

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.

Family Mass

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

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



**RESPECT
FOR LIFE**

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

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

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

GOD KNOWS US

The Pharisee in our Gospel story this weekend thought that if he said his prayers, gave his regular donation, and followed the fasting laws, he would be right with God.

PRAY – PAY – and OBEY, as some in the church once put it.

The tax collector, however, could only offer one thing: **himself**. He presented himself just as he was and hoped in the mercy of God.

My friends,

It is a big temptation to believe that being a member of the church is all about loyalty and not inner conversion.

Have **YOU** ever fallen into it?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God.”

Kevin DeYoung

November is the Month of All Souls



It is custom for Catholics to write the names of the faithfully departed on the **ALL SOULS** envelopes and return the envelope during the Month of October.

These envelopes will be placed on the Altar beginning November 2nd the Feast of All Souls. Envelopes for All Souls are in the packets and are also available at the church entrances.

Newly Baptized



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Ryan Jeremy Taylor



October 22 to October 30, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Francis Reed
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Edward O’Connor
	10:30 am	James V. Edwards
	12:00 Noon	Paul Beatty
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Francis Meissner (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Susan Carroll
	12:10 pm	Nicholas A. Yanosy
Wed.	7:00 am	Eileen Cahill (1st)
	12:10 pm	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo
Thurs.	7:00 am	Raffaele D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Patrick Ryan (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Michael Joyce
	12:10 pm	Marie Firestone
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Catherine R. Greenwood
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Carol Cowperthwait (4th)
	10:30 am	Donat, Rose & Doris Herbert
	12 :00 Noon	Paul Beatty

Please pray for the sick

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
Rev. Charlie Allen	Dennis Rich
Frank Slovensky	Richard Martin



Marriage Banns

II. Peter LeBlanc and Katherine Demyan



Consecration of the Diocese of Bridgeport to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Consecration will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The schedule for the event on November 5th is as follows:

- 1:00 PM Arrival
- 1:15 PM Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 1:30 PM Recitation of the Scriptural Rosary (Start of Confessions)
- 2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Presentation by
 Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Conclusion of Confessions)
- 3:30 PM Break
- 4:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration (with Consecration)

Everyone is encouraged to attend the entire event, but people are welcome to participate in as much of the afternoon as possible.

All Souls Day Mass
Wednesday November 2nd
11:00 am Rain or Shine
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
1056 Daniels Farm Road Trumbull
Bishop Frank J. Caggiano
Main Celebrant



PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia Please bring all donations to the church. Collections start on Saturday, Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3rd From 9 to 12 o'clock. For scheduled furniture pick up, please email Carolyn Cachianes at carriecach@aol.com

Parish Support

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$11,172.66
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$10,033.65
 Project Appalachia 2016: \$ 6,000.00
 October Annual Collection 2016: \$15,520.00

Thank You!

ON LINE GIVING

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website www.stthomasfairfield.com and click the On Line Giving link

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Vincent Palmieri 13th Anniversary

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

John Chayka 2nd Anniversary



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



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

**THOMAS MERTON CENTER
HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**

43 Madison Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
203-367-9036

Monday-Friday 8:30am-1:30pm; Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm.
If not the Merton Center, consider giving to the pantry of your local parish or social concern center.



**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.



**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 for more information and to register.



Please email your prayer request to:

staprayerline@att.net and place

"Prayer Request" in the subject line.

If you would like to pray for those in need of prayers, and you have access to email, please place "Prayer Contact" in the subject line and we will email you prayer requests as they are received. If you do not have email or if you have any questions, please call Catherine in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.



**Election Day is
Tuesday November 8th!!!**



October News

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

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

stthoaqccd@aol.com



**Upcoming Events for
Ladies Guild
Mark your Calendars**

Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 15, 2016. We will be collecting items to send care packages to our troops for the holidays.

The annual Wreath Sale sponsored by the Ladies Guild is scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2016, after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. To pre-order call Bernadette.

Our annual Bake Sale is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2016 after every mass.

Save the dates. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Please call Bernadette at 203 254 7569 if you have any questions.



October News

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

Sun. Oct. 30: **Halloween Party!**

Middle School from 4-5:30pm

High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Notre Dame High School (Boy's and Girls) Class of 1966 is planning a 50th Reunion Spring 2017.

If you are interested in working on the Class of 1966 Reunion committee or would like to receive more information, please contact the Notre Dame Alumni Office at tmarzik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521 ext. 242.