

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



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

BEGINNING SOMETHING NEW

Advent serves to remind us of the vision of Israel. Something new began 2,000 years ago, and we must have a role in it. But life can distract us. We fall into routines and begin to exclude growth, especially growth in the Lord.

We are to be an “**ADVENT PEOPLE**,” vigilant, watchful.

Can we do something differently during Advent to help ourselves see Christmas and its promised vision anew? Will we make Advent a beginning?

Our first step is to see Christmas with eyes of faith and separate it from the tinsel and the wrapping paper.

What might we surrender from the past?

What might we do new?

Will we use the confessional to really throw off the old?

Will this be a year that we work harder on our family and less at work?

Is this the Advent that our faith changes our behavior?

Will this be the Advent that we at last pay attention to Advent and all the ways it can break the routine?



Newly Baptized

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

John Andrew Paciotti

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Are YOU the person YOU want to be?”



November 27 to December 4, 2016

Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas McDonnell
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Joseph C. Batchelor
	10:30 am	Gloria Dellaera
	12:00 Noon	Ken and Hildegard Spigarolo
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Sr. Mary Jane Card (1st)
Tues.	7:00 am	Hayden Laudadio
	12:10 pm	Josephine Rizza (1st)
Wed.	7:00 am	Marion Laska
	12:10 pm	Martin Crowe
Thurs.	7:00 am	Marion Laska
	12:10 pm	Mario Picarazzi (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Mary Elizabeth Power (1st)
	8:15 am	Patrick Berg
	12:10 pm	James E. Edwards
Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mabel Retman
	10:30 am	Daniel Groudier
	12 :00 Noon	Paul Betty



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	Jane Harwood
Betty Freddino	James Rooney
Rene Ercolani Molnar	Richard Martin
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Anthony Mongillo
Ilene Ianniello	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Robert DeVitto	Veronica Hughes
Noreen Hernandez	Margaret Poulsen
Rev. Charlie Allen	Dennis Rich
Frank Slovensky	Norma Primerano



Marriage Banns

II. Peter Fred Anderson and Megan Ann DeRita

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Furniture, clothing, and household goods for Project Appalachia. Please bring all donations (**No more clothing is being accepted**) to the back of the church. The final Collection will be this coming Saturday, Dec. 3rd From 9 to 12 o'clock.



Ladies Guild Bake Sale

Annual **Bake Sale** is scheduled **next weekend** for December 3rd and 4th after all the masses. Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569 .



Advent Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the Advent Giving Tree.

This is an enormous project and every year the parish rises to the occasion. St. Thomas Aquinas families and parishioners share their generosity with many people in Fairfield and Bridgeport. Through the Advent Giving Tree, we provide specific gifts for individual families from St. Charles and St. Mary parishes in Bridgeport and Catholic Charities families, coats for Mercy Learning Center, warm weather clothing for patrons of the Ella Grasso Center, gift cards for Operation Hope, books and games for children of the Cardinal Sheehan Center, outfits for the Missionary Sisters' pre-school children, toys for the Daughters of Charity Convent, and we provide help for families in our own parish.

If anyone would like to “adopt a family” and purchase gifts for a family please e-mail stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com

Please take tags from the trees at the entrances of the parish and bring the item back, unwrapped, by the date on the tag. If you return your gift during the week, please bring it to the Parish Office where it will be secure. If you return your gift after a weekend Mass, please bring it to the boxes in the Church. If you are available to help deliver items to Bridgeport contact Jessica stthomasfairfieldyouth@gmail.com 740-424-4581 **Thank you in advance for your generosity**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK

Marion Laska



THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Kathleen Orban 4th Anniversary

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



Wreath and Poinsettia Pick-up Dates

Thank you for supporting the 8th grade fundraiser! As a reminder, all orders must be picked up either on **Saturday, December 3rd after 5pm Mass or Sunday, December 4th from 7:30am to 1:30pm.** Pick-up will be in the School.

If you are unable to pick-up during these times, please arrange for someone to pick-up for you. Any questions please call Christine at 203-319-8274.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon



Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 3rd St. Thomas Parish Center Gym

Join Santa for breakfast at this Christmas tradition. Breakfast, cookie decorating, crafts and fun. Pictures with Santa are an additional \$5 three different seating's to choose from (8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am). Adult tickets are \$12pp and kids (14 and under \$8pp). Seating is limited for this fun event. To sign up contact Deirdre at deirdre.bolewicz@gmail.com or (203)767-5059



**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.



December Meeting Schedule:

Sunday, December 4: High School from 7-9pm (Part 4)

Sunday, December 11: High School from 7-9pm

Sunday, December 18: Christmas Parties!!!

Middle School from 4-5:30pm,
High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Care Packages for Soldiers



Project from the Heart Mails packages to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Over 12,000 to date.

We are always in need of support to do so: either financial and/or supplies. Please know these well-deserving Troops need our Love and Support. They operate under very difficult situations. Contact Shirley **203-259-5903**. Bulletins boards in the church have lists of items that are needed.

A box is located in the front lobby of the Church.

Thank you and God Bless America!



December News

Mon. Dec. 5th: Grade 8 Penance Service 7:00pm

No Class for Grades 6 and

Thurs. Dec. 8th: **No Classes for 2nd Grade**

Mon. Dec. 12th: Grades 6/7 Penance Service 6:00pm

No Class for 8th Grade

Tues. Dec. 13th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15

No Class Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 14th Grades 3,4,5 Penance Service 4:15

No Class Grade 1

**Dec. 19th to Jan. 2nd 2017 Christmas Break
Classes Resume on January 3, 2017**

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

stthoaqcd@aol.com



**The Ladies Guild Annual
Christmas Dinner**

Is on Tuesday December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the LUIGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, 170 Post Road. Menu - Appetizers: Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Salad and Pasta.

Entrees: Chicken Marsala; Stuffed Filet of Lemon Sole; New York Strip grilled to your preference. Dessert: Toasted Almond Cake or Cannoli Pie. A glass of Wine and Tea/Coffee. Cost \$34.

Please RSVP to Bernadette 203-254-7569 or Pat 203 -254-2357 by December 2nd.

All are welcome!!!!

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