

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

Parish /Cemetery Office—203-255-1097 Office Fax—203-256-8177 Email: STTHOAQ@aol.com  
Religious Education Office—203-255-1984 School— 203-255-0556 Youth Ministry—203-256-8962  
St. Thomas Prayer Line: email staprayerline@att.net  
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-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*

**WHERE DO WE PLACE OUR TRUST?**

*Conversion* is necessary if we are to rely totally on the Lord. Jesus is transfigured in appearance. This Transformation, however, is only temporary. The more important conversion is found with the apostles. Peter, James and John are always there, it seems, when important events happen in the life of the Church. The men are the ones who are converted on the inside, where it counts and its permanent. Their conversion is to a life of total reliance on God.

Certainly the apostles failed; they had their problems. But, their faith in and obedience to Jesus was now a part of their being; they were changed forever.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Madison Katya Lindenman**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Let us hope and pray that if the world placed us on trial for our faith and reliance on God – there would be sufficient evidence to convict us!



**Stations of the Cross**

Our Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:00pm during the Holy Season of Lent.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Laws of Abstinence**

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law, abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed.



**February 24 to March 3, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph P. DeFeo (47th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Joseph Politch
	10:30 am	Donna Kudzy McIntyre
	12:00 Noon	Daniel Murphy
Mon.	7:00 am	Ellen Lillian Kiely
	12:10 pm	Ann M. Black
Tues.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Dennis Galatie
Wed.	7:00 am	Ryan Charles Brennan
	12:10 pm	Michael Clarkin
Thurs.	7:00 am	Michael Quinn
	12:10 pm	Frederick "Pete" Weis
Fri.	7:00 am	Anne Hieronymus
	8:15 am	Gioia Riecio
	12:10 pm	Patrick Montgomery
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joan E. Beurer (3rd)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Peter Palmer
	10:30 am	Christopher McGowen (1st)
	12 :00 Noon	Bill and Maggie Dougherty

*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	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	



## 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Begins.....

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000**

**Education Weekend // Appeal Video — March 10/11**

**In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29**

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL!!!**



**Friday March 2nd  
4:30-7:00pm Dine In**

*Take out (Drop in or call ahead)  
(No take out orders accepted after 6:00pm)*

**Cash Only**

**Adult Dinners: \$15**

**Baked or Fried Cod, Fried, w/choice of 2 sides:  
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, or  
Clam Chowder plus one dessert and a beverage**

**Children Dinners: \$8**

**Macaroni & Cheese w/a dinner roll; plus one  
dessert and a beverage**

**New England Clam Chowder Only**

**Cup \$5/Pint \$8/Quart \$15**

**Beverages included with dinner:**

**Water, Coffee and Soda**

**Take Out Phone Number: 203-314-4423**

**Orders will be accepted on the day of the dinner  
from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.**

*All take out orders must be picked up by 6:30 p.m.*

**Questions? Please contact Tammy at  
203-314-4423 or by email at [tmbibj@aol.com](mailto:tmbibj@aol.com)**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Volunteers Needed for the Fish Fry Dinner**

If you are interested please contact  
Tammy at 203-314-4423

### Loaves & Fishes



The annual Lenten campaign to feed the hungry, "Loaves & Fishes," takes place in all parishes throughout Lent. Catholic Charities and other agencies benefit from these funds that serve over 800,000 meals to the poor and homeless of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Loaves & Fishes is a major source of support for our soup kitchens and feeding programs and we urge you to participate.



*Dear Parishioners of  
Saint Thomas Aquinas,*

Our Girl Scout troop, 30303, wants to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the wonderful and heartfelt donations made to Operation Hope during the weekend of Feb. 10/11. Not only are you helping the needy in our area but helping all of us in the troop work our way towards our gold award. The donations to Operation Hope were greatly needed and every single donation is sure to make a huge impact on the lives of others. We honestly can't thank you enough as we have seen how caring the Saint Thomas community is and how everyone embraces every opportunity to help others.

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



**THIS WEEK**

*Victor L. Martin*

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



*Karen Pawlowski*

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



*All those Unemployed*

*(Praying for job opportunities!)*

### Parish Support (Snow Weekend)

1st Sunday in Lent 2018:	\$ 6,576.21
1st Sunday in Lent 2017:	\$ 10,472.20
January Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 988.00
January Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 958.00
First Offering 2018:	\$ 708.00
First Offering 2017:	\$ 797.00
1st Week of Loaves and Fishes	\$ 1,654.00

**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.

**2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert**

On Sunday, April 29th at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries.

As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. A reception will follow after the concert.

*Space is limited please RSVP by April 18th to the Parish Office at 203-255-1097.*

**ON LINE GIVING**

St Thomas Aquinas parish has a method to accept your **GIFTS** to your parish without writing checks.

Through **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** your offertory contribution will be sent **DIRECTLY** from your checking account or credit card and eliminate the need to write checks.

Visit our website [www.stthomasfairfield.com](http://www.stthomasfairfield.com) and click the On Line Giving link

\*\*\*\*\*

**MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

The group meets every Wednesday 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.



**March News**

Sat. Mar. 10: 11:00am Grade 2 First Reconciliation:  
All groups

Thurs. Mar. 29: **No Class-Holy Thursday**

\*\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**When Fairfield Schools are closed  
CCD classes are automatically canceled.  
For information on weather related cancellations**

**TV Channel 3, Channel 8, or Channel 12 and  
ctweather.com**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984  
or [stthoaqcd@aol.com](mailto:stthoaqcd@aol.com)



**March News**

Sun. Mar. 4: High School from 6-8pm

Fri. Mar. 9 to Sun. Mar. 11: Winter Retreat/St Pius

**Sun. Mar. 11: No Meetings**

Sun. Mar. 18: Middle School 4-5:30pm  
High School from 6-8pm

Sat. Mar. 24: Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage

Sun. Mar. 25: Middle School 4-5:30pm,  
High School from 6-8pm

**Sun. April 1: Easter Sunday- No Meetings**

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at  
[StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

**Calling all Young People to Enter the Journey**

The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage will take place Saturday, March 24th at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 391 Ogden Street in Bridgeport, and will include an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, a chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a concert with Steve Angrisano and prayer with Bishop Caggiano. All young people in grades 6 thru 12 are invited enter the journey of Holy Week by spending some time in prayer with your friends and family. To register [www.thechurchneedsyou.org](http://www.thechurchneedsyou.org). Questions or more information contact the Office of Faith Formation at 203- 416-1670.