

**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.

**Family Mass**

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

**Parish Center Rentals**

Contact The Parish Office



**RESPECT  
FOR LIFE**

**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.

**PARISH STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT**

Father Martin has made the following staff changes in our parish office. Catherine Lopata our parish secretary/receptionist will now take on her new title as Administrator of the parish offices.

Father Martin has given the position of parish receptionist to Ms. Gerrie Desio (the former principal at Assumption school in Fairfield). Both of these positions begin on Monday: October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to both Catherine and Gerrie on their new roles in serving the parishioners of St. Thomas Parish.

*Message from the Pastor*

**INCREASE OUR FAITH**

As Christians, our questioning and our searching and our growing into the kind of persons we are meant to be can draw us closer to God than ever before, because **Christ is Risen!**

In our pain and suffering, in our loneliness and discontent, we can draw closer to God than ever than ever before, because **Christ is Risen!**

Our doubts and fears can be transformed by the risen Lord as we identify with His wounds, just as He identified with ours when He gave us life for our salvation.



**Newly Baptized**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Connor Michael Kozik  
Paige Hope Estanislau**

**Marriage Banns**



**I. Keith Creasy and Elizabeth Damm  
II. Mathew Faenza and Shannon Czaplicki**



**October 1 to October 9, 2016**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Kenneth Spigarolo
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Jack E. Shaughnessey
	10:30 am	Barry Ahearn
	12:00 Noon	Paul Beatty
	<b>2:30 am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass</b>
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Attilio Giansanti
Tues.	7:00 am	Margaret Martire
	12:10 pm	Genevieve DeFeo (6th)
Wed.	7:00 am	Mary Alice Morley
	12:10 pm	John Henry Redgate
Thurs.	7:00 am	William Keller (1st)
	12:10 pm	Eileen J. Zander
Fri.	7:00 am	Richard Norell (1st)
	8;15 am	Barry Ahearn
	12:10 pm	Edward P. O'Connor
Sat.	5:00 pm	Donald McLane
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John F. Brown
	10:30 am	Sebastian Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	Kenneth and Hildegard Spigarolo



Nancy Gianni	Maria Ines Galindo
Amanda Morguelan	Walter Murphy
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Shirley Mongillo	Annette Ham
Javier Sattler	Susan Hasiuk
Leonor Sattler	Chet Greene
Mary Durkin	Tom Lopez
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Susan Ross
Jane Harwood	Betty Freddino
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Anthony Mongillo
Carl Palmieri	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Craane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Veronica Hughes
Noreen Hernandez	Margaret Poulsen

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### Knights of Columbus Council 2616

Would like to thank St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for their support of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive with intellectual Disabilities. Earl Savage- Chancellor

### October Seniors Meeting

Seniors are back. First meeting will be held on Tuesday October 11th at 1:00 –3:00 pm in the Parish Conference Room. Questions please contact Kay at 203-259-3537.

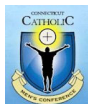
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### MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

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.

### Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Events

#### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CT. Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday: October 22, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Goodwin College in East Hartford. Tickets are \$40 and includes a box lunch and free parking. Additional information can be obtained at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)

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#### 3rd Annual Women's Conference for the Diocese of Bridgeport "Made By Love, For Love"



**Saturday, November 12, 2016**  
St. Catherine of Siena Family Center, Trumbull  
9:30am check-in until closing Mass at 5:30pm.  
Tickets are \$45 (which includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and hospitality bag) Please visit [www.bridgeportwomensconference.org](http://www.bridgeportwomensconference.org) for more information and to register.

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

#### THIS WEEK

*William "Bill" Tetreau*



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

*Special Intention*



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

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



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"The separation of faith and love is always a consequence of a deterioration of religion."*

*Paul Tillich, Dynamics of Faith*

### Parish Support

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 10,617.75  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 8,480.28

*Thank You!*



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 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

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  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class.

Contact Lisa McCurley at [mccurley@optonline.net](mailto:mccurley@optonline.net) or 203-292-6877 for reservations and information.



**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.

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**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



**October News**

Tues. Oct. 4th **Grade 1** First day of Class  
4:15pm to 5:15pm

(Dwight, Jennings, Mill Hill, Sherman,  
Burr, Private Schools)

Wed. Oct 5th **Grade 1** First day of Class  
4:15pm to 5:15pm

(McKinley, Holland Hill, Stratfield, N. Stratfield,  
Osborn Hill & Riverfield)

Mon. Oct. 10th **No Class Columbus Day**

Thur. Oct. 13th **HOMESCHOOL MEETING**  
10:00am- Parish Conference Rm.

Mon. Oct. 17th **GRADE 8-- PARENTS/CHILD:**  
Confirmation Mtg. in the Church 7:00 pm

**NO CLASS for Grades 6 & 8**

Mon. Oct. 31st **Halloween: No Class for 6,7&8**

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

[stthoaqccd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqccd@aol.com)

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**October News**

Sun. Oct. 2: High School from 7-9pm

Sat. Oct. 8: Catholic Underground at  
St. Ann Church 7:30-9:30pm

Sun. Oct. 9: High School "Prayer Changes Me"  
Event at Notre Dame High School 10am-3pm

Sun. Oct. 16: High School from 7-9pm

Sun. Oct. 23: High School from 7-9pm

Sun. Oct. 30: Middle School from 4-5:30pm  
High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School**

**Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House**

**Sunday, October 23rd**

**10:00 am until Noon**

All interested parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet our Principal, and talk with our Teachers and their Assistants. We invite you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit our Preschool and Kindergarten community.

Applications will be available for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - "Building a Strong Foundation in Faith and Knowledge" [www.stasonline.net](http://www.stasonline.net).