

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

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

Dr. Patrick Higgins
Interim 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

THE GOAL DOESN'T CHANGE

Common wisdom says everything we need to know about life, we heard in kindergarten. Basic principles like being kind to everyone, sharing what we have, saying please and thank you – these don't lose their value as we and the kids around us get older.

In a similar way, the demands of discipleship don't change the longer we travel the road with Jesus. The first thing Jesus says to newcomers is *"follow me."*

One of the last conversations the Risen Lord has with Peter includes the words *"follow me."*

My friends of Easter,

To get where Jesus is going, keep following.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

May 4 to May 12th 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	Larry Baldelli
Sun.	7:00 am	Eileen Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Danny Corcuran
	10:30 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	12:00 Noon	Geraldine Redmond
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	John Farrell
Tues.	7:00 am	Wilfred Rodie
	12:10 pm	Catharine Dunne
Wed.	7:00 am	Thomas R. Shaughnessy Jr.
	12:10 pm	Salume "Sally" Juran
Thurs.	7:00 am	Robert Dunne
	12:10 pm	Louis Rabbia
Fri.	7:00 am	Catharine Dunne
	12:10 pm	Dolores Crowley RSM
Sat.	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorella Families
Sun.	7:00 am	Patrick Kane
	9:00 am	Patrick and Mary Leonard
	10:30 am	Polly McGarrie (6th)
	12 :00 Noon	Mary Driggs



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently baptized.

- Grace Evans
- Antonio Mastraingelo
- Eli Nayden
- Bailey O'Meara
- Rowan O'Meara
- Eveline O'Meara



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
James S. Filippone	Anna Tapia
Patrick Carroll	Jill McCormack Daly
Sally Cohane	Mary Toth
Corrinne Batchelor	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	Steven McGuire
Hillary Kane Mahoney	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When we recognize Christ acting in our own lives, do we act with the enthusiasm of St. Peter?



Marriage Banns

I. Matthew Vitti and Megan Markus

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to those who will be joined in the Sacrament of Marriage



St Thomas Altar Helpers Needed

Volunteers are **Urgently** needed to dust and sweep the sanctuary and sacristy. Any time you can give will be much appreciated. contact Parish office 203-255-1097



WE STAND WITH CHRIST Capital Campaign St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Parish Goal: \$ 1.398 million
Pledged: \$ 640,250
Gifts: 15



Congratulations to the Boys and Girls of our parish who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 4th.

ANNUAL MAY CROWNING Sunday May 12th at the 9:00 am Mass



Those who recently received their First Communion this year on May 4th invited to be in crowning procession. All children of the parish are also invited to bring flowers to the Blessed Mother. Any questions contact Mrs. Pierson maria.pierson@stasonline.net



CEMETERY MASS AT ST. THOMAS CEMETERY

On Saturday – May 25th we will hold our Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery on Mill Plain Rd. The Mass will begin at **9:00 a.m.** All are welcome to attend this special Mass to honor those buried in our parish cemetery and for those who gave their lives for our American freedom! **In case of inclement weather it will moved to the church.**



Town of Fairfield's 36th Annual Holocaust Commemoration

Thursday May 15th at 7:30 p.m.
First Church Congregational
148 Beach Road, Fairfield

Speaker: Alan Moskin: Member of the 71st Infantry Division in WWII and Liberator of the Gunsirchen Concentration Camp. Musical Selections by: Fairfield Ludlowe H.S. Chamber Orchestra and Fairfield County Children's Choir. Admission is Free and a Reception will follow.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory of Assunta Manca

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



George Bisacca

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities)*

PARISH SUPPORT

Divine Mercy Sunday 2019:	\$ 8,023.95
Divine Mercy Sunday 2018:	\$ 8,769.65
Catholic Home Missions 2019:	\$ 1,980.39
Catholic Home Missions 2018:	\$ 1,970.81

Thank You!



The Ladies Guild invites you to their monthly meeting on Tuesday May 21st at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Following a brief meeting we will make and say the 'Rosary' to celebrate the Blessed Mother Mary and patron of our organization. The rosaries will be blessed and donated to Bridgeport and St. Vincent's hospital for distribution to patients. Pre- made rosaries are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Come with a friend. For questions call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.



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.

****Columbiettes Meeting Date Change****

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



Looking to make new friends and have fun in the sun?

Children Ages 3 to 6

Dates: June 24 to August 9th

Schedule: Monday-Friday 9:00am to 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$250/ week (\$150 week of 7/1-7/3)

Space is limited!

The St. Thomas Aquinas School Pre Kindergarten Teachers are planning 7 fabulous weeks of summer camp filled with exploration and adventure while building teamwork and having fun. Each week will focus on a different theme to include read alouds, crafts, songs, games and water play. Your child will develop their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth through various hands on activities that encourage their enthusiasm and curiosity. Camp will be held in the School.

Please email Shelby.vosk@stasonline.net for additional information or to secure your spot!



CCD CLASSES ENDS ANOTHER YEAR

I would like to thank Mrs. Jackie Herbert DRE); Mrs. Janice Dayton (Home Study Coordinator); and the many teachers, assistants, volunteers who have helped this past school year.

Our Religious Education program has been and always will be successful with the support of our many parishioners who come forward to sacrifice their time and knowledge of the Catholic faith with our students.

From a grateful pastor and parish to our CCD program.

Fr. Martin

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please visit our website at and click on Relqious Edcation Stthomasfairfield.com

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

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Schedule:

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

Sun. June 9th: "Come Holy Spirit": 6-8:00pm

Sun. June 23rd: Summer BBQ: 4-6:00pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Notre Dame High School Fairfield Presents: Beauty and the Beast at Sacred Heart University's Edgerton Center
May 17th Friday : 8:00 pm
May 18th Saturday :1:00 pm and 8 pm

For tickets ovationtix.com/trs/pr/1008422 or at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts box office. For more information, please contact the Edgerton Center box office at 203-371-7908 or tmarzik@notredame.org at Notre Dame HS.