

**Church Name:** St. Thomas Aquinas  
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**Special Instructions:**

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**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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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*

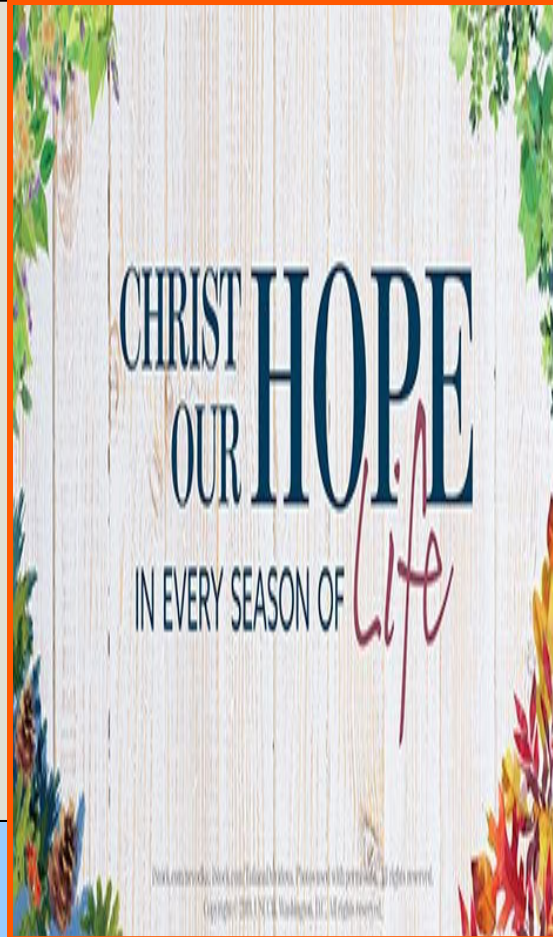
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**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*

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

It's no surprise on this Respect Life Sunday, that we hear Jesus use the image of the mustard seed. The mustard seed is tiny – not much larger than a grain of sand – yet when planted and nurtured, grows into a large, strong tree. It takes time, though.

As we look around today, let us ponder how all of us were once the size of a mustard seed but now, loved and nurtured, we have grown in body, soul, and spirit.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Callan Corrigan Pantall**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*When troubles test your faith,  
how do you move on?*



**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.



**October 5 to October 13, 2019**

Sat.	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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Charles and Claire McLaughlin
Tues.	7:00 am	Thomas Pendleton
	12:10 pm	John Halliday
Wed.	7:00 am	Carol Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Kenneth F. Spigarolo
Thurs.	7:00 am	Carol Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Doris Rolander
Fri.	7:00 am	Rafael Ramos
	12:10 pm	Jerry Wholey (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joanne Powers
Sun.	7:00 am	Daniel Landry
	9:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	10:30 am	Steven Grosner
	12 :00 Noon	Al and Gloria Dellaera

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*Joann, Gail and Lauren Moeser*

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



*Paul L. Maganano*



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

*All those Unemployed  
(Praying for job opportunities)*



**BREAST  
CANCER**  
AWARENESS MONTH

**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 20<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00 p.m. and on Monday evening (October 21<sup>st</sup>) at 7:30 p.m.

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

**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.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS “55+ Club”**

**Tuesday: October 8th Following the 12:10 Mass and the Anointing of the Sick**

**Parish Conference Room**

**Presentation on Catholic Roots for Halloween with Cider and Donuts**

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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> – 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).



- 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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$ 7,672.51

On Line Giving: \$ 1,272.00

Weekend Total: \$ 8,944.51

*Thank You!*



**October Meeting**

Tuesday Oct. 15th at 6:00pm  
Parish Conference Rooms More

information to follow. Questions please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569



### 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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Father Coleman K of C Columbiette  
Auxiliary Holiday Craft and Tag Sale

**Saturday October, 26th**  
St. Thomas Parish Center  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Questions please contact  
Sally at 203-366-4826



### October News

Mon. Oct 7th: Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm in the Church . **NO Class Grades 6 and 7**

Wed. Oct. 9th: **No Classes**

Mon. Oct. 14th: **No Classes– Columbus Day**

Thurs. Oct. 31st: **No Classes– Halloween**

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



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? [fldlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:fldlifeteen@gmail.com)

- 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

## OPEN HOUSE

Pre-K 3's through 8th Grade

**SUNDAY**  
OCT 20, 2019  
10am - 12 noon



**ST. THOMAS  
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1719 Post Rd. Fairfield, CT



**For more information or questions  
please contact the School office  
at 203-255-0556**



### 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.