

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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

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

LET US NEVER FORGET

May all of us remember with love and compassion this day.
 May we grieve with those who still mourn,
 And share memories with those who cannot forget.
 May we draw strength from those who bravely responded,
 And gave their lives to save others.
 May we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day,
 And remember their generosity and hospitality.
 Above all God may we remember your faithfulness
 And learn to trust in your unfailing love.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

William Underwood Staehely



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"We build a new tomorrow on plans we make today."



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 9 to September 17, 2017

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:00 pm	Funeral Mass
Tues.	7:00 am	Special Intention
	12:10 pm	Joey Kulaga
Wed.	7:00 am	Owen Black
	12:10 pm	Maudie Altieri
Thurs.	7:00 am	Elsie C. Mula
	12:10 pm	Katie Walkley
Fri.	7:00 am	Steve D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Norma Primerano
Sat.	5:00 pm	William J. Fitzpatrick
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Gloria Hudson
	10:30 am	Catherine (Arlene) Keegan
	12 :00 Noon	Helen Daly



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:

- October 7th**
- November 4th**
- December 9th**

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



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

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.



The choir for Sunday Masses will begin again on September 24th, practices are on Thursdays Evenings at 7:00pm starting September 21st. New choir members are welcome.

Any questions please contact David Harris at davidharrismusic@gmail.com



The Ladies Guild planning meeting will be held on the September 19th at 6 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome. Please come with a friend and discover how you can assist and support the many needs of our parish. Light dinner will be served. Just a friendly reminder, Ladies Guild membership is underway. The dues are \$10 for year. Questions please contact Bernadette 203-331-5791. We appreciated your support.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Margaret Hayes

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Elizabeth D'Agostino



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



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



Parish Support

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 9,612.70
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016:	\$ 9,959.50
Catholic University 2017:	\$ 1,612.28
Catholic University 2016:	\$ 1,275.00
Ladies Guild 2017:	\$ 739.00
Ladies Guild 2016:	\$ 748.00
Capital Fund for August 2017:	\$ 919.00
Capital Fund for August 2016:	\$ 1,247.00

Thank You!



**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.



**CONNECTICUT
CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 21, 2017
8:30 am to 5:00 pm 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

Operation Hope

Are you able to help in preparing a meal for Operation Hope. Please contact Bernadette Crowe if you are interested or have questions. 203-255-0740.

St Thomas Altar Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to clean and restock the candle stands and holy water fonts, and to dust and sweep the altar and sacristy twice a month for one hour. Any time you can give will be much appreciated. Please contact Kay at 203-255-0767.



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



Tonight : 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 in the Parish Center.

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