

**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*

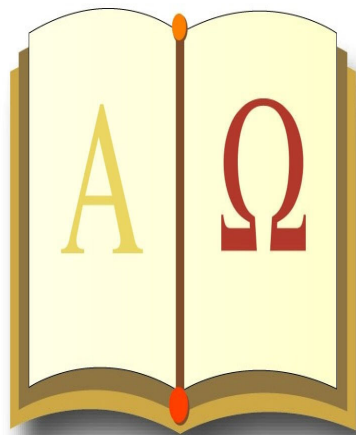
**Rev. Zbigniew Zielinsky**  
*Priest in Residence*

**Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello**  
*Retired-Parish Deacon*

**Mary Jane Edwards**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Catherine T. Lopata**  
*Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.*

**Gerrie Desio**  
*Office Receptionist*



**CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY**

**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**  
*RCIA 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*

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY  
September 23, 2018**

This weekend our parish celebrates the 2018 Catechetical Sunday with this year's theme being:

*"ENLISTING WITNESS FOR JESUS CHRIST!"*

This coming week our St. Thomas Religious Education begins its new school. Our students will once again come to the classrooms at St. Thomas to begin another year of growing in the Church and our Catholic faith.

We welcome all our **VOLUNTEER** teachers and aides who will sacrifice their time and share their faith with the students.

As your pastor, I am proud of our CCD program all under the direction of Mrs. Jackie Herbert. Jackie has put together a great program for all the grades, especially our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who will be receiving their First reconciliation and First Holy Communion this coming year. And to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

What a great theme for this year, our teacher's witnessing to the faith for tomorrow's witnesses – our children.

*From a grateful pastor, Many thanks for saying "YES" to our program.*



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**


Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Spencer Buckley Dalton  
Neve Marnell Tini**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"Your light must shine in the sight of others."*

**Matt 5: 16**



**Marriage Banns**

**II. Joseph Sousa and Allison Rasile**

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



**September 22 to September 30, 2018**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Mary Anderson
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth Paul (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Charles and Claire McLaughlin
Wed.	7:00 am	Barbara O'Connell
	12:10 pm	Barbara O'Connell (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Jillaine Furey Trodo
	12:10 pm	Noreen Wilgrus
Fri.	7:00 am	Anna Corsi
	12:10 pm	William Adden Brooke (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Allie D. Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Marjorie Hudon
	10:30 am	Steve D'Agostino
	12 :00 Noon	Atilio Giansanti
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS OF REPARATION</b>



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	

**MASS OF REPARATION  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH**

Our parish will celebrate a Mass of Reparation on Sunday afternoon: September 30th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Following the 12 Noon Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until 1:45 p.m. Our pastor Father Martin will be the celebrant and homilist of the Mass.

This Mass will be celebrated for a move toward a purification of the Church and the Repentance of our Church Leaders.

It is a time to ask for God's grace to move us along onto a journey of "Renewed Conversion."

**NEW RESIDENT PRIEST**

Bishop Caggiano has appointed Rev. Zbigniew Zielinsky as Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Office of the Tribunal in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Father Zbigniew will be a priest in residence here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

We welcome Fr. Zbigniew to his new home.

**PASTOR'S REFLECTION  
PARISH BUDGET REPORT**

Each year at this time, we (finance committee) provide a budget report of the past year verses the prior year report to the parish community.

As you compare between the two budget reports, please know that in line (4220) Non-Operating Revenue, that the \$488,534 was due to the sale of the Ron Henry Property/Building on the corner. This money was solely used for the new church roof.

Also please know that as of this weekend, we now have 1,644 registered families.

**Care Packages for Soldiers**



Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 13,200 to date.

We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies, on the Bulletin Boards in church are the list of items that are needed. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley at **203-259-5903**.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

**Marked Care packages for Soldiers.  
Thank you and God Bless America!**

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**

**THIS WEEK**



*The McCauley and Rielly Families*

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



*Etta Ryan*



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

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

**OFF THE STREETS BENEFIT  
JAZZ CONCERT**

**Saturday October 13th at 6:00pm  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center**

Off the Streets, an all-volunteer charitable organization that houses the homeless, is hosting a fundraiser.

The event will be a cabaret style – BYOB and snacks – evening of entertainment featuring Dr. Joe Utterback, celebrated international jazz pianist and composer. He will delight us with his mix of Blues, Ballads, Broadway and Jazz. Coffee, tea, ice, water and desserts provided. Silent auction. Tickets are \$30, tables of 8 reserved. Advance sales only. For tickets call: Ellen 203-880-9814 or Elaine 203-261-8032 . **Our Parish Office also has tickets.**

**Parish Support**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,737.00  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$10,596.00

*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.



### The 2018-2019 Religious Education Classes have started.

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



### Upcoming Schedule:

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

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

[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>. The packing Saturdays will be November 10, 17 & December 1.

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

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its coffee 'an is back **will start next** 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

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### RESCHEDULED September Meeting

The Ladies Guild planning meeting will be held on **September 25th** 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.

### 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:

<https://www.stthomasfairfield.com/faith-formation-1>



### "The 55+ Club"

(All Tuesday Meetings  
Begin after 12:10 Mass)

Oct. 16th: 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

RSVP for any of these dates to:203-255-1097