

**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



**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

**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*

**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

**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*

**IT'S ALL OR NOTHING FOR CHRIST!**

At the end of World War II, in a diocese in Europe where the bombing had been heavy, the bishop received a sum of money for rebuilding. Immediately, he ordered a set of Church bells, therefore evoking a wave of protest from many of the people.

“How irrational,” they said, “to be ordering Church bells in the midst of great need for so many more practical things.”

The bishop said, “I want the people to hear the ringing of the bells, reminding them of the power and the goodness of God, reminding them of God’s presence in their lives, because in that way they will find the strength to see this thing through.”

It’s all or nothing for us Christians. Either we are going to see this thing through – devoting our lives, freely, to the Cause of Christ, or we are not.

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

October 21 to October 29, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Megan Albright
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Maureen Kelly
	10:30 am	James V. Edwards
	12:00 Noon	Chaun Norton
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Georgia Ann Streck
Tues.	7:00 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12:10 pm	Robert Cherney (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	James and May Geraghty
	12:10 pm	Edward Lasko (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Katie Walkley
	12:10 pm	Doris A. Katinsle (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12:10 pm	Susan Ross (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Michael Patrick Joyce
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Donald Maute
	10:30 am	Rose, Donat and Doris Herbert
	12 :00 Noon	Vincent Palmieri (14th)



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Rory Anne Idiart**  
**Audrey Ellen Idiart**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Any day, any minute we bless God for our being or for anything, for food, for sunlight, we do and are what we were meant for, made for – things that give and mean to give God glory.”*

Gerard Manley Hopkins  
(1844-1889)



**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.



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	Joseph Sciarrillo
Romano DeCastro	Mary Jane Edwards
Frank “Bud” Carroll	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Edna Miller



**Are you the face of prayer?  
Are you willing to pray with  
Bishop Caggiano every day?**

Join the movement. Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or simply the word “pray” to 55778 and join in the journey as we learn more about the power of prayer. More information can be found at [www.thefaceofprayer.org](http://www.thefaceofprayer.org).



**Upcoming Events**

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on November 18 & 19 after all Masses. Volunteers are needed please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569.



Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 28, at 6:00pm in the chapel followed by a reception and meeting in the Parish Center.



The annual Advent Wreath sale is December 2 & 3, after all masses. Cost per wreath is \$20. **To pre-order call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.** Volunteers are needed

and appreciated for making the wreaths. Proceeds of all our fund raisers serve the many needs of our parish.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Bernadette at 203 254 7569 if you have any questions.



**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.

**Parish Support**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,706.08  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 12,280.21

*Thank You!*

**Project Appalachia**

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

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN  
THIS WEEK**



*Edward and Anna Jennings*

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

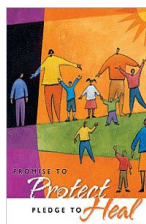
*In Loving Memory of  
Katie O'Brien and James N. O'Brien*



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



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



**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.

**Centers of Mercy  
for the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation**

Our Lady of the Assumption, *Fairfield*  
(with Eucharistic Adoration)  
**Tuesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  
St. Pius X, *Fairfield*  
**Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**



### 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.



### 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:**

**November 4th  
December 9th**

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

### Nurse's Corner

**Blood Pressure Screening:** As you get ready for the holidays, don't forget to have your blood pressure checked. Parish Nurse will be available at the main Church entrance after the **5p and 9a Masses** this weekend. Will also be happy to answer your questions about your medications.

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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.

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### ***MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP***

The group meets every Wednesday during the school year in the Chapel/Cry Room of the church at 8:30am. The Prayer group is open to all Parish and School Mothers. Any questions please contact Renee at 203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.



### October News

Tues. Oct. 31st: No Classes—Halloween

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or [stthoqccd@aol.com](mailto:stthoqccd@aol.com)

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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.



### OCTOBER NEWS

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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)



### Care Packages for Soldiers

Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 12,000 to date. We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies, on the Bulletin Boards in church are the list of items that are needed. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley at **203-259-5903**.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.  
**Marked Care packages for Soldiers.**  
**Thank you and God Bless America!**