

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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St. Thomas Prayer Line: email [staprayerline@att.net](mailto:staprayerline@att.net)

**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*

**THE ONE TRUE GOD!**

The Bible reminds us that Satan is “a liar and the Father of lies” found in (Jn 8:44). He suckers us in with lies and twisted half-truths. Yet I often feel that the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries must be a very relaxing time for the devil, as we do so much of his work for him.

My friends of Lent,

Today’s scriptures invite us to use our Lenten desert days to face our own discernment, searching always for the truth of a God who loves and redeems us in the very midst of our sinfulness. In fact, we might adapt a motto that has been used over the years to advertise many products, including gourmet chocolates, luxury automobiles and overnight delivery services,

***“The one true God – accept no substitutes!”***



**Mass Intentions** FOR THE WEEK

**March 9 to March 17, 2019**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Margaret Howard (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Carol Maloney
	12:10 pm	James Toomey (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Daniel and Ellen O’Shea
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
Thurs.	7:00 am	Anne Fenton
	12:10 pm	Anne Leeber McCaffrey
Fri.	7:00 am	Catherine Wylie
	12:10 pm	Edna Waters (46th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Trudy Lambert (13th)
Sun.	7:00 am	Michael Duffy
	9:00 am	Sam Sullivan
	10:30 am	Bennet Hess (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	James Podgers

*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	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	

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Alexander Miller Leone  
Hunter Daniel Sharkey**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

**1 John 1:9**



**Stations of the Cross**

Our Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:00pm during the Holy Season of Lent.



**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**



Please know we will begin accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia on the following Saturdays: March 30th, April 6th and 13th between the hours of 9-12 in our church basement.

The packing of the trucks will be on Saturday April 27th.

You may also “drop off” at the church back door on the rectory side during the time of parish office hours (9-3) Monday thru Thursday.

If you need a pick up for your donations or would like to volunteer please call the parish office at 203-255-1097.



**Loaves & Fishes 2019 Campaign**

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. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



***In Loving Memory of Trudy Lambert***

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



***Peter McGonagle***

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



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



**“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.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time 2019:	\$ 15,853.00
First Offering 2019:	\$ 1,255.00
First Offering 2018:	\$ 708.00
January Capital Fund 2019:	\$ 811.00
January Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 988.00
February Capital Fund 2019:	\$ 1,020.00
February Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 1,161.00

***Thank You!***



**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.



**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)

**Notre Dame Fairfield  
\$15,000 Tuition Raffle**

To the grand prize winner's school of choice (K-College). The raffle is open to the public (any U.S. resident). There are only 500 tickets available for sale at the cost of \$100 per ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, March 16 during the Notre Dame Lancer Legacy Gala. Winner need not be present to win. For more info visit: [www.notredame.org](http://www.notredame.org).



**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)



**ST. THOMAS  
AQUINAS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Please support  
Catholic School Education!**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is hosting their school's single annual fundraiser at the Pequot Library in Southport on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. 100% of funds raised go directly to the school to support students, programs, faculty & professional development, facility & systems upgrades. Even if you cannot attend in person, you can still support the auction online by purchasing raffle tickets, bidding on auction items or making a donation ([https:// www.bidpal.net/springtoauction](https://www.bidpal.net/springtoauction))



**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)