

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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



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

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

We begin the Lenten journey by traveling to the desert. It is a journey of trial; it is a journey of challenge. Even though this journey may be difficult we believe that the challenge allows us to grow and accept the will of God in our lives.

Today, therefore, let us seek the challenge of the desert. Let us turn to prayer in our lives. Let us be transformed on our personal journey to Calvary and Resurrection.



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, next class on Saturday March 3rd at 10:00 am.

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.bridgediocese.com



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want **God** to know you are hungry; know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give.”*

ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
(406-450)



Stations of the Cross

Our Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:00pm during the Holy Season of Lent.



February 17 to February 25, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Larry Rollins (4th)
	10:30 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12:00 Noon	Catherine McDonough
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Ed and Jean Riley
Tues.	7:00 am	Sean Hughes
	12:10 pm	Frances J. Tozlosky (1st)
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Confessions
Wed.	7:00 am	Calvert Burns
	12:10 pm	Beverly Ann Figlar (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Gloria Rabbia Dellaera
	12:10 pm	Msgr. George B. Curtis (39th)
Fri.	7:00 am	Sterling Richardson
	12:10 pm	Viola Conte (6th)
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	11:00 am	Confirmation
	2:00 pm	Confirmation
	5:00 pm	Joseph P DeFeo (47th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Joseph Politch
	10:30 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12 :00 Noon	Daniel Murphy

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	



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Begins.....

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000

Education Weekend // Appeal Video — March 10/11

In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL!!!



Loaves & Fishes

The annual Lenten campaign to feed the hungry, "Loaves & Fishes," takes place in all parishes throughout Lent. Catholic Charities and other agencies benefit from these funds that serve over 800,000 meals to the poor and homeless of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Loaves & Fishes is a major source of support for our soup kitchens and feeding programs and we urge you to participate.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

John Stein

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Parishioner's of St. Thomas Aquinas

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

The Season of Lent



Laws of Abstinence

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law, abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed.

Centers of Mercy for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Lady of the Assumption, *Fairfield*
(with Eucharistic Adoration)
Tuesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

St. Pius X, *Fairfield*
Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Friday March 2nd

4:30-7:00pm Dine In

Take out (Drop in or call ahead)
(No take out orders accepted after 6:00pm)

Cash Only

Adult Dinners: \$15

*Baked or Fried Cod, Fried, w/choice of 2 sides:
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, or
Clam Chowder plus one dessert and a beverage*

Children Dinners: \$8

*Macaroni & Cheese w/a dinner roll; plus one
dessert and a beverage*

New England Clam Chowder Only

Cup \$5/Pint \$8/Quart \$15

Beverages included with dinner:

Water, Coffee and Soda

Take Out Phone Number: 203-314-4423

*Orders will be accepted on the day of the dinner
from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.*

All take out orders must be picked up by 6:30 p.m.

**Questions? Please contact Tammy Julian at
203-314-4423 or by email at tmbjbj@aol.com**

Volunteers Needed for the Fish Fry Dinner

If you are interested please contact

Tammy Julian @ 203-314-4423

Parish Support

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$ 9,258.40
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 8,680.00

Thank You!



**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.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED

Interested in joining the Ministry of Lectors to read at mass on the weekends? Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 if you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at mass on the weekends.



February News

Feb. 19 Mon: **No Classes– Winter Break**

Feb. 20 Tues: Grade 8 Penance Service (for School and CCD Students) 7:00pm in Church.

Feb. 21 Wed: Confirmation Practice for Grade 8
Group 1: Child Only –5:45-7:15 pm in Church
Group 2: Child Only– 7:15-8:45 pm in Church

Feb. 23 Fri: Confirmation Practice for Grade 8
Group 1: Sponsor &Child –5:45-7:15 pm in Church
Group 2: Sponsor &Child – 7:15-8:45 pm in Church

Feb. 24 Sat: Confirmation at 11:00am and 2:00pm

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

YOUTH GROUP

February News

Sun. Feb.25: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm



**March 2, 3, and 4th
at Sacred Heart University**
Convivio is a conference for youth, organized and led by youth. Local High School and College Students, who are leaders in their parishes, schools, and communities.

This years theme is "Made For More" Please visit the website <http://www.convivio-us.org> for information and to register .

A Message from Fr. Martin

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



**Lauralton Hall
Denim & Diamonds Gala**

Saturday, April 7th

7:00pm-11:00pm

Fairfield Theater Company

70 Sanford Street, Fairfield CT

**(EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$100 PER PERSON BEFORE
MARCH 1st THEN \$150 PER PERSON)**

To purchase tickets visit:

<https://bidpal.net/lhdenimanddiamonds>

All proceeds benefiting
Lauralton Hall Scholarship Fund

For more information or if you have questions
please contact Lauralton Hall at 203 877-2786