

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.

Family Mass

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

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



**RESPECT
FOR LIFE**

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

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

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.

PARISH STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Father Martin has made the following staff changes in our parish office. Catherine Lopata our parish secretary/receptionist will now take on her new title as Administrator of the parish offices.

Father Martin has given the position of parish receptionist to Ms. Gerrie Desio (the former principal at Assumption school in Fairfield). Both of these positions begin on Monday: October 10th.

Congratulations to both Catherine and Gerrie on their new roles in serving the parishioners of St. Thomas Parish.

Message from the Pastor

GIVING THANKS BY GIVING

A group of foreigners washed up on the shore. Sick, starving immigrants. Religious refugees fleeing persecution. The people who already lived there, who have lived there for a very long time, could have easily sent them back, ignored them, and let them suffer or even killed them. But, they didn't do any of that.

Instead, they led them and befriended them, and helped them learn how to survive in their new home. And the newcomers said thanks, with a celebration of gratitude, which Americans now commemorate every November.

This time of year is the beginning of harvest time in many parts of the world, and every culture celebrates it – on different days and with different traditions – going back to the beginning of human history. Think of it as a giant collective **“Thank God, we made it!”**



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- James Theodore Landon**
- Oliver Franco Perez**
- Abigail Christine Holley**
- Robert Anthony Bardenwerper**



October 8 to October 16, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Donald McLane
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John F. Brown
	10:30 am	Sebastian Rabbia
	12:00 Noon	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	John Henry Redgate (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Susan Carroll
	12:10 pm	Rita Wickert (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Gregorio Pacheco (1st)
	12:10 pm	Lorraine Burnett (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Thomas and Catherine Greenwood
	12:10 pm	Mary Emmendorfer (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Wendell Backus (1st)
	12:10 pm	William J. Lopata Sr. (1st)
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Robert and Mary Rielly
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Margaret Alfano Chuka
	10:30 am	Julianne Kennedy
	12 :00 Noon	Doris Takacs



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
Jane Harwood	Betty Freddino
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Anthony Mongillo
Carl Palmieri	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Craane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Veronica Hughes
Noreen Hernandez	Margaret Poulsen
Rev. Charlie Allen	Dennis Rich



Marriage Banns

- II. Keith Creasy and Elizabeth Damm**
- III. Mathew Faenza and Shannon Czaplicki**

Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Events



CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 9th Annual CT. Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday: October 22, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Goodwin College in East Hartford. Tickets are \$40 and includes a box lunch and free parking. Additional information can be obtained at www.ctcatholicmen.org

3rd Annual Women's Conference for the Diocese of Bridgeport "Made By Love, For Love"



Saturday, November 12, 2016

St. Catherine of Siena Family Center, Trumbull

9:30am check-in until closing Mass at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$45 (which includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and hospitality bag) Please visit www.bridgeportwomensconference.org for more information and to register.

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.



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.

The Parish Office will be closed On Monday October 10 for Columbus Day .

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House
Sunday, October 23rd
10:00 am until Noon**

All interested parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet our Principal, and talk with our Teachers and their Assistants. We invite you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit our Preschool and Kindergarten community.

Applications will be available for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - "Building a Strong Foundation in Faith and Knowledge" www.stasonline.net .

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Peter Joseph Shaughnessey

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

The Rielly Family



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

October Seniors Meeting

Seniors are back. First meeting will be held on Tuesday October 11th at 1:00 –3:00 pm in the Parish Conference Room. Questions please contact Kay at 203-259-3537.

Parish Support

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,486.80
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 9,118.25
September Capital Fund 2016: \$ 1,071.00
September Capital Fund 2015: \$ 896.00

Electronic Giving

July 2016: \$5,815.00 August 2016: \$ 6,870.00
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.

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
Saturday October, 22nd
St. Thomas Parish Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information contact Sally 203-366-4826



October Meeting will be on Tuesday Oct. 18th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. Will be making rosaries as their community project. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. Questions or more information please contact Bernadette 203-254-7569.



October News

Sun. Oct. 9: High School "Prayer Changes Me" Event at Notre Dame High School 10am-3pm

Sun. Oct. 16: High School from 7-9pm

Sun. Oct. 23: High School from 7-9pm

Sun. Oct. 30: **Halloween Party!!**

Middle School from 4-5:30pm

High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



October News

Mon. Oct. 10th **No Class Columbus Day**

Thur. Oct. 13th **HOMESCHOOL MEETING**
10:00am Parish Conference Rm.

Mon. Oct. 17th **GRADE 8 PARENTS/CHILD:**
Confirmation Mtg. in the Church 7:00 pm

NO CLASS for Grades 6 & 8

Mon. Oct. 31st **Halloween: No Class for 6,7& 8**

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

stthoaqccd@aol.com

On Sunday, November 13th there will be a testimonial event at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine, Bridgeport, CT recognizing and honoring the life and service of Sister M. Frederick Tkacz, Religious Sister of Mercy.

Sister is celebrating her **100th birthday** this year. Sister served throughout Connecticut but mainly in many parishes in the Bridgeport Diocese as teacher, religious superior and School Principal.

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. immediately followed by a reception in the Kolbe Gymnasium.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

Should you wish to honor Sister in addition to or in lieu of your presence, donations may be made through GoFundMe on Facebook at

https://www.gofundme.com/srfrederick?pc=em_co_dashboard_a

or donations may be made to The Sister M. Frederick Scholarship.

If you plan to attend, please call Pat Ruane (203) 372-5212 or Barbara Gilbert (203) 254-9583 by November 5th.

Donations to the scholarship may be sent to The Sister M. Frederick Scholarship c/o Mary Jane Edwards, 170 Thompson St., Bridgeport, CT 06604.