

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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9:00 am St. Thomas	7:45 am St. Thomas	7:00 am St. Thomas
4:00 am St. Thomas	10:00 am St. Thomas	9:00 am St. Thomas
	10:00 am St. Basil	
	12:00 pm St. Thomas	
	5:00 pm St. Basil	

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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 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

a word from Fr. Bill . . .

Grand Annual Appeal

By now, everyone should have received a letter encouraging you to participate to our Grand Annual Appeal. As mentioned a few weeks ago at Mass and as this letter will explain this Appeal is critical in supplementing our weekly offertory. If you have not received a letter you will find them as well as our Annual Financial Report at the entrances of the church/chapel. Thank you again for your generosity.

Friday evening social

Could you use a night out? This is the final week to get tickets for "The Magic of David Oliver" illusionist show to be held on Friday, October 23rd. Look forward to seeing you there.

Seminarians

Next week two seminarians Michael Rora and Brian Cullen will be speaking at our Sunday Masses. They will take a few moments at the end of Mass to share their background and how they are discerning God's call to them for priesthood. Our parish has been very fortunate to have seminarians training here over the past few years. Tom Sullivan who has been here for over a year will be ordained to Diaconate in January and Priesthood in May. Will Sexton is in his third year at St. John's Seminary. It has been good to see young men in today's secular world willing to serve the Lord and His Church.

Adult Baptism and Confirmation

There are a number of adults who have never been Baptized or Confirmed. Our parish has a Religious Education Program that provides instruction and mentoring. Most people come to this program because someone in their family or a friend encourages them. Is there someone you could encourage? If you or anyone you know may be interested in this program please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

2nd Collection Sunday, October 18

A Eucharistic Celebration for all the World

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world".

Pope John Paul II has also spoken of the Propagation of the Faith's General Fund of support, calling this a "central fund of solidarity." In a message delivered on a recent World Mission Sunday, the Pope said: "The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Mission dioceses - about 1,100 at this time throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. In addition, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for assistance, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year. The world's national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Fall Social
“The Magic of David Oliver”



STA Parish center 7-10 p.m.
 must be 21 years and over,
 Bring Your Own Drinks & Snacks
 Tickets \$20 in advance online
stthomasaquinas.com - We Share tab
 or \$25 at the door

Friday, October 23

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 Falloni. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Faith Formation

Tomorrow all students in Grades 1-8 who attend class on Mondays will come to the CCD building as usual. After attendance is taken, students in Grades 1-6 will go to the upper church for a Teaching Mass. Students in Grades 7 & 8 will go to the lower church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our own priests will be joined by visiting priests Fathers Dan and Richard Crowley, and Fr. Jiwon Yoon. Many of you may remember Fr. Jiwon who was with us during his years as a seminarian. We are grateful to them for making this a priority in their busy calendars. Please pray for our priests and the students who will be receiving Christ's grace and mercy through this beautiful Sacrament. Parents, please use the church parking lot for pick up.

1ST COMMUNION

MANDATORY MEETING FOR PARENTS

Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 in the parish center.

We will be discussing the Sacrament of Penance.

Students and siblings do not need to attend.

7th Grade Level Liturgy

Sunday, October 25, 10:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas.

If your child would like to participate as a reader, greeter, or gift bearer please let us know.

CONFIRMATION

Challenge of the Week *for Lesson 2*

What makes me happy?

Students should come prepared to write/discuss how they lived the challenge they chose.

1. Come to class with a song or image that highlights a musician or other artist's quest for God.
2. Start a powerful new habit! Turn off all media for five minutes a day and relax in a quiet place. Ask God to help you be open to his voice in your life.
3. Speak or write a message of encouragement to someone you know who is sick or who is sad, worried, or upset about something. Say a prayer for his or her intentions. Is there something practical you can do to help this person?

CONFIRMATION 2 - Retreat

Friday, November 6, 4:00-9:00, in the parish center
 for the following classes: Mrs. Frazier/ Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Foley/Mrs. Daley, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Craffey/Mr. Kennedy.
Dinner will be provided.

Youth Group Events

Six Flags Fright Fest (grades 9-12)

2 spots left!! First come, first served

Sat. Oct. 12, 12 PM - 12 AM

Cost is \$65.

Leaving St. Thomas 12 noon, return home approx. midnight. .

For details or to sign up, please contact

Beth Peterson @ beth0109@comcast.net

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

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history of this region, and the different immigrant groups interacting with people who were already there, is very complicated and often quite painful. Yet, when we look at men and women of genuine love, like St. Isaac Jogues and his companions, we can see the power of love, and courage, and forgiveness. It is a power that is stronger than that of violence and evil, and can continue even beyond deaths. As we continue to face different problems, issues, and decisions, let us try to tap into the well of grace being offered by these saints who stand as our spiritual fathers, and seek to find ways to exemplify God's love and power in our world.

In Christ,

Fr. Adrian

Hats for the Homeless October 17th - 25th

Each year NEW winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks are collected by Catholic Financial Life, donated to My Brothers Keeper in Easton, and distributed to men, women, and children in need. Donations will be collected in plastic storage bins located at the back of the Church (upstairs & downstairs) as well as in the Parish Center lobby. Monetary donations are accepted as well. Checks made payable to Catholic Financial Life - Chapter 278 will go directly to My Brothers Keeper. Please include "Hats for Homeless" in the memo section and mail to: Marie Amelotte, 102 Mt. Prospect St. Bridgewater, MA 02324. Thank you in advance for your support.

