

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

103 Center St, Bridgewater, MA 02324 ♦ Office hours M - F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ♦ P (508) 697-9528 F (508) 279-1859

MASS TIMES

Saturday 9:00 a.m. / 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday 7:45 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. / 12:00 p.m. ♦ Weekdays 7:00 a.m. / 9:00 a.m.

ST BASIL CHAPEL

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MASS TIMES

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

Happy Anniversary

50th

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, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background, or sexual orientation, we hope that you will continue to worship with us each week.

*a word from Fr. Bill . . .***Congratulations.....**

I would like to congratulate Ray and Marie Perry and Barbara Henault the recipients of the 2015 Archdiocesan Bishop Cheverus Medal, an award named after the first Bishop of Boston, Right Reverend John Cheverus (1810-1818). Every three years our parish is invited to submit the name of an individual who exemplifies a life of faith in the Lord, who demonstrates the Gospel values in their life and is of service to our parish, our community and the greater Church.

Ray and Marie Perry grew up in our parish and have been married for 63 years. Ray and Marie not only raised 7 children (25 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren) in the parish but were always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed. They helped to raise funds for the building of the parish center, served on parish council, taught religious education and supported the parish fairs, the bazaar and rummage sales. Ray and Marie coordinated and decorated the church for Christmas and Easter Masses and maintained the altar decorations throughout the year. Ray is responsible for setting up the Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery and coordinates all the supplies that are needed and used at the church. Ray, with a team of volunteers, continues to clean the upper and lower church every Friday morning. He not only serves daily mass but serves every funeral mass.

Barbara Henault, a long time parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas who after raising 6 children (13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren) was for many years the Administrative Assistant at St. Basil's Chapel. During this time she worked with a number of different priests/chaplains and campus ministers who not only served the students and faculty of the University but the greater community who worship at the chapel. Barbara was far more than an administrative assistant but embraced a deeper calling to share herself with the community she served. Working with the campus ministers Barbara established different local and national service programs for the students and coordinated a Food Pantry for needy students and parishioners. Barbara's love for the students made the chapel the "home away from home" for so many, especially the international students. Sensitive to their needs she continues to provide rides for students, an international meal to introduce them to each other and the community, warm winter clothing and families with whom they can share a Thanksgiving Meal. Although retired for the past year Barbara continues to be heavily involved with the students and community.

Ray and Marie Perry and Barbara Henault are a credit to our parish. They will join others from throughout the diocese to receive the Cheverus Medal from Cardinal Sean O'Malley during a Solemn Vespers Service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, November 29th at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Friends and family of Barbara, Marie and Ray are encouraged to attend this service.

Protecting God's Children Training

As was previously announced all new or returning volunteers who have not taken the Protecting God's Children Training mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston is asked to attend training next Sunday, November 22 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the classroom section of the Parish Center. This training is critical for a better understanding of the safeguards we have in our parish to provide a safe environment for our children as well as helping to better understand the challenges of recognizing and reporting child abuse. Ministry coordinators have received a list of those who need to attend this training. We ask volunteers to register through their coordinator. Any parents who would like to attend this training are asked to register by contacting the parish office.

The Training will take place at the Parish Center on **Sunday, November 22 at 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

In order to have sufficient materials volunteers are asked to register through their ministry coordinator. Others who would like to attend can register through the parish office.

Starting the Year of Mercy on the Right Foot

As we come to the midpoint of the month of November, we are only two weeks away from the start of Advent, and therefore only two weeks away from the beginning of the year of mercy. This year is meant to remind us of the great, infinite, mercy that the Lord has for each one of us, and that we are called to imitate him by being merciful toward each other. To help us experience the merciful presence of God, our parish is planning a couple of things.

Evening Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Starting with Wednesday, December 2, we will be having a special holy hour of adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday night at 7pm in the lower church. This will be an opportunity to spend some time with the Lord, as well as to reflect upon the workings of mercy in our own lives. Given how busy our lives are, especially in the weeks before Christmas, I encourage you to give yourself the gift of spending some time in silence so you can hear what the Lord has to say to you, and can experience the wondrous reality of Christ's presence & mercy.

Advent Penance Services: We will continue the tradition we have had for the last few years of making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to the parishioners in a special way through the Advent Penance Service. This year we will have two such opportunities. One will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 7pm in St. Basil Chapel. The other will be held on Thursday, December 17, at 7pm in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. During both these times, multiple priests will be available to hear your confession and to grant you the fullness of peace through absolution. I encourage you to plan ahead to be able to make one of these two services, or if you can't, to take advantage of our regular confessional times on Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 3:45 in the lower church, or by making an appointment with one of the priests. I hope that this great gift of the year of mercy will be a source of much healing, joy, and peace for all of us as a parish. Come to experience the Lord's infinite mercy for yourself.

