

Come after me,
and I will make
you fishers
of men.” -Mark 1:17



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM

10:00 AM

10:00 AM St. Basil—BSU

12:00 PM Life Teen

Sunday evening 7:30 Mass will resume Jan 22nd.

Weekdays M—F 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00 JAMES W. HOUSTON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

7:45 ARGIA ALBERGHINI

10:00 JOSEPH & LAURA MONDEAU

10:00 TOM BRENNAN—ST. BASIL CHAPEL

12:00 MARY E. O’DONNELL

7:30 MASS FOR THE PEOPLE—ST. BASIL CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 RALPH FOSCALDI

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 DEBBIE PINCOLINI-BARONI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:45 MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

10:00 LANZIKOS & POIRIER FAMILIES

10:00 KAY LYDON—ST. BASIL CHAPEL

12:00 LORRAINE T. SULLIVAN

Why Catholic?

Last year's Lenten program, ARISE, was very successful. Groups of adult parishioners met during the day or in the evening one day a month for six weeks to discuss their faith as it applied to everyday life. Many have spoken highly about the resource guide/book and how much they learned from each other. The follow up program, Why Catholic?, will begin this Lent *IF* one or two individuals are willing to coordinate the registration and help set up groups. The Why Catholic? program guides individuals through a series of discussions that will help them to better understand their faith as they share their questions and are given information. For some this will be a review of your faith, for most it will provide answers to often asked questions. It will also help us to address questions when we are challenged as Catholics. If anyone is willing to volunteer to set up the program please contact Fr. Bill at 508-697-9528.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

Vacation Bible School is a week long summer program in which children ages 4-11 will have fun learning about God through crafts, snacks, games and bible adventures. The dates for this year's VBS will be July 23-27, 9am-12pm. This is the last full week in July. Registration will begin in spring. Our biggest need this year is for a **Preschool Director** who would be responsible (with assist of 2-3 adults/teenagers) for 20 preschoolers, their activities, crafts, etc. The program is already put together for you; you just need to carry it out. Further details can be provided for you. I am also looking for a co-director to assist me in the overall planning, registration, organization & set up for the week. In addition to these 2 people, I am in need of 10 adults to be station leaders for crafts, snacks, games, etc., as well as at least 20 teenagers (those who have completed 6th grade by July 2012 & up) to be crew leaders. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, February 7th @ 7:30 pm in the parish center** for all who are interested in helping. If you feel called to this ministry and have any questions or concerns prior to Feb 7th, please contact Beth Peterson @ 508-697-7986 or beth0109@comcast.net

JUNIOR HIGH HAPPENING

Parents, are you looking for a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual growth experience for your 7th/8th grader? If so, this is it!!! **SNOWCAMPS 2012** will be held on the weekends of **March 2-4 and March 9-11** at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Teenagers from throughout the diocese will be participating in what could very well be “the best weekend of their lives!” Sign up now as space for SNOWCAMPS is limited and will sell out quickly. For an application and more information visit www.snowcampsparty.com

A Special Thank You

The Bridgewater Knights of Columbus, Council 488 has generously purchased a set of social stories to assist our special education religious classes. This will help the children of our parish who have learning differences connect what they are learning to the sacraments they will be receiving.

2012 Holy Hour for Life
With Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
January 22, 2012 3:00 PM



A **Holy Hour for Life** will be held on the Vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance on **Sunday, January 22nd at 3PM** in the lower church. This Holy Hour will be held simultaneously at parishes throughout the Archdiocese so that we will be praying in solidarity with the thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March For Life. Led by Deacon Jerry Ryan, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The Holy Hour is organized by Boston Deacons For Life in collaboration with the ProLife Office.

For more information, contact the DeaconsForLife@RCAB.org.

Please join us to pray for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart School, Kingston

Entrance Test—Grades 7-12

Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 A.M.

Interested students are invited to pre-register for the test by contacting the Admissions Office at 781-585-7511, Ext 350 or email mcox@sacredheartkingston.com.

Walk-ins are welcome.

**Winter Open House**

Feb. 6th 2012

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2 Hamilton Street, Taunton

Academic Excellence

Financial Assistance Available

*** Apply Online ***

Registration/Open House

Holy Family School in Rockland will be holding an Open House and Registration for prospective students on Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the school. For more information, please call the office at 781-878-1154 or visit our website at www.hfsrockland.org.

