

**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  
Religious Education Office—203-255-1984 School—203-255-0556 Youth Ministry—203-256-8962  
St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net  
Web page: 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*

**MIRACLE OF MIRACLES**

Rumor had it that a great prophet had risen up among a people who lived in a place far removed from the civilized world. An American TV News team was sent out to do a story on this person . When they breached their destination, they were greeted by a disciple of the great prophet. “Tell the rest of the world,” said one of the TV reporters, “what miracle has your Master worked lately?” To which the disciple replied, “Well, there are miracles, and then there are miracles. In your land, it is regarded as a miracle if God does someone’s will. In our land, it is regarded as a miracle if someone does the Will of God.”

**DeMello, A., “One Minute Wisdom”**



**January 19 to January 27, 2019**

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Carole Viola
	12:10 pm	Patrick Ferguson
Tues.	7:00 am	Catherine Dunne
	12:10 pm	Donald Logan (11th)
Wed.	7:00 am	Jane Lehaney
	12:10 pm	Ben Hess
Thurs.	7:00 am	Vilma Guerrero
	12:10 pm	Ludivicia Zapanta
Fri.	7:00 am	John R. Leverty (1st)
	12:10 pm	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo
Sat.	5:00 pm	Martha McCullough Moriarty
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Herbert Smith
	10:30 am	Christopher Bowley (17th)
	12 :00 Noon	Nancy Hatton



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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**

*“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that our aim is too low and we reach it.”*

**Michelangelo (c. 1500)**

**The Parish and Religious Education Offices**

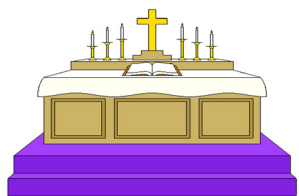
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**Monday January 21, 2019**

**For the Martin Luther King Holiday**



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 Altar Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to clean altar linens and dust and sweep the sanctuary and sacristy twice a month for one hour. Any time you can give will be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish office at 203-255-1097.

Something for **EVERYONE!**


### “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 Next 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!!!**




**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Open House Next 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)

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**  
*Sally Gore*

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

**OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR**  
*All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities!)*



**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)

**MOTHER’S PRAYER GROUP**

The group meets every Wednesday 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.

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Summary of the End of 2018 Statements for tax purposes were mailed on Friday Jan. 11th.

If you have any questions or did not receive one by January 25th please contact Catherine in the Parish Office 203-255-1097.

**Parish Support**

Baptism of the Lord 2019:	\$ 10,304.07
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**Electronic Giving**

October 2018:	\$ 7,388
November 2018:	\$ 8,169
December 2018:	\$ 7,406

*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 Meeting for February will be held on the following Saturday Afternoon

February 16, 2019



### January News

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)



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### Starry Night A Roaring '20s Soirée

**Friday, April 5, 2019**

Please join the friends of Caroline House for an evening of cocktails, dinner, live & silent auctions, music & dancing.

Caroline House Award Recipients:  
The Honorable Dan Caruso (posthumously) and The Staples Service League of Boys (S.L.O.B.S.)

To register, donate or sponsor contact Christine Paine at [cpaine@thecarolinehouse.org](mailto:cpaine@thecarolinehouse.org)

### 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**

### 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. 25th, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch is provided.

For more information or to register please contact Regina Wren 203-334-6699