

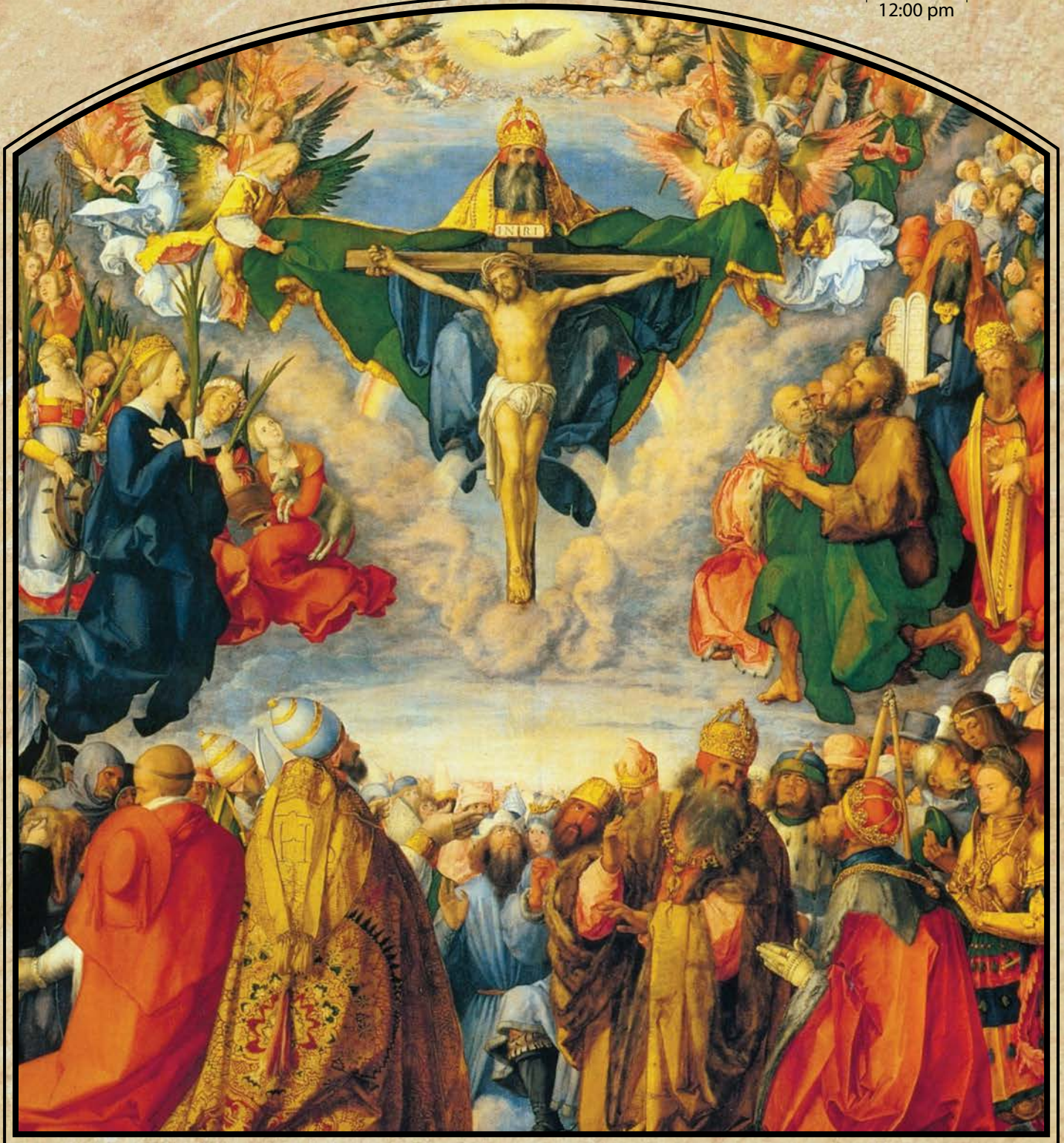
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

St Thomas Aquinas
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November 1, 2015
Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor
Rev. Adrian Milik, Parochial Vicar
Jerry Ryan, Senior Deacon

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday	Sunday	Weekday
9:00 am	7:45 am	7:00 am
4:00 pm	10:00 am	9:00 am
	10:00 am	
	12:00 pm	



