

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net
Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

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

**PRIEST
CONVOCATION 2017**

Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the 5th Convocation of priests from Sunday, Oct. 15 through Wednesday, Oct. 18. The Convocation, which takes place every 3 years, will be held this year in Newport, Rhode Island.

The theme of the Convocation is “Of one heart and Mind: Brothers United in Christ.” The purpose of the three-day meeting is to strengthen the fraternal bonds among the priests and to provide a time of spiritual renewal for them so that they may return with an even greater commitment to service.

Please know that our 7:00 am will not be celebrated & 12:10 Mass will be celebrated here at St. Thomas by a visiting priest; however, members of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield University and religious order priests will be available for sacramental emergencies.

**PRAYER FOR THE
5TH CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2017**

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name.

We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 15 to 18. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return enkindled in the faith and renewed in holiness.

We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:

+ Sustain and strengthen our Bishop, as our good and faithful shepherd;

+ Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacrament;

+ Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need;

+ Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son;

+ Make every household to be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured;

(CONTINUE NEXT COLUMN)

+ Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son’s call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen



September 30 to October 8, 2017

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Jack E. Shaughnessey
Tues.	7:00 am	William “Bill” Tretreau
	12:10 pm	John Henry Redgate
Wed.	7:00 am	Ryan Hummer
	12:10 pm	Rubin Saksa
	7:30 pm	Fairfield Prep NHS
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ester Royal (1st)
	12:10 pm	Mary Alice Morley
Fri.	7:00 am	Stanley Poremba
	8:15 am	Joseph Sargeant
	12:10 pm	Eileen J. Zander
Sat.	5:00 pm	Warren E. Posser
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Clarisse Oswalk
	10:30 am	Sebastiano Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	Jack Hennelly



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Evelyn Elizabeth Kurys
James Ryan Crotty
Miles Paul Crotty
Skyler Rose Crotty**



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.

**SSND Champagne Brunch Fundraiser
Support Education – Locally & Globally**

SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

The Boathouse at Saugatuck, 521 Riverside Ave.
Westport, CT 06880
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Join us! Hear what the School Sisters of Notre Dame are doing today & enjoy a festive brunch, surrounded by New England’s spectacular autumn palette.

Tickets are \$125/per person, available online at www.amssnd.org For more information, contact, Leslie Lopez llopez@amssnd.org or 800-993-7763.

Please pray for the sick

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| 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 | Frank “Bud” Carroll |
| Margaret Carroll | Ed Zera |

Parish Support

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,825.50
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,942.35

Thank you!

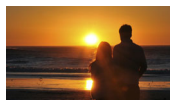
Project Appalachia

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

Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Events

(For complete information on the following events please visit our web page at Stthomasfairfield.com)

Fall in Love Again and Again



An Evening for Married Couples on Friday Sept. 29th at 6:15pm at Queen of Saints Hall at the Catholic Center in Bridgeport \$30 per couple.



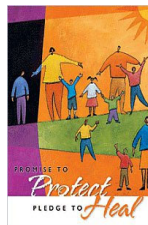
An Invitation to Lifelong Faith Formation with Bishop Caggiano Saturday Sept. 30th: 8:30am-3:00pm at St. Joseph’s High School Trumbull. \$15 per person.



Wednesday Oct. 11th at 7:00pm at St Catherine of Siena in Trumbull. Inaugural Speaker will be Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT



Bishop Caggiano requests all catechists to attend one of the two meetings to have a conversation with him about reimagining faith formation in our parishes. Sat. Oct. 28th 8:30am to 11:00am at All Saints Catholic School in Norwalk or Tues. Nov. 7th 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport.



**2017 MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th 2:00 pm
St. Anthony of Padua**

The Most Rev. Frank Caggiano, together with a planning committee of Survivors of Sexual Abuse as Minors by Priests, will hold a very special Mass for anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor and for others who have been impacted. The Mass will be held on October 29th at 2:00 P.M. at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 149 S. Pine Creek Rd, Fairfield, Light Refreshments will be served immediately following the Mass.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“NO ONE IS BORN HATING ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE. HATE IS SOMETHING THAT IS LEARNED”



**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.

VENDORS NEEDED

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
To support their Charity efforts.

Event is on

Saturday October, 21st
St. Thomas Parish Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per table or 2 tables for \$50

All inquires can be directed to
Sally at 203-366-4826



ATTENTION FIRST GRADE CCD PARENTS

First Day of School

Tuesday, October 3rd.

(First Graders will meet in the Parish Conf. Room)

Grade 1 4:15 pm
(Dwight, Jennings, Mill Hill, Sherman, Burr, Private)

Wednesday, October 4th

(First Graders will meet in the Parish Conf. Room)

Grade 1 4:15 pm
(McKinley, Holland Hill, Stratfield, N. Stratfield, Osborn Hill, Riverfield)

October News

Mon. Oct. 16th: 8th Grade Parents and Child Confirmation Mtg. 7:00 pm in the Church:
(No Class for Grades 6 and 7)

Tues. Oct. 31st: No Classes—Halloween

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984
or stthoaqccd@aol.com



OCTOBER NEWS

Sun. Oct. 1: Middle School 4-5:30pm
High School 6-8pm (Life Night 1)

Sun. Oct. 8: High School Ministry 6-8pm
(Praise & Pizza)

Sun. Oct. 15: Middle School 4-5:30pm
High School 6-8pm (Life Night 2)

Sun. Oct. 22: High School & Middle School Trip to
Corn Maze at Plasko's Farm in Trumbull from 2-4pm

Sun. Oct. 29: Middle School 4-5:30pm
High School 6-8pm (Life Night 3)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK

Special Intention



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

Genevieve M. DeFeo 7th Anniversary



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 . Contact Shirley Sambrook at 203 259-5903.