

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

GOSPEL OF THE 2ND CHANCE

The parable of the fig tree told in our gospel reading from St. Luke has been called the “Gospel of the 2nd Chance.”

Like the compassionate and merciful gardener, God continues to see our worth and calls forth that goodness within each and every one of us – even when we do not!

The fig tree is an invitation to hope in the unlimited love of our God. we always live in the hope and mercy of God who keeps giving us “second chances” to rise from the ashes of sins to rebuild and reform our lives.

My friends,

The life of God is always about starting over again, about re-creation, about growth and discovery, about the grace to make things right.

God’s love for us is constant, unconditional, and limitless!!!



March 23 to March 31, 2019

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Luisa Cappuccia (1st)
	12:10 pm	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo
Tues.	7:00 am	Carlo Petrillo (4th)
	12:10 pm	Brian Thomas Ercolani
Wed.	7:00 am	Robert and Emilie Newman
	12:10 pm	Ellen Cavaiuolo (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Frederick Weis
	12:10 pm	Diana Camillo
Fri.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Matthew Paul McGuire (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Maribeth Gentile
Sun.	7:00 am	Jean Tommaso
	9:00 am	John A. Pyrch (1st)
	10:30 am	Thomas Keegan Sr.
	12 :00 Noon	Maureen Gamboney (1st)



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Brooklyn Marie Devanney



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	Rebecca Scalera
Nancy Stevens	Msgr. Martin Ryan
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. Thomas Powers	James S. Filippone

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“To the one who remains in this world, no repentance is too late.”

St. Cyprian (c.200-258)



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 April 5th 6:36 pm to 7:30 pm



Please know we will begin accepting donations **next weekend** at our church for Project Appalachia on the following Saturdays: March 30th, April 6th and April 13th from the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon 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.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Robert King

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Frederick Weis

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities)*



**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.



Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 26th at 6:00pm in the Parish Conference Rooms.

Dr. Joan Kelly –Lecturer—Sacred Heart University will be a guest speaker. The subject is ***From Ashes to Alleluia.***

All are welcome.

Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569.

Mark your Calendars Ladies Guild Bake Sale will be on the Weekend of April 6th/7th after all Masses.



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



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.

Something for EVERYONE! **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

2nd Sunday of Lent 2019:	\$ 10,956.00
2nd Sunday of Lent 2018:	\$ 9,313.55
2nd Week of Loaves and Fishes 2019:	\$ 1,438.00

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.

****Columbiettes Meetings Date Changes****

**Monday April 29th
Monday May 20th**



**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

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

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/



April News

Sat. Apr. 6. 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



Upcoming Schedule:

- Sun. Mar.24: Sunday Meeting from 6-8:00pm
- Sun. Mar.31: Sunday Meeting from 6-8:00pm
- Sun. Apr. 7th : "Take up your Cross" 6-8:00pm
- Sun. Apr. 14th: Holy Week Movie Night 6-8:00pm
- Sun. Apr. 21: Easter No Meeting
- Sun. Apr. 28th: Resurrection Party 6-8:00pm
- Sun. May 5th: "Viva Cristo Rey" 6-8:00pm
- Sun. May 12th: Mother's Day No Meeting
- Sun. May 19th: Beardsley Zoo Trip: 2:4:00pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



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"coffee 'an" for March is on
Sunday March 31st. in the Parish
Center Conference Rooms
following the 9:00 & 10:30 AM.
Masses. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!