Mass and Healing Service

on

Sunday, January 29th, 2:00PM

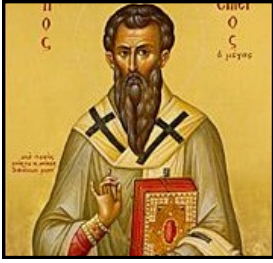
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Immaculate Conception Church

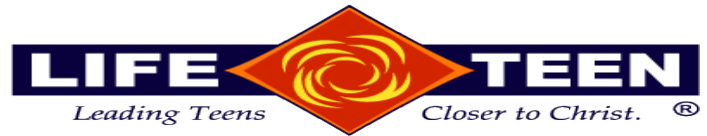
122 Canton Street, Stoughton

with Fr. Joseph McDermott

All those who have physical illness, as well as those burdened, or suffering emotionally, mentally, psychologically, or financially are cordially invited to come pray with us.



ST. BASIL CHAPEL
Weekly Events at St. Basil's
Sunday, January 15, 2012
Mass 10 a.m.



With the exception of the Masses on Sundays at 10 a.m., our building and office will be closed until classes start again January 18th. Barbara will be checking telephone and email messages on a regular basis.

Sunday evening Mass at 7:30 will resume on January 22nd.

PILGRIMAGE/TOUR OF IRELAND – October 1-11, 2012

Join Father Joe as we visit Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre, Shrine of St. Valentine and Our Lady of Dublin, Glendalough, Mount Melleray, Cliffs of Moher, Galway Bay, Beleek Pottery Factory, Trinity College, Guinness Brewery, Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Holy Well of St. Gobnath, Lakes of Killarney, Bunratty Castle dinner show, "Durty Nellies" famous pub and much more. Mass daily. Complete package - \$2649. For a full itinerary and more information please contact Mary Henry at Marian Pilgrimages USA at 781-545-2444 or e-mail maryusa@marianpilgrimages.com

SAVE THE DATES

Our **Grade 4 Liturgy** will be held on Sunday, February 4 at 10:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas. If you have a 4th grader interested in taking part, please email Kate Anderson at cnjanderson@comcast.net.



FIRST COMMUNION Parent Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 7PM

He who sings, prays twice and he who sings in a choir prays twice as hard!

*Christopher Hebard is our new organist. If you want to help him **start a choir** (and pick an evening for rehearsal), meet him in the choir loft this weekend after Mass at 4 pm on Sat., 10 am Sun., or downstairs 7:45 am Sun; or leave him a message anytime on his cell phone 617-230-3179, or send him an email at chris.hebard@post.harvard.edu*

SACRAMENTS

Confessions-Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment

Baptisms-1:30PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
Please call the Rectory to make arrangements to speak with a priest.

Marriage-Please call the Rectory at least one year in advance. Attendance at Marriage Preparation Course is required.

Anointing of the Sick-If you wish to receive the sacraments at home or in the hospital due to an illness, a handicap or age, please contact the Rectory.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament—First Fridays 9:30 to 10:30 AM only, and every Saturday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal—9:30 Mondays.

Candlelight Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima—13th of the month from May - October at 7:30 PM.

Queen of Angels Prayer Group—Fridays 10:00AM

K of C Rosary Devotion for Pro-Life—1st Friday, lower church at 6:30 PM.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour— Tuesdays at 7:00PM, lower church



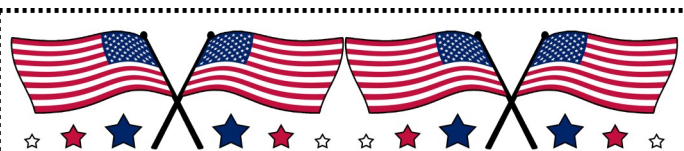
January 15

St. Thomas Aquinas \$
Capital Improvement \$
St. Basil \$

Next week's second collection is the

Grand Annual Update

We have received 2 responses.
Our total so far is \$54,610.00.
Thank you for your continued support!



Keep our service members in your prayers....

- CW4 Thomas Ahl , USA
- PFC Jonathan Benson, USMC
- SN Kyle Gomes, USCG
- LCPL Daniel Preach, USMC
- SSGT Joseph Hasson, USA
- PFC Joseph Burchill, USMC
- PFC Tayla A. Luiz, USA
- PVT Efrain Vargas, USA
- PFC Christian Vargas USA
- LTC Bill Gormley USA
- SGT Matthew Pepin USA
- SPC Ashley Pepin USA

Remember those in need of prayer.

- Andrea Proffetty, Jane Cox,*
- Kevin Looney, Evan Frye,*
- June Ahl, Richard O'Hare,*
- Louis Resmini, Sandra Cable,*
- Alexis Zutaut, Germaine Lanzikos,*
- Olivia Bonfiglio, Eleanor Bumpus,*
- Liz Palleschi, Anna Piantoni,*
- Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Joanna Crabtree,*
- Manuel Amaral, Mary Filippetti Markey,*
- Victor O'Leary, Normanda Torres,*
- Kristi (Henault) Wheeler,*
- Nora Onanian, Kathryn Monestere*

