

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

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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://stthomasfairfield.com)

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*

**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*

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, for the second year in a row, has designated the Monday of Holy Week, April 15, 2019 as **“Reconciliation Monday”** throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport.

**3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the following Parishes**

Church of the Assumption  
98 Riverside Avenue, Westport

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish  
545 Stratfield Road, Fairfield

St. Pius X Parish:  
834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield



**April 6 to April 14th, 2019**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Lynn Cenatiempo
Sun.	7:00 am	Eileen Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Carlo Petrillo
	10:30 am	Kathleen McHale (22nd)
	12:00 Noon	Luz Henriquez
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Bill Donovan
Tues.	7:00 am	Shirley Novy (1st)
	12:10 pm	Mary Lou White (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Polly Talarico
	12:10 pm	James and Cecelia Edwards
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Living Stations</b>
Thurs.	7:00 am	Teresa Veronesi
	12:10 pm	Ray Doughty
Fri.	7:00 am	Donald Perry
	12:10 pm	Cecelia F. Edwards
Sat.	5:00 pm	Edward and Marie Ryan
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Vincent Clarkin
	10:30 am	Ralph Bowley (9th)
	12 :00 Noon	Egdio Zangrilli

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

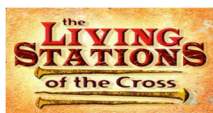


Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Liam Hero Amster**  
**Willa Anna Bardenwerper**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*How has this year’s Lenten journey changed your life?*



Our St.. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host the **“LIVING STATIONS”** on Wednesday evening, April 10th at 7:30 p.m.

here in our church. All are welcome to attend this beautiful portrayal by our students of our Lord’s final steps before His Glorious Resurrection. What a wonderful way to come together as a family to celebrate our Lenten season.



Msgr. Thomas Powers	Msgr. Martin Ryan
Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni	Fr. Michael Bachman
FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller	James McInerney
FFLD. Fireman Larry Noga	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	Anna Tapia
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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

4th Sunday of Lent 2019:	\$ 7,681.56
4th Sunday of Lent 2018:	\$ 14,002.60
Catholic Relief 2019:	\$ 2,132.00
Catholic Relief 2018:	\$ 2,260.80
4th Week of Loaves and Fishes 2019:	\$ 1,092.00

*Thank You!*



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Confessions

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 4:45 pm

### PASSION (PALM) Sunday Masses

Saturday April 13<sup>h</sup> 5:00 pm

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am, 9:00am,  
10:30 am & 12 Noon

**(Palms distributed at ALL Masses)**

### CONFESSIONS during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
following the 7:00 am and 12:10 Noon Masses

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

### HOLY THURSDAY April 18<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm  
Adoration until Midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY April 19<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Confessions: 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon  
Passion of our Lord 3:00 pm  
Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm

### HOLY SATURDAY April 20<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Blessing of Food 2:00 pm in Church  
Easter Vigil Mass  
7:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY April 21<sup>st</sup> Masses

7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 Noon



Please know we will be accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia on the following on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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



*Helen Klamka*

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



*Eva DeOliviera*

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



*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*

*Something for  
EVERYONE!*

The 55+ Club" Seniors

### Lenten Lunch/ and Reflection Meeting

Will be held this **Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### Stations of the Cross

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



**Knights of Columbus  
Council 2616**

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.

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

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



**April News**

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

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**Second Grade Parents please check your emails for Communion Information and Practices**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or [Stthoaqccd@aol.com](mailto:Stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**Upcoming Schedule:**

- 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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



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**



**COME JOIN ALTAR SERVING!!**

If you attend St Thomas Parish and are 10 or older you can join the Altar Serving Ministry! Training will be in May.

For More information contact Lisa McCurley at 203-292-6877 or [sta.fairfield.altar.servers@gmail.com](mailto:sta.fairfield.altar.servers@gmail.com)



**2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass and 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 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. A reception will follow after the concert. Space is limited please RSVP by April 25th to 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.

**St Thomas Aquinas Prayer Line**

If you have a prayer request please email your prayer request to: [Stprayerline@att.net](mailto:Stprayerline@att.net) and place "Prayer Request" in the subject line.