

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

Rev. Victor T. Martin
Pastor

Rev. Lawrence A. Larson
Parochial Vicar

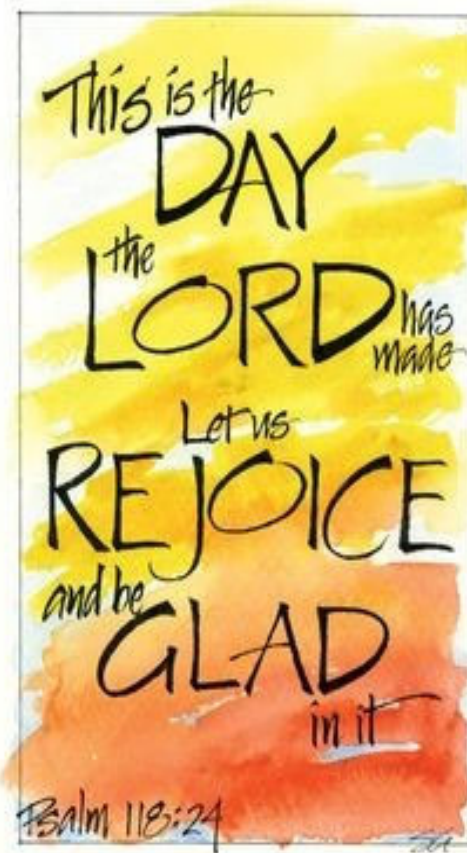
Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

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

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

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

THE ANSWER THIS TIME

We evolve. This is one of the most grateful things about existence, that we're not required to remain stuck in our stuff. We grow, learn, and adapt through the years. Our relationship with the Holy One evolves too.

So, when Jesus asks us once more --- Who do you say that I am? Our reply may well be different this time. Is Jesus still the God someone gave us long ago? Has Jesus become more real and necessary: as a friend, brother, healer, teacher, fellow sufferer, or champion?

My friends,

Is Jesus Lord of our lives, judge, role model, or inspiration?



September 15 to September 23, 2018

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Nagee Crowder (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Richard Hobbs (1st)
	12:10 pm	Dawn Forest
Wed.	7:00 am	Russell DeVitto (1st)
	12:10 pm	Raymond Iwanicki (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Richard Forti
	12:10 pm	Jo Ann Melillo
Fri.	7:00 am	Jillaine Furey Trodo
	12:10 pm	Regina Loughran
Sat.	5:00 pm	Etta Ryan
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	James Demayo
	10:30 am	Louis and Peggy Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	JoAnn Melillo



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Sophia Grace Silva
Eric Joshua Steiner
Caleigh Marina Provenzano**



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
Barbara Gilbert	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Crucified inwardly and outwardly with Christ, you will live in this life with fullness and satisfaction of soul, and possess your soul; in patience.”

St. John of the Cross



Marriage Banns

I. Joseph Sousa and Allison Rasile

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



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**

Please RSVP by Friday September 22 to the Parish Office



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>



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

Parish Support

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 8,622.88
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,335.38
 Catholic University 2018: \$ 1,355.05
 Catholic University 2017: \$ 1,612.28

Thank You!

**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.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
 THIS WEEK**



In Loving Memory of Stephen C. Hessel

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



In Loving Memory of the Rielly Family

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



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

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday 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.



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.



Fr. Coleman's Columbiettes Auxiliary # 2616
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Come Join us for our Open House

On Monday September 24th

St Thomas Parish– Chapel Room

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Refreshment will be served

Questions contact Sally Savage at 203-366-4826



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.



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 Next Week!!!!

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



Sunday, September 16: Kick off meetings
4-5:30pm & 6-8pm .

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
Sunday, September 30: No meetings

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

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.

Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.