St Basil Chapel / The Catholic Center
122 Park St, Bridgewater, MA 02324
Office hours M - F 9 am to 2 pm
P:(508) 531-1346 F:(508) 531-6188

Weekly Mass Schedule
SUNDAY
10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Welcome

To visitors of our Parish, and to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those comfortable and nourished here -

Welcome to All

Regardless of your status in the Church, marital state, you're ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background, or sexual orientation, we hope that you will continue to worship with us each week at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

All Souls Envelopes

Throughout the month of November we remember and pray for family and friends who have died. Envelopes with their name will be placed on the altar at all Masses this month. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one, please use one of the designated envelopes in the rear of the church or chapel. You can return it in the offertory basket within the next two weeks. The names of all those we are praying for will be included in the bulletin throughout this month. Any gifts received will be greatly appreciated.

Veteran's Day covers

In honor of veterans day we will place service member's covers (hats) in the sanctuary at St. Basil Chapel and St. Thomas Aquinas church at all the masses the weekend of November 7th & 8th, so that we can honor our veterans, living and deceased. If you have a military cover from having served in the military we ask you to drop it off with Rob at the rectory or with Rita at the chapel by November 6th. These covers will be returned after Veteran's Day.

Feed the Fathers

We are grateful that a number of parishioners volunteered to feed the fathers. I guess some think that they are not getting enough to eat. All those who volunteered should have received an email how to sign up on line so that the meal days are not double booked. Those who are unable to sign up on line can contact Rob at the rectory office for assistance.

the 2nd Collection
this week is for
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT



Pray for the Dead, and the Dead will Pray for You

One of the great solemnities of the Church is the celebration of All Saints, which we celebrate this weekend. On this day we celebrate all the people who lived lives of love and are rewarded by it with an eternity with Christ in the heavenly banquet. In a special way we remember those whose sanctity is not generally known, and so are not canonized by the Church, people like those we have known to live quiet, good lives. This is followed on Monday by the celebration of All Souls, a day when we specifically pray for those who have died and are now preparing themselves to enter into heaven by being washed clean of their imperfections in Purgatory. I have written in the past about how important these two days are in Poland, and my memories of gathering with my entire family in the cemeteries where my great grandparents, and other family members, are buried. Once again this year I will not be able to be there with them, but I will be with them in spirit.

Whether you are close enough to visit the gravesites of your loved ones or not, I hope that you also will turn your thoughts and your prayers to the family and friends who have passed from this life to eternity. All Saints reminds us of our hope for them, that they are in heaven with God and that they are praying for us and helping us through the challenges of our lives. All Souls reminds us that we are not powerless in the face of death or evil, that we can pray for those we love even after they die and that our prayers are powerful and important, helping them open themselves to God's mercy and so enter heaven more quickly. Both days remind us that love, our connection to those that are important to us, is more powerful than anything, even death. It reminds us that there is nothing more important in this life than the relationships we build and the love we share, because when our bodies and possessions are long gone, our love will continue to bind us together as family, as friends, as the Church.

May our prayers for our departed loved ones help them experience the fullness of joy at Jesus' side, and may their prayers for us help us to accept Christ's love in our own lives so that we may join them in heaven one day.

Fr. Adrian

Ushers/Greeter's Meeting

Fr. Bill would like to meet with all the Ushers and Greeters after each mass next Saturday and Sunday (Nov7-8). Please plan to stay after Mass for this meeting.

More Volunteers Needed

Most of our ministries have received the number of volunteers needed however there is a need for additional volunteers in the following ministries

Eucharistic Ministers

Help is needed at every Mass. Volunteers ordinarily serve 1-2 times per month.

Ushers/Greeters

Help is particularly needed at the following Masses. Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10, 12 (noon) and 5 p.m.

Altar Guild

Help is needed to assist cleaning the Church on Friday mornings

Music Ministry

Cantors are especially needed (different masses)

St Matthew Ministry

Help is needed counting the weekend collections on Monday morning (once a month)

Altar Servers

We always appreciate more volunteers to help serve the Sunday Masses

Rug Cleaning

The rugs in the parish center and at St Basil's were cleaned this past week. The rugs in the upper and lower church are scheduled to be cleaned in the coming weeks.

