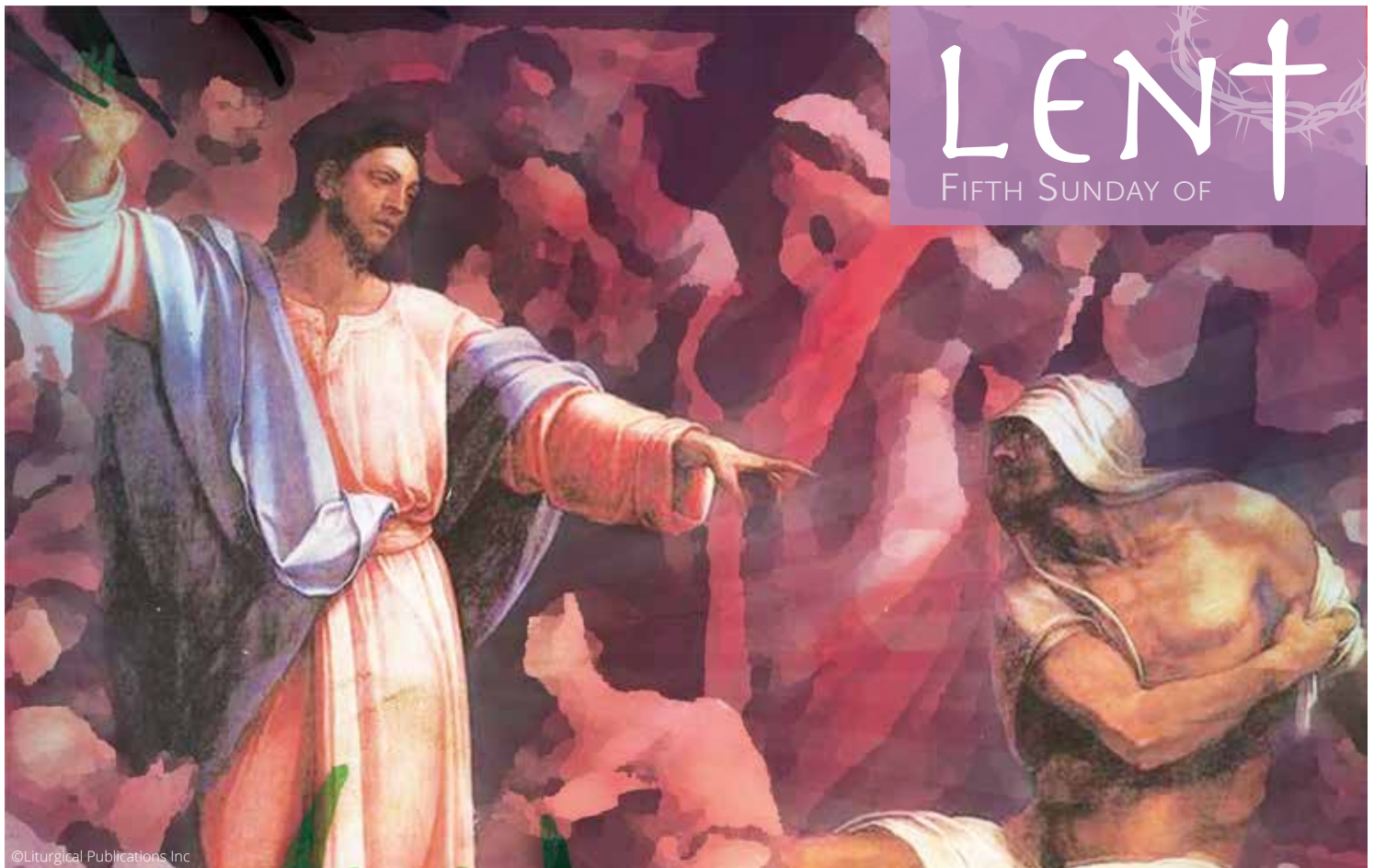


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

St Thomas Aquinas Church

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 7:45, 10:00, a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday | 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

St Basil Chapel

Sunday Mass

Sunday | 10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Weeknight Mass

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 p.m.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Our Mission

Our Mission is to be a welcoming community of believers continually growing in our faith and in our love of Jesus Christ through worship, education, evangelization and service within our local and broader community.

