

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://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*

**SOMETIMES...**

...It is good to take time out and ask ourselves, "How are we doing?" "How am I doing?" As a Christian, am I making wise choices that help me in my commitment to follow Christ? Or, am I a Christian in name only? How much does my faith in Christ influence my daily life?

My friends,

Perhaps reflecting on our scripture readings this Sunday can help answer these questions.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**"A sacrifice can change someone's life today, a country tomorrow, and even change a history forever."**

**Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters**

**Marriage Banns**



**III. Mark DeCarlo and Siobhan O'Sullivan**

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

OCTOBER IS  
NATIONAL  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH



October 13 to October 21, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	Elizabeth McClean
	9:00 am	Michael Murphy
	10:30 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12:00 Noon	Stephen Charles
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Ralph Spinnler
Tues.	7:00 am	Agnes Sweeney (1st)
	12:10 pm	The Rielly Family
Wed.	7:00 am	Kate O'Brien
	12:10 pm	Eileen J. Zander (5th)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ridea Ligi
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Fri.	7:00 am	Susan Carroll
	12:10 pm	Mary Alice Morley (9th)
Sat.	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Edward Dobransky
	10:30 am	James O'Brien
	12 :00 Noon	Otto & Jean Hamilton Rotzal



Mmgr. 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



**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.



**Father Coleman Knight of Columbus #2616  
Columbiette Auxiliary**

**10th Annual Holiday Craft and Tag Sale  
Saturday October, 27th  
St. Thomas Parish Center  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Featuring many local crafters and vendors. Seasonal and all occasion Gift Items, Baked Goods and more.**

**For more information contact Sally 203-366-4826.**



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**

*In Loving Memory of  
Joseph & Theresa Ostrosky*

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



*In Loving Memory of The  
Rielly and McCauley Families*

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



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

**Parish Support**

- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$12,091.60
- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,486.80
- Capital Fund September 2018: \$ 1,019.00
- Capital Fund September 2017: \$ 997.00

***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 20th/21st**



Our annual Bake Sale will be held after all the Masses on next weekend Oct. 20th/21st. 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.



**Project Appalachia**

Donations for the Fall Truck are being accepted on the following Saturdays: November 10, 17 & December 1, from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. (the drop off area is behind the church) The truck will be here to pick up the items on Saturday: December 8<sup>th</sup>. Questions contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097. More info to follow in next weeks bulletin.

**Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Events**

(For complete information on the following events please visit our web page at [Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com))

Project Rachel: Men's Day of Prayer & Healing  
Saturday Nov. 10th : 9:00am to 4:00pm

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Mark your calendars for November 3, 2018! Our 2018 theme will be "Woman is the World's Harmony," at the Marriott in Farmington CT .



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Join fellow parishioners throughout the diocese for a series of 10 workshops to discover how your gifts can improve your ministry experience in your parish, professional, and family lives.



**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.

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**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



**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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stasonline.net)



**October News**

Mon. Oct. 15th: **6:00pm** 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](mailto:Stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**Upcoming Events**

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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish next “Coffee ‘an” is Sunday Oct. 28th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.



**BREAST  
CANCER**  
AWARENESS MONTH