

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

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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*

**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.

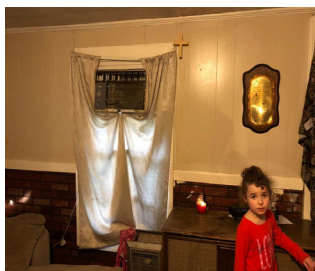
# THANK YOU

Father Martin,

I hope this email finds you doing well! This is Marybeth Adkins, from the shelter in Virginia. There are no words that I could write to you that would even come close to convey our gratitude to you and the congregation of St. Thomas for their generosity of the items on the trucks and the financial donation. For my staff and I we see first hand the impact it makes for the people we serve and help. The people of St. Thomas don't receive the hug, a smile, a tear, or a thank you from someone who has been given food because they had none, clothing because they had none, or a couch to sleep on because they had none. The impact of your congregation has truly blessed the people we serve and it has blessed my staff because they know the hard work that goes into the trucks and people's financial tidings.

Our work at the shelter continues to stay busy due to the opioid crisis, unemployment, and poverty here but we take each day as it comes and pray we make a difference. I wanted to share (I have permission) that the day after we unloaded the trucks, we took a couch to a family who was sleeping on the floor that we had assisted with food. While many people will look at the picture and notice the conditions of the home, the first thing we notice was that Ellie didn't hold her head down this time and kind of smiled because we brought some toys and clothes and a place for her family to sleep. We were also able to give them rugs to cover the flooring and provide wood to fix the floor with donated labor. This is just one of the many many things we have been able to help with. If you show this picture, your congregation is responsible for the smile!

May God Bless you all in the New Year with love, happiness and good health! Thank you St. Thomas for your blessings upon the people of Southwest Virginia! **Marybeth**



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

January 12 to January 20, 2019

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Peter, Lillian, & Joseph Dell'Aera
	12:10 pm	Bryan Gallace (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Lothar Stiberth (1st)
	12:10 pm	Josefina Fonseca (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary Driggs
	12:10 pm	Bruce Moore (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Mary Ann Pitofsky
	12:10 pm	Joseph A. Driscoll
Fri.	7:00 am	Lola Pecor
	12:10 pm	Ryan C. Brennan
Sat.	5:00 pm	Anne Leeber McCaffrey
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Catherine Kolenda
	10:30 am	Martha Moriarty
	12:00 Noon	Henry Burton-Waites (1st)

## 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
Fr. Michael Bachman	



**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)



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Aria Marie Chickery**

**Adult Religious Education**



Do you really "believe?" You say you "believe" every Sunday as you recite the Creed. But do you know what you're saying you "believe" in? Do the truths of the faith - listed in the Creed - really permeate your life? Learn how these ancient truths contain the promise of peace, joy and happiness for our lives. We will begin our 12-week journey on Wednesday, January 23rd, 7pm in the Religious Education Room in the Parish Center.

Hope you will join us!

Questions and to RSVP contact Jennifer Romano at her email : [stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com)

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"The day when a person is baptized is more important than the day when a person is ordained a priest or a bishop."*

**Rev. Raymond E. Brown S.S.**



**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 by Jan. 13, 2019 at:

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

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**



**THIS WEEK**

*Karen Pawloski*

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



**Ward Strang**

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



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

**Parish Support**

**FYI: 1643 Registered Parish Families**

4th Sunday of Advent 2018:	\$ 10,178.55
4th Sunday of Advent 2017:	\$ 9,916.00
Christmas Day 2018:	\$ 82,192.00
Christmas Day 2017:	\$ 70,762.00
Christmas Flowers 2018:	\$ 1,827.00
Christmas Flowers 2017:	\$ 1,941.00
Holy Family 2018:	\$ 7,933.75
Holy Family 2017:	\$ 9,038.41
Solemnity of Mary 2019:	\$ 3,288.00
Solemnity of Mary 2018:	\$ 3,039.00
Epiphany 2019:	\$ 8,844.73
Epiphany 2018:	\$ 8,833.00
December Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 935.00
December Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 2,468.00

*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.

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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



### January News

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 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)



### “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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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
"coffee 'an" is Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the

9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



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 call Bernadette 203 254 7569.



### 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**

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