

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

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

CLEAN THE AIR

We spend a lot of time worrying about the weather. Nothing captures national attention like a brewing hurricane or a string of tornadoes or an earthquake. Weather programming is a fixture of any local news program, and one of our first questions on waking up in the morning is often, *“What’s the weather like today?”*

Not much has changed (except the technology) since Jesus’ time. He pointed out that for all the attention folks paid to storm clouds in the west or wind from the south, they didn’t seem to be able to tell right from wrong when dealing with one another.

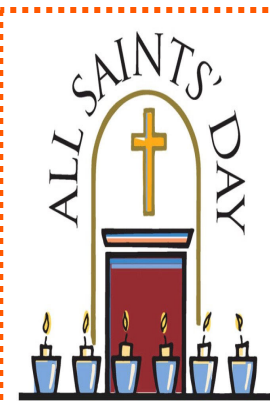
My friends,

Before checking today’s forecast, take a moment to examine the *“climate”* of your interpersonal relationships. Dispel the storm clouds and bring some sunshine to those nearest and dearest.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

October 28 to November 5, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Michael Patrick Joyce
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Donald Maute
	10:30 am	Rose, Donat and Doris Herbert
	12:00 Noon	Vincent Palmieri (14th)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Thomas Borruo (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Raffelle D[Agostino
	12:10 pm	John Pantaleo
	5:30 pm	Christopher Andrews
Wed.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	8:15 am	Joseph Sargent
	12:10 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Joey Kulaga
Thurs.	7:00 am	William J. Anderson (24th)
	12:10 pm	All Souls
Fri.	7:00 am	Rehanek Family
	8:15 am	Joan Malloy
	12:10 pm	All Those Buried in our Cemetery
Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg (9th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John Chayka (3rd)
	10:30 am	Otto and Catherine Weihe
	12 :00 Noon	George Fecke

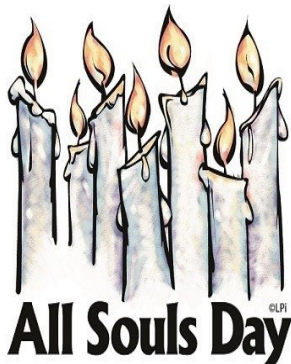


All Saints

Wednesday, November 1st
(Holy Day of Obligation)
 Masses will be celebrated at
 7:00 am; 8:15 am; 12:10pm
 and 5:30 pm
 Vigil Mass will be celebrated
 Tuesday, October 31st
 5:30 pm

All Souls

Thursday November 2nd
 Masses will be celebrated
 at
 7:00 am, 12:10 pm



All Souls Day

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“The measure of a country’s greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations.”

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Parish Support

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$11,484.53
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016:	\$11,172.66
World Mission Sunday 2017:	\$ 2,231.04
World Mission Sunday 2016:	\$ 1,996.70

Thank you!

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Reminder that on next Sunday November 5th our Masses will be on the new time. Remember to push back your clocks **One Hour** on Saturday November 4th before you go to bed.



Mark your Calendars

**Thanksgiving Day Mass on
Thursday Morning November 23rd
at 8:00am**

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.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

Begins this weekend!!!

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!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church are decorated with feathers indicating the items that are needed. Please return these items to the church by Sunday Nov. 19th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 17th

Thank you for your help!!

Ladies Guild Upcoming Events



Our annual Bake Sale will be held on Nov. 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 Dec. 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. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Bernadette at 203- 254 -7569 if you have any questions.



PROJECT APPALACHIA

Project Appalachia is once again collecting clothing and household goods for the families in southwestern Virginia. The parish of St. Thomas Aquinas has consistently been very generous to these families, and we are very grateful for your kindness.

Needed are basic clothing items such as warm socks, coats, sweaters, pants, and shoes and boots for children and adults, as well as infant clothing and diapers. Also needed are household items such as pots and pans, tools, sheets, towels, and blankets. We also appreciate donations of furniture and appliances (stoves, sewing machines, etc.), as well as children's toys. We are in great need of cribs and "Pack 'n' Plays" (brand new or used) for the Women's Shelter.

We cannot accept used pillows or mattresses. Please, no old computers or televisions (large box tube) or any item in need of repair. All clothing and household items must be clean and in good condition.

Please pack all items in sturdy cardboard boxes (such as liquor boxes) that are sealed with packing tape and labeled with the contents (i.e. "Women's Clothes," "Baby Clothing," etc.). Please wrap fragile items, such as plates or glasses, individually so that they do not break in transit.

Drop off at the church basement (near the priests' garage) on the following Saturday's Nov. 4, 11, and 18, and Dec. 2., from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon. We will load the trucks on Dec. 9th from 9:00 AM until completion, around noon. Assistance in packing boxes and loading the trucks is greatly appreciated.

If you have a large piece of furniture and cannot bring it to the church, please contact Carolyn Cachiannes at carriecach@aol.com to arrange for pick up on November 4, 11, or 18.

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.

**Sacred Heart Greenwich Open House
Kindergarten Grade 12
Saturday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m.**

The program includes student-led campus tours, curriculum exploration with faculty and administrators, classroom demonstrations, question & answer sessions and student panel discussions on life at Sacred Heart. For information and to preregister at cshgreenwich.org/AdmissionEvents

*Please
pray for
the sick*

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
Romano DeCastro
Frank "Bud" Carroll
Ed Zera

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
Joseph Sciarillo
Mary Jane Edwards
Margaret Carroll
Edna Miller



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

November News

Sun. Nov. 5th: Commissioning Mass 4:00pm in the Church with Grade 8 Child and Sponsor/or Parent.

Tues. Nov. 7th: No Class— Election Day

Mon. Nov. 13th: 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 5:30-8:30pm Child Only in Gym.
(No Class for Grade 6 and 7)

Wed./Thurs. Nov. 22/23: No Class— Thanksgiving

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



Sun. Nov. 5: High School from 6-8pm (Praise & Pizza)

Sun. Nov.12: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Nov.19: Food Drive Sorting & Delivery 1pm (Middle School & High School)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**



*In Loving Memory of Richard J. Freeburg,
Richard P. Freeburg and Joseph Meeker*

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



In Loving Memory of The Rehaneck Family



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

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