

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

RESUME THE CONVERSION

It happens all the time. The younger generation departs from traditional ways, while the older one wrings its hands and predicts the end of the world.

Kids are abandoning our values, mistrusting our institutions, taking terrible risks, and setting out in dark direction!

Without a doubt, the turnover of each generation is the end of “a” world – that is, the one the rest of us knew, built, and got comfortable in.

My friends,

Each family has to keep the lines of communication open, so that wisdom gets passed on and change becomes less scary.

Holy families keep the conversation going!



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Adrianna Noelle Papcoda**
- Charlie Mac Eidell**
- Kaylee Shaye McMullen**
- Marcello William Sampieri**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you ever thanked the Lord for the gifts you received from your family?



**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, 2019
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon



Holy Hour
Come spend time in
the presence of Jesus.

**Friday January 4th
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**



December 29, 2018 to January 6, 2019

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Kristen Willer
	12:10 pm	Thomas S. Lawrence
	5:00 pm	The Rielly Family
Tues.	8:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	10:00 am	Paul Cannon
	12:00 pm	Arthur Reynolds
Wed.		No 7:00 am Mass
	12:10 pm	Joseph Driscoll
Thurs.	7:00 am	Colleen N. Carolan
	12:10 pm	Jacinta Zapanta
Fri.	7:00 am	Rev. Gerald Devore
	8:15 am	James Podgers
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
	6:30 pm	Holy Hour
Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Luz Hart
	10:30 am	Carey Gilbert
	12 :00 Noon	Anthony Oricoli (1st)



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 Joseph Meeker

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



In Love Memory of The Rielly Family

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



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



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



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**



Fr. Martin extends thanks to all who helped with providing items for the Giving Tree. We were able to help many organizations in our area this **Christmas**. Thank you also to the Youth Group for all their hard work!!

A word of Special Thanks to..... The Christmas Mass Committee and all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageants along with David Harris, St. Thomas Adult and Chapel Choir, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers, Maintenance Workers and Parish Staff.

THANK YOU THANK YOU



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.

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

Parish Support

3rd Sunday of Advent 2018:	\$ 9,586.00
3rd Sunday of Advent 2017:	\$ 13,410.00

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.



January News

- Wed. Jan 2nd: Classes Resume
- Thur. Jan. 10: Grade 2 Plate Day (Snow date 1/17)
- Mon. Jan. 14th: Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat
No Class for Grades 6 and 7
- Mon. Jan 21st: **No Class– Martin Luther King**

PLEASE NOTE:

When Fairfield Schools are closed

CCD classes are automatically canceled.

For information on weather related cancellations

**TV Channel 3, Channel 8, or Channel 12
and ctweather.com**

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



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.



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

“The 55+ Club” Seniors



There will be **No Meetings** in the Months of January and February. Look for March Meeting

information in future Bulletins.



January News

Sunday, January 6: Meeting from 6-8pm (Epiphany Celebration!)

Sunday, January 13: Meeting from 6-8pm (The Baptism of the Lord)

Stay tuned for the meeting schedule after the Nayden's welcome baby number #2!

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will receive a contribution statement for tax purposes by the end of January 2018. Thank you!!.

Women’s Literacy Program Seeks Volunteer Tutors!

Mercy Learning Center Inc. located at 637 Park Ave. Bpt. is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners, as well as reading and math in its one-on-one or small group tutoring program. Tutors meet with their students at the Center twice weekly, for two hours each session. The Center is open Monday to Friday between 8:00am -5:00pm. Over 900 students benefited from the MLC tutoring program last year.

A one day training session is required for all new tutors, teaching experience is not necessary.

A training session will take place on Jan. 18th or Jan. 25th , 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch is provided.

For more information or to register for a training session please contact Regina Wren 203-334-6699