

**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*

**Dr. Patrick Higgins**  
*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*

**LET US NEVER FORGET**

We remember the first time we heard the news.  
 We recall the first time we saw those images.  
 We remember the way our thoughts and prayers  
 were with those families who lost loved ones.  
 Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

**18 YEARS LATER**

**SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP**

Family is seeking someone to keep company on weekends, for a 97 yr. old WWII veteran who likes to sit outside, play cards and is a huge NY Yankees fan. Approximately 3-4 hours per day. Maybe some light housekeeping/errands.

If interested please contact Joanne at [j.parrella@yahoo.com](mailto:j.parrella@yahoo.com) or 203-209-3225.

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Phoebe Grace Pritchard**

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Our next Pre– Baptism class will be held on Saturday Oct. 5th at 10:00am in the Parish Center.

First– time parents are required to attend a class .

Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097

**Marriage Banns**



**III. Charles Featherston and Preciosa Carneiro**

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



**September 7 to September 15, 2019**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Irene Ercolani
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Raoul Castells (1st)
	10:30 am	Lee and Quinn Families
	12:00 Noon	Frances Healy
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Anne P. Richard
Tues.	7:00 am	Karl Dykstra (1st)
	12:10 pm	Peter Mack
Wed.	7:00 am	Kevin McCarthy
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Thurs.	7:00 am	Thomas Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Gail L. Edwards
Fri.	7:00 am	Rejean Sirios
	8:00 am	Giannino and Paolo Cavalli
	12:10 pm	William (Bill) Ferguson (1st)
Sat.	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
	5:00 pm	Margaret Kabel
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	10:30 am	Darlene Sarno
	12 :00 Noon	William Piaseczny
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Patriotic Concert</b>



Msgr. Thomas Powers	Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni
FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller	Msgr. Michael Bachman
FFLD. Fireman Larry Noga	Barbara McShane
Amelia Mikulka	Maria Ines Galindo
Amanda Morguelan	Laura Terranova
Carl Collica	Annette Ham
Susan Hasiuk	Walter Murphy
Tom Lopez	Charlie Capalbo
Rebecca Scalera	Margaret Novicki
Jane Harwood	James Rooney
James S. Filippone	Anna Tapia
Jill McCormack Daly	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Hillary Kane Mahoney
Brendan Maguire	Liam Crane
Joseph Mitchell	Edward Molloy
Veronica Hughes	Noreen Hernandez
Ryan Keith	Delores Weis
John Lengen	Zosia Bartusiak
Romano DeCastro	Margaret Carroll
Isabelle Renzulli	Nancy Roche
James McInerney	Mary Hemmingway
Billy Buzing	Judy Buzing



**SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

St. Thomas Parish Center: Following the 5:00 pm Mass  
Come together as a parish family  
Good food / Fellowship & Sing-along!

**Menu: Pasta w/Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread  
Dessert and Soda & Water will be provided  
BYOB**



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
"55+ Club"**

**Tuesday: September 10th  
Following the 12:10 Mass**

**Parish Conference Room**

**Welcome Back Ice Cream Social/Bingo**

**RSVP To Parish Office 203-255-1097**

**Parish Concert**

**NEXT Sunday: September 15th  
3:00 pm**

Our parish Choir will remember  
the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
It has been 18 years since  
our country was attacked.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**Jesus & Me Storytime**

*Story Time*



**Wednesday Sept. 18th  
10-11am**

All caregivers, infants &  
toddlers are invited to join us  
in the Parish Center Conference Room for stories,  
song, and play!

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Presents Read Aloud  
Bible Stories Music & Movement with guitar &  
ukulele Socialize & play with other children and  
caregivers

coffee & snacks provided!

Drop in or RSVP to Jess at

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*Evie Nucera*

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



*In Loving Memory of Joey Kulaga*

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



*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*



Are you interested or anyone you know  
interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Are  
you interested in completing your Sacraments?

An inquiry meeting will be held at the Church  
Rectory. (the white house next door to our church)

**SEPTEMBER 22nd : 2:00 PM**

Please call the parish office  
(203-255-1097) to let us know you will attend.

**Mothers Prayer Group**

Will begin their 20th Year on Wednesday  
**September 11th at 8:30 am** in the Chapel of  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The Prayer group is  
open to all Parish and School Mothers and meets  
every Wednesday during the school year.

Any questions please contact Renee at  
203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.





## 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.



## FAMILY MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Are you interested in continuing our Family Mass on Sunday's at 9:00??? Let's hear from **YOU** .On Sunday Oct.6th, following 9 am Mass. **SPREAD THE WORD**



## Jr. Lector Program

Jr. Lector program during the 2019-2020 School Year for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. This program will be open to students in Grades Six through Twelve. We will have a training session for those interested in the fall. If you are interested in participating as a Jr. Lector please contact Mrs. Maria Pierson at [maria.pierson@stasonline.net](mailto:maria.pierson@stasonline.net)

## Adult Religious Education

We will be presenting *Walking Toward Eternity*. An inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life. Through daily prayer and meditation with Scripture, you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ.

Join us for *Walking Toward Eternity* adult religious education study starting on Wednesday, September 28th at 7pm in the Parish Center. Study materials are \$20. email Jenn at a [stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com) to sign up!



Registration has begun for the  
2019-2020 School Year

**Catechists Are Needed!!!!!!**

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

### First Day of Classes

**Mon. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Grade 6: 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm (all schools)

Grades 7 and 8: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (all schools)

**Tues. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 3, 4, and 5 (Dwight, Jennings, Mill Hill, Sherman, Burr, Private schools) 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

**Wed. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 3, 4, and 5 (McKinley, Holland Hill, Stratfield, N.Stratfield, Osborn Hill, Riverfield)  
4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

**Thurs. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 2 (all schools) 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

**Tues. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Grade 1 (Dwight, Jennings, Mill Hill, Sherman, Burr, Private schools) 4:15pm to 5:15 pm

**Wed. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Grade 1 (McKinley, Holland Hill, Stratfield, N.Stratfield, Osborn Hill, Riverfield)  
4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

## NEED SOMEONE TO HELP

Recently widowed mom needs help caring for fourth grade son. Must be 18 or older and able to drive. Duties include picking up from school, help with homework, and making him dinner. Mom is nurse so hours vary each week (approximately 10-15). Occasional weekend help needed. Two people can share job if necessary. Please contact Eileen at [eileenpmay@hotmail.com](mailto:eileenpmay@hotmail.com).

## PARISH SUPPORT

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$ 8,795.75

Ladies Guild 2019: \$ 548.00

August Capital Fund 2019: \$ 762.00

On Line Giving: \$ 1,620.00

Weekend Total: \$ \$ 11,725.75

*Thank You!*