

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

Parish /Cemetery Office—203-255-1097 Office Fax—203-256-8177 Email: STTHOAQ@aol.com
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

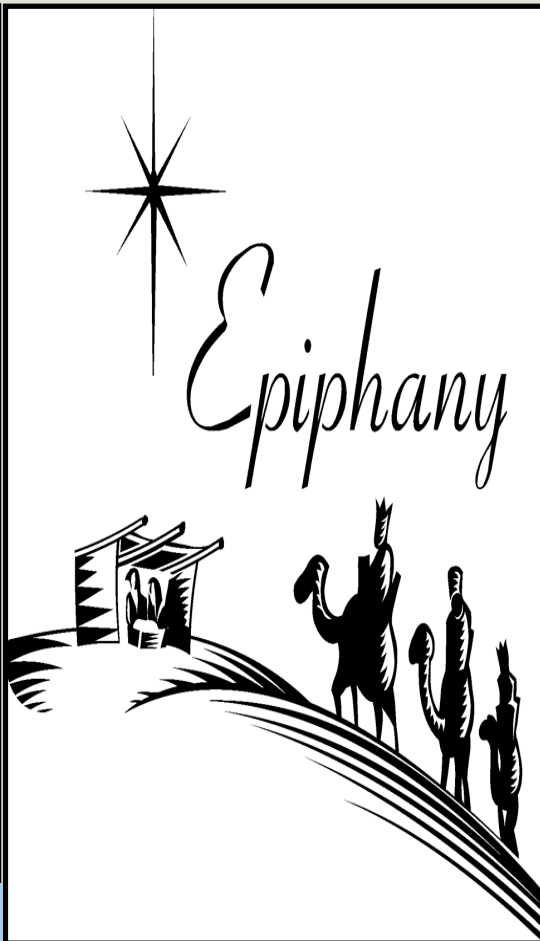
Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

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

MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S COMPASSION

The feast of the Epiphany manifests to the world that Jesus’ mission is for all humankind.

God the Father informs the world that Jesus’ salvific message is for Jew and Gentile. God’s love does not discriminate. It embraces everything. If God’s love does not discriminate, neither then does God’s compassion.

Today’s feast reminds Christians everywhere that we “are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Each celebration of this great feast reminds Christ’s followers that they have miles yet to go to manifest God’s compassion to those who live around them.



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

“We serve to complete the work of creation even by the humblest work of our hands.”

Teilhard de Chardin

A Message from Fr. Martin

*When there is **NO SCHOOL** in Fairfield due to the Weather the 7:00 am Mass is **Cancelled**.*



January 6 to January 14, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Carey Gilbert
	10:30 am	Mass of Gratitude
	12:00 Noon	Carl Palmieri
Mon.	7:00 am	Elden Earl Ivy
	12:10 pm	Catherine McDonough
Tues.	7:00 am	Margaret Lawler Stott
	12:10 pm	Albert Wassell
Wed.	7:00 am	Stephen Caliento
	12:10 pm	Mary Malloy
Thurs.	7:00 am	Edward O’Sullivan
	12:10 pm	Leonard Kwasniewski
Fri.	7:00 am	Jack Lausten
	12:10 pm	Robert J. Miller (20th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Alfredo Quirega
Sun.	7:00 am	Richard P. Freeburg
	9:00 am	Earl Savage
	10:30 am	Joseph Blackall
	12 :00 Noon	Jack and Mary Lee
		Hale Anthony Pompani



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| 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 | Nancy Roche |



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its first coffee 'an on Sunday January 28th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

The first Coffee 'an will be sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**

Operation Fuel & Heating Assistance Available

Applications for Operation Fuel and heating assistance are available in Social Services at the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities, 100 Mona Ter., Fairfield. Operation Fuel and the heating assistance programs help households pay for their winter heating bills and are based on income eligibility. "Many Fairfield residents, seniors and families struggle with the high cost of heating their homes, especially in the winter season.

Heating assistance awards are made directly to the heating vendor and vary from \$275 to \$600 depending on household financial eligibility.

For more info please see Town of Fairfield Human and Social Services website: www.fairfieldct.org/humanservices or call the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities at 203-256-3166 or call directly to Fairfield Social Services at 203-256-3170 for more information or to make an appointment.

Parish Support

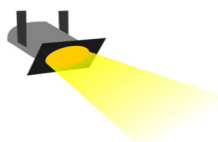
4th Sunday of Advent 2017:	\$ 9,916.00
4th Sunday of Advent 2016:	\$ 12,021.00
Christmas 2017:	\$ 62,405.50
Christmas 2016 (Total)	\$ 70,762.00
Christmas Flowers 2017:	\$ 1,941.00
Christmas Flowers 2016:	\$ 1,477.00
Holy Family Sunday 2017:	\$ 9,038.41
Solemnity of Mary 2018:	\$ 3,039.00
Solemnity of Mary 2017:	\$ 3,641.46

Thank You!

Save The Date.....



February 3
(Snow Date February 10)



"HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFÉ"

An evening of Cabaret
Presented By
The Saint Thomas Aquinas Choir and Friends

For Tickets and Information
Call the Parish Office
(203) 255-1097

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK
Loretta Archer



THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR
Anna Jennings 7th Anniversary



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.



**St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic School
Open House on
Sunday, January 28th
10:00am to Noon**

Faculty and staff, together with current parents and students, will be available for tours and conversation. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School educating Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 for over 90 years! Questions please contact the school office at 203-255-0556 or visit the school's website at

www.stasonline.net



**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



January News

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 on Wednesdays, 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.

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will receive a contribution statement for tax purposes by the end of January 2018. Thank you!!