New York Bus Trip

Catholic Financial Life, Chpt. N278, has set a date for the trip to New York City on **Sat. November 14, 2015**. The bus leaves from the parking lot at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at **6 a.m.** sharp and will return around 11:00 p.m. Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to help the needy in Bridgewater. The cost of the trip is \$58.00 per person. The bus stops in New York are Times Square and the 9-1-1 Memorial where the One World Observatory is now open. The Rocketts start their Christmas show that weekend. All tickets for any of these events and shows must be purchased by you directly. For reservations and more information contact

Joan Gambill at 508-697-3425 email: joangam@comcast.net, or mail to

Joan Gambill, 20 Woodland Dr., Bridgewater, MA 02324. Reserve early to assure a seat on the bus. Catholic Financial Life will match a portion of the net proceeds.

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Faith Formation

Grades 1-8

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting for First Penance. If you missed this meeting, you should have received a letter with information. Be sure to pray with your children so they grow closer to God and learn their prayers. To help them overcome nervousness, practice how to go to Reconciliation. They will be practicing in class, and by also practicing at home they will become more confident and comfortable. We encourage our second grade parents to receive the graces this Sacrament imparts.

Our parish offers Reconciliation in the lower church on **Saturdays 3:00-3:45.**

The Chapel of Our Savior, Westgate Mall, Brockton offers it **Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11:00 and 5:00.**

The Holy Cross priests offer Reconciliation **Monday-Friday, 3:00-4:00**

in the **Peyton Center at Stonehill College** (on Rt. 138 across from Stoneforge)

Even Pope Francis goes to Confession!

Confirmation News

On Friday, November 6, 4:00-9:00, students in the following classes will be making their retreat: Mrs. Frazier/Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Foley/Mrs. Daley, Mrs. Campbell/Mrs. Sanford, and Mr. Craffey/Mr. Kennedy. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers as they retreat from the world so to listen and grow closer to God.

Sponsor Form Reminder

Students are reminded to turn in their paperwork as soon as it is completed. The Sponsor Form has a **due date of December 20th.**

Save the Dates

Sunday, November 6th – Grade 6 Level Liturgy
Wednesday, November 11th – Veterans Day – No CCD

Basket Raffle Volunteers Needed

The parish is in need of volunteers who would be willing to donate a prearranged gift basket or a create your own "themed" gift basket for your annual holiday bazaar,

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Some ideas from previous years have included; scrapbooking, coffee or tea lovers, family movie night, puzzles and games and sports. Gift cards and gift certificates are always a welcome addition to any basket. If you are willing to donate a gift basket or would like more information, Please see Lisa Folloni. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

50th Anniversary

NOVEMBER 15

as we remember the past,
honor our visionary companions,
celebrate our fellowship,
and recommit to the mission
of The Catholic Center.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

3:30 p.m. St. Basil Chapel

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANTS

Fr. Bill Devine, Fr. Adrian Milik

Homily by Fr. Bob Connors

Concelebrated by Emeriti Chaplains

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

5:30 p.m. Rondileau Campus Center

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

BSU Emeritus Trustee Lou Ricciardi

"The Place of the Catholic Center in a Secular University"

and a **Video of Visionaries**

HONORED GUEST

Emeritus Dean Frank Hilferty

WELCOME BY

BSU President Fred Clark

Purchase Dinner Tickets by November 1st

www.stthomasaquinas.com

or call Rita Garufi at 508-531-1346

Why would you give \$50 for the 50th?

Bridgewater State University students

Brian Kelleher-Calnan & Michelle Osowski

will share their story and how it has enriched their lives.

Brian volunteered at a large hospitality center for transients in Arizona - it challenged and enriched his understanding of God's presence in all human beings.

Michelle thought she and the Campus Ministry group would raise awareness on Capitol Hill for respecting Life. Hear what made a difference in her own relationship with God.

Sunday or Vigil Masses

Michelle Osowski, "Walk for Life"

Saturday, November 7

4:00 p.m. Mass

at St Thomas Aquinas

Brian Keller Calnan on "Andre House"

Sunday, November 8

7:45 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:00 p.m. Masses

at St Thomas Aquinas

Michelle Osowski, "Walk for Life"

Sunday, November 8

10:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. Masses

at St Basil

Youth Group Events



A Huge Success !!!

Our first Youth Group outing was a huge success!!!

We took 23 high schoolers to **Fright Fest** at

Six Flags, and a great time was had by all!!!

Keep your eyes open here for future events!

Attention High Schoolers !!!

