

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.

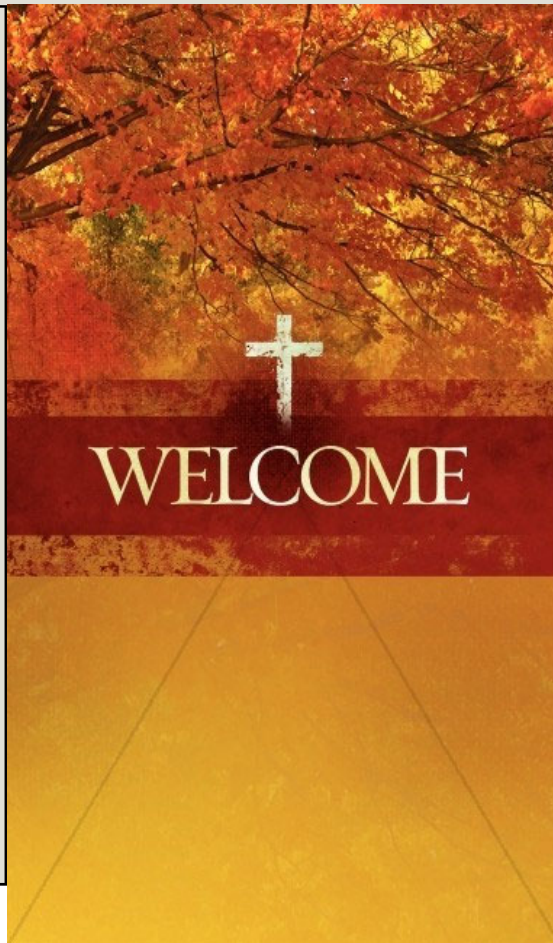
First Friday Masses

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



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

FOLLOW THE LAW OF LOVE

We know the Pharisees were arch-villains in the gospels, but it’s surprising that these enemies of Jesus actually had some things in common with him. Both wanted to reform their religion, and both saw personal faithfulness to be the way to that renewal.

For the Pharisees, though, this effort meant zealous observance of Jewish religious law, while for Jesus it meant rethinking that law in a whole new way.

Pharisees allied themselves with those in political power. Jesus, on the other hand, was a victim of politics, and his authority was a conduit for God’s hearing love, not a means of control.

How can you exercise your authority for good?



November 4 to November 12, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg (9th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	John Chayka (3rd)
	10:30 am	Otto and Catherine Weihe
	12:00 Noon	George Fecke
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Commissioning Mass
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Tues.	7:00 am	Paul D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Wed.	7:00 am	Patricia Augenthaler (2nd)
	12:10 pm	Brian Finnegan (7th)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Rev. Patrick Dunlap
	12:10 pm	Donald Logan
Fri.	7:00 am	Lawrence Gress
	12:10 pm	Joseph Meeker (9th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Elizabeth D’Agostino
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Donald Maute
	10:30 am	Robert and Emilie Newman
	12:00 pm	Ryan and Maisano Families



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Chase William Allegretta
Niya Grace Herman**

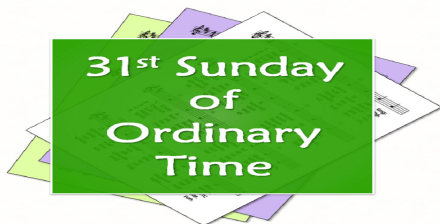


James McInerney	Joan McInerney
Barbara McShane	Amelia Mikulka
Maria Ines Galindo	Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Annette Ham	Francis Xavier Edwards
Susan Hasiuk	Walter Murphy
Chet Greene	Tom Lopez
Charlie Capalbo	William Ceruzzi
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Jane Harwood
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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“God favors the humble. Scripture tells us that he resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. In fact, he gives himself entirely to humility.”

Cardinal Jean Verdier



PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of the church. Collections on the following Saturdays **Nov. 11, and 18, and Dec. 2.,** 9 :00am to 12 noon. For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at carriecach@aol.com



ST. AUGUSTINE MEDAL

Congratulation to Glen & Pat Hansen who were given the St. Augustine Medal Award on last Saturday by Bishop Caggiano.

Glen & Pat were nominated by Fr. Martin for their service to our parish community. Recently, both were our parish representatives for the Annual Catholic Appeal, which was a total success.

Congratulations on behalf of a grateful parish.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK

Carol Padula

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

In Loving Memory of Joseph Meeker and Richard P. Freeburg



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

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



**St Joseph High School -Maroon & Gold Gala
Saturday, Nov. 18, at 6:30pm
Waterview in Monroe.**

All proceeds from this event will benefit their Scholarship Endowment. For more details and to purchase tickets, sponsorships, program ads or to donate, please visit sjcadets.org/gala.

St Joseph High School is selling tickets for the \$15,000 Tuition Raffle. Winnings can be used at **any** K-12 school/College or University, or to pay back student loans. Only 500 tickets will be sold and the winner will be drawn at the Maroon & Gold Gala (Need not be present to win). To purchase tickets at \$100.Contact Dawn at 203.378.9378 x444.



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**

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!!

Operation Hope

Are you able to help in preparing a meal for Operation Hope. Please contact Bernadette Crowe if you are interested or have questions.203-255-0740.



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.



November News

Sun. Nov. 5th: Commissioning Mass 4:00pm in the Church with Grade 8 Child with 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



November News

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

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.



Parish Support

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,946.60
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,314.06

Electronic Giving

July 2017: \$ 7,039.00
August 2017: \$ 7,645.00
September 2017: \$ 6,213.00

Thank You!



Breakfast with Santa 2017 Saturday December 2nd

This is a very special St. Thomas Aquinas School tradition, sponsored by the Kindergarten class parents, that includes a pancake breakfast, photo with Santa, crafts & cookie decorating. Families, friends and parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas are welcome!

Popular time slots fill up quickly, so reserve your spot early. Seating times are 8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children. Additional \$5 fee for photo with Santa.

Reservations are required and must be received by November 22nd.

Please contact Julie at 203.984.9044 jaccrow@optonline.net or Christina 516.375.5004 Christina@tkesales.com