

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

Parish /Cemetery Office—203-255-1097 Office Fax—203-256-8177 Email: STTHOAQ@aol.com  
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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://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*

**THE SAVING LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER**

Megan decided to walk home from school and not wait for her dad. She knew the way, and it wasn't too far. Soon rain, lightning and darkness overcame Megan. She was cold, wet and lost. Through her tears, she heard a car horn. It was her father. She expected to be punished for disobeying. Instead her father swooped her up, saying, ***"Here's my little girl. I though I lost you. Let's go home and dry off."***

My friends,

The Advent season is like finding a lost child. Instead of punishment, God shows **JOY** in bringing us home!



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

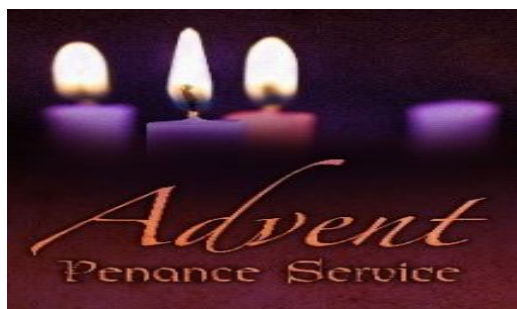
Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Caden James Paquin**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.*

**Pope Francis**



**Tuesday December 18th**

**7:30 pm**



**December 15 to December 23, 2018**

|        |                |                               |
|--------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm        | Joseph Ostrosky               |
| Sun.   | 7:00 am        | For Our Parish Family         |
|        | 9:00 am        | Juanita Valdez                |
|        | 10:30 am       | Vito and Lydia Lacrenea       |
|        | 12:00 Noon     | Joseph and Teresa Rabbia      |
| Mon.   | 7:00 am        | Elizabeth D'Agostino          |
|        | 12:10 pm       | Joan Maney                    |
| Tues.  | 7:00 am        | Allison Steferak (1st)        |
|        | 12:10 pm       | James Hocker                  |
|        | <b>7:30 pm</b> | <b>Advent Penance Service</b> |
| Wed.   | 7:00 am        | John Howard (6th)             |
|        | 12:10 pm       | Joan Maney                    |
| Thurs. | 7:00 am        | David Matis (1st)             |
|        | 12:10 pm       | Bernard Lambert (17th)        |
| Fri.   | 7:00 am        | Samuel Bastien                |
|        | 12:10 pm       | Jack Luby (8th)               |
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm        | John and Olga Smith           |
| Sun.   | 7:00 am        | For Our Parish Family         |
|        | 9:00 am        | James Maisano                 |
|        | 10:30 am       | Arnold and Joan Maney         |
|        | 12:00 Noon     | Mary Cunningham               |



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



**CHRISTMAS 2018**

**Advent Penance Service**  
 Tuesday, December 18<sup>h</sup>  
 7:30 pm

**Monday December 24th**  
 7:00 am MASS ONLY

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 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 25<sup>th</sup>  
 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 31<sup>st</sup>  
 5:00 pm

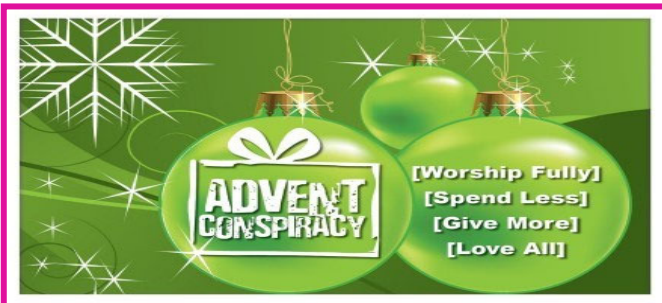
**Feast of Mary, Mother of God**  
 New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1, 2018  
 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon



**Mass of Gratitude**

On Sunday January 13, 2018  
 (Feast of the Baptism of our Lord)  
 at the 9:00 am Mass

We will celebrate our annual Mass of Gratitude. This mass is celebrated for all those who were baptized in the year 2018.



To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class.

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To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Canna Classes [www.bridgeportdiocese.com](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com)



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**

*In Loving memory of Bernard Lambert*



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

*Ann Fenton*



**OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR**

*All those Unemployed  
 (Praying for job opportunities!)*

**Parish Support**

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 2nd Sunday of Advent 2018:      | \$ 9,967.82 |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent 2017:      | \$ 8,656.57 |
| Religious Retirement Fund 2018: | \$ 2,466.70 |
| Religious Retirement Fund 2017: | \$ 2,725.29 |
| Immaculate Conception 2018:     | \$ 1,703.50 |
| Immaculate Conception 2017:     | \$ 1,437.00 |

*Thank You!*



**Believe it or not**

Our Midnight Mass is at 12:00 Midnight! Fr. Martin has celebrated this Christmas Mass for the past 24 years for the Military Men and Women who serve in defense of our American freedom.

*Please join us for our Choir Concert at 11:30 pm followed by the Mass of Midnight*



**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.



**Friday January 18, 2019**

Join fellow parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport on a bus pilgrimage to the March for Life in DC. Buses depart from three locations-Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford. Cost is \$75 pp/rt. Register on line before Jan. 11, 2019 at:

[www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation)



**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



**December News**

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](mailto:Stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**Upcoming Events**

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

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



ALUMNI & FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO OUR

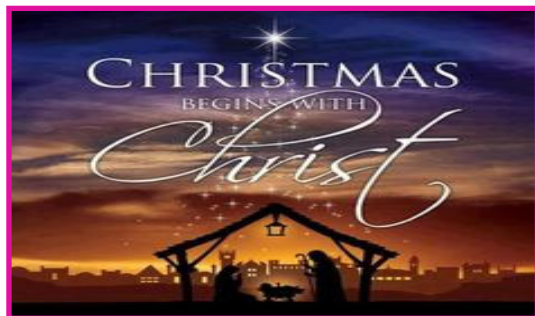
**ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018

9:00am Church Program  
10:00am Reception

Come sing-along to "Happy Birthday Jesus"  
and visit your former classmates & teachers

RSVP [maureen.gore@stasonline.net](mailto:maureen.gore@stasonline.net)



**DID YOU KNOW????**

*The Christmas season begins with the celebration of the Christmas Eve Masses (December 24, 2018) and is extended through the Baptism of the Lord on January 13, 2019*