

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

Parish /Cemetery Office—203-255-1097 Office Fax—203-256-8177 Email: STTHOAQ@aol.com  
 Religious Education Office—203-255-1984 School— 203-255-0556 Youth Ministry—203-256-8962  
 St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net  
 Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

**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.

**Family Mass**

9:00 am Mass (3rd Sunday of the month) during the school year.

**Parish Center Rentals**

Contact The Parish Office

**Jubilee  
 Year of Mercy**



**December 8, 2015  
 till  
 November 20, 2016**

**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*

**Dominique Johnson**  
*Religious Ed. Assistant*

**David E. Harris**  
*Organist/Music Director*

**Patricia E. Brady**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Patricia Grassi**  
*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

**Rev. Victor T. Martin**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Lawrence A. Larson**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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

**Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello**  
*Parish Deacon*

**Mary Jane Edwards**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Catherine T. Lopata**  
*Secretary/Cemetery Manager*

**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*

**SHAKE THE DUST**

Family members are still set against each other today. Some family members choose to keep the values of Christian faith, and some reject everything their families have believed.

If family members express their disapproval of decidedly non-Christian behavior, division will come. Family and friends will take sides.

While some behaviors allow for some amount of toleration for the sake of peace, not all behaviors or choices can be tolerated. There are situations that leave no choice but to walk away from family or friends, and this is not easy.

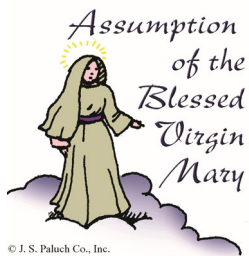
Making the choice to walk away provides a living example of Jesus' words to us today and shows us the difficult implications of trying to follow Christ.

**Jesus Himself said, "Leave, and shake the dust from your feet."**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"There is no wood better to kindle the fire of holy love than the wood of the cross, which Christ used to his own great sacrifice of boundless charity."*

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**



**Monday August 15th  
Masses for the Holy Day  
will be celebrated at  
7:00 am, 12:10 pm  
and 5:30 pm.**

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**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday August 15th**



**August 13 to August 21, 2016**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Daniel Logan (11th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	James Fenton
	10:30 am	Kathleen O'Shea
	12:00 Noon	Elizabeth A. DeFeo (10th)
Mon.	7:00 am	Mary Hunter
	12:10 pm	Venezia Family
	5:30 pm	Teddy Gerber
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Gloria Rabbia
Wed.	7:00 am	Francis Golier
	12:10 pm	Luisa Giansanti
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joey Kulaga
	12:10 pm	Martin Crowe
Fri.	7:00 am	Mary Margaret Curran
	12:10 pm	Jerry Kwitkowski
Sat.	5:00 pm	Dawn Forrest
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Guilhermina DeJesus
	10:30 am	Thomas Murray
	12 :00 Noon	Charles and Bernadette Boyle

**Newly Baptized**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized

- Beau Pasqua Strickland**
- Avery Anna Peterson**
- Charlotte Choyse Peterson**
- Amelia James Peterson**



**MARRIAGE BANNS**

**II. Christopher Takacs and Catherine O'Connell**

**Parish Office Summer Hours  
To September 2nd**

**Monday - Friday  
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

**CONFESSIONS DURING JUBILEE YEAR**

The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption 545 Stratfield Road in Fairfield will be open for Confessions on Tuesday evening 7 til 8:30 pm until November 15, 2016.

The Church of St. Pius X - 834 Brookside Drive in Fairfield will be open for Confessions every Thursday evening 7 til 8:30 pm until November 17, 2016.



Nancy Giannini  
Amanda Morguelan  
Laura Terranova  
Shirley Mongillo  
Javier Sattler  
Leonor Sattler  
Mary Durkin  
Rebecca Scalera  
Irene Ercolani  
Susan Ross  
Betty Freddino  
Meghan McHugh  
Sally Cohane  
Anthony Mongillo  
Jack Andrews  
Kathleen Andrews  
Liam Craane  
Robert DeVitto

Maria Ines Galindo  
Walter Murphy  
Carl Collica  
Annette Ham  
Susan Hasiuk  
Chet Greene  
Tom Lopez  
Nancy Stevens  
Robert Dunne  
Joan McHugh  
James Rooney  
Peggy Krotki  
Mary Toth  
Michael McGuire  
Carl Palmieri  
Rosemarie Fowler  
Joseph Mitchell  
Veronica Hughes



**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT  
BLUE MASS**

**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 11th  
9:00 A.M. MASS**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH  
1719 POST ROAD FAIRFIELD, CT.**

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR  
COMMUNITY HERO'S.**

**THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE  
OUR COMMUNITIES IN TIME OF  
NEED.**

**THIS YEAR OUR COUNTRY WILL  
CELEBRATE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER  
11, 2001**

**LET US JOIN OUR BISHOP FRANK  
CAGGIANO AND FELLOW  
AMERICANS IN OUR PRAYERS AND  
LOVE FOR THOSE WHO DIED ON  
THAT FATEFUL DAY AND THOSE  
WHO SERVE US EACH AND EVERY  
DAY!**

**“LET US NEVER FORGET”**

(A reception will follow in the parish hall)



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**

**THIS WEEK**

*Dawn Forrest*



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



*The Venezia Family*

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

*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*



**Parish Support**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,098.35  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 7,169.40

*Thank You!*



**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 **3rd Degree** meets every First Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **4th Degree** meets every Second 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.

**See you in the Fall No Meetings in August.**

**DATES TO KNOW**

- Tues: Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas School  
First Day back
- Sun: Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Canonization of  
Mother Teresa in Rome
- Sun: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Blue Mass  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
9:00 AM Mass  
Bishop Caggiano as Celebrant
- Sun: Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Sunday  
9:00 AM Mass
- Mon: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Religious Education classes begins



**August Schedule**

- Wed. August 17: Middle School from 4-5:30pm,  
High School from 7-9pm
- Wed. August 24: High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



**TEACHERS NEEDED  
FOR  
2016—2017  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

**If interested, please contact the  
Religious Education office at  
255-1984**

Registration forms for the 2016-2017  
School year can be found on the web page:

[Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com)

**Forms are now Due**

Questions please contact Jackie or  
Dominique at 203-255-1984 or

[stthoaqccd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A  
MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO  
WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?**

**CLASSES START IN THE FALL.**

**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFO  
AT 255-1097.**