

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.

Message from the Pastor

PERSEVERE

Prayer is the key to persevering in faith. But, we do not always pray alone. Aaron and Hur helped Moses persevere. Paul helped Timothy persevere. Luke helped his community. Paul exhorted Timothy to be a source of direction, strength and wisdom for others regardless of the personal cost.

We, too, must persevere.

This requires constant attention to prayer and the Scriptures.

If opened, the Scriptures can show us how to pray.

My friends,

Is our Bible still as good as new, or has our thirst for knowledge and faith worn out???

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“All saints began their conversion by prayer, and through prayer they persevered.”

St. John Vianney

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.

Newly Baptized



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Greyson Luis Simeone
Beatrice Elizabeth Colelli
Ryan Jeremy Taylor**



October 15 to October 23, 2016

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Robert and Mary Rielly |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | Margaret Alfona Chuka |
| | 10:30 am | Julianne Kennedy |
| | 12:00 Noon | Doris Takacs |
| Mon. | 7:00 am | Kate O’Brien |
| | 12:10 pm | Eileen J. Zander (3rd) |
| Tues. | 7:00 am | Elizabeth D’Agostino |
| | 12:10 pm | Allie D. Richard |
| Wed. | 7:00 am | Edward Redmond (25th) |
| | 12:10 pm | Mary Alice Morley (7th) |
| Thurs. | 7:00 am | Susan H. Carroll |
| | 12:10 pm | Drew Foster (1st) |
| Fri. | 7:00 am | Barbara Lindwall (1st) |
| | 12:10 pm | James O’Brien (1st) |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Francis Reed |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | Edward O’Connor |
| | 10:30 am | James Edwards |
| | 12 :00 Noon | Paul Beatty |



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| 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 |
| Frank Slovensky | |



Marriage Banns

**I. Peter LeBlanc and Katherine Demyan
III. Keith Creasy and Elizabeth Damm**



Holiday and Craft Tag Sale
Sponsored by Father Coleman KOC Columbiette Auxiliary
Saturday October 22nd St. Thomas Parish Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
All are welcome!!



Our next Ladies Guild meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016, at 6 PM in the Parish Center. To celebrate the month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will be making rosaries as part of our community service.

Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 15, 2016. We will be collecting items to send care packages to our troops for the holidays.

The annual wreath sale sponsored by the Ladies Guild is scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2016, after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. To pre-order call Bernadette.

Our annual Bale Sale is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2016 after every mass.

Save the dates. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Please call Bernadette at 203 254 7569 if you have any questions.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



*In Loving memory of
Theresa & Joseph Ostrosky*

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

In Loving Memory of Katie O'Brien



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



*All those Unemployed
(Praying for job opportunities!)*

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations on behalf of St. Thomas Aquinas parish to Mrs. Carol Mauro, who received the St. Augustine Medal of Service Award this weekend from Bishop Frank Caggiano. Father Martin chose Carol as this year's recipient. Carol is a long time parishioner, who has given valuable service and time to our Religious Education program. She also serves as an Eucharistic Minister, as well as a money counter on the weekend.

PROJECT APPALACHIA

This weekend we are happy to have JoAnn Dobransky from Project Appalachia speaking at our Masses concerning our parish involvement with this poor region of our country.

JoAnn will speak about a generator that is much needed for the milk and meats no to go bad in case of electric problems.

We will be taking a 2nd Collection as we do each year for Project Appalachia which will go to obtaining the generator and food and milk for the babies.

If you are in need of furniture pick up, please call Carolyn Cachiants (Project Appalachia) at (239)389-9355 for a scheduled pick up.

Parish Support

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 12,280.21
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 10,391.00

Electronic Giving

September 2016: \$ 6,948.00

Thank You!

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church is on Facebook
at**

www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield



**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.

Notre Dame High School (Boy's and Girls) Class of 1966 is planning a 50th Reunion Spring 2017.

If you are interested in working on the Class of 1966 Reunion committee or would like to receive more information, please contact the Notre Dame Alumni Office at tmarzik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521 ext. 242.

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.



October News

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

**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.



October News

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

Parrish Office Hours

**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00am to 12:00 Noon**