

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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



World Marriage Day

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

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

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

AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER!

Who's willing to embrace a calling that requires boundless courage, oceans of trust, the skills of a diplomat, and the capacity to forgive 70 times seven times – weekly???

That calling is marriage, which we celebrate this World Marriage Day. A brief romance can be like doggy-paddling around the matter of commitment before getting out and toweling off, whereas getting married is like diving into the deep end of the pool of love.

My friends, We have to be all in, knot-tied and fortunes joined, before the genuine work of love can begin.

Take time to salute the boldly married today!

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

February 9 to February 17, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	Dorothy Y. Davies (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
Mon.	7:00 am	Mary D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Daniel F. Caruso
Tues.	7:00 am	Virginia Ercolino
	12:10 pm	James and Jane Lehaney
Wed.	7:00 am	Joseph, Alice, Peter Scarafile
	12:10 pm	Roger Festa
Thurs.	7:00 am	Claire Martin
	12:10 pm	James V. Edwards
Fri.	7:00 am	Charles Rohrmann
	12:10 pm	Sandra Lausten
Sat.	5:00 pm	Frank Slovensky
Sun.	7:00 am	Margaret Holloran
	9:00 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	10:30 am	Charles Anthony McNelis
	12 :00 Noon	James and Jane Lehaney



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

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	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Golden jubilarian husband's advice for happy marriage. 'When your wife isn't speaking to you, just don't interrupt.'



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish "coffee 'an" for February is on Sunday February 24th, in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 & 10:30 AM.

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



**Bridgeport Diocese
Upcoming Events**

FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Bishop Caggiano has announced the Family Bible Challenge and is looking for 1,000 families to join him in engaging with Scripture this Lent. Every family will receive up to two Bibles, a weekly passage to read and reflect upon as a family, and an invitation to play online trivia each week. Sign up or more information please visit: www.formationreimagined.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

Spend some time walking the footsteps of Jesus, by joining the diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land from July 18-27. Study Sacred Scripture at the famed Ecole biblique in Jerusalem and travel chronologically through the life of Christ. The pilgrimage is open to anyone between the ages of 19-35. For more email : institute@diobpt.org or 203-416-1657

HEALING AND ANOINTING MASS

Saturday April 6th at 11:00am
St. Francis Assisi Church in Weston

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano, for more information or questions 203-419-1670 or officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



Peter McGonagle

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



Patrick Marsden

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



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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2019 FISH FRY**

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd
4:30- 7:00pm Parish Center

Volunteers are needed contact Tammy

Questions or to volunteer, Tammy Julian at 203-314-4423 or by email at tmbjbj@aol.com



PARISH SUPPORT

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019:	\$ 10,480.00
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 8,513.29
Catholic Schools 2019:	\$ 1,981.60
Catholic Schools 2018:	\$ 2,814.50
“Souper Bowl” 2019:	\$ 1,000.00
“Souper Bowl” 2018:	\$ 1,000.00

Thank You!

ladies



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. This is a fun filled evening with friends. Please bring in nonperishable food items to support our local Operation Hope food pantry. Meeting is contingent on weather condition. Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569.

Mark you calendars for the following events:

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



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**



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.

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 **7:00pm** in the 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 Stthoaqccd@aol.com

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Schedule:

No Meetings on February 10th or 17th

Sun. Feb 24: Sunday Meeting from 6-8pm

Fri. Mar.1: First Friday Holy Hour 6:30-7:30pm

Weekend of March 1, 2, 3- Convivio at Sacred Heart University (no meeting- please attend Convivio!!)

Sun. Mar. 10: Sunday Meeting from 6-8pm

Sun. Mar. 17: No Meeting, St Patrick's Day

Sun. Mar.24: Sunday Meeting from 6-8pm

Sun. Mar.31: Sunday Meeting from 6-8pm

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“The 55+ Club” Seniors

There will be **No Meetings** in the Month of February.

Look for March Meeting information in future Bulletins.