

**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*

**THINK OF IT!**

We find our strength by rejoicing in the Lord. We are Christ's Body *today*. Christ came to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free.

My Friends of the New Year!!!

This is a challenge for us, but it is a challenge we can all handle. When we sit back and think of all the ways God has been generous with us – bringing us family, comfort, music, education of any kind, talents, friendships, good times – we surely can rejoice and find strength to carry on.

When we are facing difficulty in employment, education, or trial of any kind, we can remember that we are all members of Christ's Body.

We are not and are never alone. We together making up Christ's Body and Christ is always with us. When we remember this, we have reason to rejoice!

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

**January 26 to February 3, 2019**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	James Hanophy
	12:10 pm	Mary Mona Driggs
Tues.	7:00 am	Brian Gaffney
	12:10 pm	John Stein (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Christine Stover
	12:10 pm	Francis X Edwards
Thurs.	7:00 am	Barbara Bentsen
	12:10 pm	Daniel Grouden
Fri.	7:00 am	Victor L. Martin (20th)
	8:15 am	Margaret Martire (3rd)
	12:10 pm	Dorothy M Fodor (20th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	John and Susan Antonicelli
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Margaret Martire
	10:30 am	Tim and Kim Donnelly
	12 :00 Noon	James Podgers (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	



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**

*“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried.”*

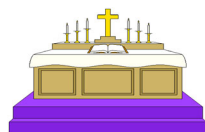
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**Catholic Schools Second Collection**

Next Weekend February 2nd and 3rd there will be a second collection at all the masses. Please help support our own Parish Catholic School.

**Thank you!**



**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.

***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 the Parish office 203-255-1097.

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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.

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**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.



**Next Weekend  
February 2nd and February 3rd  
Annual "Souper" Bowl Weekend**

On Super Bowl Weekend, Youth Ministry will be collecting donations after all the Masses for the Annual "Souper Bowl" of Caring Collection that will benefit the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport.

***Thank you in advance for all of your support!!***



**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**



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**

***In Loving Memory of Ryan C. Brennan***



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

***In Loving Memory of  
John and Susan Antonicelli***



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

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

**Parish Support  
Storm Weekend**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$5,818.75

***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

## YOUTH GROUP



### CONVIVIO March 1-3, 2019 Sacred Heart University

A weekend high school conference where students from grades 9 through 12 come together to reflect upon contemporary society, to share their experiences, thoughts, interests, and to propose explanations and answers to the problems and challenges that we experience in today's world. **The cost of Convivio is \$65 and it includes:** Entrance to Conference sessions, Convivio book, and materials for all the small group discussions. Dinner on Friday, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. Saturday Night Party and more! To sign up or more info: [connecticut@convivio.org](mailto:connecticut@convivio.org)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at [StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



### February and March News

Mon. Feb. 18th: **No Class– Presidents Day**

Mon. Feb. 25th: 8th Grade Penance Service-Church  
**No Class for Grades 6 and 7**

Wed. Feb. 27th: Confirmation Practice Child Only  
Group 1: 5:00pm –6:00pm; Group 2: 6:15-7:15pm

Fri. March 1st: Confirmation Practice Child/Sponsor  
Group 1: 5:00pm –6:00pm; Group 2: 6:15-7:15pm

Sat. March 2nd: Confirmation 11:00am and 2:00pm

Wed. March 6th: Ash Wednesday: Ashes distributed in the classroom.

**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)



### Care Packages for Soldiers

Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 13,000 to date.

We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley **203-259-5903**. Bulletins boards in the church have lists of items that are needed.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

**Thank you and God Bless America!**



### “The 55+ Club” Seniors

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