

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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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

**Rev. Victor T. Martin**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Lawrence A. Larson**  
*Parochial Vicar*

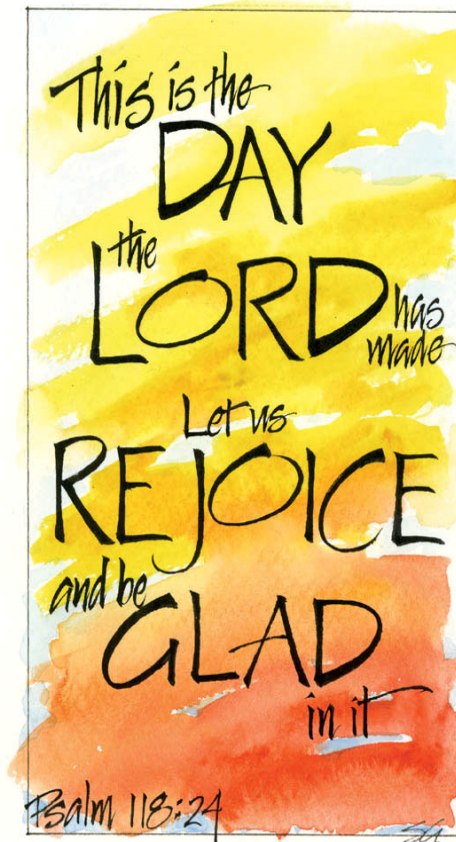
**Rev. Roger F. McDonough**  
*Retired-Resident Priest*

**Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello**  
*Retired-Parish Deacon*

**Mary Jane Edwards**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Catherine T. Lopata**  
*Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.*

**Gerrie Desio**  
*Office Receptionist*



**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*

**David E. Harris**  
*Organist/Music Director*

**Stephen L. Anderson**  
*School Principal*

**Jessica Nayden**  
*Youth Minister*

**Patricia Grassi**  
*RCLIA 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

**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

**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*

**“THE LAST WILL BE FIRST  
AND THE LAST WILL BE FIRST.”**

When Jesus used the proverb, “the last will be first, and the first last,” He is echoing the first of several beatitudes with which He introduces the Sermon on the Mount. How blessed, how “happy are you who are poor.” In this Beatitude, Jesus is telling us that our happiness – our fulfillment as human persons – depends necessarily upon our willingness to acknowledge that apart from God we are nothing.

My friends,

We are positioned to be truly blest, truly happy, truly fulfilled, only when we are poor enough in spirit to stand before God and acknowledge our total dependence on Him. The worst thing we can do to ourselves is to imagine we live apart from God. It takes a special kind of pride to do that. In Biblical language, it is called hubris, which goes much deeper than ordinary conceit or everyday arrogance.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**John Frederick Wilkinson  
Michael Patsy Rodriguez**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand  
alongside the great mountain of the mercy  
of God.”*

St. John Vianney



**ENTERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic? RCIA Classes for Adults interested begin in the Fall. Call the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.



**September 23 to October 1, 2017**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Ann Ventricelli
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mary Anderson
	10:30 am	Louis Rabbia
	12:00 Noon	Etta Ryan
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Donna Kudzy
Tues.	7:00 am	Debra Parmentola
	12:10 pm	Winifred Clark (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Christopher Lavelle
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Thurs.	7:00 am	Edward O’Sullivan
	12:10 pm	Attilio Gansanti
Fri.	7:00 am	Nathan Chu
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Sat.	5:00 pm	Jim Bishop Jr.
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Rita Squires Jaeger (1st)
	10:30 am	Attilio Giansanti
	12 :00 Noon	Helen Daly



James McInerney	Joan McInerney
Barbara McShane	Amelia Mikulka
Maria Ines Galindo	Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Annette Ham	Francis Xavier Edwards
Susan Hasiuk	Walter Murphy
Chet Greene	Tom Lopez
Charlie Capalbo	William Ceruzzi
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Jane Harwood
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Luis Gonzalez	Patrick Carroll
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Veronica Hughes	Noreen Hernandez
Dennis Rich	Frank Slovensky
Delores Weis	Kay Slovensky
John Lengen	Helen McElroy
Joseph Sciarrillo	Romano DeCastro
Mary Jane Edwards	

**Project Appalachia**

Donations for the Fall Truck for Project Appalachia will be accepted in November ONLY. More information to follow in future bulletins. Thank you.

**Parish Support**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$10,596.00
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016:	\$ 9,369.00
Hurricane Irma 2017:	\$ 3,000.00

*Thank You!*



**Pre Baptism Class**

For all First Time Parents, a Pre-Baptism Class is required. They will be held in our Parish Conference Room at 10:00am, on the following Saturdays:

October 7th  
November 4th  
December 9th

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 for questions and to sign up for the Class.



**September Meeting  
changed its date to Tuesday  
Sept. 26th at 6 PM**

in the Parish Center. Please come with a friend and discover how you can make a difference in the life of our Parish community. Membership is not required. We will also make Rosaries to send to hurricane devastated areas. Rosary donations are welcome. Light dinner will be served. Questions contact Bernadette 203-331-5791.

**TEACHERS NEEDED**

**FOR**

**2017—2018**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR!**

**Contact Jackie in the Religious Education Office**

**At 203-255-1097**

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED**

Interested in joining the Ministry of Lectors to read at mass on the weekends? Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED**

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 if you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at mass on the weekends.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN**



**THIS WEEK**

*In Memory of Jo Ann Melillo*

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

*Etta Ryan*



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



*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*



**PROJECT FROM THE HEART-LOOKING FOR HELP.**

Anyone with a link to a box company, we are in dire need. To date, we have shipped over 12,400 boxes to our well-deserving troops and, truly, we need to carry on with our mission to bring a smile and measure of comfort to our troops. The box company who has helped us in the past is no longer able to do so. Sometimes boxes are made incorrectly, a few inches off and they cannot be delivered, as ordered. We have been the grateful recipient of such error! Boxes in the range of 10 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 10, or something in that range, are what we are looking for.

Please contact Shirley Sambrook at 203 259-5903, with any information or help.

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**

