

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

Lent.
a season of preparation

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

LAETARE SUNDAY

“**Rejoice**” today’s Entrance antiphon begins. We rejoice today not because we are more than half way through Lent; we rejoice because we know our God is always eager to reconcile with us.

My friends of Lent,

Today’s parable of the Prodigal Son speaks to us of a God whose love is so great and whose power is so irresistible that the rest of the world cannot simply stand apart, unmoved!

We, too, are invited to celebrate in the great feast.

Let us rejoice and be glad!



To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class, next class is Sat. April 6th at 10:00am

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our hearts a sin that someone has committed against us.”

**St. Augustine of Hippo
(354-430)**



Stations of the Cross

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



Holy Hour
Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

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



March 30 to April 7, 2019

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)
Mon.	7:00 am	Leola Stansfield (6th)
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth D’Agostino
Tues.	7:00 am	Paul D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	John Farrell
Wed.	7:00 am	Grace Corr (4th)
	12:10 pm	Edward Miecowski
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ida Ombres
	12:10 pm	Sam Piacentini
Fri.	7:00 am	Thomas R. Shaughnessey
	8:15 am	Geraldine Redmond
	12:10 pm	James Heaphy (1st)
	6:30pm to 7:30 pm	Holy Hour
Sat.	5:00 pm	Lynn Cenatiempo
Sun.	7:00 am	Eileen Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Carla Petrillo
	10:30 am	Kathleen McHale (22nd)
	12 :00 Noon	Luz Henriquez



Msgr. Thomas Powers	Msgr. Martin Ryan
Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni	Fr. Michael Bachman
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
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
Zosia Bartusiak	Romano DeCastro
Margaret Carroll	Isabelle Renzulli
Nancy Roche	Brendan Maguire
Arline Rich	Steven McGuire
James S. Filippone	Corrinne Batchelor



Please know we will begin accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia on the following Saturdays: 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 Leola Stansfield

 **THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR**
In Loving Memory of John Lambert

 **OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR**
All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities)



The Ladies Guild of St. Thomas will be sponsoring a Bake Sale, Next Weekend April 6th & 7th, after all the Masses. If you would like to help bake or volunteer to help at the Masses please contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569.

Thank you in advance for your support!!!



To Tammy Jullian and all the Volunteers who helped make the Fish Fry a Success!!.

To Steve Carpentiere owner of Dunville's Restaurant in Westport for the donation Award Winning of New England Clam Chowder.

Fish Fry will be back again in 2020!!

Fr. Martin



**Bridgeport Diocese
Upcoming Events**

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/

2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass & Concert

On Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa 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 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

PARISH SUPPORT

3rd Sunday in Lent 2019:	\$ 8,572.50
3rd Sunday in Lent 2018:	\$ 10,781.93
3rd Week of Loaves and Fishes 2019:	\$ 1,038.30

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**



Retire your worn American Flags with respect and dignity by dropping them off at the Main Entrance of the Church. The box will be there through May 31st. This is being sponsored by KOC 4th Degree Assembly 118.

Thank you for respecting our Flag!



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

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday during the school year in the Chapel/Cry Room of the church at 8:30am. The Prayer group is open to all Parish and School Mothers.



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

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or Stthoaqccd@aol.com



Upcoming Schedule:

- 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



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.



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