

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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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

A WEEK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING!

Passion Sunday marks our entrance into the high feast of our faith, the great holy days and sacred time of our lives as Christians.

From what we read in the Gospels, most people who had encountered Jesus had formed a strong opinion. Many had become His followers. Others, thought Him to be dangerous, a rabble-rouser who threatened their hold on power under the Roman government.

Today our Jesus is greeted with the branches of Palm trees, often used to welcome returning heroes.

“HOSANNA!” We cry.

“BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*“No pain, no palm, no thorns, no throne,
no gall, no glory no cross, no crown.”*

GIFT OF THE CROSS

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.

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 and click the On Line Giving link



March 24 to April 2, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Gloria Britt (1st)
Sun.	7:00 am	For our Parish Family
	9:00 am	John (Chuck) Dolan
	10:30 am	Alex Melko (12th)
	12:00 Noon	Fernand A. Couture (1st)
Mon.	7:00 am	Carlo Petrillo (3rd)
	12:10 pm	Manuel Ribas
Tues.	7:00 am	Frederick Weiss
	12:10 pm	Robert and Emilie Newman
	7:30 pm	Lenten Penance Service
Wed.	7:00 am	Special Intention
	12:10 pm	Robert King
Thur.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service
	7:30 pm	Mass of Lords Supper
Fri.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service
	11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Confessions
	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	Passion of the Lord
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Service
Sat.	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service
	2:30 pm	Blessing of the Food
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil Service
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Kathleen McHale (21st)
	10:30 am	Leola Stansfield (5th)
	12:00 pm	Rita Jaeger



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK

Rose D'Agostino

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



Annmarie Perenthaler Maffei

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)

Please Note

*On Easter Monday April 2nd
there is no 7:00 am Daily Mass.*



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Goal — \$200,000
In-Pew Weekend — April 28/29

Pledged to Date
\$85,685



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.



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| • 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 |



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.



To arrange a Baptism please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office at 203-255-1097. First Time Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism class, next class on Saturday April 7th at 10:00 am.



To arrange a Wedding please contact Mary Jane in the Parish Office. Pre-Cana classes are required for weddings. To register for Pre-Cana Classes www.bridgeportdiocese.com

LECTORS ARE NEEDED

Interested in joining the Ministry of Lectors to read at mass on the weekends? Please contact the Parish Office 203-255-1097

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED

Please contact the Parish Office at 203-255-1097 if you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at mass on the weekends.

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. Questions contact Renee at 203-255-2409 or Regina 203-259-8170.



March News

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

April News

Mon. Apr. 2: **No Class- Easter Monday**

Mon April 9-Thurs. April 12:
No Classes Spring Break

Mon. April 16—Thurs. April 19:
Last Week of Classes

Thurs. April 19: Banner Day- Last Class

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



Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, March 25: No meetings

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday- No Meetings

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



Ladies Guild

Our Spring Bake Sale will be held on Saturday April 7 and Sunday April 8 after all Masses.

Volunteers are needed please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569.