

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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

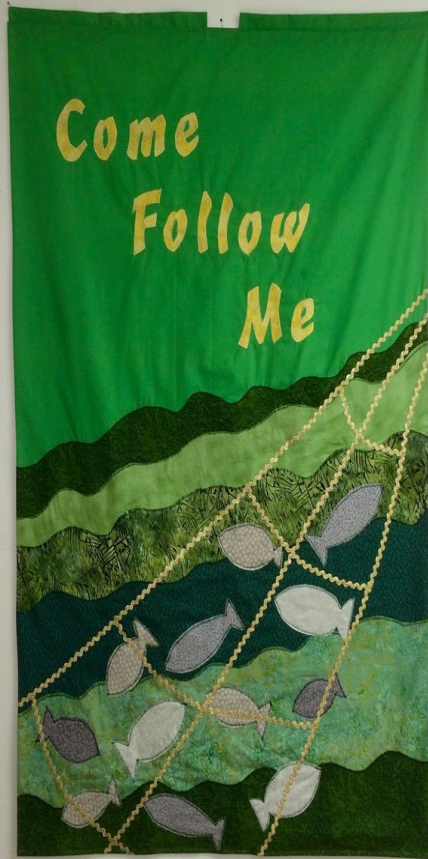
Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski
Priest in Residence

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

LOVE YOUR ENEMY WITHIN

Love of others breaks down when we cannot love ourselves. In each of us there are things we do not appreciate and may actively abhor.

Family life offers a place where we can learn some valuable lessons about self-acceptance despite our imperfections. If I can so readily love my daughters with all their foibles, how much more can God cherish them (and me) despite our sins?

My friends,

Love is like a river. Don't stop the flow of love because you are unworthy. Heck, we're all unworthy. The good news is that God sees that and loves us anyway. Should we do less???



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Harper Rose Sullivan
Emily Marie Masone**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"...Let us show mercy to the sick and the needy, even our enemies, and practice faithfulness by refraining from sin."

St. Augustine (354-430)



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



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish "coffee an" **This** 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!!!



February 23 to March 2, 2019

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Jean McCluskey
	12:10 pm	Daniel F. Caruso (1st)
	7:00 pm	8th Grade Penance Service
Tues.	7:00 am	Kenneth & Hildegard Spigarolo
	12:10 pm	Ann M. Black
Wed.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Anne Spurr
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ryan Charles Brennan
	12:10 pm	Janet Coolis (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Stan Wolpiuk
	8:15 am	Mona Driggs
	12:10 pm	Dolores Derita (1st)
Sat.	11:00 am	Confirmation
	2:00 pm	Confirmation
	5:00 pm	Joan E. Beurer (4th)
Sun.	7:00 am	Evelyn Prochniak
	9:00 am	Daniel Caruso
	10:30 am	Delores Derita
	12 :00 Noon	Frances Carrie



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
Msgr. Martin Ryan	

Something for
EVERYONE!

“The 55+ Club” Seniors

Lenten Lunch and Lenten Reflection Meeting

The First Meeting of the Season will be on Tuesday April 9th following the 12:10pm Mass. The meeting will be held in our Parish Conference Rooms. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.



**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 at cpaine@thecarolinehouse.org

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



Pope Francis

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



For Victims of Human Trafficking

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

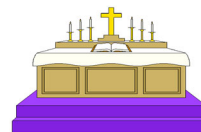


*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities!)*

PARISH SUPPORT

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$ 8,273.97
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,258.40

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 .



**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



**BABY
CHANGING TABLE**

Many thanks to our Ladies Guild for providing a baby changing table, with changing pad and disposable liners in the restroom in the front vestibule of our church.

I'm sure parents will be most appreciative for this added addition of comfort.

Daily Lenten Gospel Reflections

Full Gospel readings for each day of Lent 2019
A short reflection from Bishop Barron
Journal pages and reflection questions included
for each day.

Stations of the Cross reflections written by
Bishop Barron.

Prayerful way to move through the Holy Season of Lent.

Get them early as supplies are limited.
Provided by the Saint John Paul II Fund
for Faith Formation.

Free copies will be at the entrances of the church!



**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



Upcoming Schedule:

- Sun. Feb 24: Sunday Meeting from 6-8pm
- Weekend of March 1, 2, 3- Convivio at Sacred Heart University (no meeting-)
- 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



February and March News

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



**Bridgeport Diocese
Upcoming Events**

2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass & 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. Please RSVP by April 25th to the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 or at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

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