Spiritual Fathers

This Monday, October 19, we celebrate the first North American martyrs: the two priests Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and their companions. These martyrs were members of the Jesuit order who came over to work with the Native American tribe called the Hurons. Their work with them brought good fruit, but was also marked with danger because of the warfare that was occurring at the time between different Native American groups. St. Isaac Jogues was captured by the Mohawks during a raid and was held and tortured over a period of thirteen months, as he watched some of his fellow prisoners, European and Huron alike, martyred. His captivity ended when he was able to escape through the aid of local Dutch who were on good terms with the Mohawks. After this he returned to Europe bearing marks of his captivity, including several missing fingers but quickly returned to the mission in North America. There he impressed the Mohawks with his bravery and willingness to forgive, but, when violence again broke out some time later, the missionaries were martyred along with many of their Huron converts as part of the violence between the tribes. When peace was reestablished later, the Mohawks remembered the way in which St. Isaac Jogues and the others faced their deaths and it led to a new openness to the faith, and to many conversions.

It is good to remember the stories of martyrs such as Isaac Jogues and his companions because they are the spiritual parent for us Catholics here in north-eastern North America. The

Financial Blessings

Thank you all for your tremendous generosity to our regular parish offertory which came to over \$10,000 this past week!
(Breakdown provided below.)

Weekly offerings October 11

\$8,395 in pew

\$2,470 online & mail

\$10,865 Total

Recently, we have shared with you the state of our parish finances and all that has been accomplished in service to our faith community over the past year through your faithful gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Over the past week, letters for the parish Grand Annual Appeal were in the mail, and I would like to take the opportunity to answer a Frequently Asked Question.

Why does it seem like we have more than one annual appeal?

It seems this way because the Annual Appeal approach is in use at both the Diocesan and Parish level.

1. Parish in the fall: Grand Annual Appeal supplements the parish budget.
2. Diocese in the spring: Catholic Appeal a primary source of operational funds for the Archdiocese of Boston

Be Part of St. Basil's Chapel
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
 Sunday, November 15,
 Mass at 3:30 PM / Dinner at 5:30 PM

"Give \$50 for 50 years"

All funds raised will create a Perpetual Endowment to help students attend spiritual and charitable retreats. Donors will be acknowledged on a plaque that will be permanently displayed at the chapel. If you wish to donate or have any questions, a representative of the Anniversary Committee will be available after all masses. You may also donate online on the Parish website. **Thank you**

Donations can be made online at
<http://www.stthomasaquinas.com>
 or by mailing a check payable to
 "St. Basil, Give 50 for the 50th."

50th Anniversary Dinner

Want to rub elbows with your favorite Parish friends? Come, have dinner, and celebrate! Toast the 50th and blow out the candles on The Catholic Center's Birthday Cake.

Dinner entree \$35

Sunday, November 15, 5:30 PM

following the Anniversary Mass at 3:30 PM



For reservations call or go online
 508-531-1412
www.stthomasaquinas.com

RCIA Begins Again
Explore Becoming Catholic!

Each year a new group of individuals decides the time is right to deepen their relationship with Christ, to become a more visible and active part of the parish community, and to strengthen their faith. Our RCIA team of mentors wants you to ask a lot of questions, share your faith experiences, read Scripture and reflect upon it, sing and pray together, and find yourself more in love with God and with your neighbor. Come and see!

Monday evenings
6:30 to 8PM

in the lounge of The Catholic Center

Come October 19th with your heart, mind and spirit.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

Fiat!

Fiat is a discernment group for women who are considering a vocation to religious life. The next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington St., Newton. For directions, please see www.ourladys.com. The topic is "Discovering God's Will for Me." If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

Jesus in Boston - Young Adult Event

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us

Friday, October 30th, 7:30pm

for our monthly "Jesus in Boston" event. This month, we will be at St. Paul's Church in Harvard Square. It's a great way to meet new people and strengthen your interior life through the sacraments and fellowship with other Catholic young adults.

For more information please email Mike Drahos at MDrahos@rcab.org.

Scout Sunday at the Seminary

Join scouts of all ages at St. John Seminary, Brighton

Sunday, November 15th, 2:00-4:00pm

This is an opportunity to meet seminarians, ask questions and tour the seminary! To reserve space for your group please respond to Kathy Stebbins (kstebbins@rcab.org) by November 2nd! Go to www.bostoncatholcscouting.org to download a flyer.

Project Rachel

"During the retreat, I realized the impact of forgiveness. . . Through the depth of my pain, I began a lasting relationship with God. . ." Many women ache with the pain of a past abortion. The project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends an invitation for post-abortion hope and healing through it's one day "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat. Upcoming retreat dates will be October 17 and November 14.

Retreats are limited to 10 women and are held at a confidential location.

For registration information, Contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help @ projectrachelboston.com. Trust in the tender mercy of God!

“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

“A time to love...”

David Scully and Amanda Craffey

“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,
Janet Mantia, Janet Marie Rey Rowbottom,
Jeffrey A. Rys

“A time to heal...”

Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, LaFran-
chise, Rylee Fontes, Lee Fuller, Alanna Gillis, Beverly
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

**“And a time for every
purpose under heaven...”**

The people on our prayer list are prayed for by name
each Saturday at the 9 AM Mass.
Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17

4:00 p.m. Tom Gavigan

Sunday, October 18

7:45 a.m. Paula Querzoli

10:00 a.m. Mario Garcia

12:00 p.m. José Chaves & Family

5:00 p.m. Arthur McDermott

Monday, October 19

7:00 a.m. Mary Noreen McCarthy

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Richard, Patricia & Raymond Downing

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Dr Tom Dillion

Friday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Andy Gattiglio

Saturday, October 24

4:00 p.m. Norman Cummings

Sunday, October 25

7:45 a.m. Mass For The People

10:00 a.m. Victor O’Leary

St Basil-10:00 a.m. Susan & Preston Baboni
and Thomas Kiernan Balboni

12:00 p.m. Marcia Borges & All the souls in Purgatory

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