

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

GET YOUR PASSPORT STAMPED

The man that we call the “good thief” turned his life around in the final hour when he encountered Jesus on the cross of Golgotha. One good act of repentance was all it took for him to enter the Kingdom.

My friends, The passport to the reign of God is still the same. Repentance involves a change of heart followed by a change in direction. What needs to change in your habits, relationships, attitudes?

Take that step and claim your citizenship in a kingdom not of this world.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Keira Rose Lopez

Marriage Banns



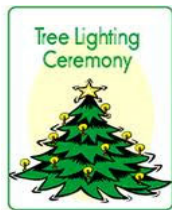
II. David Pgnataro and Rachel Reese

III. Joshua St. Onge and Diana Kral

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Precisely because we cannot predict the moment; we must be ready at all moments.”

C.S. LEWIS



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday December 2nd following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass, we will hold the lighting of the Parish Christmas tree in front of the Church. All are welcome to attend!!

Come Together to Begin the Holiday Season!!!

Mass Intentions **FOR THE WEEK**

November 25 to December 3, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	David Barber (2nd)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Gloria Boland
	10:30 am	Gloria Dellaera
	12:00 Noon	Brendan Walsh
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo
Tues.	7:00 am	Edward Corbett
	12:10 pm	Elizabeth Suto (1st)
	6:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild
Wed.	7:00 am	Bernice Petrow (1st)
	12:10 pm	Mrylyn E. Flynn
Thurs.	7:00 am	Genevieve Reichman (1st)
	12:10 pm	Jacqueline Herley (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Frank Conti (1st)
	12:10 pm	James E. Edwards
Sat.	2:00 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Maureen Kelly
	10:30 am	Helen Daly
	12:00 Noon	Joan Julian

please pray for the sick

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

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of the church. **Final collection will be next Saturday Dec. 2., 9:00am to 12 noon.** For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at carriecach@aol.com



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree.

This is an enormous project and every year the parish rises to the occasion. St. Thomas Aquinas families and parishioners share their generosity with many people in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Through the Advent Giving Tree, we provide specific gifts for individual families from St. Charles and St. Mary parishes in Bridgeport and Catholic Charities families, coats for Mercy Learning Center, warm weather clothing for patrons of the Ella Grasso Center, gift cards for Operation Hope, books and games for children of the Cardinal Sheehan Center, outfits for the Missionary Sisters' pre-school children, toys for the Daughters of Charity Convent, and we provide help for families in our own parish.

If anyone would like to "adopt a family" and purchase gifts for a family please e-mail stthomasfairfielddiocese@gmail.com

Please take tags from the trees at the entrances of the parish and bring the item back, unwrapped, by the date on the tag. If you return your gift during the week, please bring it to the Parish Office where it will be secure. If you return your gift after a weekend Mass, please bring it to the boxes in the Church. If you are available to help deliver items to Bridgeport please contact Jessica Nayden stthomasfairfielddiocese@gmail.com /740-424-4581 **Thank you in advance for your generosity!!**



Diocesan Youth Choir Sunday December 17th

Join Bishop Caggiano and the Diocesan Youth Choir for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of Fairfield University at 7:00 p.m. on December 17th. Tickets are general admission and are available online and at the box office for \$20.

Please visit the diocesan website
<http://bridgeportdiocese.com>



Ladies Guild Advent Wreaths

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. Contact Bernadette at 203- 254 -7569 if you have any questions.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Those Who Died in Tragedies

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Theresa A. Martin



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



Fr. Martin and the Youth Group thank you for your generous contributions to our Thanksgiving Food Drive!!!!



Congratulations to Altar Servers Installed in October 2017

Gregory Alexapoulos, Spencer Alexapoulos, Will Donahue, Melissa Dunn, Luke Lesizza, Liam McCormack, Sean McCurley, Thomas Nardone, Natalie Newton, Maggie Russell and Colm Watke

Bulletins in late April and May of 2018 will have information on joining Altar Serving.



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.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Father Coleman Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will hold their annual Christmas Party on

Next Sunday December 3rd at 2:00pm
St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center Gym

There will be food, and Santa to give out gifts to children and also a sing-a-long for the children. Please RSVP to Sally Savage at 203-366-4826 by Nov. 26th and let us know if you can come.

When you RSVP please have the names and ages of the children up to age of ten (for a gift) and also how many in your group so we can have a head count to order food.

The KOC would like each family to bring a Non-perishable item and an Unwrapped toys for Sister Tremby, Daughters of the Most Precious Blood on Bpt. to be given to needy families.

Any questions please contact
Sally at 203-366-4826

Southport Chiropractic will be the at the KOC Columbiettes meeting on Monday Nov. 27th at 7:00pm in the Chapel of St. Thomas. A presentation on **“How to stay Young”**, a complimentary spinal screening will also be available. **All are welcome.** Questions contact Sally Savage at 203-366-4826



December News

Mon. Dec. 11th: Penance Service Grades 6 and 7 at 6:00pm at Church
No class for Grade 8

Mon. Dec. 18th: Penance Service Grade 8 at 7:00pm
No class for Grade 6 and 7

Tues. Dec. 19th: Penance Service Grades 3,4,5 at 4:00pm at Church.
No class for Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 20th: Penance Service Grades 3,4,5 at 4:00pm at Church.
No class for Grade 1

Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st: No Class– Christmas Break Classes Resume on Tuesday January 2nd

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



Upcoming Schedule:

- Sun., Nov. 26: No meetings- Thanksgiving Break
- Sun. Dec. 3: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm (Giving Tree)
- Sun Dec 10: High School from 6-8pm
(Praise & Pizza)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at 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. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley **203-259-5903**. Bulletins boards in the church have lists of items that are needed.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

Thank you and God Bless America!