

# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

September 20, 2015

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## PAROCHIAL VICAR

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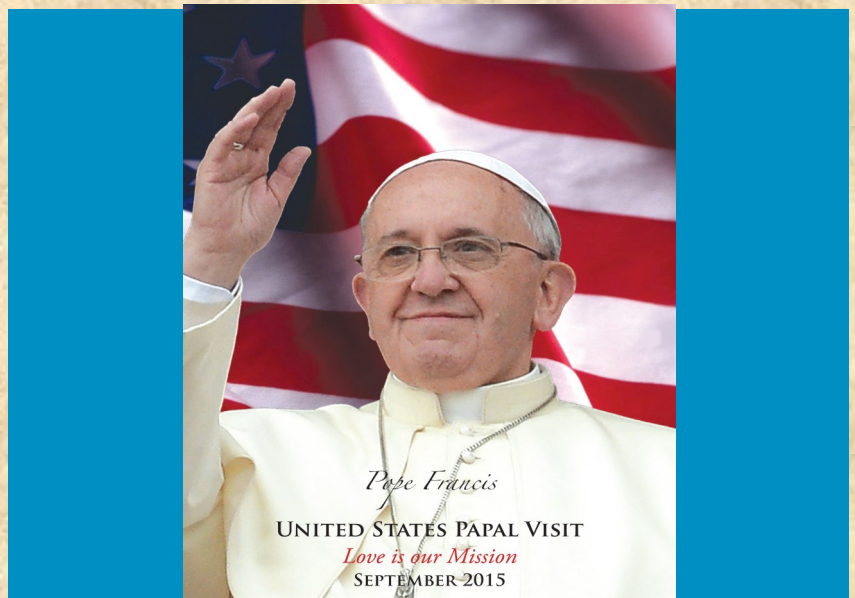
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## WELCOME

To visitors of our Parish, 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, your 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 Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of believers who are continually growing in our faith and in our love of Jesus Christ through worship, education, evangelization and service within our local and broader community.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

9:00 am St. Thomas

4:00 pm St. Thomas

### SUNDAY

7:45 am St. Thomas

10:00 am St. Thomas

10:00 am St. Basil Chapel

12:00 pm St. Thomas

5:00 pm St. Basil Chapel

### WEEKDAYS

7:00 am St. Thomas

9:00 am St. Thomas

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 or by appointment.

St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church

### Annual Report

In September every pastor throughout the archdiocese is asked to present a report to the parishioners to share with them the accomplishments, challenges and financial status of the parish for the past year. Every registered parishioner will receive a report at the end of the month. This year's report captures in words, pictures, and figures how the staff and I have tried to be good stewards of your generosity and where we want to go in the year ahead. Look for it in the mail.

### Volunteer Weekends ----We need YOU!

Our Annual Growth in Stewardship sign-ups are taking place this weekend and continues next weekend. This bulletin lists and explains most of our ministries and volunteer opportunities. The work and mission of our parish is driven and accomplished primarily by volunteers and supported by a very dedicated and committed staff. Volunteering is a great way to broaden and increase your awareness of all we do in our parish and gives you a chance to become more involved, meet other parishioners, and use your time and talents to help others. My hope is that everyone reading this will be inspired by the Lord to volunteer in at least one ministry.

Don't let worries about time hold you back, we will work around your schedule. Look to see if there is a ministry that draws you, and if you can find a way to join that ministry, I know you will not regret it...and you will build the most meaningful relationships with the people you work with.

As you leave church or chapel you will see tables with volunteers from our parish ministries ready to welcome you, sign you up, and answer any questions you have. As in previous years, we ask for **both returning and new volunteers** to sign up during these weekends. When you sign up this year you will be given a card indicating the first meeting or training date(s). We ask that whether you are returning or new to a ministry to attend that first meeting.

*Fr. Bill*

### Ministry List

The following is a list and description of many of the ministries that are available and are seeking volunteers. There are other programs and activities not listed here that meet at different times during the year.

Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministry
Altar Guild	Knights of Columbus
Baptism Ministry	Lectors
Bazaar Committee	Music Ministry
Bereavement Committee	Offertory Counters
Campus Ministry	Parish Outreach
Candlelight Rosary Procession	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Marlene Deleon
Catholic Financial Life	Rite of Christian Initiation for Children: Marlene Deleon
Church Decorations Committee	Religious Education
Environmental Committee	Rummage Sale Committee
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Social Committee
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Homebound)	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Eucharistic Adoration	Scouts of America
Feeding the Fathers	Troop Support
Food Pantry	Ushers and Greeters
Giving Tree	Vacation Bible School
Greeters	Women's Club

**Feed the Father's Ministry** — This ministry literally “feeds” the fathers...and seminarians. Those who volunteer for this ministry are asked to cook a simple dinner meal possibly once a month and bring it to the rectory around 5-6 p.m. You will be given a website address to sign up on the Monday or Friday date you want to bring a meal.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**----This ministry is distributing Holy Communion at Mass. It is an honor to give the Lord's Body and Blood to those who love Him. We ask that those serving in this ministry have a devotion to, and love of, the Eucharist and have been Confirmed. While none of us is worthy, the Lord's love enables and empowers us to bring this gift to others. One hour training.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -- Homebound Ministry**---This ministry visits and brings Holy Communion to those who are elderly, homebound or sick. Our parish will host a training session for area parishes in November. Visits are usually once a month.

**Lectors** —Those in this ministry proclaim the scriptures during Mass. You will be trained on the background of the scriptures and how to proclaim the Word of God. One hour training.

**Coffee and Donuts** — you as a family or individual will be asked to pick up the donuts, make the coffee and prepare for the social event after 10 a.m. Mass at either the chapel or the church. You can do it once every few weeks. Flexible schedule.

**Outreach Ministry** — this ministry provides meals, home visits or transportation to those who need it. Flexible schedule.

**Altar Servers** — Boys or girls in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Fr. Adrian and senior servers will train new servers how to serve Mass. It's a great way for students to get more involved at Mass and get more out of Sunday worship.

**Baptism Ministry** — Individuals will go out in pairs to visit parents who've just had their child baptized. Their intent is to welcome them to the parish, bring homemade gifts, and encourage them to be an active part of our parish.

**Church Environmental/Decoration Ministry** — A ministry that focuses on decorating the church and chapel according to various seasons; Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas, as well as throughout the year. Flexible times.

**Greeters/Ushers** — Those in this ministry are the face of the parish as they greet everyone who comes to Mass and other services, and make them feel welcomed. Additionally they take up the collection and assist those who have questions. You can be either an usher or greeter or both! You can select the Mass you'd like to serve.

**Social Committee** — This committee, which began last year, plans and organizes various events that will allow our parishioners to engage and socialize as well as have some fun within our parish community. New faces are always welcome and encouraged.

**Vacation Bible School** — Those in this ministry assist planning a Bible and religion based summer camp for children. It's usually held in the mornings for one week in July.

**Altar Guild** — This ministry cleans the upper and lower church every Friday morning from 7:30-9 a.m.

**Food Pantry** — St. Thomas and St. Basil Chapel provides food for Bridgewater residents and BSU students in need. The greatest need is to assist at St. Basil's food pantry. Flexible hours.

**Spaghetti Dinners** — Those in this ministry assist by preparing spaghetti sauce and meatballs to feed BSU students once a month, usually on a Thursday. Individuals or families can sign up for a month of their choice.

**Troop Support Ministry** — This ministry solicits, collects and boxes Christmas gifts for patients at the Brockton VA Hospital and troops serving overseas. Meets once a year in November.

**Money Counters Ministry** — Those serving in this ministry count the Sunday collections once a month on Monday morning from 9:30-11 am.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or Children)** — We need adults who would like to be teachers and/or mentors to either adults or young children who seek to be Baptized or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The adult class ordinarily meets on Sunday afternoons at St. Basil Chapel, the class for children usually meets during the week. No formal education is necessary, just a love for the Lord and a desire to share your faith with others.

**Rummage Sale Ministry** — Volunteer members come together to organize and sponsor the fall and spring rummage sales. Donations are collected throughout the year. This ministry works on flexible times to sort, fold and categorize the things to be sold to raise money for scholarships and charity.

**Children's Sunday Liturgy Ministry** — Those in this ministry will teach and explain the Sunday Scriptures readings to preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade children in the lower church during the 10 a.m. Mass. Open to high school students or adults. Teaching materials will be used and experienced parents will assist the volunteers.

