

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

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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*

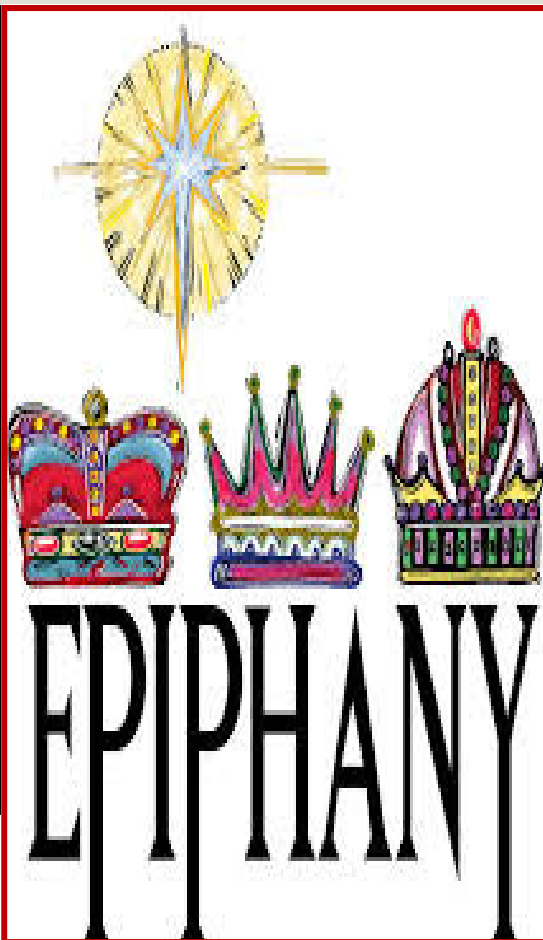
**Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski**  
*Priest in Residence*

**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*

**Ms. Jo Ann Mathieson**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Robert and Jessica Nayden**  
*RCIA Coordinator*

**Jean Correa**  
*Parish Accountant*  
203-255-1097

**Mr. Richard Miller**  
*Parish Advisory Bd. Chair*  
203-259-0824

**Mr. 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*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This year we celebrate the Epiphany on its traditional day, as January 6 happens to fall on a Sunday. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands.

With their arrival, Jesus is now manifest to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to manifest Christ in our own lives so others can realize the **Good News** wherever we go!



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.bridgediocese.com](http://www.bridgediocese.com)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*To whom do I pay homage???*  
*Are they worthy of my respect???*



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.



January 5 to January 13, 2019

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Barbara Fitzgerald
	12:10 pm	Sally Mercurio Ward
Tues.	7:00 am	Albert Wassell
	12:10 pm	Daniel and Rosita Concepcion
Wed.	7:00 am	Louis L. Ceruzzi
	12:10 pm	Alicia Begue
Thurs.	7:00 am	Connie Sartorio
	12:10 pm	Jacqueline Kowalewski
Fri.	7:00 am	Wilfred F. Layton
	12:10 pm	Jack Lausten
Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	<b>Mass of Gratitude</b>
		Jack and Mary Lee
	10:30 am	Robert J. Miller ( 21st)
	12 :00 Noon	Arthur Reynolds



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

**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



**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School  
Open House on  
Sunday, January 27th  
10:00am to Noon**

Faculty and staff, together with current parents and students, will be available for tours and conversation. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School educating Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 for over 90 years! Questions please contact the school office at 203-255-0556 or visit the school's website at

[www.stasonline.net](http://www.stasonline.net)



January Meeting is on  
Tuesday 15th at 6:00pm Parish Center.

(In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. Information will be posted on the Parish web site.)

We will be conducting our annual **'Baby Shower'**. The proceeds will support Salvation Army, Mother Teresa and Sr. Teresa Trembley's missions in Bridgeport. New and lightly used goods & toiletries are welcome. **No strollers, bedding, or car seats are accepted.**

Thank you for your continued support. Questions please call Bernadette 203 254 7569.

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will receive a contribution statement for tax purposes by the end of January 2019. Thank you!!.



**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)

**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*

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**



**THIS WEEK**

*Paul Landry*

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



*In Loving Memory of Michael Murphy*

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



*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*



### 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.

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**\*\*Special Note\*\***

Columbiettes Meetings for January and February  
Will be held on the following Saturday Afternoons  
January 19, 2019  
February 16, 2019

### 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

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### “The 55+ Club” Seniors

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

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### MOTHER’S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday (starting September 15th) during the school year in the Chapel/Cry Room of the church at 8:30am. The Prayer group is open to all Parish and School Mothers. Any questions please contact Renee at 203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.



### January News

- 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**

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### 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](mailto:Stthoaqccd@aol.com)



### 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](mailto: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**