

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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

TAKE THE LEAP OF FAITH

In one guidebook, the place was oddly listed as the “Mount of Hurling.” While that sounds like a site for over eager partygoers, Mount Precipice, as it’s more widely known, is a hill overlooking Nazareth where Jesus almost met an early end.

Citizens of his hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved his point by attempting to run him off a cliff.

My friends,

Telling the truth rarely makes us popular. It can even be dangerous. **TAKE THE PLUNGE!**



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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Yes, I have many human faults and failures. But God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be his love and his compassion in the world.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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**



February 2 to February 10, 2019

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | John and Susan Antonicelli |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For Our Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | Margaret Martire (3rd) |
| | 10:30 am | Tim and Kim Donnelly |
| | 12:00 Noon | James Podgers (1st) |
| Mon. | 7:00 am | Florence Pirozzoli (1st) |
| | 12:10 pm | Helen M. Hazay (1st) |
| Tues. | 7:00 am | Elizabeth D’Agostino |
| | 12:10 pm | Joseph and Teresa Rabbia |
| Wed. | 7:00 am | Teddy Gerber |
| | 12:10 pm | Dorothy M Fodor |
| Thurs. | 7:00 am | Marie Ann Dunleavy |
| | 12:10 pm | Linda Crowley (1st) |
| Fri. | 7:00 am | Kathe Dunne (4th) |
| | 12:10 pm | Frances Hessel & Ellen Bachelor |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Dorothy Y Davis (64th) |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | Daniel Landry |
| | 9:00 am | Tom Pellicano |
| | 10:30 am | Edward O’Sullivan (2nd) |
| | 12 :00 Noon | Martin and Mary Monahan |



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| 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 |
| Ana Iris Tappia | 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 | |

ladies

guild

The Ladies Guild meeting followed by 'Bingo' is scheduled for February 26, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

A donation of \$3 per person to defray the cost is suggested. Please save the date and plan on attending this fun filled evening with a friend. Please bring in nonperishable food items to support our local Operation Hope food pantry. Meeting is contingent on weather condition.

Thank you sincerely for supporting our 'Baby Shower.' The proceeds supported Mother Teresa, Sister Teresa and Salvation Army missions.

Upcoming Events:

Save the dates:

March 20th Lenten Preparation.
April 6th and 7th Annual Bake Sale

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link



This Weekend is the 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!!

Something for
EVERYONE!

"The 55+ Club" Seniors

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

Mass Of Healing And Hope Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 PM St. Joseph Church 8 Robinson -Danbury

The Most Rev. Frank Caggiano, together with a planning committee of Survivors of Sexual Abuse as Minors by Priests, will hold a very special Mass for anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor and for others who have been impacted.

If you are an adult survivor of sexual abuse as a minor or a family member of a survivor and you would like to learn more about the Mass, and other resources that are available in our Diocese, please contact one of our Victim Assistance Coordinators, Erin Neil, L.C.S.W., (203) 650-3265 or Michael Tintrup, L.C.S.W. (203) 241-0987. We hope to hear from you, you are very important to us.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**

Patricia O'Malley

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



Daniel Landry



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

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

PARISH SUPPORT

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| 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: | \$ 9,664.40 |
| 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: | \$ 8,834.06 |
| Church in Latin America 2019: | \$ 1,989.15 |
| Church in Latin America 2018: | \$ 2,524.88 |

Thank You!



**Knights of Columbus
Fr Coleman Council
Council 2616
1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree**

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.

****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

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



February and March News

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

Mon. Feb. 25th: 8th Grade Penance Service **7:00 pm** in 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: 4:15pm to 5:15pm.

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 Stthoqccd@aol.com



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
February "coffee 'an" is Sunday
February 24th in the Parish
Center Conference Rooms

following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

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.

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.