Fr. Adrian

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8

This past Tuesday Grades 1-8 went to the church for their faith formation. Students in Grades 1-6 had the privilege of being taught the parts of the Mass and what goes into our celebration of the Mass by our own seminarian Will Sexton. The love of his faith was evident in the way he shared his knowledge. We would like to thank Will for traveling to Bridgewater from Brighton after a day of classes to catechize our students. One of the students told him that one day he would be a great



priest. We agree! While the Teaching Mass was conducted in the lower church, students in Grades 7 & 8 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the upper church. Our two priests were joined by Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic of Hingham and Fr. Ignatius Mushauko of Brockton. One of the visiting priests said a student gave one of the most sincere confessions he has ever heard. He said he was very impressed with our students and we must have a wonderful program. We would like to thank them and Fr. Bill and Fr. Adrian for bringing Christ's mercy to our students.

We'd like to welcome our 6th Grade students and families to their Grade Level Liturgy. Thank you to Amanda Shockley for coordinating the student volunteers for this Mass



From 4:00-9:00 on Friday evening half of our Confirmation students attended their retreat. This retreat is an important component of the program. A young, married couple in our parish Steve and Jennifer Riley were our facilitators. They used the Chosen format which included videos, small group discussion, witness talks, games and activities. The main focus of the evening was that God calls each of us and that each student was chosen by Him to be at this retreat and to live life in relationship with Him. All these elements combined made a meaningful and interactive evening. We were impressed by the students' participation and enthusiasm. Part of the evening included the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Again, we were blessed to have visiting priests join Fr. Bill and Fr. Adrian: Fr. Ignatius Mushauko of Brockton, Fr. Paul Ring of E. Bridgewater, Fr. Joseph Mazzone of Stoughton and Fr. Jason Brillhante of Fall River. Many of the students admitted they hadn't received the Sacrament since second grade. What a gift

Confirmation (cont.)

they gave themselves. We'd like to thank Steve and Jen for making this retreat so successful. Many volunteers gave up their Friday night to act as small group facilitators: Sue Daley, Sue Yeomans, Ellen George, Meghan Cleary, John Kennedy, Mike Craffey, and Missie Pearce. We are blessed to have these people who are invested in the youth of our Church.

You are invited to a Global Panel & Food Feast

on Friday, 5:30 PM at The Catholic Center.

International Education Week is November 16-20. The Catholic Center sponsors its annual panel discussion by international students from five regions of the world. This follows sumptuous dining on cuisine from five regions. If you have a special international dish to share, please email rita.garufi@bridgew.edu or call 508 531 1346.

St. Basil Chapel & The Catholic Center

Celebrate 50 Years

of Spiritual Fellowship
November 15, Sunday

Concelebrated Mass 3:30 PM
St. Basil Chapel

Dinner by Reservation 5:30 PM
Rondileau Campus Center

"The Place of The Catholic Center in a Secular University,"
Keynote address by former BSU Trustee Lou Ricciardi
Honored Guest: BSU Emeritus Dean Frank Hilferty

View the Video, Storyboards, 50-square Quilt
that day and through Thanksgiving Weekend
50th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt



Job Openings – Maintenance

We are still accepting applications for two 10 - 15 hour/wk maintenance positions.

Monday - Tuesday day shift
Wednesday - Friday day shift

Job Descriptions and applications are available on our website at www.stthomasaquinas.com or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Financial Blessings

Due to the Holiday, a shortened work week, and a tighter deadline to finish the bulletin, last weeks financials will appear in next week's bulletin.

PARISH GIVING TREES

St. Basil Chapel

Ornaments designating gifts for needy families will be available on 29 Nov. These gifts will be given to Our Brother's Keeper, Easton to be distributed to needy families in the area.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Ornaments designating gifts for needy Bridgewater families will be available on 29 Nov. These gifts will be given directly to Bridgewater families in need of our support.

Identifying families

If you or any family you know are in need of support during this Christmas Season we ask them to contact the Parish Office 509-697-9528.

Christmas Gifts Collection Bridgewater State Hospital

acceptable items are:

Stick deodorant

Pads of lined paper 8.5" x 11" (no wire)

Plain white socks (no knee highs)

Pocket calendars (no wire)

November 15-23

Bins will be available at the entrances of the church and the chapel.

The Final Discussion over Scripture

I have enjoyed the series of discussions I had with parishioners on the things that the Scriptures teach us about marriage. All good things, however, come to an end, and this Wednesday, November 18, marks the end of the series. For our last session, I would like to discuss a topic that is particularly near to me, since I am living it. Specifically, we will be talking about the interaction between marriage and celibacy in a discussion that I have titled: Different Gifts: on Marriage and Celibacy. As a basis for our discussion of this topic, we will be reflecting on Matthew 19:9-12 and 1 Corinthians 7:32-38.

I hope to see you in the parish center on Wednesday at 7pm as we discuss this final topic in the series of discussions about marriage. I have enjoyed the meetings, and hope to be able to plan another set sometime in the year to come. Until then, however, I hope that all of us continue to take advantage of this great gift that God gave us in Holy Scripture, and keep turning to the Word of God to help us understand the many gifts that our Lord is giving us each day.

