

**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*



**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*



***Congratulations to all our 8th Grades Students from the Parish and the School who were Confirmed this Saturday March 2nd with Bishop Caggiano.***

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My friends,

Lent 2019 begins this coming week. Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of 40 days of prayer-fasting and changing hearts to the truth-namely God's truth. May this holy season be a blessing for your life!

**Mass Intentions** FOR THE WEEK

**March 2 to March 10, 2019**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joan E. Beurer (4th)
Sun.	7:00 am	Evelyn Prochniak
	9:00 am	Daniel Caruso
	10:30 am	Dolores Derita
	12:00 Noon	Frances Carrie
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Anne Dreyer (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Peggy Krotki
	12:10 pm	Annie Fuller
Wed.	7:00 am	Nancy Stanco (8th)
	8:15 am	Geraldine Redmond
	12:10 pm	Mary Driggs (1st)
	4:00 pm	Word Service with Ashes
	5:00 pm	Alfred Dellaera
	7:30 pm	Rose-Marie Wilson
Thurs.	7:00 am	Teresa Veronesi
	12:10 pm	Barbara Dicocco
Fri.	7:00 am	James White (1st)
	12:10 pm	Mary Mona Driggs
Sat.	5:00 pm	Frank Slovensky
Sun.	7:00 am	Andrew J. Gilbride (1st)
	9:00 am	Mary Goode (1st)
	10:30 am	Dolores Derita
	12 :00 Noon	Mary Driggs

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Benjamin Edward Meehan**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"The food of real love is sacrifice."*

**St. Therese of Lisieux**



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	

**Wednesday March 6th**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
LENT BEGINS**

**Ashes distributed during each of the Masses**

**Masses:**

**7:00 am, 8:15 am, 12:10 Noon,  
5:00 pm and 7:30 pm**

**Liturgy of the Word/Ashes at 4:00 pm**



*The Season of Lent*



### Lenten Regulations Laws of Fast

Those who are over 18 years of age, but not yet over 59 years of age, are obliged to observe the law of fast. On days of fast, those bound by the law, are limited to a single full meal. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these meals should not equal another full meal. There are two prescribed days of fast: **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

### Laws of Abstinence

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law, abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. **Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.**

### Lenten Discipline

**No Catholic** will hold himself or herself lightly excused from the law of fast and abstinence.

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### Loaves & Fishes Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday

The annual Lenten campaign to feed the hungry, "**Loaves & Fishes**," takes place in all parishes throughout Lent. Catholic Charities and other agencies benefit from these funds that serve over 800,000 meals to the poor and homeless of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Loaves & Fishes is a major source of support for our soup kitchens and feeding programs and we urge you to participate.

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### Stations of the Cross

Our Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:00pm (starting March 8th) during the Holy Season of Lent.

### PARISH SUPPORT

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$ 6,368.70

*Thank You!*

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



*In Loving Memory of Natalie Gregorio*

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



*Our Confirmation Students*

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



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



Friday March 22nd  
*4:30-7:00pm Dine In*

*Take out (Drop in or call ahead)*

*\*No Take Out Orders after 6:00pm\**

*Cash Only*

*Adult Dinners: \$15*

*Baked or Fried Cod, Fried, w/choice of 2 sides:  
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, or  
Clam Chowder plus one dessert and a beverage*

*Children Dinners: \$8*

*Macaroni & Cheese w/a dinner roll; plus one  
dessert and a beverage*

*New England Clam Chowder Only*

*Cup \$5/Pint \$8/Quart \$15*

*Beverages included with dinner:*

*Water, Coffee and Soda*

*Take Out Phone Number: 203-314-4423*

*Orders will be accepted on the day of the dinner  
from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.*

*All take out orders must be picked up by 6:30 p.m.*

Questions? Please contact Tammy Julian at  
203-314-4423 or by email at [tmbjbj@aol.com](mailto:tmbjbj@aol.com)

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**Volunteers Needed for the Fish Fry Dinners**

If you are interested please contact  
Tammy Julian @ 203-314-4423



**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.

**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, copies will be at the entrances of the church. Provided by the Saint John Paul II Fund for Faith Formation.



**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 &50 plus 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](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation)  
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**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](mailto:officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org)



**March News**

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](mailto:Stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**Upcoming Schedule:**

- 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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



**“The 55+ Club” Seniors  
Lenten Lunch/ and  
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.



**MASS READERS ARE  
NEEDED**

The Reader is a vital role in the Celebration of Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.