

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**  
**1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824**

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Web page: [stthomasfairfield.com](http://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



**CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY**

**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*

**FORGIVE AS GOD FORGIVES**

A mother stopped a minor scuffle between their twin 10 year old sons. Then she said to each, "Say your sorry." After they did, she said, "Now shake hands." She followed with one more command "Now hug!" We're family here! We all count the same.

My friends,

Since we are forgiven unconditionally, we are to forgive in the same fashion. Like the quarreling twins, they not only had to say they were sorry, but they had to hug each other, too. Why??? Because hostility fractures a family, as it does any community. It mocks the mercy of God so freely gives.

A forgiving act always returns with its own gift of mercy. Jesus always reminded His followers to forgive, and he asks the same of us today.



**September 16 to September 24, 2017**

Sat.	5:00 pm	William J. Fitzpatrick Jr.
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Gloria Hudson
	10:30 am	Catherine (Arlene) Keegan
	12:00 Noon	Helen Daly
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Dawn Forest
Tues.	7:00 am	Frank Gentile
	12:10 pm	Joseph Blackall
Wed.	7:00 am	Edward O'Sullivan
	12:10 pm	Sue Ann Murphy
Thurs.	7:00 am	Edward O'Sullivan
	12:10 pm	Katie Walkley
Fri.	7:00 am	Edward Corbett
	12:10 pm	Sue Ann Murphy (4th)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Ann Ventricelli
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Mary Anderson
	10:30 am	Louis Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	Etta Ryan

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Zoe Mei Grandoit**
- Zion Nesta Grandoit**
- Ronan Robert Pantall**
- Anthony Joseph Como**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*"He who knows how to forgive prepared for himself man graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross will I forgive with all my heart."*

Sr. Faustina Kowalska



**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.



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	Ray Iwaniki

**SSND Champagne Brunch Fundraiser  
Support Education – Locally & Globally**

**SUNDAY, October 8, 2017**

The Boathouse at Saugatuck, 521 Riverside Ave.,  
Westport, CT 06880

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Join us! Hear what the School Sisters of Notre Dame are doing today & enjoy a festive brunch, surrounded by New England's spectacular autumn palette.

Tickets are \$125/per person, available online at [www.amssnd.org](http://www.amssnd.org) For more information, please contact, Leslie Lopez, [llopez@amssnd.org](mailto:llopez@amssnd.org) or 800-993-7763.




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 [davidharrismusicdh@gmail.com](mailto:davidharrismusicdh@gmail.com)



The Ladies Guild planning meeting will be held on September 19th at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please come with a friend and discover how you can make a difference in the life of our Parish community. Membership is not required. We will also make Rosaries to send to hurricane devastated areas. Rosary donations are welcome. Light dinner will be served.

Just a friendly reminder, Ladies Guild membership is underway. The dues are \$10. We appreciated your continued support. Questions contact Bernadette 203-331-5791.



**2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

This year our diocesan goal was \$11 million and as to date the diocese has raised \$ 11,085,845 100.78% of goal with 21,922 gifts.

Our St. Thomas Aquinas has raised 423 gifts worth \$ 232,712 from 361 donors bringing our parish to 116.36% of our \$200,00 goal.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

**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.



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK**



*Gerard Corbett 6th Anniversary*

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

*Bob Vitale*



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



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

**Centers of Mercy for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Our Lady of the Assumption, *Fairfield*  
(with Eucharistic Adoration)  
**Tuesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  
St. Pius X, *Fairfield*  
**Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Parish Support**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,335.38  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 10,146.55  
Victims of Hurricane Harvey 2017: \$ 5,000.00

*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.

### VENDORS NEEDED

Father Coleman K of C Columbiette Auxiliary  
Holiday Craft and Tag Sale  
To support their Charity efforts.

Event is on

Saturday October, 21st  
St. Thomas Parish Center  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per table or 2 tables for \$50

All inquires can be directed to  
Sally at 203-366-4826

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in in the Parish Center.

Email Jenn Romano at  
[stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasfairfieldfaith@gmail.com) to sign up



## 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](http://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](mailto:stthoaqccd@aol.com)



### PROJECT FROM THE HEART- LOOKING FOR HELP.

Anyone with a link to a box company, we are in dire need. To date, we have shipped over 12,400 boxes to our well-deserving troops and, truly, we need to carry on with our mission to bring a smile and measure of comfort to our troops. The box company who has helped us in the past is no longer able to do so. Sometimes boxes are made incorrectly, a few inches off and they cannot be delivered, as ordered. We have been the grateful recipient of such error! Boxes in the range of 10 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 10, or something in that range, are what we are looking for. Please contact Shirley Sambrook, 203 259-5903, with any information or help.

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**

### YOUTH GROUP

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](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)