

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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



Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement with Parish Office.

Pre Baptismal Instruction

Required prior to Baptism.

Pre-Can

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

**PRIEST
CONVOCAATION 2017**

Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the 5th Convocation of priests from Monday Oct.16 through Wednesday Oct. 18. The Convocation, which takes place every 3 years, will be held this year in Newport, Rhode Island.

The theme of the Convocation is “Of one heart and Mind: Brothers United in Christ.” The purpose of the three-day meeting is to strengthen the fraternal bonds among the priests and to provide a time of spiritual renewal for them so that they may return with an even greater commitment to service.

Please know that our 7:00 am will not be celebrated & 12:10 Mass will be celebrated here at St. Thomas by a visiting priest; however, members of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield University and religious order priests will be available for sacramental emergencies.

**PRAYER FOR THE
5TH CONVOCAATION OF PRIESTS 2017**

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name.

We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 15 to 18. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return enkindled in the faith and renewed in holiness.

We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:

+ Sustain and strengthen our Bishop, as our good and faithful shepherd;

+ Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacrament;

+ Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need;

+ Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son;

+ Make every household to be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured;

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+ Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son’s call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

October 14 to October 22, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Molly Padula
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Claire Oswald
	10:30 am	John MacLean
	12:00 Noon	David Turner
Mon.	7:00 am	No Mass
	12:10 pm	Gloria Dellaera
Tues.	7:00 am	No Mass
	12:10 pm	Eileen J. Zander (4th)
Wed.	7:00 am	No Mass
	12:10 pm	Allie D. Richard
Thurs.	7:00 am	Andrew and Margaret Petock
	12:10 pm	Mary Alice Morley (8th)
Fri.	7:00 am	Susan Carroll
	12:10 pm	Ricardo “Joey” DaSilva (1st)
Sat.	5:00 pm	Megan Albright
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Maureen Kelly
	10:30 am	James V. Edwards
	12 :00 Noon	Chaun Norton



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Kayden Carmella Finocchi
Remington Luke Garceau
Cameron Diane Fay
Katherine Joy-Conly Lee
Phillip Jacob-Yongkai Lee
Donald John-Conway Lee**

Profession of Faith

Donald Lee



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.



Father Coleman Knight of Columbus #2616
Columbiette Auxiliary

10th Annual Holiday Craft and Tag Sale
Saturday October, 21st
St. Thomas Parish Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Featuring many local crafters and vendors. Seasonal and all occasion Gift Items, Baked Goods and more.

For more information contact Sally 203-366-4826

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Class

Is an awareness training that teaches adults about the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. The program is **MANDATORY** for all volunteers in our School, Youth Group and CCD and Church Programs (Lectors, Choir etc)

A session is scheduled here at St. Thomas for **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00pm** in the Parish Conference rooms. Please register at www.virtus.org.

Diocese of Bridgeport Upcoming Event

(For complete information on the following event please visit our web page at Stthomasfairfield.com)



Bishop Caggiano requests all catechists to attend one of the two meetings to have a conversation with him about reimagining faith formation in our parishes. Sat. Oct. 28th 8:30am to 11:00am at All Saints Catholic School in Norwalk or Tues. Nov. 7th : 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Klein

Project Appalachia

Donations for the Fall Truck for Project Appalachia will be accepted in November **ONLY**. More information to follow in future bulletins. **Thank you.**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



In Loving Memory of Joseph and Theresa Ostrosky

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

In Loving Memory of The Rielly Family

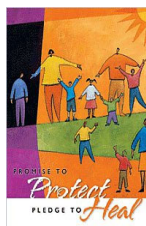


OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed (Praying for job opportunities!)

2017 MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th 2:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua



The Most Rev. Frank Caggiano, together with a planning committee of Survivors of Sexual Abuse as Minors by Priests, will hold a very special Mass for anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor and for others who have been impacted. The Mass will be held on October 29th at 2:00 P.M. at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 149 S. Pine Creek Rd, Fairfield,

Light Refreshments will be served immediately following the Mass.

Parish Support

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017: \$ 9,269.00
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,486.80

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.



Upcoming Events

Oct 17th monthly meeting at 6:00pm followed by Rosary workshop.

Rosaries and Rosary beads are welcome. Proceeds to go to hurricane hit areas. Our annual Bake Sale will be held on November 18 and 19, after each Mass. Mass for the deceased members of the Guild will be celebrated on November 28, at 6:00pm in the chapel followed by a reception and meeting in the Parish Center.

The annual Advent Wreath sale is scheduled for December 2 and 3, 2017, after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. **To pre- order call Bernadette at 203 254 7569.** Volunteers are needed and appreciated for our wreath and bake sale. Proceeds of all our fund raisers serve the many needs of our parish. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Bernadette at 203 254 7569 if you have any questions.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & First Grade Open House Sunday, October 22nd at 10:00 am until Noon

All interested parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet our Principal, and talk with our Teachers and their Assistants. We invite you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit our community.

Applications will be available for the 2018-2019 school year. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - "Building a Strong Foundation in Faith and Knowledge" visit our webpage: www.stasonline.net



October News

Mon. Oct. 16th: 8th Grade Parents and Child Confirmation Mtg. 7:00 pm in the Church: **(No Class for Grades 6 and 7)**

Tues. Oct. 31st: No Classes—Halloween

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984 or stthoaqccd@aol.com



OCTOBER NEWS

Sun. Oct. 15: Middle School 4-5:30pm
High School 6-8pm (Life Night 2)

Sun. Oct. 22: High School & Middle School Trip to Corn Maze at Plasko's Farm in Trumbull from 2-4pm

Sun. Oct. 29: Middle School 4-5:30pm
High School 6-8pm (Life Night 3)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



James McInerney
Barbara McShane
Maria Ines Galindo
Laura Terranova
Annette Ham
Susan Hasiuk
Chet Greene
Charlie Capalbo
Rebecca Scalera
Irene Ercolani
James Rooney
Luis Gonzalez
Peggy Krotki
Mary Toth
Liam Crane
Veronica Hughes
Dennis Rich
Delores Weis
John Lengen
Romano DeCastro
Frank "Bud" Carroll
Ed Zera

Joan McInerney
Amelia Mikulka
Amanda Morguelan
Carl Collica
Francis Xavier Edwards
Walter Murphy
Tom Lopez
William Ceruzzi
Nancy Stevens
Jane Harwood
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