

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



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

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

On Thanksgiving Day, we Americans take the opportunity to think about all the blessings in our lives and feel grateful for those who have provided them for us.

As people of faith, we realize that all these blessings ultimately come from God and without God we would have nothing. So we give thanks today to all the people in our lives who have blessed us, but ultimately to God, the source of all blessing.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Madelyn Grace Nina
Roy Darrell Pierson**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“It is not happy people who are thankful,
It is thankful people who are happy.”*



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

*Lets come together to give
thanks to God*

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.

No 7:00 am Mass on Friday November 23rd.

The Parish and Religious Education Offices

Will be closed on Thurs. Nov. 22 & Fri. Nov 23



November 17 to November 25, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg (10th)
Sun.	7:00 am	Kathy DeBernardis
	9:00 am	Norma Primerano
	10:30 am	Gioia Riccio
	12:00 Noon	Michael Murphy
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Cecelia F. Edwards
Tues.	7:00 am	Kelly McKeon
	12:10 pm	Beatrice Kelly Crooks
Wed.	7:00 am	Susan Carroll (2nd)
	12:10 pm	Salvatore Mula
Thurs.	8:00 am	Mass for Thanksgiving Day
Fri.	7:00 am	No Mass
	12:10 pm	Laura Coleman (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas and Mary Murren & Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	John McHale (46th)
	10:30 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12 :00 Noon	William Tiesler



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 Slovesky
John Lengen	Joseph Sciarillo
Romano DeCastro	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	Ryan Kelly
Arline Rich	Steven McGuire
Isabelle Renzulli	



PROJECT APPALACHIA

Please know we are accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia on Saturday Dec. 1st between the hours of 9-12 in our church basement.

You may also “drop off” at the church back door on the rectory side during the time of parish office hours (9-3) Monday thru Thursday. If you need a pick up for your donations, please call the parish office at 203-255-1097.



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree. **(Beginning Next weekend Nov. 24/25)**

This is an enormous project and every year the parish rises to the occasion. St. Thomas Aquinas families and parishioners share their generosity with many people in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Through the Advent Giving Tree, we provide specific gifts for individual families from St. Charles and St. Mary parishes in Bridgeport and Catholic Charities families, coats for Mercy Learning Center, warm weather clothing for patrons of the Ella Grasso Center, gift cards for Operation Hope, books and games for children of the Cardinal Sheehan Center, outfits for the Missionary Sisters' pre-school children, toys for the Daughters of Charity Convent, and we provide help for families in our own parish.

If anyone would like to “adopt a family” and purchase gifts for a family please e-mail stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com

Please take tags from the trees at the entrances of the parish and bring the item back, unwrapped, by the date on the tag. If you return your gift during the week, please bring it to the Parish Office where it will be secure. If you return your gift after a weekend Mass, please bring it to the boxes in the Church. If you are available to help deliver items to Bridgeport please contact Jessica Nayden stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!!**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Salvatore A. Casillo

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



James Fenton

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



ST. AUGUSTINE MEDAL AWARD

This weekend at St. Augustine’s Cathedral, Bishop Caggiano awarded Jennifer Romano a parishioner of this parish with this distinguished medal for her services here at St. Thomas.

Jennifer is very active within our faith community. She has been a member of our senior choir for many years, serves on our liturgical committee, bible study leader as well as our newly formed Faith Formation committee. Her recent undertaking with our parish spaghetti dinner was a huge success!

I am happy to have this opportunity to award Jennifer for this year’s St. Augustine Medal award. On behalf of a grateful parish – thank you Jen for all you do for us.

Guild News



Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be

celebrated on Nov. 27th, in the chapel at 6 PM followed by a short meeting. Refreshments will be served. We will be collecting items to send to Appalachia.

The **Advent Wreath sale** sponsored by the Ladies Guild is scheduled for Dec. 1st /2nd after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. To pre order call Bernadette.



We will be making wreaths on Saturday Dec 1st at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. Evergreens and volunteers are welcome. Coffee will be served.

Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569.



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.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Father Coleman Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will hold their annual Christmas Party on

Sunday December 2nd at 2:00pm
St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center Gym

There will be food, and Santa to give out gifts to children and also a sing-a-long for the children. Please RSVP to Sally Savage at 203-366-4826 by Nov. 23rd and let us know if you can come.

When you RSVP please have the names and ages of the children up to age of ten (for a gift) and also how many in your group so we can have a head count to order food.

The KOC would like each family to bring a Non-perishable item and an Unwrapped toys for Sister Tremby, Daughters of the Most Precious Blood on Bpt. to be given to needy families.

Any questions please contact
Sally at 203-366-4826



November News

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

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



Upcoming Events

- 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
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



DECORATE FOR THE SEASON!!!

Our 8th Grade School Students will be taking orders for Christmas Evergreens and Poinsettias at all the weekend Masses during the Month of November. Forms can also be found at <https://www.stasonline.net/> All orders must be received by Monday Nov. 26th.

Rudy's Florist and Gift shop is the supplier for this event. The sale of these items will contribute to the 8th Grade end of the year special events.

Orders must be picked up on Sat. Dec. 1st after 5:00pm Mass or Sun. Dec. 2nd 7:30am to 1:30pm in the School.

Any questions please contact Maureen at 203-247-5576 or May Kate 203-512-5964.

**8th Grade Class in Advance
Thanks You for your Support!!!**



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
"coffee 'an" is Sunday
November 28th in the Parish
Center Conference Rooms

following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses. The "coffee 'an" will be sponsored by the St. Thomas School Choir and Orchestra and The Knights of Columbus.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Parish Support

- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,888.04
- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,497.55

Thank You!