

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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



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
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

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

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

NOT EVEN OUR MONEY

Jesus is telling us once again that nothing – not even our money should ever take priority over our right relationship with God. And in this time of ours which seems bent on canonizing greed, it is urgent that we disciples of Jesus Christ deliver that message through the examples of our own lives.

My friends, The most important single thing in your life at this moment is for you to be able to enter into a direct encounter with God. The most important single thing in your life at this moment is to know, down at the center of your being, how to be open to the movement of God’s Spirit within you.

That your NUMBER ONE priority in LIFE!

It’s more important than your health, than your job, than your family relationships. Your peace of mind, your peace of soul --- the quality of your life – depends on it!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“Money is not evil. Money just is.
What we do with it
determines good and evil.”*



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Gianni Quinn Araujo



**Knights of Columbus
“Toostie Roll Drive”**

Next Weekend September 24th & 25th

KOC are asking for your support of their 2016 Fund Drive for people with intellectual disabilities by a **Toostie Roll or Two**. Please support this worth while fund drive. **Many Thanks!!!**



September 17, to September 25, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	William Fitzpatrick
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Bernard Beglane
	10:30 am	Louis Rabbia
	12:00 Noon	Dawn Forrest
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth Poore (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Joey Kulaga
	12:10 pm	Sue Ann Murphy
Wed.	7:00 am	Patricia Augenthaler
	12:10 pm	Martin Crowe
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joyce Shea
	12:10 pm	Peter Gannon Jr.
Fri.	7:00 am	Joseph Byrne
	12:10 pm	Sr. Catherine Jemapte (1st)
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Mary Anderson
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Etta G. Ryan
	10:30 am	Gloria Dellaera
	12 :00 Noon	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo



Nancy Gianni	Maria Ines Galindo
Amanda Morguelan	Walter Murphy
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Shirley Mongillo	Annette Ham
Javier Sattler	Susan Hasiuk
Leonor Sattler	Chet Greene
Mary Durkin	Tom Lopez
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Susan Ross
Joan McHugh	Betty Freddino
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Meghan McHugh	Peggy Krotki
Sally Cohane	Mary Toth
Anthony Mongillo	Michael McGuire
Jack Andrews	Carl Palmieri
Kathleen Andrews	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Craane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Veronica Hughes



Marriage Banns

- II. Samuel Berg and Julia Parsons**
- III. Steven Conneely and Sara Ryan**



Join us for an adult evening of Dinner and Dancing with music from the 1950s and 1960s provided by "Remember When", St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School teacher, "DJ" Philip Flynn.

Friday, October 7th 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dinner Menu includes Salad, Pasta, Meatballs, Dessert, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Coffee & Tea
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center \$20 per person

Hosted by the
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
8th Grade Class.

Contact Lisa McCurley at mccurley@optonline.net or 203-292-6877 for reservations and information.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Dawn Forrest

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Richard J. Martin



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



Anointing of the Sick

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Is there anyone who is sick and in need of God's healing? If so, then please come to our Sixteenth

*Annual Autumn Communal Anointing of the Sick celebration on **Sunday October 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in our Church.** The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to anyone who has a serious illness. Anticipating major surgery, the weakness that accompanies old age or any serious illness, these are reasons for an individual to request anointing. Feel free to bring a relative or friend with you. Also, all parishioners, even though you will not/or cannot receive the Sacrament, are welcome to come and pray with us at this special Mass of healing. Please complete the form at the bottom of the bulletin and put it in the collection basket or call the **PARISH CENTER at 255-1097** to let us know that you are coming.*

This Mass will also satisfy your Sunday obligation

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

No. of People Attending: _____

Any Special Needs? (wheelchair, ride, handicap access, etc)

Please return before September 30th



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.

Parish Support

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,369.00
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 8,028.30

Catholic University 2016: \$ 1,275.40
Catholic University 2015: \$ 2,462.98

Ladies Guild 2016: \$ 748.00
Ladies Guild 2015: \$ 808.00

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.

VENDORS NEEDED

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

Event is on

Saturday October, 22nd
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

VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children Class

Is an awareness training that teaches adults about the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. The program is **MANDATORY** for all volunteers in our School, Youth Group and CCD and Church Programs (Lectors, Choir etc)

A session is scheduled here at St. Thomas for *Thursday, October 13th at 6:00pm* in the Parish conference rooms. Please register www.virtus.org.

ST. THOMAS SENIORS

Fr. Martin has just come to find out that the Seniors at St. Thomas will not be meeting until further notice. I would like to thank Kay Slovensky and all those who were members of our senior group, who were faithful to these monthly meetings.



**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

Forms are now Due

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

stthoaqccd@aol.com



Ladies Guild

First Meeting for the 2016-2017 will be Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. The meeting will be a planning session for the year. A light dinner will be served. The Guild meets once monthly during the school year and welcomes all current members back and welcomes new members of all ages to come and see what the guild is all about. Bernadette at 203-254-7569.



September Meeting Schedule:

Sunday, September 18: High School from 7-9pm
Sunday, September 25: **Fall Kick Off Meetings!!!**
Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com