

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

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**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*



*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*

**Ms. Jo Ann Mathieson**  
*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*

**BY INVITATION ONLY**

Too often we speak of faith as an obligation, when its an invitation. Churches have some of the biggest doors around, and they open both ways. We can come and go— and plenty of people do both, at one time or another.

When teachings are challenging, folks may find discipleship unacceptable—just like in the time of Jesus.

My friends,

We don't arrive here by mandate, and we're not prisoners of our own Baptism. Come If you will, leave if you choose. But if you stay, be clear on where the path of Jesus is going, and what it will cost.



**August 25 to September 2, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Michael and Mae Moran
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Scott Trautman
	10:30 am	Michael Murphy
	12:00 Noon	Fred E. Gates
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Amelia M. DeFeo (26th)
Tues.	7:00 am	Frank and Ann Kershis
	12:10 pm	Charles F Benda
Wed.	7:00 am	Virginia Vale
	12:10 pm	Virginia Vale (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	John Lambert
	12:10 pm	Gioia Frassinelli Riccio
Fri.	7:00 am	Martha Moriarty
	8:15 am	Louis L. Ceruzzi Jr. (1st)
	12:10 pm	Stephen Charles
Sat.	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Victoria Niro
	10:30 am	Kirk and Pamela Kuehn
	12 :00 Noon	Allie P. Richard (12th)



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- MaKayla Lyn Manatch**
- Jake Macy Manatch**
- Maci Christine Aponte**
- Mia Rose Aponte**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Stand with anybody that stands right,  
stand with him while his is right,  
and part with him when he goes when  
he goes wrong”*

**Abraham Lincoln**



Msgr. Stephen Digiiovanni	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
Jill McCormack Daly	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

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday thru Thursday**

**9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Friday**

**9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**



**Coming Event**  
**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!

**Menu: Pasta w/Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread,  
 Dessert and Soda & Water will be provided**

**BYOB**

**COME AS YOU ARE  
 ALL FREE**



**PROJECT APPALACHAI  
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Father Martin is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** from the parish to help organize Project Appalachia this year. The truck will be here to pick up the items on Saturday: December 8<sup>th</sup>. The packing Saturdays will be November 10, 17 & December 1.

A meeting is Scheduled for Saturday Sept. 29th at 10:00 am in the Rectory . Please join us to make this project a Success.



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its coffee 'an is back **mark your calendar for** Sunday Sept. 30th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

The Coffee 'an will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
 THIS WEEK**



*Josefina Fonseca*

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



*Lou Ceruzzi on His 1st Anniversary*

**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!**



**Parish Support**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 11,800.00
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 10,320.00
Assumption of Mary 2018:	\$ 1,087.00
Assumption of Mary 2017:	\$ 1,745.00

*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.

**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.

### 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.



Thank you!!



2018-2019 School Year

Registration is Opened

Please visit our website at

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

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



### Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday Sept.9th : Regular meeting 6-8pm in the parish center

Sunday, September 16: Kick off meetings from 4-5:30pm & 6-8pm in the parish center

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



### “The 55+ Club”

(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

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