In Christ,

Fr. Adrian

The Knights of Columbus Council 488
Cordially invites you to a

A Very Special Christmas Party

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish center
December 5, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The nights would like to invite special needs children to our annual children's Christmas party. Held at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish center our festivities prove a supportive environment so their children can enjoy things like visiting Sant and Mrs. clause at their own pace, engaging in crafts with necessary assistance, and generally enjoying time with the Knights and special needs families. The party is free to all special needs families and siblings are welcome.

Activities include: DJ with holiday music, games, crafts, gift from Mr. and Mrs. clause, and pictures with Santa for those who would enjoy them.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Please RSVP by 12/1/2015 with:

- 1) full name of all children attending
- 2) Sex of each child
- 3) Age of each child
- 4) Any gift considerations such as developmental age of child.

Please RSVP by December 1
to Karen Sullivan @ MrsGumby56comcast.net
or call (508) 697-1527

ST THOMAS AQUINAS
ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 21, 2015
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please Join Us For a Fun Filled Day

Christmas Gifts * Plants * Baked Goods
Candy * Jewelry * Knitting & Sewing * Toys
Basket Raffle * Table * White Elephant

50/50 Raffle
3 p.m.

Turkey Dinner Raffle 3 p.m. Basket Raffle 3 p.m.

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

VISIT WITH SANTA 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
(Bring your own camera)

103 CENTER STREET BRIDGEWATER MA
(SPONSORED BY CHAPTER 278, CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE)

Next week, November 22nd, **Coffee and Donuts** following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Bazaar Wish List

2 weeks left

Please call if you are able to donate
Beccy 508-697-4791

Theme Baskets, Plants, Jewelry & empty jewelry boxes
Knitted or sown items, Gently used or new toys, Fudge,
Candy, Baked Goods, 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,
white, red or green rolled paper to cover tables,
gift certificates for kitchen use
(Please deliver to Parish Center on Nov. 20 or 21)

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!

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.

Please consider hosting a BSU student for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for us to be with our families, to remember our good fortune, and be thankful for all we have. BSU is blessed to have students from around the world at our university; unfortunately, many of them do not have family in the area and spend Thanksgiving alone. If you are interested please contact Rita Garufi at 508-531-1346 or by email at rita.garufi@bridgew.edu

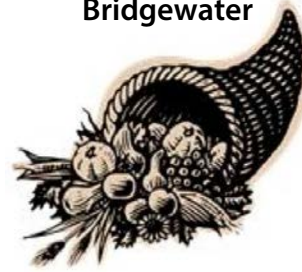
Celebration of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, NOV. 24TH @ 7:30

Congregational Church, UCC

71 Central Square

Bridgewater



The Bridgewater Council of churches welcomes everyone as we gather together and share our blessings with one another.

We're celebrating the support, nurture, love, and sharing of resources that makes us

BRIDGEWATER STRONG

Thanksgiving Message will be delivered by Rev. Paul Sprecher from First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

- ◆ Participation by many in the Bridgewater Community
- ◆ Time of Fellowship and food following the service
- ◆ Join the Community Choir – rehearsal, Tuesdays, November 17 & 24 @ 6:00 PM @ Central Square Congregational Church
- ◆ Circle Dance Rehearsal, Sunday, November 22 @ Central Square Congregational church @ 11:45
- ◆ For more information call 508-697-6016 or email email: cscppastor@hotmail.coms
- ◆ Donations to be shared with local food pantries
- ◆ Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food

The Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 22 at 1:15 p.m.

RSVP by November 20th

Please call 508-697-6648

Leave your name on the answering machine if you wish to attend.

*** NOTE: We are unable to return your call.**

Roses for Baby Valerie

On behalf of the family of baby Valerie Belcher and the officers of Catholic Financial Life, Chapter N278 would like to thank the parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas church and St. Basil's Chapel for their generous support. We were able to raise \$1,250.00 with "Roses for Baby Valerie, a 1year-old with spina bifida. CFL of Milwaukee will match \$1000.00 which will provide the Belcher Family a total of \$2,250.00 for expenses incurred for medical treatment.

"A time to be born..."

Anassa Alnatas, Brodie Graham Brunell, Harper Rose Cohen,
Brady Daniel Cohen, Ava Judith Florence, Jacob Joseph
Amaral, Jacob Collieran 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 Freaney, 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
CPL Kelly O'Leary

Weekly Mass Intentions**Saturday, November 14**

4:00 p.m. Albert Querzoli

Sunday, November 15

7:45 a.m. Jose Moura

10:00 a.m. John Wagner

12:00 p.m. John & Nina Carbone

Monday, November 16

Richard, Patricia, & Raymond Downing

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Catherine Poulin

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Jose Coelho

Thursday, November 19

7:00 a.m. Marie Appleton

Friday, November 20

7:00 a.m. Betty Gattiglio

Sunday, November 22

7:45 a.m. Deceased members of Carroll, Luiz
& Ouellette

10:00 a.m. Dante & Chiarina Folloni

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.

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

Baptism Preparation Class

will be held

7:00 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 7