

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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.

Family Mass

9:00 am Mass (3rd Sunday of the month) during the school year.

Parish Center Rentals

Contact The Parish Office



“Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends”

John 15:13

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

Dominique Johnson
Religious Ed. Assistant

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Patricia E. Brady
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Patricia Grassi
RCIA 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

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
Secretary/Cemetery Manager

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

15TH ANNIVERSARY

A DAY AMERICA WILL NEVER FORGET

We remember the day we were engulfed in fear, disbelief and grief. Years have passed, and we continue to mourn all that was lost.

Grant peace Lord to all of those who perished that day.

Grant comfort to the families who lost loved ones.

Grant healing to all who carry scars on the hearts, minds and bodies.

Lord have mercy on us and all of your children. Grant us the grace of knowing the true security of your promise of peace and justice for every nation and all peoples. Let the memories of September 11 inspire our efforts to meet the complexities of this world in a way where we may offer sorrow in service of something greater than ourselves.

-The Columban Fathers



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LOUISIANA

The Conference of Catholic Bishops have requested for an emergency collection for the weekend of September 17/18. This collection is to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support of the Catholic diocese of the impacted areas.



September 10 to September 18, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Grace Corr
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Diocesan Blue Mass
	12:00 Noon	Allie and Anne Richard
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Jack Burnett
Tues.	7:00 am	Patricia Augenthaler
	12:10 pm	Patrick DeLahunty
Wed.	7:00 am	William Melnick
	12:10 pm	Caryl A. Plunkett
Thurs.	7:00 am	Martin Crowe
	12:10 pm	Vincent Cisero (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Joey Kulaga
	12:10 pm	Fernando Rodrigues (1st)
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	William Fitzpatrick
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Bernard Beglane
	10:30 am	Louis Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	Dawn Forrest



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Presley Rose Celentano

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds"

Psalm 147:3



Marriage Banns

- I. Samuel Berg and Julia Parsons
- II. Steven Conneely and Sara Ryan
- III. Richard Burt and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick



Nancy Gianni
 Amanda Morguelan
 Laura Terranova
 Shirley Mongillo
 Javier Sattler
 Leonor Sattler
 Mary Durkin
 Rebecca Scalera
 Irene Ercolani
 Joan McHugh
 James Rooney
 Meghan McHugh
 Sally Cohane
 Anthony Mongillo
 Jack Andrews
 Kathleen Andrews
 Liam Craane
 Robert DeVitto

Maria Ines Galindo
 Walter Murphy
 Carl Collica
 Annette Ham
 Susan Hasiuk
 Chet Greene
 Tom Lopez
 Nancy Stevens
 Susan Ross
 Betty Freddino
 Rene Ercolani Molnar
 Peggy Krotki
 Mary Toth
 Michael McGuire
 Carl Palmieri
 Rosemarie Fowler
 Joseph Mitchell
 Veronica Hughes



Ladies Guild

First Meeting for the 2016-2017 will be Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. The meeting will be a planning session for the year. A light dinner will be served. The Guild meets once monthly during the school year and welcomes all current members back and welcomes new members of all ages to come and see what the guild is all about. Bernadette at 203-254-7569.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday during the school year in the Chapel/Cry Room of the church at 8:30am. The Prayer group is open to all Parish and School Mothers. Any questions please contact Renee at 203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Anthony D'Amico

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Joey Kulaga



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

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



**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
 DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?
 CLASSES START IN THE FALL.
 CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFO AT 255-1097.**



Join us for an adult evening of dinner and dancing with music from the 1950s and 1960s provided by "Remember When", St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School teacher, "DJ" Philip Flynn.

Friday, October 7th 6PM to 9PM

Dinner Menu includes Salad, Pasta, Meatballs, Dessert, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Coffee & Tea
 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center \$20 per person

Hosted by the
 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
 8th Grade Class.

Contact Lisa McCurley at mccurley@optonline.net or 203-292-6877 for reservations and information.

Parish Support

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 10, 146.55
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 8,678.61

Capital Fund for August 2016: \$ 1,247.00
 Capital Fund for August 2015: \$ 1,022.00

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.

VENDORS NEEDED

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
To support their Charity efforts.

Event is on

Saturday October, 22nd
St. Thomas Parish Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per table or 2 tables for \$50

All inquires can be directed to
Sally at 203-366-4826

**Off the Streets will hold its
Second Annual Dinner Dance at
Our Lady of the Assumption Hall in Fairfield
Saturday October 1st.**

Off the Streets provides a security deposit and basic furniture and living needs for those homeless people who have no other means of providing these but do have a means of paying the monthly rent.

Last year's event was a memorable dining experience and dancing event that funded housing for 10 people. Come celebrate with us and help others have a place of their own this winter. If you like, bring some friends for your own table of 8.

Hot hors d'oeuvres, crudité, salad, hot buffet and carving station, dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks. Ticket price is \$75 per person.

For reservations call Ellen 203-880-9814.



**TEACHERS NEEDED
FOR
2016—2017
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SCHOOL YEAR!**

**If interested, please contact the
Religious Education office at
255-1984**

Registration forms for the 2016-2017
School year can be found on the web page:

Stthomasfairfield.com

Forms are now Due

Questions please contact Jackie or
Dominique at 203-255-1984 or

stthoaqccd@aol.com



September Meeting Schedule:

No Meeting on September 4th due to Labor Day

- Saturday, September 10: Catholic Underground at St. Ann Church from 7:30-9:30pm
- Sunday, September 11: High School from 7-9pm
- Sunday, September 18: High School from 7-9pm
- Sunday, September 25: **Fall Kick Off Meetings!!!**
Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 7-9pm

Parish Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Friday
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**