

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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.

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



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

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Stephen L. Anderson
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Patricia Grassi
RCLIA 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

NEW LIFE

Our God offer of “**New Life**” in Christ points us in the direction of a rough road ahead. The journey into His New Life is a hazardous one. There are trials to be endured, obstacles to overcome, risks to be taken. In Jesus’ own words, we must follow Him “through the narrow gate.”

My friends,

The gate to a life in ruins is wide, “but how narrow is the gate that leads to life, how rough the road”.

BUT the shallow Christians – those who are eaten up with pride – are busy, busy, busy trying to outrun Jesus, out-plan Jesus, out-think Jesus, out-smart Jesus!

A husband and wife, together with their teenage son, were invited to a neighbor’s wedding. For the teenager, it was his first opportunity to attend such an affair. As the family ventured down an aisle to find their way to where their friends were seated, an usher walked over, extended his arm and asked, “Are you on the bride’s side or the groom’s?” Before his parents could respond, the teenager joked, “They’re taking sides already?”

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Owen Paul Curt
Gavin Timothy Dee**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life;
No one comes to the Father but by Me.”*

Jesus



ENTERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic? RCIA Classes for Adults interested begin in the Fall. Call the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.



September 2 to September 10, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Anne P. Richard (11th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Joan Malloy (1st)
	10:30 am	Pamela Kuehn
	12:00 Noon	James Maisano
	3:00 pm	Wedding
Mon.	8:00 am	Mass for Man’s Labor
Tues.	7:00 am	Effie Walker
	12:10 pm	Joan Malloy
Wed.	7:00 am	Katie Walkley
	12:10 pm	Steven McDonald
Thurs.	7:00 am	Joseph Blackall
	12:10 pm	Sean Byrne
Fri.	7:00 am	Dolores McArdle
	12:10 pm	Dorothy McKeoun (15th) and Patricia Dubret (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Anne P. Richard
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Carrie Miranda Schuler (1st)
	10:30 am	Lee and Quinn Families
	12 :00 Noon	Catherine (Arlene) Keegan

*please
pray for
the sick*

James McInerney	Joan McInerney
Barbara McShane	Amelia Mikulka
Maria Ines Galindo	Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Annette Ham	Francis Xavier Edwards
Susan Hasiuk	Walter Murphy
Chet Greene	Tom Lopez
Charlie Capalbo	William Ceruzzi
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Irene Ercolani	Jane Harwood
James Rooney	Rene Ercolani Molnar
Luis Gonzalez	Patrick Carroll
Peggy Krotki	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Rosemarie Fowler
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Veronica Hughes	Noreen Hernandez
Dennis Rich	Frank Slovensky
Delores Weis	Kay Slovensky
John Lengen	Helen McElroy
Joseph Sciarrillo	Romano DeCastro
Mary Jane Edwards	



Pre Baptism Class

For all First Time Parents, a Pre-Baptism Class is required. They will be held in our Parish Conference Room at 10:00am, on the following Saturdays:

- September 9th,
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 9th

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 for questions and to sign up for the Class.



Diocese Blue Mass Sunday September 10th 12:00 Noon

St. Matthew Parish– 216 Scribner Ave. Norwalk

A Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Reception immediately following the Mass.

Parish Support

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$10,536.75
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$10,207.00

Thank You!

Regular Parish Office Hours are Back
Monday thru Thursday
9:00am to 3:00pm
Friday
9:00am to 12:00 Noon

Monday September 4th Labor Day
8:00 am Mass Only

Parish Office, School Office and CCD Office
Are closed.



CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at St. Paul Catholic High school located at
1001 Stafford Avenues in Bristol, CT.

The conference this year is titled with our Lord's exhortation from the opening chapter of the Acts of the Apostles *"You will be My Witnesses"*.

The conference seeks to build up Christian camaraderie among the men who attend so they in turn can become more faithful fathers, husbands, brothers, sons and disciples. Additional information may be obtained at www.ctcatholicmen.org

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK FOR



Robert King

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE
IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

James Maisano



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE

IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



MERCY
LEARNING
CENTER

Volunteer Tutors Needed To Teach

Become a tutor at Mercy Learning Center. As a volunteer tutor, you will be paired with one or more of Mercy Learning Center's adult female students. No experience is necessary! All volunteer tutors attend a one-day training and receive ongoing support and professional development throughout the year. The time commitment is 4 hours a week between 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday. All tutoring is done at Mercy Learning Center, with all of our educational resources on hand to assist you. This is truly a rewarding volunteer experience! For more information, please contact Lynn Gabriel at 203.334.6699 or

at: lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org



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.



A Stellar Evening of Music and Helping Malta House at the Same Time!

Saturday, September 30
For a Benefit Concert- A Fun Night Out!

After taking Broadway by storm in "Jersey Boys," one of the biggest hits of all time, THE MIDTOWN MEN are now on their 7th national tour, bringing their magic to audiences everywhere. Join us as they sing your favorite "Sixties Hits" from The Beatles, The Rascals, The Turtles, Motown, The Four Seasons and more! Tickets on sale now at <https://palacestamford.org>.

Join us for a VIP Reception starting at 6:00pm with Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres, *plus* get Premium Seating at the Concert for tickets www.maltahouse.org/events/



Project Rachel Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? Call our confidential phone line to find out about our upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing for women, men and siblings at 203.895.3554 or 203.416.1619. You can also email us at projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!



TEACHERS NEEDED

FOR

2017—2018

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR!

Contact Jackie in the Religious Education Office

Registrations are NOW Due for 2017-2018 School year please go to stthomasfairfield.com click on the Religious Education link and print out the forms.

Please check your emails or go to our web page for important upcoming dates.

Questions please contact the office at 203-255-1984
stthoaqccd@aol.com



September Schedule:

Sunday, September 10th:

Kick Off Planning from 6-8pm

Sunday, September 17th:

Middle School Kick off from 4-5:30pm

Sunday, September 24th:

High School Kick off from 6-8pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Fall Bible Study

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life
"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes."
Pope Francis

The wisdom literature – Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes – Shows us that God has showered us in livable wisdom. Join us for *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* starting on Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Email Jenn Romano at
stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com to sign up!