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

Welcome

Parish Mission

Prepare for Easter

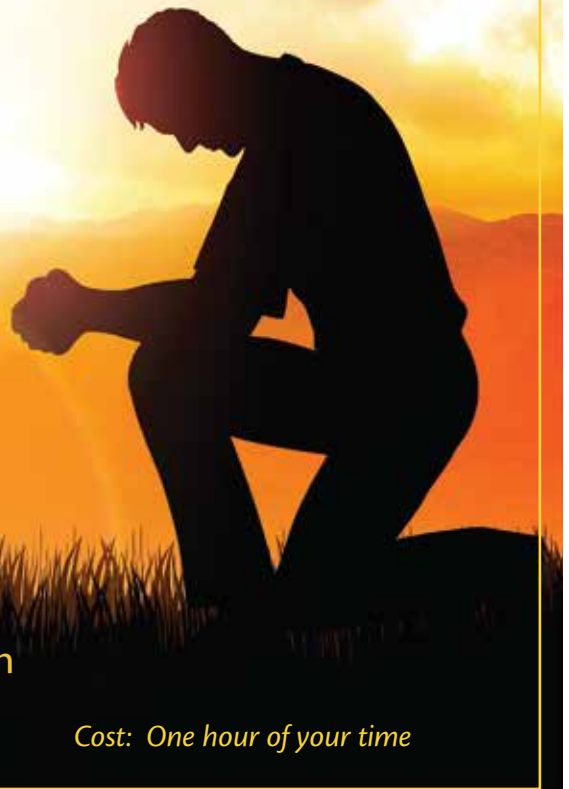
We encourage you to participate in a three evening Parish Mission (Retreat) lead by Fr. Mark Murphy, Fr. Jiwon Yoon and Fr. Tommy Sullivan who previously served in our parish when they were seminarians.

The Mission will focus on Prayer, Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

April 3rd, 4th, 5th

Cost: One hour of your time



This parish mission provides an opportunity during Lent to grow in faith, spend time in prayer, go to confession and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. While you might think of reasons why you're not able to attend or why you're not interested, the Lord is inviting you to spend reflective time with Him.

Each of the three days we will have an opportunity for any interested parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the evening's program. On Wednesday we will have the chance to gather together at the parish center for refreshments, and to sign up for a group for those who wish to continue growing in their understanding by reading and discussing together.

This mission is completely free and open to everyone, so please invite a friend, or several, to come with you. Hopefully you'll be able to make it on all three nights, but if you can only make one or two that is fine as well. Whatever you're able to do, I know it will be a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to each other and to our loving savior. I hope you will take advantage of this mission and are going to be able to receive the many graces that Jesus wants to pour down upon us through it.

OLD PALMS COLLECTED

Palm Sunday is April 9th. We will be collecting old palm branches in the next few weeks in a designated container at the chapel and church. These branches will be burned and the ashes distributed during Ash Wednesday services next year. parish office or collection the next week.



LENTEN ENCOURAGEMENT

- **ABSTINENCE**

No Meat allowed on Fridays - observed by all 14 years of age & older.

- **DAILY MASS**

Come hear the word of God, pray & receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

- **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

Confession Wednesday evening's 6:30-8:00 PM

- **DEVOTION**

Devine Mercy Holy Hour Thursday evenings 7:00-8:00 PM

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Mediatate on the Passion Friday evenings 6:30-7:00 PM

- **SIMPLE SUPPER**

Share a meal w/o meat & dessert Friday evenings 7:00-8:00 PM

- **ADORATION**

Worship the Lord of the Most Blessed Sacrament Saturdays 10 - 1 PM

- **BEST LENT EVER DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

This has been very popular.

Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>



Next weekend (April 8 – 9) is Palm Sunday Weekend. Since at least the 4th century and probably even earlier than that, Palm Sunday has inaugurated the Church's celebration of Holy Week.

At the beginning of all Palm Sunday Masses, we will gather outside the church – weather-permitting. Palms will be given to all and then blessed. The procession that will immediately follow the proclamation of the gospel that presents Jesus's joyous final entry into Jerusalem will commemorate that same entry. During the Liturgy of the Word, the entire Passion of our Lord will be proclaimed, which will prepare us, in an anticipatory manner, for the Easter Triduum that will begin later that week on Holy Thursday.

