

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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

GOOD NEWS IN BAD TIMES

Forget the headlines for a blessed minute. Stop attending to pop-up dramas of breaking stories, and avert your eyes from news flashes that dazzle with the world's misery and villainy. We know human nature like the back of our hands, because we know the contents of our own hearts: how petty we can be, how self-serving and critical.

My friends,

The difference between the evil geniuses of the globe and us is often a matter of reach and opportunity, or one too many grievances that finally topple our humanity and make the descent to darkness all the more compelling. Resist self-righteousness!



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently baptized.

Michael Thomas Lagarce

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"GOD WANTS OUR INFINITE DESIRE"

St. Catherine of Siena

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.

The Parish and Religious Offices will be closed on

Monday February 18th for the President's Holiday.



February 16 to February 24, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	Frank Slovensky
Sun.	7:00 am	Margaret Halloran
	9:00 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	10:30 am	Charles Anthony McNelis
	12:00 Noon	James and Jane Lechaney
Mon.	7:00 am	Peter Barry
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth D'Agostino
Tues.	7:00 am	Peter Barry
	12:10 pm	Edward and Jean Riley
Wed.	7:00 am	Margaret Mary Camillo
	12:10 pm	George Golaszewski
Thurs.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Alfred Lenoci Jr.
Fri.	7:00 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12:10 pm	Margaret Krotki
Sat.	5:00 pm	Allison Napolitano
Sun.	7:00 am	Eileen Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Anne Dreyer
	10:30 am	Grace Dannhardt
	12 :00 Noon	Rose Murren (1st)



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	John Lengen
Joseph Sciarrillo	Romano DeCastro
Margaret Carroll	Isabelle Renzulli
Nancy Roche	Brendan Maguire
Ryan Kelly	Arline Rich
Steven McGuire	Fr. Michael Bachman



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: \$ 9,717.05
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,485.10

Thank You!

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Eileen Fitzpatrick

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

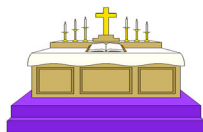


The McCauley and Rielly Families

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



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



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.



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



**Bridgeport Diocese
Upcoming Events**

**2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass
and Concert**

On Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. A reception will follow after the concert. Space is limited please RSVP by April 25th to the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 or at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

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



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.



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



The Ladies Guild meeting followed by 'Bingo' is scheduled for Feb. 26th, 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



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



Upcoming Schedule:

No Meetings on February 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

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



“The 55+ Club” Seniors

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