

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

PROJECT APPALACHIA “THANK YOU!”

I received a message from JoAnn Dobransky and the Project Appalachia Group.

It read in part

“...The snow did not deter the packing of the trucks on December 9TH. The young helpers from the Boy Scouts ; the students looking for service hours for their Confirmation, the young men from the SHU soccer team and many parishioners forming the line of boxes to the trucks were responsible for the loading of two tandem trucks headed for the south-west corner of Virginia.....”

“.....Think of it in 9 years St. Thomas has helped send over 36 trucks loaded with “*brotherly and sisterly*” love. On top of these magnificent gifts of clothing and furniture we added Children’s Christmas gifts that were collected by your children and the generosity of the community of the Benedictine Grange Community in Redding, CT. There were over 40 boxes of Children’s gifts that were sent to the shelter, the Food Pantry in Jonesville and the small rural community of St. Charles. *May the Gift of love shared by all in St. Thomas be given back a hundredfold in return.*”



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Paige Josephine Kenny

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those most in need.”

POPE FRANCIS



January 13 to January 21, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Richard P. Freeburg
Sun.	7:00 am	Earl Savage
	9:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	10:30 am	Jack and Mary Lee
	12:00 Noon	Hale Anthony Pompani
Mon.	7:00 am	Gladys McCann
	12:10 pm	Edward Corbett
Tues.	7:00 am	Rita Hogan
	12:10 pm	Kenneth Eckert
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary Durkin
	12:10 pm	Charles DeFonce
Thurs.	7:00 am	Ryan Charles Brennan
	12:10 pm	Mario Paul DelPrete
Fri.	7:00 am	Charles E. Gross
	12:10 pm	Anne Leeber McCaffrey
Sat.	5:00 pm	Kenneth Eckert
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Michael Connors
	10:30 am	Edward O’Sullivan
	12 :00 Noon	Roisin Lyons

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	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	



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**

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

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



February 10th (new Date)



"HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFÉ"

An evening of Cabaret

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

Presented By

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Choir and Friends

Tickets at \$25 pp (tables of 8)

Information Call the Parish Office (203) 255-1097

Contact Bernadette if you would like to be a sponsor at 203-254-7569.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Christopher Martin

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Elizabeth D'Agostino

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

ladies Guild January Meeting is on Tuesday Jan.23rd. at 6:00pm in Parish Center.

We will be conducting our annual **'Baby Shower'**. The proceeds will support Salvation Army, Mother Teresa and Sr. Teresa Trembley's missions in Bridgeport. New and lightly used goods & toiletries are welcome. **No strollers, bedding, or car seats are accepted.** Thank you for your continued support. Any questions please call Bernadette 203 254 7569.

Parish Support

Epiphany 2018:	\$ 8,833.00
Epiphany 2017:	\$ 8,324.50
Capital Fund Dec. 2017:	\$ 2,468.00
Capital Fund Dec. 2106:	\$ 842.00
Additional Christmas 2017:	\$ 3,925.00
Total Christmas 2017:	\$ 66,330.50

Electronic Giving

October 2017:	\$ 7,550
November 2017:	\$ 7,171
December 2017:	\$ 7,601



**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.

A Message from Fr. Martin

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

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.



January News

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



January and February News

Sun. Jan. 21: Middle School from 4-5:30pm,

High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Jan.28: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Feb. 4: Middle School from 4-5:30pm

High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Feb 11: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Feb.25: Middle School from 4-5:30pm

High School from 6-8pm

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