

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JULY 9, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE

St Thomas Aquinas Church

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass (for July & August)

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday **NO Mass**

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

St Basil Chapel

Sunday Mass

Sunday | 10:00 am

PARISH INFORMATION

St Thomas Aquinas

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center



Join us July 24 - 28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

visit www.stthomasaquinas.com for more info

SUNDAY MASS RERUNS.....

Have you ever heard a sermon, reading, or music at Sunday Mass that you wish you could hear again? Would you like to take some time at home to pray the Sunday Mass? The Sunday Mass is recorded and broadcast each week.

Our Sunday Mass at St. Basils/St. Thomas is available to watch on **BTV9 (Comcast channel 9)**. The televised Sunday Mass debuts each Fridays at 2 PM, and is shown again on Saturdays at 4 PM, Sundays at 9 PM, and Tuesdays at 9 AM.

You can also watch current and past services online, on demand, at **BTVAccess.com**, (**BTV Online ->Video Archive ->Religious**). When viewing online, there is a download button, if you wanted to save a copy as well.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(for July & August)

Monday	8:00 am
Tuesday	NO Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	9:00 am

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.

Welcome

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 week.

YOUTH GROUP EVENING OF FIRE & FUN

Please join the St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group and our seminarians, Colin & Phil, for an evening of fun and **S'MORES** as we take full advantage of the summer nights!



Thursday July 13th at 6:30 PM on the lawn **behind the rectory**.

All youth (ages 10 - 16) are welcome. *Parents are optional*. Bring a lawn chair and a bathing suit if you want to partake in the awesomeness of a giant **SLIP-AN-SLIDE!!!**

Please sign-up on our website so we can get a head count for food and soft-drinks.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Thursday, July 13th at 7:30 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, will host the third of the 2017 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker for July 13 will be **Reverend Leo Polselli, CSC, Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Easton**.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP Thursday, July 13th

This week our parish men's group will meet Thursday, July 13th, in the lower church from 6:30 to 7:30 for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. Following this there will be time for good Catholic fraternity with refreshments provided. Please join us to worship together the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, and to form and build authentic fellowship in our parish.

REFLECTION by Philip Scheer

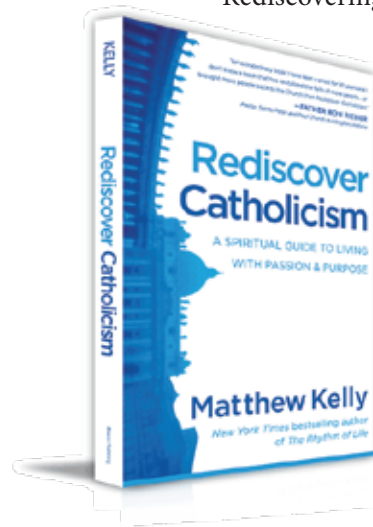
Over these past few weeks here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, I have been struck by the many and diverse ways that the life and fruitfulness of the Church is lived out and expressed by our particular parish community and how this particular community engages with the society and the wider world. It is often the case that seminarians have a good solid grounding in the principles and doctrinal truths of the faith but that we lack practical knowledge and experience about how to best communicate the truth of Jesus Christ to others and also how that truth is lived out by the faithful in the world. My time here at St. Thomas has given me several opportunities to speak about the reality of Jesus Christ in my life but also, and far more often, I have been able to hear about your own relationships with our Blessed Lord and about how he has changed and shaped and healed you in some way. I've seen how your faith in our Lord and your relationship with him is expressed and given life in the Church with the Marian processions, the devotions to the Divine Mercy, the rosaries and hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament but also how this parish cares for those in need by donations of food and clothes and of the many service projects about which I've often heard. I am deeply thankful for the humble and holy example of those who have welcomed us and encouraged us and for those who have invited us for a meal or for coffee or who have offered us a holy card or quote or book that was transformative in your own lives. Finally, I have been privileged to witness the authentic hope offered through the Church to those who are grieving and suffering. The times when we can offer real and sacramental hope at a funeral Mass or through Holy Anointing is transformative and invaluable for those who are left otherwise powerless and afraid. I have been humbled to see, time and again, that the words of actions of Holy Mother Church communicate supernatural hope to her children in faith so that they can move forward in the peace of Christ and not abandoned to despair. I wanted to share some of my reflections with you, up to this point on the life of this parish community, to thank you for your witness to the truth of the faith and to encourage you to be constant in your love and adoration of the one, true God and to your loving service to others in and through the Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

TWO NEW STAFF POSITION OPENINGS

1. Part time Youth Minister who will continue to build on parental efforts to establish a Youth Program that reaches out to Middle and High School Students.
2. Part time Pastoral Associate who will assist with pastoral planning, coordinating ministries and provide additional administrative support.
3. The job description for each of these positions & directions for applying can be accessed at Catholicjobs.com, BostonCatholic.com & Indeed.com

SUMMER READING LIST

Read any good books lately? Have you read your copy of Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly that you received at Christmas?



