

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

HOW ARE WE DOING?

A month ago we received ashes on our foreheads as Lent began. We may have chosen to give up something or do something special during this penitential season.

Where do we stand now with that commitment that we made?

Have we slid back into our old ways from time to time?

Have we totally forgotten about it?

Well, it's not too late. Always the Lord is calling us to follow Him, no matter what has come before.

DEANERY CONFESSIONS

Every Deanery of our diocese will be holding confessions in three churches of each deanery on Monday of Holy Week (March 27th) from 3:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m.

The Churches chosen in our Deanery are ASSUMPTION in Westport; ST. PIUS X & ASSUMPTION in Fairfield.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"I know the power of obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)



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 of faith to celebrate our Lenten season.



March 17 to March 25, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Teresa Rabbia
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Msgr. William Loughlin
	10:30 am	Kenneth Eckert (1st)
	12:00 Noon	Christopher McEttrick
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Christopher McEttrick
Tues.	7:00 am	Cynthia Stanco
	12:10 pm	Kelly Benczkowski
Wed.	7:00 am	Suzanne Fracasse (7th)
	12:10 pm	Elaine Mastroni
Thurs.	7:00 am	Emil P. DeFeo (12th)
	12:10 pm	Gloria Rabbia Dellaera
Fri.	7:00 am	Paul D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	5:00 pm	Gloria Britt (1st)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John (Chuck) Dolan
	10:30 am	Alex Melko (12th)
	12 :00 Noon	Fernand A. Couture (1st)



Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni	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
In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29

Pledged to Date
\$53,255



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Confessions

Saturday March 24th 4:00 to 4:45 pm

PASSION (PALM) Sunday Masses

Saturday March 24th 5:00 pm
 Sunday March 25th 7:00 am, 9:00am,
 10:30 am & 12 Noon
 (Palms distributed at ALL Masses)

CONFESSIONS during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 following the 7:00 am and 12:10 Noon Masses

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday March 27th 7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY March 29th

Morning Prayer 8:00 am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
 Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY March 30th

Morning Prayer 8:00 am
 Confessions: 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon
 Passion of our Lord 3:00 pm
 Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm

HOLY SATURDAY March 31st

Morning Prayer 8:00 am
 Blessing of Food 2:00 pm in Church
 Easter Vigil Mass
 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY April 1st Masses
 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 Noon



**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.

Parish Support

4th Sunday of Lent 2018:	\$14,002.60
4th Sunday of Lent 2017:	\$ 9,127.04
Catholic Relief 2018:	\$ 2,260.80
Catholic Relief 2017:	\$ 2,172.09
4th Week of Loaves and Fishes 2018:	\$ 1,393.00

Thank You!



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
 THIS WEEK**

Wayne Bishop



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

Msgr. William Loughlin



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

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



**Knights of Columbus
Council 2616**

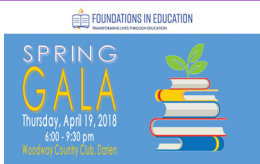
The Knights of Columbus on Unquowa Road have sold their building and have moved into our chapel in the Church.

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.



**Foundations in Education
2018 Spring Gala**
Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the
Woodway CC. in Darien.

Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano in celebration and support of Catholic education. Proceeds support the mission of Foundations in Education to provide hundreds of children from low-income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation at Catholic schools throughout the Bridgeport Diocese. Proceeds also support and promote innovation and leadership initiatives in our Catholic schools, thus benefiting our students further. Contact Karen at 203.416.1671, or ksportini@foundationsineducation.org

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.



March News

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 stthoaqccd@aol.com



Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday, March 18: Middle School from 4-5:30pm,
High School from 6-8pm
- Saturday, March 24: Enter the Journey at 9am-1pm
at St Charles Church in Bridgeport)
- Sunday, March 25: No meetings
- Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday- No Meetings

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



The Inn at Longshore
260 Compo Road South Westport
6:30 - 11:00 pm

Please join the friends of Caroline House for an evening of cocktails, dinner, live & silent auctions, music and dancing.

Caroline House will be honoring Cindi Bigelow, President & CEO of Bigelow Tea for her support to the Caroline House mission over the past decade.

To purchase tickets or for more information.
(203) 334-0640 or www.thecarolinehouse.org

A Message from Fr. Martin

*When there is **NO SCHOOL** in
Fairfield due to the Weather the
7:00 am Mass is **Cancelled***