

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

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

LOVE FULLY

One thing Jesus could never stomach is a hypocrite. In the stories, he always prefers sincere sinners to religious fakers. It's easy to slip into the role of a synthetic disciple without even noticing. Our religious routines – prayer, Mass attendance, lip-synched proper responses to moral issues – can go on autopilot.

Meanwhile, self-congratulations, nasty judgements, self-involvement, and the unwillingness to forgive can turn our hearts to stone under the surface.

My friends of Easter,

How we love is far more important than how we look.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

**Mason William Kozersky
Owen Wilder Hanson**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Just as the sight of the risen Christ helped the disciples to believe in the church that was to follow, so the spectacle of the same church helps to confirm our faith in the Resurrection of Christ.”

Saint Augustine (354-430)

**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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

April 14 to April 22, 2018

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
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Arthur G. Hessel Sr
Tues.	7:00 am	Suzanne Fracasse
	12:10 pm	Allie and Anne Richard
Wed.	7:00 am	Thomas Norton (1st)
	12:10 pm	Lou Ceruzzi
Thurs.	7:00 am	Edward Storey
	12:10 pm	Arthur Keating (3rd)
Fri.	7:00 am	Catherine Porricolo
	12:10 pm	Dorothy M Fodor
Sat.	5:00 pm	Jack Lausten (20th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For the Parish Family
	9:00 am	John (Chuck) Dolan
	10:30 am	The Verrillo Family
	12 :00 Noon	Joseph W. Scher (1st)

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 Sciarrillo
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
\$117,645

Did you know about your Easter duty?

The Easter duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion. It is required by canon 920:

"§1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. §2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year."

The obligated to go to confession is related in the sense that, in order to receive Holy Communion, one might need to go to confession first in order to be in a state of grace.

The Easter duty is a minimum requirement in order to motivate people to receive the sacraments. Ideally, a Catholic receives Holy Communion at every Mass that he or she attends.

The dioceses of the U.S. have an indult which allows the fulfillment of the Easter duty from the first Sunday of Lent through Most Holy Trinity Sunday.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK



James Bishop Jr on His Anniversary



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!)



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 21 from 9:00 – 12:00 PM. Also call parish office Monday thru Friday (203-255-1097)

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

ladies guild 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 Next Weekend



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



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.



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have its next “**Coffee and**” Sunday April 29th in the Parish Center Conference Rooms following the 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 Masses.

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



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.*

**CELEBRATE THE
EASTER SEASON**

*April 1 until
May 20, 2018*



April News

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 stthoaqcd@aol.com



April News

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

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.

Parish Support

2nd Sunday of Easter 2018: \$ 8,769.65

2nd Sunday of Easter 2017: \$ 11,181.48

Easter Collection 2018: \$ 33,704.00

Easter Collection 2017: \$ 29,769.00

Thank You!