

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Religious Education Office—203-255-1984 School—203-255-0556 Youth Ministry—203-256-8962
St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net
Web page: 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

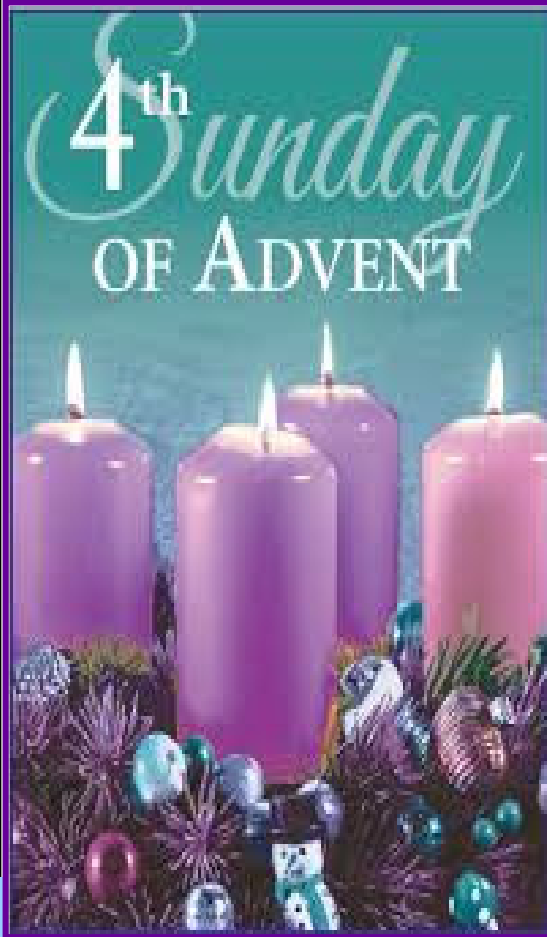
Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

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

A GOD WHO WANTS TO GET CLOSE

Thank god! It's over! That's the secret Christmas Eve prayer of many exhausted Christians who can't drag themselves to another store or holiday party. No need to feel ashamed. We should all thank God that Advent has come to an end. The wait is over. Our salvation is at hand. The Lord has kept His promise.

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. He has come to His people and set them free,”

Sings Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, in his beautiful song of thanksgiving that we call the *Benedictus* (“Blessed be”).

Today we share in Zechariah's joyful hope for the coming of God's peace!



December 23 to December 31, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Durso and Tortorella Families
Sun.	8:00 am	For our Parish Family
	10:00 am	James White Jr.
	4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass
	6:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass
	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	12:00 am	Christmas Midnight Mass
Mon.	8:00 am	For our Parish Family
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	12:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Tues.		No 7:00am Mass
	12:10 pm	Murphy and Hunter Families
Wed.	7:00 am	Robert Nevins
	12:10 pm	Kathleen O'Shea
Thurs.	7:00 am	Allie and Anne Richard
	12:10 pm	Mary L Riley
Fri.	7:00 am	Joseph Waters (56th)
	12:10 pm	Joey Kulaga (2nd)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Elizabeth D'Agostino
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Pauline Fusco
	10:30 am	James Maisano
	12 :00 Noon	Carl Palmieri
	5:00 pm	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo



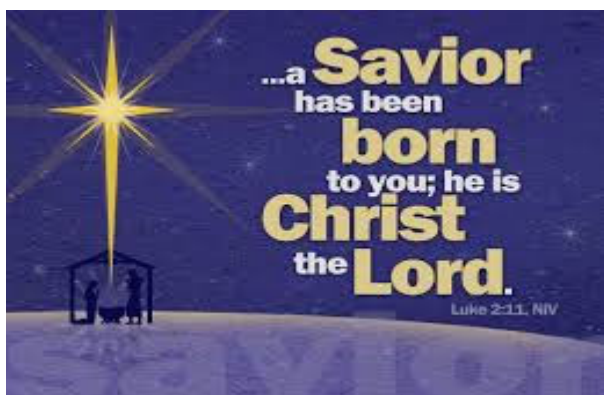
To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class.

To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Canna Classes www.bridgeportdiocese.com



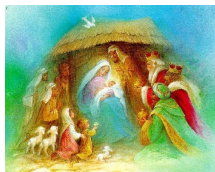
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Are you willing to let God “do the impossible” in and through you?”



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 Sciarrillo
Romano DeCastro	Mary Jane Edwards
Frank “Bud” Carroll	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Ann Roach



Christmas Day Masses
 Monday, December 25th
 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Saturday, December 30th
 5:00pm

Sunday December 31st
 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Vigil Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God
 Sunday December 31st
 5:00 pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
 New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2018
 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRAFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link

COMING IN JANUARY 2018



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will once again begin having their monthly coffee 'an in the Parish Center on one Sunday each month following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

These Sunday morning socials will be sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** and each month a different organization of the parish will host.

Check details in future bulletins.



Mass of Gratitude

On Sunday January 7, 2018
 (Feast of the Baptism of our Lord)
 at the 9:00 am Mass

We will celebrate our annual Mass of Gratitude. This mass is celebrated for all those who were baptized in the year 2017.

PARISH SUPPORT

3rd Sunday in Advent 2017: \$ 13,410.00
 3rd Sunday in Advent 2016: \$ 10,634.61

Thank You!



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK

Mildred Bisacca First Anniversary



THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Jack Luby



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



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.

Women's Literacy Program Seeks Volunteer Tutors!

Mercy Learning Center Inc. located at 637 Park Ave. Bpt. is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners, as well as reading and math in its one-on-one or small group tutoring program. Tutors meet with their students at the Center twice weekly, for two hours each session.

The Center is open Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Over 900 students benefited from the MLC tutoring program last year.

A one day training session is required for all new tutors, teaching experience is not necessary.

Upcoming training session will take place on Friday Jan. 5th and Friday Jan. 26, 2018, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch is provided.

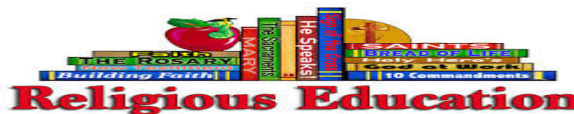
For more information or to register for a training session contact Lynn Garbriel or Erica Hoffman

At 203-334-6699.

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org
erica.hoffman@mercylearningcenter.org

DID YOU KNOW????

The Christmas season begins with the celebration of the Christmas Eve Masses (December 24, 2017) and is extended through the Baptism of the Lord on January 8 2018.



Religious Education

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

YOUTH GROUP

Resumes Sunday January 7, 2018

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

*Thank
you*

*Thanks to Spear Miller Funeral Home
for the 2018 Calendars.*

*Calendars available at the entrances
of our Church.*

**ST THOMAS PRAYER LINE
IS NOW ON EMAIL!**

Please email your prayer request to: stasprayerline@att.net and place "Prayer Request" in the subject line. If you would like to pray for those in need of prayers, and you have access to email, please place "Prayer Contact" in the subject line and we will email you prayers requests as they are received. If you do not have email or if you have any questions, please call Catherine in the Parish office 203-255-1097.

Web Page for St .Thomas Aquinas:

Stthomasfairfeild.com

St. Thomas is on Facebook

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