

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

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

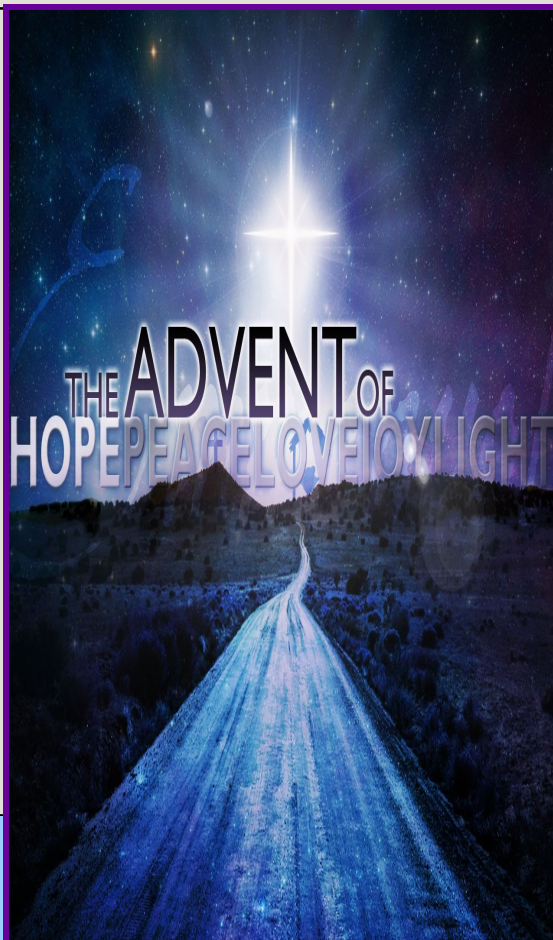
Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski
Priest in Residence

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

**URGENT REQUEST!!!!
HELP SAVE FRED
HAVE A SPARE KIDNEY TO SHARE?**

Fred is a brother of one of our parishioners. He is in need of a living kidney donor. At age 63, he has been a diabetic for the past 61 years and needs a new kidney. Are you interested? Are you Blood type A or O?

If so, please go to the UPMC Transplant Services website, <https://living.donorreg.upmc.com> to complete an initial donor registration form – please list **FRED WEISS** as your donor recipient. The ultimate Gift of Giving.

Thank You. Mary Jo “Weiss” Dunne

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

December 8 to December 16, 2018

Sat.	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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Lewis Casella (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Cynthia Stanco
	12:10 pm	Martha Moriarty
Wed.	7:00 am	Eleanor Dam (1st)
	12:10 pm	Deanna Martin
Thurs.	7:00 am	Bruno Primerano
	12:10 pm	Jerry and Ann Desio
Fri.	7:00 am	6th Anniversary of Sandy Hook
	12:10 pm	Jo Ann Powers
Sat.	1:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Joseph Ostrosky
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Juanita Valdez
	10:30 am	Vito and Lydia Lacerenza
	12:00 Noon	Joseph and Teresa Rabbia



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Isabel Clara Gibbs
Kiernan John Hall
William James Rimassa**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If we are not intentional in making time to prepare, we will find ourselves, before we know it, on the threshold of Christmas, having lost a great opportunity to prepare ourselves to receive the only gift of Christmas that matters- the Lord Himself.

**Bishop Frank Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport, CT.**



Marriage Banns

III. 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
Isabelle Renzulli	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	Ryan Kelly
Arline Rich	Steven McGuire



“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.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Catherine Maguire

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



In Loving Memory of The Durso and Tortorolla Families

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities!)



CHRISTMAS 2018

Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 18^h
7:30 pm

Monday December 24th
7:00 am MASS ONLY

Christmas Eve Masses
Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm Children’s Mass
6:00 pm Children’s Mass
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
11:30 pm Adult Choir Concert
12:00 am - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses
Tuesday, December 25th
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

Wednesday December 26th
No 7:00 am DAILY MASS

Vigil Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God
Monday, December 31st
5:00 pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
New Year’s Day Tuesday, January 1, 2018
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link



**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.

PARRISH SUPPORT

1st Sunday of Advent 2018:	\$10,497.63
1st Sunday of Advent 2017:	\$10,233.05
November Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 1,062.00
November Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 930.00

Thank You!



**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**



**St. Thomas has a web page please visit us
at
Stthomasfairfield.com**



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. 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 13,200 to date. We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies, on the Bulletin Boards in church are the list of items that are needed or visit our web page at stthomasfairfield.com for a list of the items. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley at 203-259-5903.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.
**Marked Care packages for Soldiers.
Thank you and God Bless America!**