

**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*

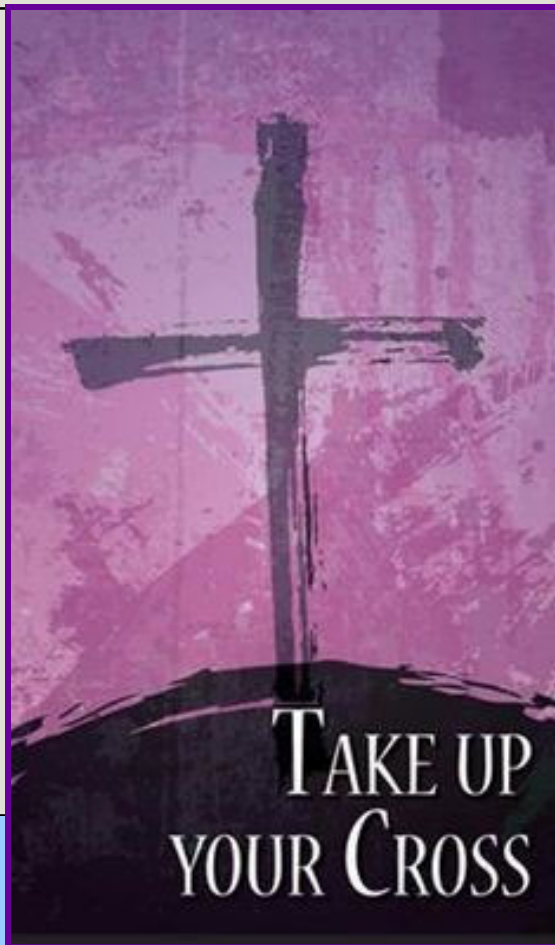
**Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski**  
*Priest in Residence*

**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*

**‘HIS CLOTHES BECAME  
DAZZLING WHITE’**

It is a safe bet that Peter, James and John never forgot their experience on the mountaintop; and the memory of it no doubt proved helpful when they later encountered the Risen Christ! Only then could they understand that “he will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself” (Phil 3:21)

My friends of Lent,

*The Transfiguration makes that our **HOPE** as well.*



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Quinn McGuire Tycz**
- Rowan McGuire Tycz**
- William Bjorn Wentz**
- Emma Rae Zuraw**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Our Jesus is not pleased with as  
“percentage of love” we cannot love  
Him at twenty, fifty or sixty percent.  
It’s all or nothing.*

***Stations of the Cross***

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



**March 16 to March 24, 2019**

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Joseph and Teresa Rabbia
	12:10 pm	Patricia Howard (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Wanda Ryffel (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Cynthia Stanco
	12:10 pm	Herbert Smith (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Paul D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Robert Joseph Burke
Fri.	7:00 am	Al and Gloria Dellaera
	12:10 pm	John and Mary B. Sullivan
Sat.	5:00 pm	Geraldine Zotto
Sun.	7:00 am	Edythe St. Sauveur
	9:00 am	Alfred Dellaera
	10:30 am	Rev. Andrew Marus (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	Alex Melko (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
Msgr. Martin Ryan	



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.



**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)

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**WHITE MASS**

Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 am  
St. Augustine Cathedral

*Followed by Brunch* at Brooklawn Country Club. Mass is open to all health care workers and the general public. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 203-416-1636 or [bridgeportdiocese.org/2019whitemass-form/](http://bridgeportdiocese.org/2019whitemass-form/)

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*In Loving Memory of John Golger*

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



*Eileen Fitzpatrick*

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



*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*



### 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.



### April News

Sat. Apr. 6th : **2nd Grade First Reconciliation all Groups. 11:00 am in Church.**

Mon. Apr. 8-Thurs. Apr. 11: Last Week of Classes

### 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)



### 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.



### Upcoming Schedule:

- 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.

### PARISH SUPPORT

1st Sunday of Lent 2019:	\$ 9,474.00
1st Sunday of Lent 2018:	\$ 6,576.21
1st Week of Loaves and Fishes :	\$ 1,572.00

*Thank You!*



### St Thomas Altar Helpers Needed

Volunteers are **Urgently** needed to dust and sweep the sanctuary and sacristy. Also needed are volunteers to take turns washing and ironing the small altar linens. Any time you can give will be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish office 203-255-1097

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### 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.