

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

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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of priests from Monday Oct.16 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  
5<sup>TH</sup> 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 16,17 &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;

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+ 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



**October 7 to October 15, 2017**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Warren E. Posser
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Claire Oswald
	10:30 am	Sebastiano Rabbia
	12:00 Noon	Jack Hennelly
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Edwin Fox (3rd)
Tues.	7:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	12:10 pm	Chester Augustine (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Donna K. McIntyre
	12:10 pm	Marie Hamill Stowe (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Katie B. Walkley
	12:10 pm	Rielly Family
Fri.	7:00 am	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo
	12:10 pm	Maureen Kelly (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Molly Padula
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Claire Oswald
	10:30 am	John MacLean
	12 :00 Noon	David Turner



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Avery Hansen Sullivan**



**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.



**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Membership Drive - Next Weekend October 14th and 15th**

All men of the parish are invited to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic service organization. Founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney in New Haven this fraternal organization has remained true to its founding principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. The **KOC** generously support the Church in a multitude of ways. Stop by the table in the front foyer. Dave Reynolds will be available to answer any questions 203-368-1414.

**VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Class**

Is an awareness training that teaches adults about the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. The program is **MANDATORY** for all volunteers in our School, Youth Group and CCD and Church Programs (Lectors, Choir etc)

A session is scheduled here at St. Thomas for **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00pm** in the Parish Conference rooms. Please register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**Parish Support**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,415.45  
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 10,617.55

September Capital Fund 2017: \$ 997.00  
 September Capital Fund 2016: \$1,071.00

*Thank You!*

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & First Grade Open House Sunday, October 22nd at 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 community.

Applications will be available for the 2018-2019 school year. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - "Building a Strong Foundation in Faith and Knowledge" visit our webpage: [www.stasonline.net](http://www.stasonline.net).

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*In Loving memory of Peter Joseph Shaughnessy*

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



*In Loving memory of William and Mary Anderson*

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



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

**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.**

**High School Open House Information**

Iona Preparatory School - New Rochelle NY  
 Sun. Oct.22nd 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm and  
 Wed. Oct. 25th 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For information [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org)

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Bullard Havens Tech. 500 Palisade Ave. Bridgeport  
 Wednesday Oct. 25th 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
 For more information please call  
 203-579-6333 ext. 6493 or 6494



**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



**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](mailto:stthoaqccd@aol.com)



**OCTOBER NEWS**

Sun. Oct 8th: **NO MEETING**

Sun. Oct. 15: Middle School 4-5:30pm  
High School 6-8pm (Pizza and Praise)

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 2)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



James McInerney  
Barbara McShane  
Maria Ines Galindo  
Laura Terranova  
Annette Ham  
Susan Hasiuk  
Chet Greene  
Charlie Capalbo  
Rebecca Scalera  
Irene Ercolani  
James Rooney  
Luis Gonzalez  
Peggy Krotki  
Mary Toth  
Liam Crane  
Veronica Hughes  
Dennis Rich  
Delores Weis  
John Lengen  
Joseph Sciarrillo  
Mary Jane Edwards  
Margaret Carroll

Joan McInerney  
Amelia Mikulka  
Amanda Morguelan  
Carl Collica  
Francis Xavier Edwards  
Walter Murphy  
Tom Lopez  
William Ceruzzi  
Nancy Stevens  
Jane Harwood  
Rene Ercolani Molnar  
Patrick Carroll  
Sally Cohane  
Rosemarie Fowler  
Joseph Mitchell  
Noreen Hernandez  
Frank Slovensky  
Kay Slovensky  
Helen McElroy  
Romano DeCastro  
Frank "Bud" Carroll  
Ed Zera

**Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Events**

(For complete information on the following events please visit our web page at [Stthomasfairfield.com](http://Stthomasfairfield.com))

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

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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 Memorial Auditorium in Bridgeport.