

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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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

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

EASTER SEASON



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

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

Jacqueline Herbert
Dir. of Religious Ed

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Stephen L. Anderson
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Jessica/Rob Nayden
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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Moral leaders agree that the number one lesson we need to teach children is mercy. If the next generation is to survive in an ever-shrinking world full of very different cultures, the willingness to seek understanding and to dialogue across worldviews is key.

The starting point for that kind of empathetic listening is a heart open to compassion. Compassion literally means “to bear with” – to see and feel another’s burdens.

My friends of Easter,

Who taught you mercy, and how will someone learn it from you?



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.

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul. In suffering, we learn who our true friend is."

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska



Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Altar Servers.

All parish children age 10 and older are eligible to serve. Training classes are scheduled for the second and third week of May. If you are interested, please email

Lisa McCurley

sta.fairfield.altar.servers@gmail.com or call her at 203-292-6877.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

April 7 to April 15, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Carlo Petrillo
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Thomas Brennan (12th)
	10:30 am	Ralph Bowley (8th)
	12:00 Noon	Susan Iei
Mon.	7:00 am	John Lambert
	12:10 pm	Frederick Wies
Tues.	7:00 am	Polly Talarico
	12:10 pm	Jane V. and Cecelia F. Edwards
Wed.	7:00 am	Thomas Norton
	12:10 pm	Cecelia F. Edwards
Thurs.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Michael Curkan
Fri.	7:00 am	Louis Ceruzzi
	12:10 pm	Egdio Zangrilli
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Blackall
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	Adam Rosowicz
	10:30 am	Peter LaMalfa
	12 :00 Noon	Margaret Poulsen

Prayer Request 

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 Sciarillo
Romano DeCastro	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
\$112,160

**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.

**CELEBRATE THE
 EASTER SEASON**
*April 1 until
 May 20, 2018*

Parish Support

Palm Sunday 2018:	\$ 12,101.68
Palm Sunday 2017:	\$ 13,478.00
Palm Sunday Loaves and Fishes 2018:	\$ 4,209.00
Loaves and Fishes 2018:	\$10,552.00
Loaves and Fishes 2017:	\$ 9,802.00
Holy Land 2018:	\$ 3,005.00
Holy Land 2017:	\$ 2,406.00
Easter Offertory 2018:	\$ 13,827.00
Easter Offertory 2017:	\$ 13,306.00
Easter Collection 2018:	\$ 30,470.00
Easter Collection 2017:	\$ 26,617.00
Easter Flowers 2018:	\$ 1,314.00
Easter Flowers 2017:	\$ 1,489.00
March Capital Fund 2018:	\$ 1,163.00
March Capital Fund 2017:	\$ 861.00

Thank you!



**PROJECT APPALACHIA
 NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

We are in need of basic household goods – no glass, please – such as pots and pans, tools, gardening equipment, sewing supplies, sheets, towels, and blankets, BUT NOT MATTRESSES. We need children’s and infant’s clothing, diapers and equipment. Pack ‘n’ Plays for infants are always very useful.

Adult clothing, shoes, and boots are also needed. All goods should be in new and gently used and clean condition.

Please pack and seal all items in sturdy cardboard boxes with lids, and label contents (i.e. “men’s clothing or “blankets and sheets”).

We Will Accept Donations in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement on Saturday April 14 & April 21 from 9:00 – 12:00 PM. Also call parish office Monday thru Friday (203-255-1097)

Pickup of Heavy Furniture will be on SATURDAY: April 14 ONLY. People must contact Carolyn Cachianes to make arrangements . Her email address is carriecach@aol.com

Project Appalachia will load our next truck on Saturday, April 28th from 9:00 am til Noon.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN

THIS WEEK

The McCauley Family



**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.

Notre Dame High School 2nd Annual Bacon and BrewFest Saturday, June 9th from Noon 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of beer sampling, food trucks, live music and fun! To purchase tickets please visit our website at <https://notredamebaconandbrew2018.eventbrite.com>. For information, Theresa at tmarzik@notredame.org or call 203-372-6521 ext. 242.

Notre Dame High School Lancer Open in Memory of Bob Shea June 25, Great River Golf Club -Milford

This event is one of ND's biggest fundraisers of the year. All proceeds will directly benefit our students. For information contact Theresa at tmarzik@notredame.org -203-372-6521 ext. 242.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY TO HOST "EXPLORE SACRED HEART ACADEMY"

SUNDAY, APRIL 29th 1:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Hamden – Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9-12, will host at the school, 265 Benham St., Hamden.

Teachers, counselors, students, coaches, and staff will be available to answer questions about the curriculum, the fine arts and athletic programs, co-curricular activities and guidance. Please contact Elaine Dir. of admissions, at 203-288-2309 ext. 307.



April News

Mon April 9-Thurs. April 12:

No Classes Spring Break

Mon. April 16—Wed. April 18: Grades 1st thru 7th
Last Week of Classes

Thurs. April 19: 2nd Grade Banner Day– Last Class

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



April News

Sun. April 8: Praise & Pizza from 6-8pm

(Middle School and High School)

Sun. April 15: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. April 22: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. April 29: High School from 6-8pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

LADIES GUILD APRIL NEWS



The Ladies Guild monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 17th at 6 pm in the Parish Center. Pizza will be served. All parishioners and friends are welcome to join us. RSVP to Bernadette at 203-254-7569

Bake Sale -New Date



Our Spring Bake Sale will be held on Saturday April 21st and Sunday April 22nd after all Masses. Volunteers are needed please contact Bernadette at 203-254-7569.