

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



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

TO LIVE LIFE

The world will not end for millions of years, but our own life will end. This reality cannot be ignored. We must face it and contemplate it. We must live with the realization that time is limited.

So, how do we live?

We stay faithful. We live responsible lives, taking our spiritual growth very seriously. We take seriously our promises to love our spouses and raise our children according to the Law of Christ and His Church.

My friends,

Most of all, we never give in to fear about death. By staying faithful to the Lord we can actually rejoice that **“The Day of the Lord”** will come for us. Our task is to live for the Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We can bring the Gospel to others only if it has a deep impact in our lives.”

Pope Francis



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Ruth Anne Ortegon
Adaline Grace Curesky

Parish Support

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 8,497.55
 Archdiocese for the Military 2016: \$ 1,568.67
 All Saints Day 2016: \$ 1,722.00
 November Annual Collection 2016: \$ 1,660.00

Thank You!



November 12 to November 20, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas & Mary Murren & Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Nancy Stanco
	10:30 am	Ryan and Maisano Families
	12:00 Noon	Thomas J. Greenwood
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Tom Liston
Tues.	7:00 am	Rose Gersz
	12:10 pm	Margaret Lupo (1st)
	6:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild
Wed.	7:00 am	Joseph Kulaga
	12:10 pm	Joseph Bryne
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ida Miller (31st)
	12:10 pm	Lyda Lazar (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Stephen Coughlin & Robert Newman
	12:10 pm	Martin Crowe (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	John McHale
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Antonio Manca
	10:30 am	John Padula
	12 :00 Noon	Paul Beatty

please pray for the sick

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	Jane Harwood
Betty Freddino	James Rooney
Rene Ercolani Molnar	Richard Martin
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	

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of the church. Collections will be on Saturday, Nov.19 and Dec. 3rd From 9 to 12 o'clock. For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at carriecach@aol.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:



Would you like to help a family build their new home? We have the opportunity to join with local churches to help a family in Bridgeport build their home on Sat, Nov 19. Construction skills not needed just a willingness to help.

If you can work 1 or 2 or 3 hrs or all day, you are welcome to join us. If you are interested, call Karen Ann Simmons 203-335-7432 for more information.



Care Packages for Soldiers

Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 11,000 to date. We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley Sambrook 203-259-5903.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

Thank you and God Bless America!



Upcoming Events for Ladies Guild Mark your Calendars

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 **Advent 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 203 254 7569 .



Our annual **Bake Sale** is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2016 after all the mass.



Mark your Calendars

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday Morning November 24th at 8:00am

Lets come together to give thanks to God

COVENANT HOUSE COLLECTION

Each year on Thanksgiving Day at our 8:00 am morning Mass, a special collection is taken up for Covenant House in NYC. This collection helps runaway teenagers to receive help with food and shelter and medical attention at Covenant House. Perhaps you will be away for Thanksgiving Day Mass but would like to give an offering to help these young people? Please place a gift in any Sunday offertory marked for this purpose or send it directly to the Parish Office.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

For the needy area families and in support of food pantries in our area. Donation of canned goods and non-perishable items are most welcome!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church are decorated with feathers indicating the items that you intend to provide please return the items to the church by Sunday Nov. 13th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 18th.

Thank you for your help!!



SAVE THE DATE Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Saturday November 26th following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass, we will hold the lighting of the Parish Christmas tree in front of the Church.

All are welcome to attend!! **Come Together to Begin the Holiday Season!!!**



**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.

Senior News

The Seniors November Meeting will be on **Tuesday November 15th** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Questions or more information contact Kay at 203-259-3537.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



William Melnick 3rd Anniversary

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

Ryan and Maisano Families



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



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



**Save the Date
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday December 3, 2016**

More information to follow in future Bulletins. Questions contact the school at 203-255-0556



November News

Mon. Nov. 14th: 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Gym
No Class for Grades 6 and 7

Wed./Thurs. Nov. 23/24: **No Class Thanksgiving**

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

stthoaqccd@aol.com



**St. Thomas Catholic School Alumni Event
Wednesday, November 23rd
Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service
9:00 am St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

There will be reserved seating and a light reception will immediately follow. Students will be available to give tours.

Questions please contact:

barbara.duffin@stasonline.net

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 13:

Thanksgiving Food Drive Sorting Night of Service

St Thomas Aquinas Church is now on Facebook! "Like" St Thomas here: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield>

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at

StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic
School Christmas Evergreens &
Poinsettia Sale**

Decorate for the Christmas Season and support our 8th grade class. All money raised will help fund our end of the year activities. Order forms are available at church entrances and orders can be made after Masses on November 12th/13th and November 19th/20th. Thank you in advance for your support! Any questions please call Christine Dooley at 203-319-8274.