

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

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

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
PARISH**

FOUNDED

JANUARY 28, 1876

144 Years

*Happy
Anniversary*

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
and 5:00 pm

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.

MASSES FOR JANUARY 25 to FEBRUARY 2

Sat.	5:00 pm	John & Susan Antoncelli
Sun.	7:00 am	John Havlicek
	9:00 am	Daniel Grouden
	10:30 am	Christopher M. Bowley (19th)
	12:00 Noon	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo
	5:00 pm	Sr. Catherine Leonard CND
Mon.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	12:10 pm	Allan Webb
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Jack Ringel
Wed.	7:00 am	Meghan Swiecicki
	12:10 pm	Taylor Pond
Thurs.	7:00 am	Eileen Younghans
	12:10 pm	Francis X. Edwards
Fri.	7:00 am	Nancie Donelan
	8:30 am	Sr. Catherine Leonard CND
	12:10 pm	Margaret Bryne Millea (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Victor L. Martin (21st) & Dorothy M. Fodor (21st)
Sun.	7:00 am	Charles Gavin
	9:00 am	John P. Lyons (1st)
	10:30 am	Michael T. Bologna
	12 :00 Noon	Jean Howell (1st)
	5:00 pm	Anne Marie Polke

FROM OUR PASTOR

Tuesday of this week is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. January 28th, 1876 was the day our parish was founded 144 years ago, as the Mother Church of Fairfield.

Let us pray for all our parishioners who have made this their spiritual home over the years.

This week begins our celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2020. Our St. Thomas school has a history of 99 years. It will be holding an Open House this Sunday between 10am-12pm.

Other special activities will be held throughout the week.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Bob and Edna Miller

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Sr. Catherine Leonard

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities)*

OPEN HOUSE
Pre-K 3's through 8th Grade

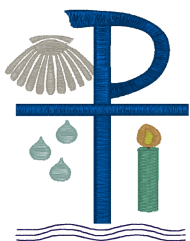
SUNDAY
JAN 26, 2020
10am - 12 noon

1719 POST ROAD
FAIRFIELD, CT

**PARISH SUPPORT
SNOW WEEKEND**

2nd Sunday in Ord Time	\$ 8,222.77
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,217.00
Weekend Total	\$ 9,493.77

Thank you



Next Pre- Baptism Class
Will be held Next
Saturday Feb 1
10:00 am in the Parish
Center.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2020 ACA begins this weekend.

This year our diocesan goal is to raise \$ 9 million. Our parish of St. Thomas received the goal of raising \$175,500 (which is 10% less than last years goal.

This weekend Father Martin will be speaking at the Masses and we will see a DVD in church concerning the needs of our diocese.



Mass Cancellation Due to Snow

If Fairfield Schools are Closed or Delayed due to inclement weather our 7:00 am Mass is automatically cancelled.

This is to provide for the safety of
EVERYONE!

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

Barbara McShane Gerry Cohane
Amelia Mikulka Nancy Roche
James McNerney Edward Malloy
Maria Ines Galindo Anna Tapia Mary Toth
Amanda Morguelan Laura Terranova
Carl Collica Annette Ham Susan Hasiuk
Walter Murphy Ryan Keith Tom Lopex
Charlie Capalbo Sally Cohane
Margaret Novicki Jane Harwood
James Rooney Liam Crane
Margaret Carroll James S. Filippone
Delores Weis Romano DeCastro
Jill McCormack Daly John Lengen
Brendan Maguire Joseph Mitchell Molloy
Veronica Hughes Noreen Hernandez
Zosia Bartusiak Sharon Mulcahy
Jane Broderick Maureen Broderick
Sister Monica Leonard CND
Ilene Ianniello

LENT IS COMING

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON February
26th.**



SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 6 & 20

Volunteers needed

FUNERAL POLICY AT ST. THOMAS

As requested by our bishop, all pastors are asked to make the following policy to all our parishioners.

St. Thomas Church will continue its policy to allow "Words of Comfort" formerly known as (Eulogies) at our Masses of Christian Burial. Words of Comfort will take place at the end of Mass following Communion. We will follow the diocesan norms regarding their purpose, and the time limit.



**Knights of Columbus
Council 2616**

The Knights meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in our church chapel.

The Columbiettes meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Men and women 18 years of age are invited to join.

Columbiettes Meeting Dates Changes for February 2020

Sat. February 22nd at 2:00pm

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On the weekend of Super Bowl LIV
February 1/2, 2020

Our parish "Youth Group" will be taking up a collection to help the hungry of the St Thomas Merton soup kitchen in Bridgeport.

This annual collection is taken up on the weekend of Super Bowl Sunday.

Many thanks for your generosity and support!

Parishioners

of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will receive a contribution statement for tax purposes by the end of January 2020.

Thank you!!.



February News

Thurs. Feb. 6th: 2nd Grade Plate Day

Mon. Feb. 17th: No Classes

**Wed. Feb. 26th : Ash Wednesday–
Ashes will be distributed in Classroom**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or Sthoaqccd@aol.com

When Fairfield Schools are closed or an Early Dismissal CCD classes are automatically canceled.

For information on weather related cancellations TV Channel 3, Channel 8, or Channel 12 and ctweather.com



All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to be part of Fairfield Life Teen, Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. !

St. Pius– Sunday Jan. 19th

Questions? ffldlifeteen@gmail.com

Middle school students are invited to join Fairfield Edge, a dynamic and fun ministry, which meets each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm at St. Pius

"The 55+ Club" Seniors

There will be No Meetings in the Months of January and February.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday–
March 10th