

**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*



**Youth Group**

**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*

**GOD WELCOMES YOU BACK!**

We may have just been here last week, but maybe it's been many weeks or even many years. No matter how long it's been, we can be assured that God is eager to welcome us back, today or any time!

My friends. Let us call to mind those times when we have strayed from God's embrace and thank God for the assurance of reconciliation.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Stella Anastasia Giansanti  
Hank Joseph Calash**

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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

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"The difference between mercy and grace?  
Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance.  
Grace gave him a feast!"*



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 with Father Martin on  
**SEPTEMBER 22nd : 2:00 PM**

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



**September 14 to September 22, 2019**

Sat.	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>
Mon.	7:00 am	Maureen Stancarone (1st)
	12:10 pm	Giulio Checca
Tues.	7:00 am	Thomas Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Scott Judy
Wed.	7:00 am	Carol Pendleton
	12:10 pm	Dawn Forrest Takacs
Thurs.	7:00 am	Deborah Parmentola
	12:10 pm	Patrick Gavin
Fri.	7:00 am	Sydney Bingham
	12:10 pm	Richard Gavlick
Sat.	5:00 pm	Margaret Krotki
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Catechetical Sunday
		Eugene Bucco (1st)
	10:30 am	David Phy (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	Robert Hofmiller



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



**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**



Tuesday September 17th at 6:00pm in the Parish Conference Room the Ladies Guild will be hosting a Welcome meeting and to go over the calendar of events for the year. All Women of the Parish are invited. Questions please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569



**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**

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**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)

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*In Loving Memory of Stephen C. Hessel*



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

*Dawn Forrest Takacs*



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

*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*

**Kick-Off Meeting Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Pius  
Questions: [ffldlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:ffldlifeteen@gmail.com)**



*Catholic Youth Ministry Program Kick Off*

**MESSY GAMES PIZZA SLIP 'N SLIDE  
INSPIRATIONAL TESTIMONY PARENT SOCIAL & MEETING**



**PARENTS AND TEENS** 9th through 12th grade are invited!  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** 6:00-8:00pm  
**HOSTED AT:** St Pius X Church 834 Brookside Drive

Fairfield Life Teen is a collaborative Catholic youth ministry program open to all teens.  
Questions? Contact [ffldlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:ffldlifeteen@gmail.com)

**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.



**Coffee 'an is Back!**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its coffee 'an on **Sunday September 29th** in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

The Coffee 'an will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



**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.

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**Columbiettes Meeting**

Columbiettes are hosting an Open meeting on Tuesday Sept. 23rd at 7:00pm in the Chapel. For women of the Parish of St .Thomas to see what the Columbiettes are all about. Refreshments will be served.



**Jesus & Me Storytime  
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  
[jessicahnayden@gmail.com](mailto:jessicahnayden@gmail.com)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$10,361.60  
Catholic University 2019: \$ 1224.00  
On Line Giving: \$ 2,594.00

Weekend Total: \$14,179.60

*Thank You!*



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

**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!