

**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*

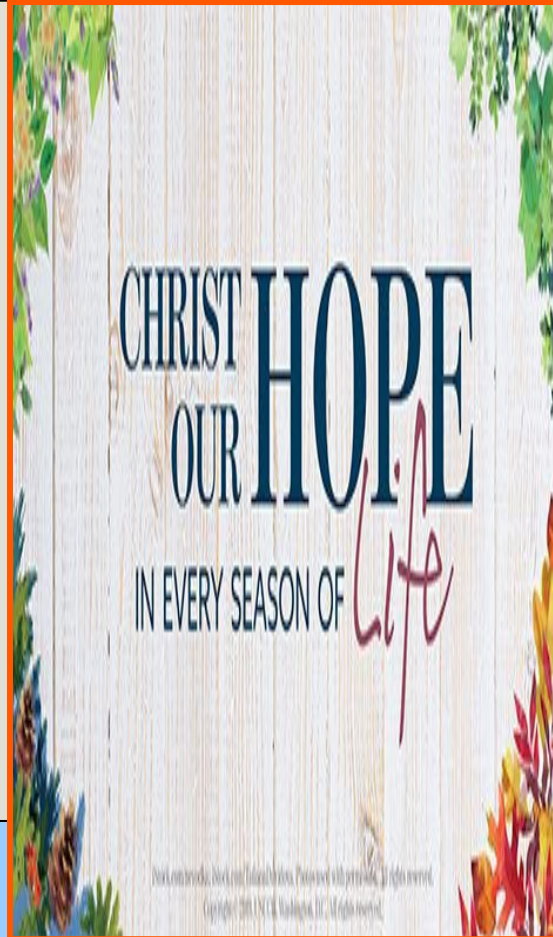
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**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

### A GRATEFUL HEART GOES A LONG WAY

In a somewhat scientific survey. Jesus noted that nine out of 10 people fail to be grateful even in circumstances of wonderful fortune. We might all take a lesson from A.A. Milne’s Winnie-the-Pooh: *“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.”*

My friends,

Our small hearts are capable of holding whatever we choose to store there: resentment or forgiveness; past injuries or present opportunities. Envy for what others have, or appreciation for all that is ours. The ability to be grateful is a sign of mental wellness. **Choose thankfulness.**

### 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.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.”*

**St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

### PARISH SUPPORT

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$ 12,731.86  
 September Capital Fund 2019: \$ 1,273.00  
 On Line Giving: \$ 2,182.00

Weekend Total: \$ 16,186.86

**Thank You!**



### October 12 to October 20, 2019

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Carol Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Patricia Lannon (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Cheryl Chizmadia
	12:10 pm	Marie Constanza (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Ramon Alfonzo
	12:10 pm	Peggy Corcoran (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Kate O’Brien
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Fri.	7:00 am	Thomas Pendelton
	12:10 pm	Eileen J. Zander (6th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard and Evelyn Schlayer
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mary Margaret Fitzpatrick
	10:30 am	Mary Alice Morley (10th)
	12 :00 Noon	John and Patricia Lannon
	5:00 pm	Mission Talk

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



*In Loving Memory of Joseph and Theresa Ostrosky*

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



*In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson*

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



*All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities)*

### FAMILY MASS BEGINS OCTOBER 27

There seems to be interest in resuming a Family Mass here at St. Thomas at 9 am On Sunday mornings.



### 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.”**



### COAT DRIVE

Help the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission** by donating gently used coats.

The National Charity League, a mother/daughter philanthropic organization in Fairfield, is working with the Bridgeport Rescue Mission to collect coats for their annual coat drive for families in need.

The coat drive is part of the **Mission’s Great Thanksgiving Project, which provides about 15,000 warm coats to families.**

**The collection will go from October 14<sup>th</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please look for a decorated donation box labelled:  
(Main Lobby of the Church)

Thank you so much for your support!

### 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.



- 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 Nancy Roche
- James McInerney Gerry Cohane Catherine Lopata

Next Sunday

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

For more information please contact the school at  
203-255-0556

## OPEN HOUSE

Pre-K 3’s through 8th Grade

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



1719 Post Rd. Fairfield, CT







### 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. 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)



### Jesus & Me Storytime Wednesday Oct.16th 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)



### 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.

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).



All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to be part of Fairfield Life Teen, Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. !  
Questions? [fildlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:fildlifeteen@gmail.com)

October 13- Praise & Pizza at St Pius X  
October 20- Life Night at St Thomas Aquinas  
October 27- Halloween Party at St Pius X



**BREAST  
CANCER**  
AWARENESS MONTH