

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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



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

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

LAW IS GOOD, LOVE IS BETTER!

It seemed like such a good idea at the time: carve the law of the nations in stone. We citizens of another land and millennia can appreciate how final the Ten Commandments must have felt – and yet how inadequate they turned out to be.

We too, have laws and rules, Declarations and Constitution, rights and amendments.

But a community doesn't emerge from stone or paper, from documents and words and promises. We may give lip service to high ideals, but only love leads to the common good.

Do we really love our neighbor as ourselves???



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Chloe Valentina Landino

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“What goes into a person can defile a person. Ask a drug addict or an alcoholic. But Jesus' diagnosis is that there is a deeper problem that comes from within. Spiritual impurity or moral defilement starts on the inside. It arises from the heart.”

The Christian Century

Labor Day is Monday September 3rd

8:00 am Daily Mass Only

**Parish Office, School and CCD
Offices are closed**

**Regular Parish Hours have resumed
Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
Friday 9:00am to 12:00 Noon**



September 1 to September 9, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Victoria Niro
	10:30 am	Kirk and Pamela Kuehn
	12:00 Noon	Anne P. Richard (13th)
Mon.	8:00 am	Mass for Labor Day
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Louis L Ceruzzi Jr.
Wed.	7:00 am	Thomas Keenan
	12:10 pm	Vivian Kral
Thurs.	7:00 am	Martha Moriarty
	12:10 pm	May Marie Collins
Fri.	7:00 am	Fiore and Eleanor Corbo
	8:15 am	Charles Benda
	12:10 pm	Earl Savage
Sat.	5:00 pm	James Maisano
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Lee and Quinn Families
	10:30 am	Anne P Richard
	12 :00 Noon	Michael Curkan



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
Isabelle Renzulli	



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**



Parish Concert

Sunday: September 9th, 2018

3:00 p.m.

**Our parish Choir will remember
the events of September 11th, 2001
It has been 17 years since
our country was attacked.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Gerard Corbett 7th Anniversary

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



James Maisano

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



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

MASS OF REPARATION

On Saturday, September 15TH (Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows), Bishop Caggiano will be leading a Holy Hour and offering a public Mass of Reparation for the sins committed by Priests, Bishops and any member of the Church.

The Holy Hour (with Rosary) will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Cathedral.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend so that together we may turn to the Lord and place all our trust in Him.

Parish Support

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 8,933.10
21st Sunday In Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 10,536.75

Thank You!

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.



Jr. Lector Program

Jr. Lector program during the 2018-2019 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



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.



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

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday (starting September 15th) during the school year in the Chapel/Cry Room of the church at 8:30am. The Prayer group is open to all Parish and School Mothers. Any questions please contact Renee at 203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.

Pre Baptism Class



For all First Time Parents, a Pre-Baptism Class is required. They will be held in our Parish Conference Room at 10:00am, on the following Saturdays:

- September 8th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 for questions and to sign up for the Class.



2018-2019 School Year

Teachers are Needed

For Grades 3,4 and 5

Tuesday and Wednesday

Please Contact Jackie

Classes are beginning soon!

If you have not registered your child please do as soon as possible.

Please visit our website at for all your forms.

Stthomasfairfield.com

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or stthoaqccd@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

PROJECT APPALACHIA 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 8th. 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.

