

**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*

To  
God  
be the  
GLORY



*Great Things He Hath Done!*

**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*

**SMART EATING**

It doesn't take our annual physical to remind us that we live in a culture of unhealthy eating. What used to be a matter of consuming enough calories for survival has become a national epidemic of obesity. It is tempting to eat when happy or sad, in gatherings or alone, to fight boredom, lift moods, or assuage anxiety.

A lot of what appears in our diets isn't even useful for nutrition, and some of it's downright harmful. One thing's for sure: Eucharist is the one meal we can't do without.

**BETTER THAN SMART FOOD,  
IT'S THE TABLE WHERE  
WISDOM IS SERVED!**

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Liam John Cruz  
Rory Martin Laseman Mobley  
Henriques Burns Fusaro  
Declan James O'Reilly**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"The most holy Eucharist holds within itself the whole spiritual treasure of the church, namely Christ himself, our Passover and our living bread."*

Second Vatican Council  
(1962-1965)

**Marriage Banns**



**III. Alan Fiano and Meagan Korolyshun**

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



**August 18 to August 26, 2018**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Dawn Forest
Tues.	7:00 am	Helen Pavoni
	12:10 pm	Stephen Charles (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary Shea (1st)
	12:10 pm	Joseph Latulipe
Thurs.	7:00 am	Matthew Klanka
	12:10 pm	Carl O'Donnell Sr. (6th)
Fri.	7:00 am	Anna Corsi
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Sat.	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
	5:00 pm	Michael and Mae Moran
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Scott Trautman
	10:30 am	Michael Murphy
	12 :00 Noon	Fred E. Gates



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
Jill McCormack Daly	



**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**



*In Loving Memory of Carl O'Donnell Sr.*

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



*Dawn Forest*

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



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

*Something for  
EVERYONE!*

**"The 55+ Club"**

(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

Aug. 21st : 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

**Parish Office Summer Hours**

Monday thru Thursday

9:00am to 12:00pm

Friday

Closed

**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.

**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!**



**Parish Support**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 9,601.50
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$10,039.40
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 8,001.41
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 8,533.32
July Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 1,223.00
July Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 933.00

*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.

**Family Support Volunteers  
Needed in Southern Fairfield County**

We depend greatly on the service of our gracious volunteers. Spending time with a volunteer often allows patients to forget about their medical needs and focus on enjoying activities. Whether it be playing cards, looking at family photos, or listening to a patient tell his or her story.

We will be hosting several training sessions throughout the fall for new Volunteers, including an October session that will take place at 40 Richards Avenue in **Norwalk**. We are also adding a September training session for those interested in being **Lobby Greeters** in our Center! Greeters welcome patients, families, and visitors to our inpatient facility and offer a friendly face and upbeat attitude each day. The mandatory training is only 3 hours and will take place in September at the Center for Comfort Care & Healing in Danbury, CT.

For further information please visit our website at [www.regionalhospicect.org](http://www.regionalhospicect.org).

**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



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)



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)



**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.



**Thank you!!**