

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

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Forty days is a good chunk of time to contemplate the path we're on and whether it's leading in the direction we hope to go. Lent is our annual "periscope up" that helps us survey the moral landscape we're creating with every direction.

Today is pretty much halfway between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, between having ashes applied to our foreheads and waving palm branches in our hands.

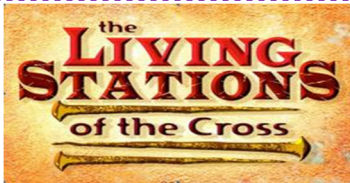
If going from dust to dust or welcoming the Messiah only to have him put to death is all there is, then we do seem foolish, as we hear Saint Paul say today. But we know there is more. Together we make this Lenten journey, looking beyond our earthly lives!

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Charles Thomas Kirk
Maxwell James Goldberg**



Our St.. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host the "LIVING STATIONS" on Friday evening, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. here in our church. All are welcome to attend this beautiful portrayal by our students of our Lord's final steps before His Glorious Resurrection.

What a wonderful way to come together as a family to celebrate our Lenten season.

Parish Support

2nd Sunday of Lent 2018: \$ 9,313,55
 2nd Sunday of Lent 2017: \$ 9,724.00
 2nd Week of Loaves and Fishes 2018: \$ 1,419.00

Thank You!



March 3 to March 11, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joan E. Beurer (3rd)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Peter Palmer
	10:30 am	Christopher McGowan (1st)
	12:00 Noon	Bill and Maggie Dougherty
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Walter and Eleanor Goodwin
Tues.	7:00 am	Nancy Stanco (7th)
	12:10 pm	Anthony Amuruso
Wed.	7:00 am	Stephen Charles
	12:10 pm	John L. Skrensky
Thurs.	7:00 am	Catherine Margaret Ippolito
	12:10 pm	Scott Trautman
Fri.	7:00 am	Ramonita Gonzalez
	12:10 pm	John Golger (10th)
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	11:00 am	First Reconciliation
	5:00 pm	Jeanne Orłowski (1st)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	Kenneth Eckert
	10:30 am	Raffaele Romano (15th)
	12 :00 Noon	Jasper and Antoinette Lodato



Msgr. Stephen Digiiovanni	FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller
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	Frank "Bud" Carroll
Margaret Carroll	Ed Zera
Nancy Roche	Brendan Maguire



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000 **Pledged to date**
Appeal Weekend /Video — March 10/11 **\$38,660**
In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29 **52 Donors**
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR GOAL!!!

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School



2018-2019 SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS
 We are a Blue Ribbon School
REGISTER NOW!

St. Thomas Aquinas has an open admission policy. Admission is based on a personal interview, placement screening, and previous school records, when applicable.

For further information, please contact the school office between 8 am -2 pm at 203-255-0556 x 225.

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



Josefina Fonseca

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



John Golger 10th Anniversary

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed
 (Praying for job opportunities!)



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.



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.



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.*



Next Saturday March 10th before you go to bed, put your clocks ahead **One Hour.** Daylight Savings begins on Sunday March 11th .



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.



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



LANCER LEGACY GALA Saturday March 10th at 6:00pm The Waterview in Monroe

To benefit Notre Dame High School.
Cocktail reception, silent auction: 6:00 -7:00pm
Dinner, Awards presentation, dancing: 7:00-10:00pm
Tickets: \$125/person. For tickets/ sponsorship
go to www.501auctions.com/notredame2018 or
call Theresa Marzik: 203.372.6521, ext. 242.



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

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.

