

**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*

**EASTER SEASON**



**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

**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

**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*

**LIFE IS HARD --- FIND A COMMUNITY!**

Moving day is proof positive that we could all use some friends. Who else is going to lift the other end of that piano? But the rewards of community go beyond bearing the physical burden. We need folks to celebrate the victories, cheer us on during the contests, hold on us when the bad news comes, and weep with us when we grieve.

My friends,

We also need encouragement and challenge to do the right thing even when it's hard or costly, and to shine a light when the path ahead is dark.

**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH!!!**



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 will be held on Saturday June 8th at 10:00am**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"Let us put the Living One at the center of our lives; Let us seek Him in all things and above all things. With Jesus, we will rise again!"*

**Pope Francis  
Easter 2019**

**CELEBRATE THE  
EASTER SEASON**

*April 21 until June 9, 2019*

**Marriage Banns**



**III. Matthew Vitti and Megan Markus**

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



**May 18 to May 26, 2019**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Kate O'Brien (8th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Frederick Weis (2nd)
	10:30 am	Mary L. Riley
	12:00 Noon	Geraldine Redmond
Mon.	7:00 am	Ronald Maxon
	12:10 pm	Al and Gloria Dellaera
Tues.	7:00 am	Kristin Willer
	12:10 pm	Ann Hawie
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Dylan M. Murphy
Thurs.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	James E. Edward
Fri.	7:00 am	Mary Anderson (29th)
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Sat.	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Cemetery Mass</b>
	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
	5:00 pm	Frank Slovensky
Sun.	7:00 am	Tommy Lyons
	9:00 am	Geraldine Redmond
	10:30 am	Geraldine Redmond
	12 :00 Noon	Kenneth & Hildegard Spigarolo



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	Edward Molloy



**WE STAND WITH CHRIST  
Capital Campaign  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**Parish Goal: \$ 1.398 million  
Pledged: \$ 736,000  
Gifts: 26**



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

Children Ages 3 to 6 Dates: June 24 to August 9<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:Shelby.vosk@stasonline.net) for additional information or to secure your spot!



**CEMETERY MASS AT  
ST. THOMAS CEMETERY**

**Next Saturday – May 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

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The Ladies Guild invites you to their monthly meeting **this Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 & donated to Bridgeport and St. Vincent’s hospital for the patients. Pre- made rosaries are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Come with a friend. For questions call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.

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**The 55+ Club” Seniors  
June Meeting  
Ice Cream and Bingo Social**



Will be held on Tuesday June 11th 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.

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**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.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*For The Rogers and Leonard Families*

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



*Anna Jennings, Phyllis Papini,  
Joyce Pascal and Juana Lopez*

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



*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

4th Sunday of Easter 2019: \$ 8,895.75  
4th Sunday of Easter 2018: \$ 14,675.54

*Thank You!*



### 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 Meeting Date Change\*\* This Monday May 20th**

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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

### 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.



### Diocese of Bridgeport Youth Choir Auditions for the 2019 - 2020 Season

Information and to register can be found at [C4YSINGS.com](http://C4YSINGS.com) . If you can't make a designated time, please fill out the & then contact [mhiggins@diobpt.org](mailto:mhiggins@diobpt.org) for your personal audition time.

Auditions will take place the **Week of June 10th** at the 6 rehearsal sites and times noted on the web-site. All singers need to prepare The Star Spangled Banner to sing. Ability to read music is **NOT** a criteria. If you read music, that's a bonus! If not, and you love to sing and want to be a part of C4Y, come prepared to learn how!

**HOPE TO SEE AND HEAR YOU IN JUNE!**



Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please visit our website at [and click on Religious Education Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com)

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



### Upcoming Schedule:

- 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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



**Notre Dame High School Fairfield**  
**3rd Annual Bacon and Brewfest**  
**Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

The day will include unlimited beer sampling, food trucks, live music, cornhole tournament, games, and fun! Visit the Bacon and Brewfest website at [ndbaconandbrew.com](http://ndbaconandbrew.com) for a list of beer and food vendors and to purchase tickets. Follow on Instagram at [baconndbrew](https://www.instagram.com/baconndbrew) and on Facebook at 2019 Bacon ND Brew Festival. More information contact [tmarzik@notredame.org](mailto:tmarzik@notredame.org) or 203-372-6521.



**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL**  
CHARACTER • COMPASSION • CONFIDENCE

Spend the summer at NDHS– West Haven! ND Summer Experience (NDX) is for boys entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The three-week program offers the best of academics and recreation and focuses on these 5 C's - critical thinking, competition, creativity, communication, and collaboration. NDX runs from June 24 to July 12.

For more information visit [www.notredamehs.com/summer](http://www.notredamehs.com/summer) or call (203)