

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.

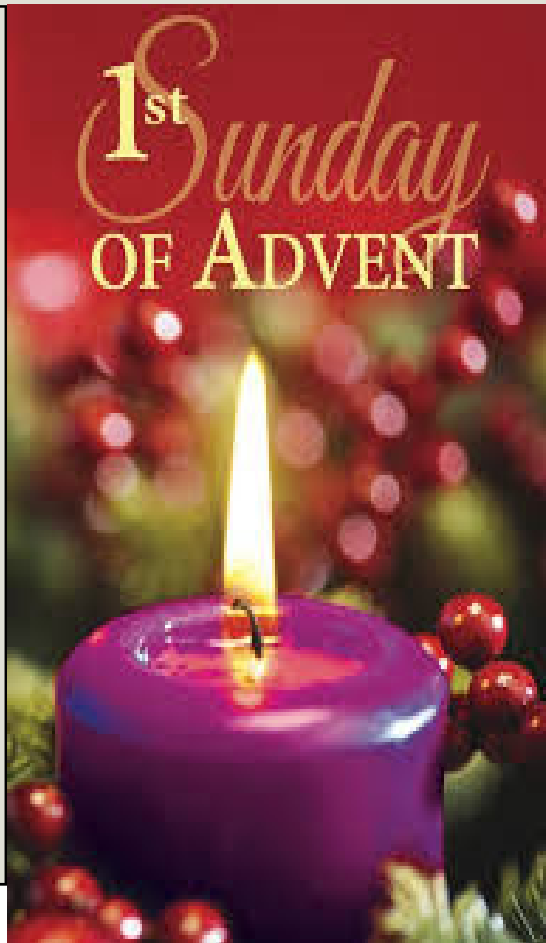
First Friday Masses

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

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

WATCH FOR HIM – HE WILL COME

At a time when people are setting up manger scenes to depict the infant Jesus’ birth. It seems strange to look ahead – as this Sunday’s gospel does – to the return of a very adult Lord Jesus to gather His people at the end of time.

“Keep Awake” He told his disciples, “For you do not know when the master of the house will come.”

While these two pictures look very different, what connects them is watchfulness. Advent is the season of our long wait for the coming of Christ at Christmas. And as followers of the risen Lord, we wait for Jesus to come again in the last days.

Watch for Him – He will come!

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**James Robert Purzycki
Ella London Aucapina**

Marriage Banns



III. David Pagnataro and Rachel Reese

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



Patroness
of the United States of America

Holy Day of obligation for all
Catholics in the United States

Masses will be celebrated on
Friday December 8th
7:00 am, 12:10 Noon and 5:30 pm

Vigil Mass on
Thursday December 7th
5:30 pm

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“In the midst of the pre-holiday rush to prepare, do you remember that Advent is also a time for spiritual preparation and housecleaning???”



December 2 to December 10, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Robert Gasker
Sun.	7:00 am	Gerald Crowe (16th)
	9:00 am	Maureen Kelly
	10:30 am	Helen Daly
	12:00 Noon	Joan Julian
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D’Agostino
	12:10 pm	Daniel Grouden
Tues.	7:00 am	Special Intention
	12:10 pm	Rev. Vincent O’Connor
Wed.	7:00 am	Joanne Crane
	12:10 pm	Michael Madden (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Peggy Anderson (1st)
	12:10 pm	Carl Palmieri
	5:30 pm	Kevin McCarthy (16th)
Fri.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	12:10 pm	Eileen F. Riley
	5:30 pm	Anne P. Richard
Sat.	2:30 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	The Marko Family
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Margaret Halloran (1st)
	10:30 am	Joseph and Teresa Rabbia
	12 :00 Noon	Robert Nevins

*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	Joseph Sciarrillo
Romano DeCastro	Mary Jane Edwards
Frank “Bud” Carroll	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Edna Miller



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 stthomasfairfielddiocese@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 please contact Jessica Nayden stthomasfairfielddiocese@gmail.com /740-424-4581 **Thank you in advance for your generosity!!**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK



In Loving memory of Lydia Lacerenza

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR

Catherine Power



OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR

All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19th
7:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23rd
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm Children's Mass

6:00 pm Children's Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

11:30 pm Adult Choir Concert

12:00 am - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30th
5:00pm

Sunday December 31st
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Vigil Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God

Sunday December 31st
5:00 pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2018
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon



Diocesan Youth Choir

Sunday December 17th

Join Bishop Caggiano and the Diocesan Youth Choir for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of Fairfield University at 7:00 p.m. on December 17th. Tickets are general admission and are available online and at the box office for \$20. Please visit the diocesan website <http://bridgeportdiocese.com>



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.



The Ladies Guild Annual Christmas Dinner

Is on Tuesday December 5th at 6:00 pm at the LUIGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT,

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 & Tea/Coffee, \$34pp.

Please RSVP to Bernadette 203-254-7569 or Pat 203 -254-2357 by December 4th .

All are welcome!!!!

*The Ladies Guild will like to **Thank** Grace Parissi, all the volunteers and parishioners for supporting the Bake Sale. They made \$700.00!!!!*



Music for Youth, Inc. Presents The Chamber Singers of the Fairfield County Children's Choir

7 PM on Saturday December 9th
St. Thomas Aquinas Church

The program will include holiday, gospel and classical vocal selections. Seating will open at 6:40pm.

Donations of cash or food donations for Operation Hope will be accepted at door. For more information call (203) 254-0123.



December News

Mon. Dec. 11th: Penance Service Grades 6 and 7 at 6:00pm at Church
No class for Grade 8

Mon. Dec. 18th: Penance Service Grade 8 at 7:00pm
No class for Grade 6 and 7

Tues. Dec. 19th: Penance Service Grades 3,4,5 at 4:00pm at Church.
No class for Grade 1

Wed. Dec. 20th: Penance Service Grades 3,4,5 at 4:00pm at Church.
No class for Grade 1

Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st: No Class- Christmas Break Classes Resume on Tuesday January 2nd

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



Upcoming Schedule:

Sun. Dec. 3: Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 6-8pm (Giving Tree)

Sun Dec 10: High School from 6-8pm
(Praise & Pizza)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Parish Support

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 9,825.50
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016:	\$ 9,235.63
Catholic Campaign Human 2017:	\$ 1,584.00
Catholic Campaign Human 2016:	\$ 1,697.00
Christ the King 2017:	\$ 10,372.39
Christ the King 2016:	\$ 11,543.16
Thanksgiving 2017 Covenant House	\$ 2,500.00

Thank You!