning Center. As a volunteer tutor, you will be paired with one or more of Mercy Learning Center's adult female students. No experience is necessary! All volunteer tutors attend a one-day training( Mon. Aug. 27th, Fri. Sept. 14 & Fr. Sept. 28th) and receive ongoing support and professional development throughout the year.

The time commitment is 4 hours a week between 8 am- 5 pm, Mon.- Fri. All tutoring is done at Mercy Learning Center, with all of our educational resources on hand to assist you. This is truly a rewarding volunteer experience! For more info. please contact Lynn Gabriel at 203.334.6699 or at: [lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org](mailto:lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org)

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*Joan Ann Melillo 1st Anniversay*

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



*Venezia Family*

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



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

**Parish Support**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$11,380.55  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 7,777.60

*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.

**\$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.**



**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.



**Religious Education**

2018-2019 School Year

Please visit our website at

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

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



**"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. 16<sup>th</sup>: 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**

**ladies**



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.

**Parish Office Summer Hours**

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

Friday  
Closed