

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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"Behold, I am with you always,
 until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20



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

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

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **RESPECT LIFE MONTH** to proclaim the immeasurable value of **EVERY** person from **CONCEPTION to NATURAL DEATH**.

The theme for the 2018-2019 Respect Life Program is:

“EVERY LIFE: CHERISHED, CHOSEN, SENT!”

This weekend, we are happy to have speak to us on this Respect Life Sunday -- Sister Maureen Fleming of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Sr. Maureen is the Co-Ordinator of the Pastoral Outreach Ministries at St. Luke’s Parish in Westport. Her reflection is on something that each of us should be aware of – even right here in Fairfield, CT.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

October 6 to October 14, 2018

Sat.	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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Gregory Pasqua
Tues.	7:00 am	Kenneth Spigarolo
	12:10 pm	John Halliday (11th)
Wed.	7:00 am	Barbara Wilkerson (1st)
	12:10 pm	Mary Cunningham
Thurs.	7:00 am	Jacquelyn T. Selke (1st)
	12:10 pm	Colleen J. Dolan (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Thomas & Catherine Greenwood
	12:10 pm	Leland Sember
Sat.	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	Elizabeth McLean
	9:00 am	Michael Murphy
	10:30 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12 :00 Noon	Stephen Charles



To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class



To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Canna Classes www.bridgportdiocese.com

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	Barbara Gilbert

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Nothing surpasses the greatness or dignity of a human person.”

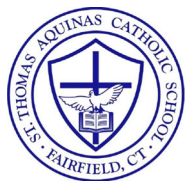
St. Pope John Paul II



Marriage Banns

II. Mark DeCarlo and Siobhan O’Sullivan

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



**Saint Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Open House
All School Pre K– 8th Grade
Sunday, October 21st
10:00 am until Noon**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School invites you to attend its all-school (Pre-K – 8th Grade) Open House. All interested parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, tour our school, meet our principal, and talk with our teachers, current parents, and students.

Applications will be available for the 2019-2020 school year. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - “Building a Strong Foundation in Faith and Knowledge” visit our webpage: www.stasonline.net

Parish Support

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 6,442.51
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,415.45

Thank You!

Notre Dame 2018-19 Tuition Raffle

The Grand Prize of \$15,000 can be used for tuition (for up to two students) for ANY K-8 school, ANY high school, ANY college or university. Schools must be accredited and located in the U.S. Additionally, it can be used to pay back college loans!

Prize will be transferred directly by Notre Dame to an institution designated by the winner. Winner may designate self, family or friends. Student(s) must be named within four years of the drawing. Eligible expenses include tuition, room and board, books and school related fees. Prize is not redeemable for cash.

Tickets are \$100 purchased at ND or at <https://notredame.ejoinme.org/2018tuitionraffle>. The winning ticket will be drawn on March 16, 2019 during the Notre Dame Lancer Legacy Gala. Winner need not be present to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold. A minimum of 250 tickets must be sold for the raffle to proceed. If fewer than 250 tickets are sold, the raffle will be canceled and ticket holders will receive a full refund.

Contact tmazrik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521 ext. 242 for more information.

**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.



“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



Josefina Fonseca

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



Joanne Teja

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



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



**BREAST
CANCER**
AWARENESS MONTH



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 **Knights** meets every First 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

October Meeting

ladies guild 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.



October News

Mon. Oct. 15th: 7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Parent and Child in the Church
No Class for Grades 6 and 7

Wed. Oct. 31st: **No Class– Halloween**

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



Upcoming Events

- 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

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.**