

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

Amen, amen,
I say to you,
whoever believes
has eternal life.

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

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

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

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

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

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE

The days are growing shorter and shorter and the weather is getting cooler. Soon it will be time for the harvest. As disciples of the Lord, we are called to assist in a special harvest!

Today, St Paul calls Timothy to *“pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.”* Wise words for us As well.

My friends. If Jesus has loved and blessed us, He expects us to go and do likewise --- especially the poor men and women who may be lying on our doorsteps.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
On Tuesday OCTOBER 8th
 following the 12:10 pm Mass
 and prior to the “55+ Club”
 meeting, parishioners and
 friends may receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty Spirit's of old age.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Wesley Jame D’Alton
Harrison Lucas D’Alton

Our next Pre- Baptism class will be held next 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



September 28 to October 6, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	Lou Ceruzzi
Sun.	7:00 am	Fran Lynch (6th)
	9:00 am	Steve D’Agostino
	10:30 am	Atilio Giansanti
	12:00 Noon	Allie D. Richard
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Attilio Giansanti
Tues.	7:00 am	Carol Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Anthony Falletta
Wed.	7:00 am	Fr. Benedict Groeschel (5th)
	12:10 pm	Patrick Walsh
Thurs.	7:00 am	John Henry Redgate
	12:10 pm	Marie Caridad Dessel RSM
Fri.	7:00 am	Thomas Pendleton
	8:15 am	Colin Trotman
	12:10 pm	Mary Cunningham (2nd)
	6:30-7:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour
Sat.	10:00 am	Blessing of the Animals
	5:00 pm	Jack E. Shaughnessey
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Sebastiano Rabbia
	10:30 am	Theresa Ciccone Broderick
	12 :00 Noon	Eileen J. Zander

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Peter Joseph Shaughnessey

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Michael Berkun

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



*All those Unemployed
 (Praying for job opportunities)*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
FRIDAY OF OCTOBER 4th: 6:30-7:30pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

ST. THOMAS PARISH MISSION



Al Barbarino will be with us the weekend of October 19-21, 2019

[Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Al will be speaking and singing at all the Masses inviting parishioners and friends to the Mission.]

Besides speaking at all the Masses, Al will be holding two evening Mission talks on Sunday (October 20th) at 5:00 p.m. and on Monday evening (October 21st) at 7:30 p.m.

The focus of the Mission is: “LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN THESE CONFUSING & TROUBLED TIMES.”



- 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 Delores Weis
- Jill McCormack Daly Sally Cohane John Lengen
- Mary Toth Brendan Maguire Liam Crane
- Joseph Mitchell Edward Molloy Veronica Hughes
- Noreen Hernandez Ryan Keith Zosia Bartusiak Romano
- DeCastro Margaret Carroll Isabelle Renzulli Nancy
- Roche James McInerney Gerry Cohane

WHO IS CONDUCTING OUR PARISH MISSION?

AL BARBARINO will conduct our up-coming parish mission on the weekend of October 19-20-21. Over the past 20 years he has recorded many CD’s of spiritual and inspirational music and videos, which will help support the Friars of the Renewal ministry for the poor and the international outreach of the Croatian Relief Services; as well as the needy families of the parish where he sings. Al has traveled throughout the United States and abroad with his ministry.

The CD’s will be available at all the Masses and on each evening of the Mission.



**Saturday October 5th
10:00 am**

Please join us with your animals in the School Parking lot for the Blessing of the Animals.

Coffee, Cider and Donuts will be provide



November is the Month of All Souls

It is custom for Catholics to write the names of the faithfully departed on the **ALL SOULS** envelopes and **return the envelope during the Month of October.**

These envelopes will be placed on the Altar beginning November 2nd the Feast of All Souls. Envelopes for All Souls are in the packets and are also available at the church entrances.

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019:	\$ 8,968.90
On Line Giving:	\$ 2,357.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 11,325.00

Thank You!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries, Without them, humanity cannot exist.”

The Dalai Lama



**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.



VENDORS NEEDED

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
To support their Charity efforts.

Event is on

Saturday October, 26th
St. Thomas Parish Center

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per table or 2 tables for \$50

All inquires can be directed to
Sally at 203-366-4826



All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to be part of Fairfield Life Teen, a collaborative Catholic youth ministry program open to all teens in Fairfield meeting at St Pius X and St Thomas Aquinas parishes on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. Join us weekly for snacks, games, prayer, discussion, service projects, and more!

Questions? ffldlifeteen@gmail.com

September 29- Life Night at St Thomas Aquinas

October 6- Life Night at St Pius X

October 13- Praise & Pizza at St Pius X

October 20- Life Night at St Thomas Aquinas

October 27- Halloween Party at St Pius X



First Day of Classes for 1st Grade

Tues. Oct. 1st

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

Wed. Oct. 2nd

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

**Questions please contact Jackie
at 203-255-1984**

**HELPING PROJECT APPALACHIA
2019**



We will soon be packing the truck for the Christmas time. Please know we will be soon accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia. During the month of October -beginning October 21st – you may “drop off” at the church back door on the rectory side during the time of parish office hours (9-3) Monday thru Thursday and Fridays (9-12).

If you need a pick up for your donations, please call the parish office at (203-255-1097).

More details will follow during October.

**Information for
High School Open House and Exam Info.**

Can be found on our webpage at

Stthomasfairfield.com



FAMILY MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Are you interested in continuing our Family Mass on Sunday's at 9:00 ? Let's hear from **YOU**.

NEXT Sunday Oct.6th, following 9 am Mass.

SPREAD THE WORD