

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

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

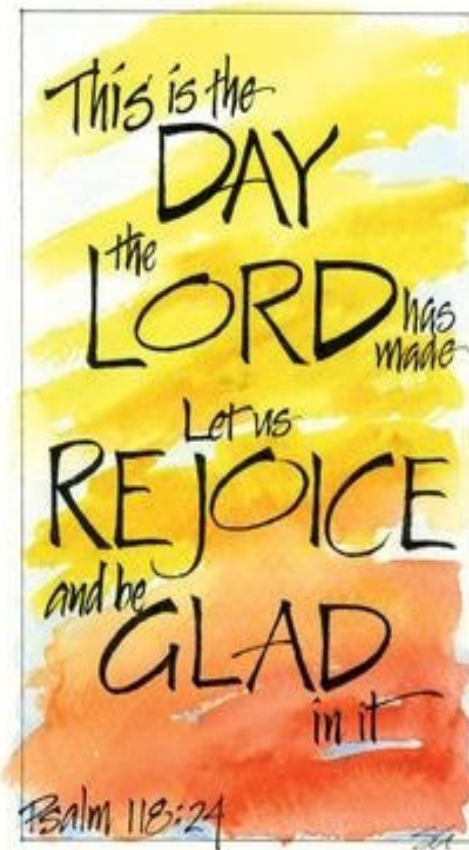
Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski
Priest in Residence

Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello
Retired-Parish Deacon

Mary Jane Edwards
Pastoral Associate

Catherine T. Lopata
Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.

Gerrie Desio
Office Receptionist



Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement with Parish Office.

Pre Baptismal Instruction

Required prior to Baptism.

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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

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

RELIGION SHOULDN'T SCARE YOU

Talk of hellfire was motivating in earlier generations. If it's a choice between eternal flames or fear of the Lord, what sane person wouldn't take the high road?

These days, we seem to be post-hell and past fear. It's difficult for some of us to find the proper motivation to live justly, especially when it requires an uncomfortable amount of sacrifice. So here's a fear worth fearing: hurting the one we love most.

We say, we love God: God cherishes the vulnerable and the poor. Pray for, share with, and raise your voice for those in need.

Prayer Request

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| 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 Sciarillo |
| Romano DeCastro | Margaret Carroll |
| Ed Zera | Nancy Roche |
| Brendan Maguire | Ryan Kelly |
| Arline Rich | Steven McGuire |
| Isabelle Renzulli | Barbara Gilbert |

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

September 29 to October 7, 2018

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
	2:00 pm	Mass of Reparation
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Francis Lynch
Tues.	7:00 am	Agate Munteporte
	12:10 pm	Gabriel Byrne
Wed.	7:00 am	Helen McElroy (1st)
	12:10 pm	John Henry Redgate
Thurs.	7:00 am	Mary Cunningham (1st)
	12:10 pm	Genevieve M. DeFeo (8th)
	7:30 pm	Fairfield Prep NHS Mass
Fri.	7:00 am	Mary Alice Marley
	8:15 am	Charles Edward Gross
	12:10 pm	Jack E. Shaughnessy
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Eileen J Zander
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Michael Murphy
	10:30 am	Sebastian Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	John Poletto

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Love ought to be put more in deeds than in words."

St. Ignatius of Loyola
(1491-1556)

Pre Baptism Class



For all First Time Parents, a Pre-Baptism Class is required. The next class will be on Saturday October 6th in the Parish Conference Room at 10:00am. Questions contact Parish office at 203-255-1097.

Marriage Banns



I. Mark DeCarlo and Siobhan O'Sullivan
III. Joseph Sousa and Allison Rasile

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



November is the Month of All Souls

It is custom for Catholics to write the names of the faithfully departed on the **ALL SOULS** envelopes and **return the envelope during the Month of October.**

These envelopes will be placed on the Altar beginning November 2nd the Feast of All Souls. Envelopes for All Souls are in the packets and are also available at the church entrances.

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.

Parish Support

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,626.00
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,825.50

Thank You!



October Meeting

Tuesday Oct. 16th at 6:00pm
 Parish Conference Rooms
 More information to follow.

Questions please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569

**Ladies Guild Bake Sale
 October 21st and 22nd**



Our annual Bake Sale will be held after all the Masses on Oct. 21st/22nd. Volunteers are needed and appreciated for our bake sale.

Proceeds of all our fund raisers serve the many needs of our parish. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Bernadette at 203 254 7569 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support in this event.

**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.**



“The 55+ Club”

(All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

Oct. 16th: St. Paul the Apostle Film

Nov. 13th: Thanksgiving Arts and Craft

**Dec. 11th: Reflection/ Christmas Luncheon/
 Grab Bag and Student Sing-Along**

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

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
 THIS WEEK**



*In loving memory of
 Peter Joseph Shaughnessy*

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



In loving memory of William Piaseczry

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



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



**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.



VENDORS NEEDED

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
To support their Charity efforts.

Event is on

Saturday October, 27th
St. Thomas Parish Center

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per table or 2 tables for \$50

All inquires can be directed to
Sally at 203-366-4826



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 30: No meetings

Sunday, October 7: Fall Kick Off Meetings
4-5:30pm & 6-8pm

Sunday, October 14: Meeting from 6-8pm

Sunday, October 21: Meeting from 6-8pm

Sunday, October 28: *Rain Down Youth event at
St Cecilia Parish in Stamford from 2-8:30pm*

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



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

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984
or Stthoaqccd@aol.com

High School Open House and Exam Info.

Lauralton Hall in Milford

Entrance Exam will be on Saturday
Oct. 13th at 8:00am. Register for exam at
www.lauraltonhall.org.

For more information contact Admissions office at
203-877-2786 ext 125

Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden

Will hold an Open House on Sunday Oct 14th
1:00-3:00pm. Entrance Exam will be held
on Saturday Nov. 3rd at 8:00am . Visit website at
www.sacredhearthamden.org

Notre Dame High School in West Haven

Open House is Sunday Oct. 14th 1:00-3:00pm. All
are invited. Entrance Exam on Saturday Oct.20th at
8:00am. For more info. www.notredamehs.com or
Admissions Office at 203-933-1673 Ext. 501.

Notre Dame High School in Fairfield

Open House on Sunday Oct.21st at 1:00 pm.
Entrance exam on Saturday Oct.27th at
8:00 am. Information can be found at
www.notredame.org.

St. Joseph High School in Trumbull

Open House on Sunday Oct. 14th at 1:00 pm The
entrance exam will be held on
Saturday, Oct. 27th at 7:30 am. For information,
please call the Admissions Office
at 203-378-9378, visit online at: www.sjcadets.org.

Sacred Heart Academy Greenwich

Open House for students interested in Grades 9 -12
on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 pm.. For more
information please visit www.cshgreenwich.org or
call the Admission Office at 203.532.3534.