Please take extra care on Palm Sunday weekend to arrive early for Mass. Plan on arriving early enough to get your palms. We will be prompt in beginning the blessing and procession.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We're almost at the end – today's readings give us such hope. Ezekiel gives us God's promise: I will put my spirit in you that you may live, . . . I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD." Jesus gives us His assurance of everlasting life: "whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." We are moving toward Jerusalem, but we know, for certain, that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. This is very Good News. If your Lent has been less than you hoped, it's not too late: add a few minutes each day to think about this Good News, remember, God's spirit is in YOU. Share the Good News with someone this week.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Change of date: ~~April 5th~~ **April 12th**

The St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Basil Bereavement Ministers are pleased to announce our next series of Bereavement meetings to begin on **Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 P.M.** They are expected to run for approximately 9 to 10 weeks.

The meetings will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center, 103 Center St., Bridgewater, MA 02324. With St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Basil, this ministry is co-sponsored by Prophett, Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home.

Participants in the present Bereavement Ministry session are willing to speak with anyone who would like more information. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to join this Christian based Bereavement Support Group. Please contact **Carol Martin** 508-697-2281 caroljimmartin@verizon.net

PARISH REGISTRATION

I have noticed that we do not have a number of parishioners in our parish census data bank or information has changed from those who registered previously. Being registered in the parish helps us to have a better understanding of our demographics for planning purposes as well as increasing our ability to reach out with information to make you better aware of what we are doing and hope to do. We will be sending out information in the next few weeks with regard to the Parish Mission (April 3, 4,5th) and Holy Week schedules and would everyone to receive these cards.

Please . . . we ask you to register on line or pick up a form at the entrances of the church/chapel, complete it and return it to the parish office or collection the next week.

SAVE THE DATES

WILL SEXTON ORDINATION

10:00 am Saturday May 20th

Church of the Immaculate Conception
144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852

FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

5:00 pm Sunday, May 21st

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
420 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026

SAVE THE DATES

FAITH FORMATION

• CONFIRMATION I

Students will meet tonight and should be prepared to share the results of their Challenge of the Week:

1. Invite someone to come with you to visit a hospital, nursing home, or someone who is elderly and home-bound, and pick an activity to share with them.
2. Evaluate your physical health and make a commitment to improve your diet or get more exercise. Offer the extra effort as a sacrifice for someone who is chronically ill or disabled.
3. Spend five minutes in prayer, looking closely at an image of Jesus Christ crucified or carrying his cross.

Tonight is the last class for Confirmation I. We would like to thank our facilitators for sharing their time and talent. Their faithful work is one that mirrors Christ's example of evangelization in action. This last lesson will be on the Holy Spirit. When they are confirmed next year, they will be sealed with the Holy Spirit. This indelible mark empowers the receiver with the ability to complete the work God has destined him or her for. Although this is the last class, we hope and pray that they will stay connected to their parish and that their love of God will manifest itself in their weekly Mass attendance.

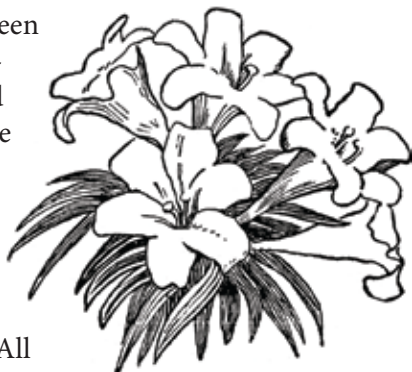
• CONFIRMATION II

Students will be attending the spring retreat on Friday, April 7th, 4:00-9:00 at the Father Peyton Center. Parents of students attending should have received a link for the permission slip. Students are reminded to ask their sponsor to attend the sponsor event that will take place during class on April 23rd.

Emails have gone out with the times and dates for Confirmation and rehearsal. It is important that your child attends the rehearsal for their Confirmation time.

Easter Flower Offering

Offering envelopes for Easter flowers have been placed at the entrances of the church and the chapel for anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one and assist with the cost of Easter flowers. All envelopes with the names of your loved ones will be placed near the tabernacle as a reminder to all of us to remember them in prayer.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION SCRUTINIES

On Sunday, March 5 at Holy Cross Cathedral, Cardinal Sean O'Malley celebrated the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* which began this year's "Period of Purification and Enlightenment." During this period which typically occurs each year during Lent, all of us are reminded of our baptism and the fact that for our sins we must repent.

