

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.

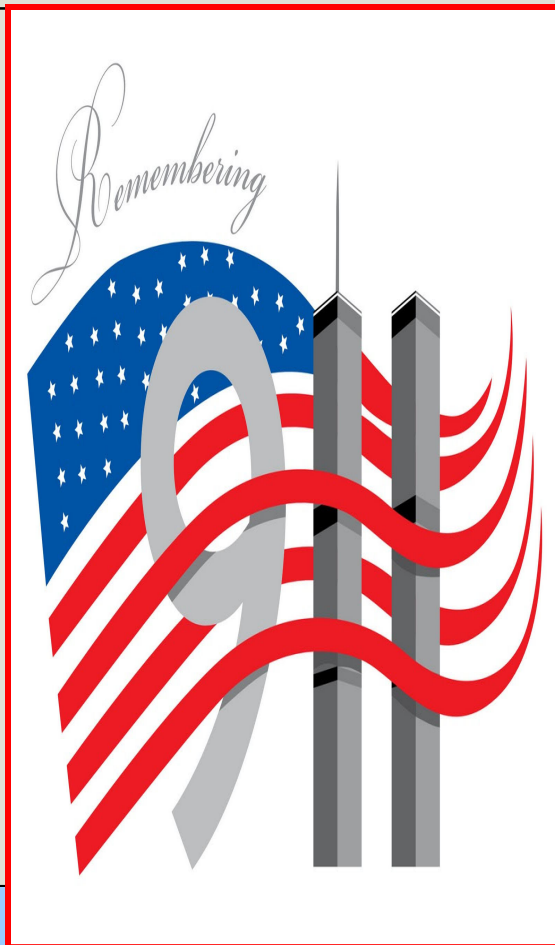
First Friday Masses

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

**LET US NEVER FORGET
Sept. 11, 2001**

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.
As foundations we once thought secure have been
shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. **Amen**

Rev. Jeremy Pridgeson

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

September 8 to September 16, 2018

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Doris Ann Gallo (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Kevin McCarthy (17th)
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Wed.	7:00 am	Richard Forti
	12:10 pm	Rosemary Flynn
Thurs.	7:00 am	The Powers, Guglicelm, O'Rourke and Persechino Families
	12:10 pm	Robert and Marie Berta (50th)
Fri.	7:00 am	Billy Vinet
	12:10 pm	Billy Therriault (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Norma Primerano
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	10:30 am	Margaret Fitzpatrick
	12 :00 Noon	William Fitzpatrick

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
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	David Pye



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following
who were recently Baptized.

Quinn Marshall Quigley



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



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



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.

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.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**

Josefina Fonseca



**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!)*

Parish Support

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 10,261.73
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,612.70

Ladies Guild 2018: \$ 744.00
Ladies Guild 2017: \$ 739.00

Capital Fund August 2018: \$ 1,032.00
Capital Fund August 2017: \$ 919.00

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish goal: \$ 200,000

We raised: \$ 246,826 from 341 donors

Electronic Giving

April 2018: \$ 9,270
May 2018: \$ 8,105
June 2018: \$ 7,601
July 2018: \$ 9,250

Thank You!

ladies



September Meeting

The Ladies Guild planning meeting will be held on the September 18th at 6 pm in the Parish Center. Please come with a friend and discover how you can make a difference in the life of our Parish community. Membership is not required. Light dinner will be served.

Just a friendly reminder, Ladies Guild membership is underway. The dues are \$10. Your continued support is much appreciated.



**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.



2018-2019 School Year

Teachers are Needed
For Grades 3,4 and 5

Tuesday and Wednesday

Please Contact Jackie in the CCD Office

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

MUM SALE FUNDRAISER

Notre Dame High School - Fairfield Parent Association will be holding a fall flower sale on Sept. 26th & 27th. 2:00 - 3:30pm and on Sat. Sept. 29th, 12:00 noon - 4pm at ND. 8" mums are \$8 each or 2 for \$15 in red, orange or yellow. 14" pots are \$18 or 2 for \$32.

Please contact patrusso@earthlink.net with any questions or to preorder your mums. Notre Dame is located at 220 Jefferson St. in Fairfield.



Upcoming Schedule:

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

Saturday, September 22: Save the date to volunteer at the parish Pasta Dinner after the 5pm Mass!

Sunday, September 23: Regular meeting from 6-8pm in the parish center

Sunday, September 30: No meetings Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at

StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Fall Adult Religious Education

Starting Wednesday Sept. 19th at 7:00pm

We will be presenting Bishop Barron's newest study program: *The Mass*. Walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Barron and you'll be **transformed** through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass **brings us out of the fallen world** and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are **intimately joined** with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

For more information, please visit our page: <http://www.stthomasfairfield.com/bible-study>



"The 55+ Club"

(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

Sept. 18th: Sr. Maureen Fleming SSND will speak on "Human Trafficking"

Oct. 16th: St. Paul the Apostle Film

Nov. 13th: Thanksgiving Arts and Craft

Dec. 11th: 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