

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
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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*

**LET US NOT BE BLIND**

We need to ask ourselves: “Are we blind to the needs of others?” We meet a homeless person, begging for money. Do we simply put our head down and walk in the opposite direction or on the opposite side of the street?

Or, when we observe a dilapidated building that some call home, do we refuse to see and believe that this is really where people are forced to live?

Or say we encountered domestic abuse. Do we go on pretending that we see nothing?

When we observe things we like or expect, all is well.

However, our God often places living examples of poverty, abuse, and injustice in our way which are supposed to challenge us to act – and yet we so often reject the opportunity.

My friends,

We must not be blind to what God shows us. We must rather observe with open eyes the challenges of today and act with courage. Our God is present in the powerful and the great, but God is equally present (if not more so) in the weak, the poor, and the abused.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Henry Patrick Landon**  
**Gabriel Kamran Gunasekarampulle**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.”*

**Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1417)**

**Marriage Banns**

**I. Benjamin Wagar and Jenna Salandra**

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

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

October 27 to November 4, 2018

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Raffaele D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Vinnie Palmieri (15th)
Tues.	7:00 am	Paul D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Helen Errichetti (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Jillian Fury Trodo
	12:10 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Jacinta Zapanta
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joseph Sargent (2nd)
	8:15 am	Virginia Vale
	12:10 pm	Mary Cunningham
	5:30 pm	Helen Pavoni
Fri.	7:00 am	William J. Anderson (25th)
	8:15 am	Catherine McDonough
	12:10 pm	Gregory Davis (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	The Rehanek Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Richard H. Krudel
	10:30 am	Helen Pavoni
	12 :00 Noon	Rosemary Martin

*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	Susan Hasiuk
Walter Murphy	Nancy Barate
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	Francis Xavier Edwards



**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE Begins This 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.



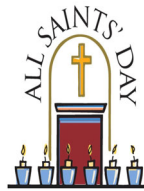
**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Reminder that on next Sunday November 4th our Masses will be on the new time. Remember to push back your clocks **One Hour** on Saturday November 3rd before you go to bed.

**Parish Support**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,726.55  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$11,484.53  
World Mission Sunday 2018: \$ 2,727.95  
World Mission Sunday 2017: \$ 2,231.04

***Thank you!***



**All Saints**

Thursday, November 1st  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Masses will be celebrated at  
7:00 am; 8:15 am; 12:10pm and 5:30 pm

Vigil Mass will be celebrated

Wednesday, October 31st

5:30 pm

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**All Souls**

Friday, November 2nd

Masses will be celebrated at  
7:00 am, 8:15 am and 12:10 pm



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



***In Loving Memory of The Rehanek Family***

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



***James Bishop Sr.***

**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 **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.



**October News**

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

**November News**

Thur. Nov. 1st: Grade 2: All Saints Day  
Costume Contest

Sun. Nov. 4th: Grade 2: 2:00 pm Parent Meeting  
Parish Conf. Rm. for First Reconciliation/Eucharist

Sun. Nov. 4th: Grade 8 : 4:00 pm in Church  
Commissioning Mass for Students/Sponsor  
or Parent

Tues. Nov. 6th: **No Class– Election Day**

Thur. Nov. 8th: 6:00 pm Catechist Workshop in  
Parish Conf. Rm.

Mon. Nov. 12th: **No Class– Veteran’s Day**

Wed Nov. 21-Thurs. Nov. 22: **No Class–  
Thanksgiving Break**

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



**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)

**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 203-255-1097.**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Upcoming Events**

Sun. Nov. 4: High School 6-8pm

Sun. Nov. 11: Middle School meeting 4-5:30pm,  
High School 6-8pm

Sun. Nov.18: Food Drive Delivery Day after the  
12:00 pm Mass (Middle & High & families)

Sun. Nov. 25: No meetings (Thanksgiving break)

Sun. Dec. 2: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Dec. 9: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Dec.16: Christmas Party  
(Middle & High from 4-5:30pm)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at  
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