For those in our parish who have not yet been baptized but who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and for those who, along with those who are not yet baptized, are preparing to receive at the Easter Vigil for the first-time Holy Communion and Confirmation, these weeks are especially sacred. Called "the elect," these persons during this time of preparation, we pray, will grow closer to the Lord who elects them to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter.

This year's elect are as follows: Lauren Marie Boyden, Christopher James Eastman, Scott J. Hyman, Erica Lynn Mastriani, Thomas Joseph Robado, & Jamie Kelly Soderbom. These elect include Tyler Aube who is undergoing this year the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Children* (RCIC).

Undergoing 3 scrutinies is part of their preparation. Beginning each year on the Third Week of Lent, the scrutinies are meant to "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the heart of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, #141). All 3 scrutinies will occur this year at the 5PM Sunday Mass at St. Basil.

The first Scrutiny calls the elect to open their hearts to God's saving Word and receive it so that they can resist the promptings of the Father of Lies. To aid them in this, the elect are presented the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. The second Scrutiny invites the elect out of the darkness of sin and disbelief and into the light of Christ so that they, too, may possess the faith by which all are justified. The third Scrutiny calls the elect out of the slavery of sin and empowers them to "bear witness" (Rite, #175) to their new-found freedom. To aid them in this, the elect are presented the Lord's Prayer.

Please join me in keeping in our Lenten prayers Tyler, Lauren, Christopher, Scott, Erica, Thomas, and Jamie!

Fr. Tom

EASTER EGG HUNT
11:00 am Easter Sunday
St Thomas Aquinas parish center
REGISTER BY APRIL 7TH
visit www.stthomasaquinas.com

19TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Believe it or not, golf season is almost upon us. The Nineteenth Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Charity Golf Tournament will be held May 5, 2017. Over the years, the total amount raised from the annual golf tournament is approximately \$270,000. With your continuing generosity and participation, we look forward to another successful tournament this year.

The entry fee for this year's tournament is \$125.00 per person or \$500.00 per team. To sponsor a hole, the contribution is \$125.00. There will be a buffet, raffles and an auction immediately following the golf. If you wish to only attend the buffet, the cost is \$30.00 per person. Donations for new raffle or auction items are appreciated.

For more details, you may contact Tom (508-889-2933), Steve (508-944-4272) or Mike (508-326-6355) Arrighi. In the past, the tournament has filled quickly, so we look forward to hearing from you.



FAMILY FIELD TRIP

As part of the Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home's "Bringing the Community Together Series", the funeral home will sponsor a trip to the Natick Museum of WWII on April 22. This museum is a research and educational institution devoted to preserving and exhibiting the reality of WWII. It's the most comprehensive collection of documents and artifacts on display anywhere in the world, with over 7000 artifacts on display; more than 500,000 documents and photographs are in the research archives. Through the display, the Museum uniquely shows the human story that was interwoven with the military and political events. The bus will leave St. Thomas Parking lot at 8:30 and return by 2pm. All are welcome. Children under 16 must be with an adult. Transportation and museum admission will be paid by Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home. Seating is limited so pre-registering is mandatory. Please email markchapman@ccgfuneralhome.com or call 508-697-4332 by April 15th if you would like to join our parish family.

CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST

This Easter, our parish collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

IMMIGRATION POLICY

There have been several inquiries regarding recent changes in the immigration policy which affect many friends, neighbors or relatives. The Archdiocese of Boston in conjunction with Catholic Charities has established a task force to study this issue and assist those who may have concerns or questions. Our church continues to reach out to those who need assistance. If you have any concerns or questions you are encouraged to contact one of the following resources.

