

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



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

JESUS CHRIST – KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is above all temporal rulers, past, present, or future.

We also recognize that Jesus Christ should reign in our lives. Guiding us in our thoughts, our decisions, and our conduct.

In both the universe that is the entire world and the universe that is our own heart,
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD



November 24 to December 2, 2018

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Kenneth & Hildegard Spigarolo
Tues.	7:00 am	Bruce E. Moore
	12:10 pm	Stephen R. Caliento
	6:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild
Wed.	7:00 am	Daniel Markgraf
	12:10 pm	Joseph C. Batchelor
Thurs.	7:00 am	Carole Prescott (1st)
	12:10 pm	Joseph Batchelor
Fri.	7:00 am	Jack Llewellyn
	12:10 pm	Jean R. Sedensky (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mary Cunningham
	10:30 am	James E. Edwards
	12 :00 Noon	Gioia Riccio

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Liam Michael Pearson

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“ What is in fact Christ’s kingdom? It is simply those who believe in Him.... Everyone who is reborn in Christ becomes the Kingdom which is no longer of the world.”

St. Augustine (354-430)

Marriage Banns



I. Eric Zeiser and Christine Smey

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



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	

Fr. Martin would like to thank you for your generous contributions to this years Thanksgiving Food Drive!!

Also a word of thanks for all who contributed to Covenant House at Thanksgiving!!!

You are truly a blessing!!!



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree.

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 stthomasfairfielddyouth@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 stthomasfairfielddyouth@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Antonio Manca

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



In Loving Memory of Raleigh Holcomb

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



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.

Volunteers will be packing the two trucks on Saturday December 8th from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at the rear parking lot of the church.

PROJECT APPALACHIA UPDATE

I wanted to give you a wonderful update on Project Appalachia and the generous donation (\$8,000) to the Family Crisis Center in Norton, VA (the Homeless Shelter). Mary Beth the director said that the shelter as of today is filled with 14 children 12 women and 12 men, capacity level. They are being cared for with loving hands and hearts.

The generosity of St Thomas is going to feed the hungry through the Crisis Center into the heart of the hills of Lee County with a truck load of food for the very hungry with milk, cheese, bread, eggs and peanut butter. Mary Beth said with our donation, people have been notified to take whatever food they need. Thanks for your generosity in feeding the hungry. You have truly been a blessing to our community.



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.



The Chamber Singers of the Fairfield County Children's Choir

4th Annual Young Persons' Concert Saturday, December 8th, 7 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Donations of food or cash for Operation Hope will be welcome at door The program will include classical, holiday, gospel and popular vocal selections. This program is free to the public and registration is not required.



DECORATE FOR THE SEASON!!!

Our 8th Grade School Students will be taking the final orders for Christmas Evergreens and Poinsettias this weekend. 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.



December News

Mon. Dec. 10th: Grades 6,7 and 8
Will have Confessions heard during Class Time

Tue. Dec. 18th Grades 3, 4, and 5
Will have Confession heard during Class Time
No Class For Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 19th Grades 3, 4, and 5
Will have Confession heard during Class Time
No Class For Grade 1

Thurs. Dec. 20th: Grade 2 Christmas Assembly

Dec. 24 to Jan. 1st

No Religious Education Christmas Break

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

YOUTH GROUP

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



Care Packages for Soldiers

Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 13,000 to date.

We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley 203-259-5903. Bulletins boards in the church have lists of items that are needed.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

Thank you and God Bless America!