**Music Ministry** — This ministry has been growing in the past few years. There is a need for cantors who would lead singing at the weekend Masses. There is a need for a female singer to join the contemporary band at the Sunday noon Mass and a great need for adults who would enjoy singing with others in a choir. All these volunteers would be working with a music director or experienced singers.

**Woman's Club** — is a spiritual and social organization for women of faith. The events, charitable activities, and fundraising helps to support the parish.

### **Reaching Out to Our Youth**

Over the last few months a group of parishioners have been meeting to discuss expanding our outreach to the youth of our parish. They are working to come up with something that will help our young people to become more engaged in the parish, to build community, deepen their faith, serve others, and have fun doing it. For their first event they are working on a trip to Frigate Fest at Six Flags on October 24<sup>th</sup>. After that they hope to have different events, service opportunities, and chances to pray.

If you would like to assist this group with their planning, or help at any of the events, please contact Pauline Lysko at [lyskos@comcast.net](mailto:lyskos@comcast.net).

Please also keep the group, and our young people, in your prayers.

*In Christ, Fr. Adrian*

## Faith Formation—Grades 1-10

This year, CCD classes begin on three different dates. **The first day of class for Grades 1-8 will be the week of Sunday, September 27th.** Parents and students will meet in the gym. Class lists will be hanging in the gym. Students will be dismissed to class after a short meeting. Mass Attendance Cards will be handed out to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders. Parents/guardians of students in Grades 1-4 are asked to come into the building for drop off/pick up. Parents are asked to not park in front of the building. This is a fire lane. Residents on Aldrich Road ask our families to not park on that street. Overflow parking is available in the church parking lot.

### Confirmation News

**Confirmation I (Grade 9) began on September 13, 6:30-8:00pm.**

**Confirmation II (Grade 10) begins on September 20, 6:30-8:00pm.**

Each grade will have a parent/student meeting in the gym before students are dismissed to class. It is important that one parent for each child attends this meeting to not only hear about our new program, but to also receive the paperwork for the year. Calendars are available online.

### **WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?**

Please prayerfully consider helping the children of your parish. We all will be blessed by your efforts!

- Catechists, Wednesday 3:45—Grades 6 & 7
- Catechist and assistants, Sunday 6:30-8:00—Grade 9
- Children's Ministry during Sunday, 10:00 Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas.

**STAMPING FOR JESUS — Mass Attendance Cards for Grades 2 & 10 will start October 4. Parishioners are invited to help by stamping cards after the Masses they attend. This is a great opportunity to connect with our students. Contact Karen or Debbie if interested. 508-697-3652.**

**TROOP SUPPORT COMMITTEE** – established in 2003 specifically for the support of troops deployed to war zones. The Christmas drive is our annual project. Last year as part of our Christmas drive we added support for the VA Brockton Medical Center veterans in the Spinal Cord Injury Building and the Building housing Rehab, Long-Term Care, and Hospice patients. The date for boxing and preparing items for troops and VA patients is **November 21, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. at St. Basil's chapel.** This Committee meets only when there is a special need. Contact information: Sally Stewart – [sallynator67@yahoo.com](mailto:sallynator67@yahoo.com) or 508-697-7842. Thank you.

### **Silk Rose Sale for Baby Valerie Belcher**

She is a 1-year old with Spina Bifida Myelomeningocele, the most acute type, where neurological impairment is common. Members of Catholic Financial Life chapter 278, will be selling silk roses with a Miraculous Medal attached with a colored ribbon, for a donation of \$1.00 each. They will be at the Chapel and St. Thomas Aquinas Church after all masses on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will help the family with medical expenses including up to \$1,000 in matching funds from Catholic Financial Life.

### **Next Married Couples Retreat**

- Improve an already good thing;
- Repair what has suffered from neglect;
- Increase the grace of your sacramental bond;
- Give yourselves a gift of joy.

**Date:** September 25-27, 2015

**Begins** 5:30pm Friday- ends Sunday noon

**Cost** \$360 per couple (ask if help is needed)

**Includes:** Mass, conferences, time for Confession, Quiet & couple time, surprises, prayer/ adoration, 5 meals, private room w shower/toilet.

