

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

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU

Father Martin would like to thank everyone who made this Thanksgiving a huge success for many people. Because of YOU we were able to provide food so that others may have a Thanksgiving meal.

I would like to thank Jessica and Robbie Nayden for leading a successful food drive along with our parishioners, Youth Group, our school and religious education program. The youth group collected and delivered food including 100 turkeys.

On Thanksgiving Day food was brought to the altar by those attending our 8:00 a.m. Mass. This food was picked up on Friday morning by Blessed Sacrament parish including the left over loaves of bread in order to replenish their empty pantries for the poor.

Our Covenant House collection was a great success this year with a check from our parish in the amount of \$ 4,000 and by this special appeal our gift will be doubled for kids coming off the streets this winter in New York City.

Again I say,

“You are a blessing so that others can be blessed.”

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Georgia Kathleen DeFeo

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There too much work to do.”

Dorothy Day

Marriage Banns



II.. Eric Zeiser and Christine Smey

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



December 1 to December 9, 2018

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 Ricco
Mon.	7:00 am	Gerald Crowe (17th)
	12:10 pm	Louis Ceruzzi
Tues.	7:00 am	Thomas F. Keane
	12:10 pm	Martha Moriarty (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Special Intention
	12:10 pm	Rev. Vincent O’Connor
Thurs.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	James Hunkelle
Fri.	7:00 am	Atsedie Eyassu
	8:15 am	Mary Shea
	12:10 pm	David Matis
	5:30 pm	Nancy Hatton Hollerbach
Sat.	8:00 am	Anne P. Richard
	12:00 pm	Eileen F. Riley
	5:00 pm	The Marko Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Sal Bentivegna
	10:30 am	Alma Condon
	12:00 Noon	Mary Cunningham



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Patroness of the United States of America

Holy Day of obligation for all Catholics in the United States

Masses will be celebrated on Saturday December 8th 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon

Vigil Mass on Friday December 7th 5:30 pm





“55 Club” Seniors

On Tuesday December 11th following the 12:10pm Mass, we will be hosting our

“55 Club” Senior Luncheon in the Parish Conference Rooms. Join us for a sing-a-long, grab bag and other fun activities !!!!

Please call the parish office at 203-255-1097 by Monday December 10th to RSVP.



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



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| 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 Sciarrillo |
| Romano DeCastro | Margaret Carroll |
| Isabelle Renzulli | Nancy Roche |
| Brendan Maguire | Ryan Kelly |
| Arline Rich | Steven McGuire |

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Vito and Lydia Lacerenza

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Special Intention

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities!)

Parish Support

- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 8,371.25
- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,235.63
- Human Development 2018: \$ 1,653.45
- Human Development 2017: \$ 1,584.00
- Christ the King 2018: \$ 9,840.25
- Christ the King 2017: \$10,372.39
- Thanksgiving 2018 Covenant House: \$ 4,000.00



Thank You!



**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 Ladies Guild
Annual Christmas Dinner**

Is on Tuesday December 4th at 6:00 pm at the LUIGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT,

Menu - Appetizers: Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Salad and Pasta. Entrees: Chicken Marsala; Stuffed Filet of Lemon Sole; Dessert: Toasted Almond Cake or Cannoli Pie. A glass of Wine & Tea/Coffee.

Please RSVP to Bernadette 203-254-7569 by December 3rd.



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



Upcoming Events

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



**Mass Cancellation
Due to Snow**

If Fairfield Schools are Closed or Delayed due to inclement weather our 7:00 am Mass is automatically cancelled

This is to provide for the safety of everyone

**Thank you
Fr. Martin**



Diocesan Youth Choir Sunday December 21st

Join Bishop Caggiano and the Diocesan Youth Choir for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport at 7:30 p.m. on December 21st

Celebrate the Season of Advent and prepare your hearts for Christmas by listening and joining in song. Tickets are general admission and are available online at

<https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation/home>