Please join us on

Tues Nov 17 @ 7pm

help us plan an event for the middle schoolers
(on Jan 23rd) and earn some service hours for
yourselves. **Stay tuned for details.**

Rollerskating (grades 6-8)

Tues. Nov. 10, 8-10pm

Carousel Family Fun Center

1055 Auburn St. Whitman, MA

Private, chaperoned event.

Transportation not provided.

Cost is \$13 (includes entry and skate rental).

Snack bar extra.

Friends who are not members of

St. Thomas are welcome!

Permission slips available on parish website,

stthomasaquinas.com

Please return in labeled envelope with payment to

Rel. Ed. Office by **Thurs. Nov. 5**

For more information contact

Steven Riley @ steven.riley@maritime.edu

Pauline Lysko @ lyskos@comcast.net

Beth Peterson @ beth0109@comcast.net

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The bazaar committee has a WISH LIST that we would like to share with you.

(The following may be dropped off at Parish Center)

Theme Baskets, Plants, Jewelry & empty jewelry boxes

Knitted or sown items, Gently used or new toys

White elephant items

Fudge, Candy, Baked Goods

(Please deliver to Parish Center on Nov. 20 or 21)

To help defray the cost of our luncheon - the following:

soda, water, coffee, tea and cocoa

2 large cans of tomato sauce

meatballs and sub rolls

small bags of chips (2 cases)

cups, plates and napkins

gift certificates for kitchen use

white, red or green rolled paper to cover tables

With your help and support we can be assured of another successful Bazaar.

Please call if you are able to donate

Beccy 508-697-4791

If you are interested in crafts or need supplies please call **Nella at 697-8848**

Plant Donations

The bazaar is right around the corner and the plant table is accepting donations of your overgrown, underpotted, and no longer wanted houseplants. They can be dropped off at the parish center during CCD hours

Sunday morning 8:30-10

Sunday evening 6:00 – 8:00

Monday & Tuesday 1:00-6:00

Wednesday 1:00-5:00

50/50 Raffle

Raffle tickets will remain at the front entrance of the church after each Mass until November 15. If you're interested please take some home for yourself, or to sell. Return stubs and money before 3 PM p.m. on November 21, 2015. Last year each winner won \$715.00 Good luck!

St. Basil's Food Pantry

For over 20 years, St. Basil's Food Pantry has been providing non-perishable food items to St. Basil's community of students, parishioners and members of the BSU family. Thanks to donations from parishioners, the St. Vincent dePaul Society, the New England Food Foundation, BSU student food drives and the BSU food pantry in the Rondileau Center, we have been able to keep our shelves fairly full but the need is great and your help is always needed. The food drive at St. Basil's continues to be the first full weekend of the month. Grocery bags will be at the entrances to St. Basil's - kindly take one, fill it with any non-perishables you can and return it the following weekend where it will go to good use. Especially in demand are: pasta, snacks, cereals and drinks. Thank you for all your support as the recipients are so grateful for all you do!
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Christmas Gifts for Veterans and Troops

The list of requested items for the Troops in Afghanistan and Veterans in the Brockton Medical Center for Christmas are available. Items maybe dropped off at St. Basil in the coffee room, or with Rita Garufi in the office anytime. Collection bins for St. Thomas Aquinas will be available

at the entrances of the church on the weekends of

Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1

and

Saturday, November 7 & Sunday, November 8

Items need to be in by **Friday, November 20.**

Monetary donations to help with postage maybe made as well.

items for our Troops

shampoo, deodorant
tooth brushes & tooth paste
dental floss (not the string kind),
mouthwash, hand sanitizer,
handy wipes, hand cream, lip balm
Kleenex packets, AYR Nasal spray
Band-Aids (kid's fun type)
eyeglass cleaner, wash cloths, T-shirts
headscarves (black, green, blue)
warm socks (black or green)
socks (black or green), foot powder
foot warmers, dryer sheets
pillowcases, stationary, sports items
candy, gum, nuts/sunflower seeds
beef jerky, cocoa, Ramen noodles,
health bars, batteries (AA or AAA)

items for our Veterans

Gift cards to:

Papa Gino's, I-HOP, Panera Bread, "99"
Stop and Shop, Marylou's, Dunkin Donuts
Showcase movie passes, shampoo,
conditioner, bar soap, deodorant,
Mach3 razors, tooth brushes/tooth paste
dental floss (not the string kind)
mouthwash, combs/hair brushes
nail clippers, small cosmetic bags
foot powder, eyeglass cleaner
t-shirts (white & colors)(L,XL,XXL)
socks, warm hats and gloves
sweat shirts (zip-up), lap-robos (soft)
batteries (AA or AAA), wooden card holders,
large print Sudoku, crossword,
word finder books, cribbage games

"A time to be born..."

