

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.

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

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

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

CHRIST OUR KING

On this Solemnity of Christ the King we would do well to ponder to whom – or to what – we have entrusted our souls and why???

My friends of Jesus Christ!

Our reflection today should be about ourselves. Who are the people we allow to lead us and why do we make the choices we do? Whom do we allow to form us, shape us and guide us?

What kind of person do we want to lead us?

Today we are offered an answer. True leadership is defined by humble service. Even in His dying moments Jesus gave us an example of humble service. Mocked by soldiers and a criminal who was dying with him, Jesus never lashed out. Instead, while dying, He reached out to save one more soul, another criminal.

Perhaps the most significant leader is the one who teaches us how to lead. So, whom do we chose to follow?



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Sofia Marie Calcagni
Lochlan James Giambalvo

Parish Support

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,235.63
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 15,234.71
Capital Fund October 2016: \$ 966.00
Capital Fund October 2015: \$ 934.00

Thank You!



November 19 to November 27, 2016

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Priest/Intention. Includes entries for Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with various times and names.



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

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!

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.



Marriage Banns

I. Peter Fred Anderson and Megan Ann DeRita

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations (**No more clothing is being accepted**) to the back of the church. Collections will be on Saturday, Dec. 3rd From 9 to 12 o'clock.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Joey Kulaga

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Jean Simoneau



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“Teach prayer by praying,
announce the faith by believing,
offer witness by living.”*

Pope Francis

*please
pray for
the sick*

Nancy Gianni
Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova
Shirley Mongillo
Javier Sattler
Leonor Sattler
Mary Durkin
Rebecca Scalera
Irene Ercolani
Betty Freddino
Rene Ercolani Molnar
Peggy Krotki
Mary Toth
Ilene Ianniello
Liam Craane
Robert DeVitto
Noreen Hernandez
Rev. Charlie Allen
Frank Slovensky

Maria Ines Galindo
Walter Murphy
Carl Collica
Annette Ham
Susan Hasiuk
Chet Greene
Tom Lopez
Nancy Stevens
Jane Harwood
James Rooney
Richard Martin
Sally Cohane
Anthony Mongillo
Rosemarie Fowler
Joseph Mitchell
Veronica Hughes
Margaret Poulsen
Dennis Rich



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree. **(Beginning Next weekend Nov. 26/27th)**

This is an enormous project and every year the parish rises to the occasion. St. Thomas Aquinas families and parishioners share their generosity with many people in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Through the Advent Giving Tree, we provide specific gifts for individual families from St. Charles and St. Mary parishes in Bridgeport and Catholic Charities families, coats for Mercy Learning Center, warm weather clothing for patrons of the Ella Grasso Center, gift cards for Operation Hope, books and games for children of the Cardinal Sheehan Center, outfits for the Missionary Sisters' pre-school children, toys for the Daughters of Charity Convent, and we provide help for families in our own parish.

If anyone would like to “adopt a family” and purchase gifts for a family please e-mail stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com

Please take tags from the trees at the entrances of the parish and bring the item back, unwrapped, by the date on the tag. If you return your gift during the week, please bring it to the Parish Office where it will be secure. If you return your gift after a weekend Mass, please bring it to the boxes in the Church. If you are available to help deliver items to Bridgeport please contact Jessica stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com /740-424-4581 **Thank you in advance for your generosity!!**



Tree Lighting Ceremony

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.



November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a metabolic disorder of the pancreas wherein it is unable to produce sufficient insulin (a hormone that regulates carbohydrate metabolism) to maintain a healthy level of blood sugar. Diabetes often goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem so harmless. Studies indicate that early detection of diabetes symptoms with early treatment can decrease the chance of developing complications.



Ladies Guild Bake Sale

Annual **Bake Sale** is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2016 after all the mass. Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569 .



Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 3rd St. Thomas Parish Center Gym

Join Santa for breakfast at this Christmas tradition. Breakfast, cookie decorating, crafts and fun. Pictures with Santa are an additional \$5 three different seating's to choose from (8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am). Adult tickets are \$12pp and kids (14 and under \$8pp). Seating is limited for this fun event.

To sign up contact Deirdre at deirdre.obolewicz@gmail.com or (203)767-5059



November News

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

December News

Mon. Dec. 5th: Grade 8 Penance Service 7:00pm

No Class for Grades 6 and

Thurs. Dec. 8th: **No Classes for 2nd Grade**

Mon. Dec.12th:Grades 6/7 Penance Service 6:00pm
No Class for 8th Grade

Tues. Dec. 13th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15
No Class Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 14th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15
No Class Grade 1

**Dec. 19th to Jan. 2nd 2017 Christmas Break
Classes Resume on January 3, 2017**

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

November and December Meeting Schedule:

Sunday, November 20: Middle School & High School: Concert at St. Pius X (Father Rob Galea) from 7:30-9:30pm
Sunday, November 27: Thanksgiving Break- No Meetings

Sunday, December 4: High School from 7-9pm (Part 4)
Sunday, December 11: High School from 7-9pm
Sunday, December 18: Christmas Parties!!!
Middle School from 4-5:30pm, High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com