

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



**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

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

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

Mercy: To forgive someone when the person does not deserve it!

Two taxidermists stopped before a window in which an owl was on display. They immediately began to criticize the way it was mounted. Its eyes were not natural; its wings were not in proportion to its head; its feathers were not neatly arranged; and its feet could be improved.

When they had finished with the criticism, they were just about to move on --- then the owl turned his head and winked at them.

My friends,

We should review our own judgements of others, but not just the people around us regularly.

How do we judge those charged with horrible crimes before their trial?

How do we judge police shootings before the facts are gathered?

How do we judge a woman dressed in a burqa?

How will our presumptions and judgements appear before God?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“God creates out of nothing.... But He does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.”

Kierkegard, Journals

Newly Baptized



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Clark John Calash
Sofia Rose DiRende

Marriage Banns

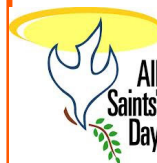


III. Peter LeBlanc and Katherine Demyan



October 30 to November 6, 2016

Table with columns for Day, Time, and Intention. Includes entries for Catherine R. Greenwood, Paul Beatty, Paul D'Agostino, Joey Kulaga, Martin Crowe, Elizabeth D'Agostino, Armand and Simone Poitras, Edward O'Connor, Donald McClane, William J. Anderson (23rd), Martin Crowe, Rehanek Family, Leonard O'Neill Sr., Joseph Bryne, Barry Ahearn, Robert Black, Wedding (Richard P. Freeburg (8th)), Francis Meissner, John Padula, Allie and Anne Richard, and Commissioning Mass.



All Saints
Tuesday, November 1st
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses will be celebrated at
7:00 am; 8:15 am; 12:10 & 5:30 pm
Vigil Mass will be celebrated
Monday October 31st
5:30 pm

All Souls
Wednesday November 2nd
Masses will be celebrated at



7:00 am, 12:10 pm

The Parish Office is Closed on Tuesday Nov. 1st

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations to the back of 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



Election Day is Tuesday November 8th!!!

Please pray for the sick

Nancy Gianni
 Amanda Morguelan
 Laura Terranova
 Shirley Mongillo
 Javier Sattler
 Leonor Sattler
 Mary Durkin
 Rebecca Scalera
 Irene Ercolani
 Jane Harwood
 James Rooney
 Peggy Krotki
 Mary Toth
 Carl Palmieri
 Liam Craane
 Robert DeVitto
 Noreen Hernandez
 Rev. Charlie Allen
 Frank Slovensky

Maria Ines Galindo
 Walter Murphy
 Carl Collica
 Annette Ham
 Susan Hasiuk
 Chet Greene
 Tom Lopez
 Nancy Stevens
 Susan Ross
 Betty Freddino
 Rene Ercolani Molnar
 Sally Cohane
 Anthony Mongillo
 Rosemarie Fowler
 Joseph Mitchell
 Veronica Hughes
 Margaret Poulsen
 Dennis Rich
 Richard Martin



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.



Mark your Calendars

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday Morning November 24th at 8:00am

Lets come together to give thanks to God

COVENANT HOUSE COLLECTION

Each year on Thanksgiving Day at our 8:00 am morning Mass, a special collection is taken up for Covenant House in NYC. This collection helps runaway teenagers to receive help with food and shelter and medical attention at Covenant House. Perhaps you will be away for Thanksgiving Day Mass but would like to give an offering to help these young people? Please place a gift in any Sunday offertory marked for this purpose or send it directly to the Parish Office.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE Begins this weekend!!!

For the needy area families and in support of food pantries in our area. Donation of canned goods and non-perishable items are most welcome!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church are decorated with feathers indicating the items that you intend to provide please return the items to the church by Sunday Nov. 13th or the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 18th.

Thank you for your help!!



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Reminder that on next Sunday November 6th our Masses will be on the new time. Remember to push back your clocks **One**

Hour on Saturday November 5th before you go to bed



**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.

Parish Support

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,314.06

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 9,765.57

World Mission Sunday 2016: \$ 1,996.70

World Mission Sunday 2015: \$ 2,446.00

Thank You!



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL
BURN THIS WEEK**

*Richard F. Freeburg, Richard P. Freeburg
and Joseph Meeker*

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

Edward and Anna Jennings



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

All those Unemployed



(Praying for job opportunities!)

Second Collection Next Weekend

November 5/6

Archdiocese for the Military Services USA



October News

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

November News

Sun. Nov. 6th : Grade 8 Child/Sponsor or Parent
Commissioning Mass 4:00 pm Church

Tues. Nov. 8th: **No Class Election Day**

Mon. Nov. 14th: 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Gym
No Class for Grades 6 and 7

Wed./Thurs. Nov. 23/24: **No Class Thanksgiving**

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 203 254 7569 .

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



October and November News

Sunday, October 30: Halloween Party!!!

Middle School from 4-5:30pm,

High School from 7-9pm

Sunday, November 6:

High School from 7-9pm (Part 4)

Sunday, November 13:

Thanksgiving Food Drive Sorting Night of Service

St Thomas Aquinas Church is now on Facebook! "Like" St Thomas here: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasfairfield>

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at
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