Anassa Alnatas, Brodie Graham Brunell, Harper Rose Cohen,
Brady Daniel Cohen, Ava Judith Florence, Jacob Joseph
Amaral, Jacob Colleran Winters, Aubry Elizabeth Enos
Dylan Creedon

"A time to love..."

David Scully and Amanda Craffey
Carlos Ulloa and Jocelyn White

"A time to die..."

Thomas Balboni, Michael LeClair, Vincent J. Stratoti,
William Wilder, Janusz Sliz, Diane L. Messaline,
Frances L. Bukin, Edith Shepard, Richard B Moore,
Joanne Mantia, Janet Marie Rey Rowbottom,
Jeffrey A. Rys

"A time to heal..."

Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, Jean
Andrade, Jeffrey Bean, Baby Valerie Belcher, Olivia
Bonfiglio, Jim & Jean Brennan, Caitlin Burnett, Kim
(Sweetman) Carnello, Sandra Cable, Christine Cabral,
Kelli Callahan, Bill Carey, Jacquie Cordaro, Matthew
Costantino, Michael Costantino, Baby Mychal Joseph
Cotone, Joanna Crabtree, Sandra Croall, Jannine
Dawicki, Mary DeLeon, Mark Denault, Marty
Dickerman, John Freney, Joseph Kelly, James LaFran-
chise, Rylee Fontes, Lee Fuller, Jesus Galindo, Ben
Gallo, Jim Geraghty, Alanna Gillis, Beverly Guiffre,
Fred Laham, Daniel John, Gregg Laskoski, Kevin
Looney, Alanna Gillis, Beverley Guiffre, Tim Johnson,
Beverly Jufree, Bob Mackey, Kaleena McHardy,
Stephen McNally, Marjorie Mello, Baby Chase Miceli,
Charles Monestere, Alice Moniz, Arlene Morin, Bob
Morris, Bob Morse, Anna Nakouzi, Antonio & Lucilia
Nunes, Paul D'Olimpia, Glenn O'Neil, Ann Paulino,
Carolyn Perry, Richard Piantoni, Dorothy Pope, Maria
Presti, Andrea Proffetty, Rich Quigley, Matthew Ryan,
Dan Sante, Paul Segreve, Sarah Silvia, Deana Spingel,
Kim Sullivan, John Swan, Betty Tarentino, James Toy
Jr., Anna Vrana, Don Weiner, Margaret Yanuskiewicz,
Mary (Sweetman) Zunino, Alexis Zutaut,

"A time for peace..."

General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
CW4 Thomas Ahl, USA
Captain Vincent Chiappini, USA
1st LT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
Captain John Costantino & USA
PFC, William Vey, USA
CPL Brandon Jamieson, USA
Army PV2 Harry Terpeny
PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA

IN LOVING MEMORY

The November sanctuary lamps for St. Thomas
Aquinas were donated in loving memory of
Jaclyn Moore from her Nana.

Weekly Mass Intentions**Saturday, October 31**

4:00 p.m. Donna Lanzikos

Sunday, November 1

7:45 a.m. Esther & Valentino Mortarelli

10:00 a.m. Mass For The People

12:00 p.m. Edward Farrell

Tuesday, November 3

9:00 a.m. John M. Ferrick

Saturday, November 31

4:00 p.m. The Rea Family

Sunday, November

7:45 a.m. Jose Coelho

10:00 a.m. Julio Alvarez

12:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Sacraments

Confessions: Every Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45p.m. in
the lower church or by appointment.

Baptisms: Ordinarily celebrated on the 2nd and 4th
Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm. Please call the
Rectory to speak with a priest prior to making any
arrangements. Parents are welcome to attend classes during
the pregnancy if it is more convenient.

Marriage: Please call the Rectory at least eight
months in advance. Attendance at the Marriage
Preparation Course is required.

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

Baptism Preparation Class

will be held

7:00 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Weekly Devotions

We encourage all parishioners to spend
some quiet time with the Lord

ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Thursdays 3:00 pm

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church