

**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 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*

**Jo Ann Mathieson**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Robert and Jessica Nayden**  
*RCIA Coordinator*

**Jean Correa**  
*Parish Accountant*  
203-255-1097

**Richard Miller**  
*Parish Advisory Bd. Chair*  
203-259-0824

**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*

**CHASING GREATNESS**

Ruins of ancient empires can be found around the globe. We're awed by these traces of grandeur even as we're summoned to awareness of the passing of worldly power. Every nation in history that once sought to be great has the antiquities to testify to their achievements – and the ashes to witness to its elusiveness.

My friends,

The only greatness that matters is the kind that lays its privilege down for the sake of the lowly. Dare to be great in the way of the Kingdom. User your personal authority to lift others up, not to promote your own gain.



**October 21 to October 28, 2019**

Sat.	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 and Jean Hamilton Rotzal
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	James V. Edwards
Tues.	7:00 am	Robert Desel
	12:10 pm	Edward Horgan (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Jean Sedensky
	12:10 pm	Mary Cunningham
Thurs.	7:00 am	Jillaine Furey Trodo
	12:10 pm	Anthony Girodano
Fri.	7:00 am	Charley Rochlin
	12:10 pm	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo
Sat.	5:00 pm	Patrick Thomas
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	10:30 am	Donat, Rose and Doris Herbert
	12 :00 Noon	Michael Patrick Joyce



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Henry Allan Nevers IV  
Jackson Parker Shah**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“When [Christ] humbled himself, he lifted the world up....  
He filled the world with faith in God....  
And gained innumerable blessings beyond the power of myself or anyone else to describe in words.”*

**St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)**



Msgr. Stephen Digiiovanni	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
Nancy Barate	



**BREAST  
CANCER**  
AWARENESS MONTH



**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.

**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 SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**



**THIS WEEK**

*Joe Rainis*

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



*In Loving Memory of  
Kate O'Brien and James O'Brien*

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



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

**Parish Support**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 9,311.55
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 9,706.08
Project Appalachia 2018:	\$ 8,000.00

*Thank You!*



**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE Begins Next Weekend!!!**

For the needy area families and in support of food pantries in our area. Donation of canned goods and non-perishable items are most welcome!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church will be decorated with feathers indicating the items that are needed. Please return these items to the church by Sunday Nov. 11th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 16th

*Thank you for your help!!*

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**Mark your Calendars**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday Morning November 22nd at 8:00am**

*Lets come together to give thanks to God*

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**COVENANT HOUSE COLLECTION**

Each year on Thanksgiving Day at our 8:00 am morning Mass, a special collection is taken up for Covenant House in NYC. This collection helps runaway teenagers to receive help with food and shelter and medical attention at Covenant House. Perhaps you will be away for Thanksgiving Day Mass but would like to give an offering to help these young people? Please place a gift in any Sunday offertory marked for this purpose or send it directly to the Parish Office.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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.

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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

### St Vincent's Hospital Workshop

#### Free Counseling: Medicare, Health Insurance & Govt. Benefits

Get your questions answered by Specialist Betty Brandt. Offered by appointment in St Vincent's Banks Library on Level 3.

Learn about Medicare Benefits/Supplemental Insurance/Prescription Plans; Medicare Savings Programs/Extra Help/Medicaid; Medicare Statements/Bills/Claims/Appeals; Information & Referral to Community Resources. Contact Betty Brandt at 475-210-5111 or [svmcmedicare@outlook.com](mailto:svmcmedicare@outlook.com).



### October News

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 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)

### 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.



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