Fr. Bill

Legal Matters: Mr. Beirne Lovely, Archdiocesan General Council 617-746-5672

Social Matters: Fr. Bryan Hehir, Catholic Charities Director 617-746-5738

BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Baby Shower for the Unborn a great success. Generous monetary donations were received from Catholic Women's Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus and many parishioners, totaling \$1,301. These funds and all the baby gifts generously donated by you have been delivered to the Archdiocese's Pro-Life Office. In particular we would like to acknowledge Debbie Hill, Rob Ruth, Wessin Minyard and Charlotte Beary for their help with setting up, storing gifts and packing up gifts. Again, thanks for all you do to support God's gift of life.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
Parish Weekly Operating Costs for: 3/21 - 3/27	\$13,079	\$875	\$13,954
Summary of Collections for: 3/21 - 3/27			
Weekly Collection			
Total	\$5,855	\$1,265	\$7,120
Online Giving			
WeShare	\$1,397	\$540	\$1,937
Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
Total	\$1,422	\$540	\$1,962
Grand Total	\$7,277	\$1,805	\$9,082

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1

4:00 p.m. Maffeo Family

Sunday, April 2

7:45 a.m. Jose Moura

10:00 a.m. Francis Couet

10:00 a.m. at *St Basil* John Vicente & Laurentina Vicente

12:00 p.m. Marie Hennessey

Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Louis Alberghini

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 a.m. Manuel & Angelina Coelho

Thursday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Holy souls in purgatory

Saturday, April 8

4:00 p.m. Melagrano Family

Sunday, April 9

7:45 a.m. Susie & Eugene Chiocca

10:00 a.m. Manuel C. DaSilva

10:00 a.m. at *St Basil* Mass for the People

12:00 p.m. Rudolph & Bettina Famularo

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

1st Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m.

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church

- **DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church

SACRAMENTS

- **CONFESSION**

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45p.m. & Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church, or by appointment.

- **BAPTISM**

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.
in the St Thomas Aquinas (lower) church

- **MARRIAGE**

Please call the parish office 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 parish office.

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to our *prayer list* please contact Rob at the parish office. Individuals are prayed for by name every Saturday morning during Mass.



“A time to be born...”

Kennedy Paige Piacente, Mason Paul Bailey

“A time to die...”

Phyllis A. Claudio, Margaret C. Davis, Frederick J. Pantano

“A time to heal...”

Carolyn J. Allen, Barbara Ahl, Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, Jean Andrade, Christopher Barbosa, Jeffrey Bean, Loretta Beaulieu, Jim & Jean Brennan, Michael Botelho, Kim Sweetman Carnello, Sandra Cable, Teresa Capachione, John Conley, Jacquie Cordaro, Matthew Costantino, Michael Costantino, Mychal Joseph Cotone, Joanna Crabtree, Michael Crowley, Jannine Dawicki, Maria I. DeAndrade, Mary DeLeon, Marty Dickerman, Andrea Fitzgerald, Lee Fuller, Jesus Galindo, Dr. Francis Gendreau, Beverly Giuffre, Jessica Kamaniski, Tim Johnson, Daniel John, Ava King, Jessica King, Debbie Kulick, Fred Laham, James LaFranchise, Howard Larsen, Kevin Looney, Bob Mackey, Beverly Mitchell, Mary McClay, Taylor McLean, Kaleena McHardy, Marjorie Mello, Chase Miceli, Charles Monestere, Jerry Muller, Anna Nakouzi, Lloyd Nelson, Antonio Nunes, Tom O'Donnell, Bob O'Hare, Glenn O'Neil, Kevin O'Neill, Ann Paulino, Carolyn Perry, Josephine Trocchi Picone, Elaine Phaneuf, Paul Phaneuf, Dorothy Pope, Maria Presti, Andrea Proffetty, Rich Quigley, Camden Rivers, Ginny Rothwell, Matthew Ryan, Dan Sante, Paul Segreve, Sarah Silvia, Deana Spingel, Linda Sullivan, Kim Sullivan, Donna Sullivan, Betty Tarentino, Jennifer Tosches, James Toy Jr., Patrice Tuffo, Susan VonMagnus, Anna Vrana, Don Weiner, Peggy Yanuskiewicz, Mary (Sweetman) Zunino, Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut

“A time for peace...”

General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
1st LT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
2nd LT. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC
CPT Vincent Chiappini, USA
CPT, John Costantino, USA
SGT, Brandon Jamieson, USA
PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA
CPL, Kelly O'Leary, USA
PFC, Peter O'Leary, USA
PVT, D.J. Jamieson, USA