

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

St. Thomas Prayer Line: email 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

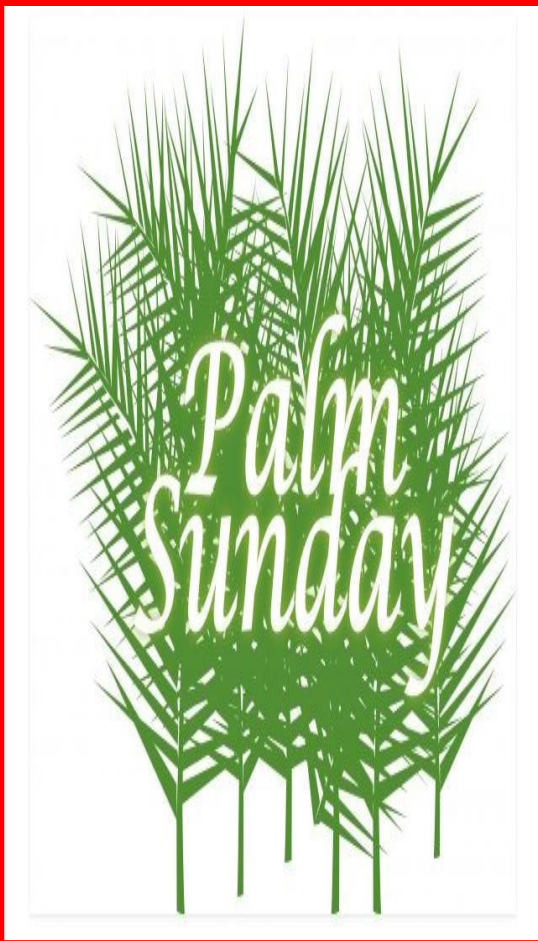
Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

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

PASSION OF THE LORD

Today we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when he was met by crowds and disciples who joyfully welcomed him to the holy city.

As our palm branches are blessed today, we welcome Jesus into our lives, asking that He make them holy by His presence. Then, when we leave today, with our blessed palms, we will praise God with joy, for Christ has won the victory over sin and death, winning for us salvation.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"Palm Sunday tells us that.....
It is the cross that is the true tree of life."*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Msgr. Thomas Powers
 Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni
 FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller
 Joan McInerney
 Amelia Mikulka
 Amanda Morguelan
 Carl Collica
 Susan Hasiuk
 Nancy Barate
 Tom Lopez
 Rebecca Scalera
 Hope McCauley
 James Rooney
 Anna Tapia
 Jill McCormack Daly
 Mary Toth
 Liam Crane
 Veronica Hughes
 Dennis Rich
 Delores Weis
 Zosia Bartusiak
 Margaret Carroll
 Nancy Roche
 Arline Rich
 James S. Filippone

Msgr. Martin Ryan
 Fr. Michael Bachman
 James McInerney
 Barbara McShane
 Maria Ines Galindo
 Laura Terranova
 Annette Ham
 Walter Murphy
 Chet Greene
 Charlie Capalbo
 Nancy Stevens
 Jane Harwood
 Hope McCauley
 Patrick Carroll
 Sally Cohane
 Edward Schuck
 Joseph Mitchell
 Noreen Hernandez
 Ryan Keith
 John Lengen
 Romano DeCastro
 Isabelle Renzulli
 Brendan Maguire
 Steven McGuire
 Corrinne Batchelor



April 13 to April 21, 2019

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Shirley Vitale
Tues.	7:00 am	Feliciano Zapanta
	12:10 pm	Arthur Hessel Sr.
	7:30 pm	Lenten Penance Service
Wed.	7:00 am	Lynn Cenatiempo (1st)
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Thurs.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	7:30 pm	Mass of Lord's Supper
Fri.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	11:00 am-12:00 pm	Confessions
	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	Passion of the Lord
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Service
Sat.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Food
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun.	7:00 am	Raymond, Grejean & Melina Sirus
	9:00 am	John and Kathleen McHale
	10:30 am	Jack Lausten (21st)
	12:00 Noon	Dorothy M .Fodor

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

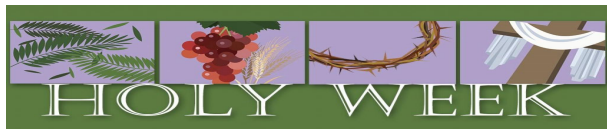
St. Pius X Parish:
 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Leo Laurine Canavan



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CONFESSIONS during Holy Week

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

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday April 16th 7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY April 18th

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

GOOD FRIDAY April 19th

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 20th

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

EASTER SUNDAY April 21st Masses
7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 Noon

ladies
guild

A Sincere Thank you to Fr. Martin for sponsoring our speaker at our March meeting and Dr. Joan Kelly for her inspirational insights as we go through our Lenten Journey.

There will be no April Meeting .



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.*

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of John Valentino

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



In Loving Memory of Annmarie Perenthaler Maffei

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities)*

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link

Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.



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**



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

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



Upcoming Schedule:

- 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



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



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.



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



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.

Please No Donations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

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