

**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*



FILL US ALL WITH

Love

**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

**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

**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 LOWLY ARE LIFTED**

Believer's today celebrate Jesus' birth, because these individuals believed God's Holy Word, making Christians everywhere the richest people in the world.

Jesus' followers still are invited to accept this same belief and to let God lift them from lowliness to greatness.

My friends,

The words of Thomas Merton for your reflection:

*"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for Him at all, Christ comes uninvited."*



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)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*How does the birth of Jesus touch your life today?*



**Mass Intentions** FOR THE WEEK

**December 22 to December 30, 2018**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	James B. White Jr.
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Mass</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Mass</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>
	<b>12:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b>
Tues.	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For Our Parish Family</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
Wed.		<b>No 7:00 am Mass</b>
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth D'Agostino
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joseph Waters (57th)
	12:10 pm	Billy Therriault
Fri.	7:00 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	12:10 pm	Mary L. Riley
Sat.	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorrella Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Carey Gilbert
	10:30 am	Mary Cunningham
	12:00 Noon	Donald Bergner

*Prayer Request*

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



**CHRISTMAS 2018**

**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

**ON LINE GIVING**

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

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANFER** 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](http://www.stthomasfairfield.com) and click the On Line Giving link



**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.

Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097 for questions or to RSVP.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**

*James Maisano*



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

*Jack Luby*



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

*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*



**Believe it or not**

Our Midnight Mass is at 12:00 Midnight! Fr. Martin has celebrated this Christmas Mass for the past 24 years as Pastor 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

### 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*



### December News

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)

### ST THOMAS PRAYER LINE

### IS NOW ON EMAIL!

Please email your prayer request to: [stasprayerline@att.net](mailto:stasprayerline@att.net) and place "Prayer Request" in the subject line. If you would like to pray for those in need of prayers, and you have access to email, please place "Prayer Contact" in the subject line and we will email you prayers requests as they are received. If you do not have email or if you have any questions, please call Catherine in the Parish office 203-255-1097.

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**Web Page for St .Thomas Aquinas:**

**[Stthomasfairfeild.com](http://Stthomasfairfeild.com)**

**St. Thomas is on Facebook**

**[www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield](http://www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield)**

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### 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.