**Location:** Immaculata Retreat House

289 Windham Road/Willimantic CT 06226

Office (860) 423-8484 Fr. Ron (612) 750-4275



**Curious about the Diaconate? Part 1***"In your midst as one who serves"*

When I first heard the whisper to apply for the Diaconate program I was 48 years old. Nancy and I had six children; I had a small business and worked long hours. I was very reluctant to respond or even inquire about the diaconate. I was active in my parish, volunteered at the shelter, and was involved with Cursillo and Ultreya. I didn't need to be a deacon. But the itch was there, and with lots of help in discernment I entered the program. It is one of the happiest decisions of my life.

If you are discerning God's possible call to you to serve the Church as an ordained deacon, you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer program. The program consists of four meetings:

*Who is the Deacon and am I one who is called?*

Option 1: Tuesday **September 29, 2015**, 7:00-8:30pm (Pastoral Center, Braintree)

*How does diaconate ministry fit into marriage and family life?*

Tuesday **October 13, 2015**, 7:00-8:30pm (Pastoral Center, Braintree)

*Application process, Canon Law, Formation from the wives perspective*

Tuesday **October 27, 2015**, 7:00-8:30pm (Pastoral Center, Braintree)

*Half-day discernment retreat*

Saturday **November 14, 2015**, 10:00AM-2:00PM (with lunch provided).

Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

You and your wife are strongly encouraged to attend all four events. Please email the Permanent Diaconate Office at [deacon\\_vocations@rcab.org](mailto:deacon_vocations@rcab.org) to sign up or to receive more information. If you want to talk about it, call me on 617-699-6930.

*Deacon Jerry Ryan*

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration****Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Catholic Center and St. Basil's Chapel.**

We thank all who designed and made squares for the 50-Square Commemorative Quilt. It will be unveiled on November 15<sup>th</sup> at a special 3:30 p.m. St. Basil Mass. St. Basil's former chaplains will concelebrate, accompanied by a host of current and former music ministers.

Highlights of the Center's historic founding and 50-year history will be on display. Mark your calendar for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner also on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Blessings**

*Thank you for your faithful support.*

Your gifts for the holiday weekend came to:

\$5,080 in pew

1,435 online

**\$6,515 Total offertory**

\$1,713 additionally was received toward support of Catholic Universities

This past week September 13-14, your gifts came to:

\$5,869 in pew

1,200 online

**\$7,069 Total offertory**

Additionally, gifts to support ongoing capital improvements received this week came to \$2,659.



Sunday, September 27, 2015

Registration Begins: 8:30 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Food and Beverages served post-run

WHERE:

John T. Nichols Middle School

112 Tiger Drive

Middleboro, MA 02346

For more info or to register:

[www.foodpantry5k.org](http://www.foodpantry5k.org)



**PRAY FOR HEALING**

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

**Blessed are the Peacemakers**

General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC  
 CW4 Thomas Ahl, USA  
 Captain Vincent Chiappini, USA  
 2nd LT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC  
 Captain John Costantino & USA  
 PFC, William Vey, USA  
 CPL Brandon Jamieson, USA  
 Army PV2 Harry Terpeny

**Weekly Devotions**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LOWER CHURCH**

**ADORATION**

Saturdays 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
 We encourage all parishioners to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

Thursdays 3:00 pm

**Diocese-wide collection**

This week, the diocese-wide collection will support the health and wealth-being of our 614 Boston Priests. They have been there when we needed them. It is our turn to help fulfill the promises made to ensure an appropriate level of care and quality of life for them. Make a gift online at [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) or use the in-pew envelopes provided. You can also make a gift by texting the word PRIEST to 56512. Data and message rates may apply. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

**Sacraments**

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm or by appointment.

**Baptisms:** Ordinarily celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. 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 MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Sept. 19- 4:00 pm Richard, Patricia & Raymond Downing

SUN, Sept. 20 7:45 am Evan Fisher  
 10:00 am Evagelina, Jose, and Margarida Sousa and all the souls in purgatory  
 12:00 pm Mass for the People

Fri 25-Sep 7:00 am Maria Borges  
 Sat 26-Sep 4:00 pm William and Mary Moore  
 SUN 27-Sep 7:45 am Manuel Perry  
 10:00 am Beth Edwards  
 12:00 pm Barbara Crean