

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

JESUS' FAMILY ---- AND OURS

Like most mysteries of our faith, the Incarnation is too momentous and profound to comprehend all at once. That is why the Church calendar offers us a series of feasts, beginning with Christmas and carrying on through the Baptism of Jesus (January 8th), to allow us to appreciate different aspects of the mystery one at a time.

Today's feast of the Holy family focuses on Jesus being born into a human family. By humbling Himself to be cared for and nurtured within a human family. Jesus consecrated family life and made it holy.

Today let us focus on our own families and consider how we can be like the *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*.



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

Where and when have you seen the face of Jesus in a member of your immediate family?



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.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

December 30 ,2017 to January 7, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Elizabeth D'Agostino
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Pauline Fusco
	10:30 am	James Maisano
	12:00 Noon	Carl Palmieri
	5:00 pm	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo
Mon.	8:00 am	Antoinette Petronzi
	10:00 am	Joseph Meeker
	12:00 pm	Norma Primerano
Tues.		No 7:00 am Mass
	12:10 pm	Michael Blaine
Wed.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Jane Herman
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ann P. Richard
	12:10 pm	James Broadbin (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Rev. Gerald Devore
	8:15 am	Catherine McDonough
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Gary Gilbert
		Mass of Gratitude
	10:30 am	Carl Palmieri
	12 :00 Noon	Elden Earl Ivy

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



Fr. Martin extends thanks to all who helped with providing items for the Giving Tree.

We were able to help many organizations in our area this **Christmas**. Thank you also to

the Youth Group for all their hard work!!

A word of Special Thanks to..... The Christmas Mass Committee and all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageants along with David Harris, St. Thomas Adult and Chapel Choir, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers, Maintenance Workers and Parish Staff.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

ON LINE GIVING

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

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** 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

*Thank
you*

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

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

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.



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.



January News

- Tues. Jan. 2nd: Classes Resume
- Thurs. Jan. 11th: Grade 2 Plate Day
- Mon. Jan. 15th: **No Class MLK Holiday**
- Sun. Jan. 21st: Grade 2 Parents
First Reconciliation/First Communion Mtg.
2:00pm Parish Center (snow date Jan. 28th)

PLEASE NOTE:

**When Fairfield Schools are closed
CCD classes are automatically canceled.
For information on weather related cancellations
TV Channel 3, Channel 8, or Channel 12
and ctweather.com**

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

CATHOLICISM

Winter Session of Faith Formation Studies

Join us for *Catholicism* faith formation study by Bishop Robert Barron starting on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Journey around the world and deep into the faith. You will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The Catholicism Faith Formation Program brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith. Email Jenn Romano at stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com to sign up.

YOUTH GROUP

Resumes Sunday January 7, 2018

**Mission Trip Sign Up is Open!
CHWC in Groton, MA
June 24-June 29, 2018**

<http://www.st-pius.org/catholic-heart-workcamp-mission-trip/>

We are attending Catholic Heart Work Camp in Groton, MA again next summer with St. Pius X Church. Paola at St Pius is organizing registration (because she is SO AWESOME!). Please sign up as soon as possible to help her out!

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**

In Loving Memory of Joseph Meeker

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



In Loving Memory of James Maisano

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



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

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.