Just a few quotes....

“God doesn’t want to control you, or manipulate you, or stifle you, or force you to do things you don’t want to do. If that were God’s desire, then he would not have given you free will. God wants you to become all you can be, and in the process he wants you to experience the greatest mystery of all: love” (pg 99).

“Walking humbly with God means allowing God your Father to take you by the hand and lead you. But too often we want to race off ahead of our loving Father, tearing our hand from his and running frantically in all directions. We don’t want to miss anything. We want to experience everything that this life has to offer, so we run here and there in search of happiness - but we are always left yearning for something more. If we will walk humbly with our God, he will lead us by the hand to exactly who and what we need, to those people, things, and experiences he has designed and intended just for us, and this alone will be the cause of our deep fulfillment and happiness.” (pg 114-115)

“You don’t become a great athlete by training only when you feel like it. You don’t become a great writer by writing only when you feel inspired to write. And the saints did not become such fine ambassadors of God on earth by praying only when they felt like praying. In each case, a daily discipline is required.” (pg 164)

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

St Ann’s Parish, 103 N Main St, West Bridgewater, MA
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by
St Ann’s Parish & the Knights of Columbus
Bridgewater Council 488

Protecting God's Children

VIRTUS TRAINING

MONDAY, JULY 10 @ 6 PM

As part of the *Protecting God's Children* program, the Archdiocese of Boston requires everyone who is involved in parish ministry to attend Virtus training. If you have volunteered, or plan to volunteer, please consider attending the training to be held on Monday, July, 10th, 6:00-8:00 in classroom 4 of the parish center. Be sure to bring a valid driver's license. We would like to thank our summer seminarian, Colin McNabb, who is conducting this session.

- **What is a CORI REQUEST FORM?**

This is a one page affidavit that must be completed EVERY YEAR by every volunteer in the parish. This authorizes the Archdiocese of Boston to check the background of all volunteers for any record of criminal activities, and restrict or limit a particular volunteer for the sake of maintaining a safe environment for our children.

- **What is VIRTUS TRAINING?**

This is a 2.5 hour training using up-to-date video presentations to enable volunteers to become more aware of and better understand inappropriate behavior with children as well as learn how to identify the signs of a child predator or if a child has been abused. This training is only done ONCE.

- **What is the CODE OF MINISTERIAL CONDUCT?**

This document which is usually completed during Virtus Training states that the volunteer agrees to abide by the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Boston. This is only done ONCE.

The Archdiocese of Boston scrupulously manages and records all of these documents. Our parish has made great strides in the past few years to be sure that every volunteer completes what is needed each year. While most of our volunteers are in compliance, our parish's biggest short fall are those who have not taken the Virtus Training. In order to be in compliance with the Archdiocesan Guidelines and protect our children and volunteers we are offering Virtus Training this month. Most volunteers who are deficient have been contacted however if you are in doubt, please contact the Parish Office.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that NOT working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work--with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task--we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration For The Week

Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." These words may seem a bit contradictory at first given how hard it can often be to be a disciple and live as Jesus taught. While the Gospel can be difficult, it is never a burden. On another occasion Jesus says of his Father, "It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice." God desires our hearts and when we give him our hearts we become free. We become free of ourselves and discover the joy that comes from serving God and others. We can easily get very rigid in terms of our faith, think that we know better, and place expectations on others that can be more of a burden than a source of new life. Are we willing to be open and learn from Jesus?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Traditions Explained

QUESTION: What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

ANSWER: Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish is looking for volunteers to take on a data entry project in the office. We are continuing to build our cemetery database created through the fantastic work of Eagle Scout Nick Walsh, and we are ready to start the next phase of our project, which is transferring all of our cemetery record cards in the Parish office to our database file. This is a pure data entry job that can be done in the Parish offices in Microsoft Excel. We basically have to type in all of the information that is on our current cemetery record cards into our new cemetery database. Once completed, this will really help us to streamline cemetery record keeping, searches and inquiries and help us to truly modernize our cemetery record keeping. We are starting with the records for the cemetery directly behind the church, and once completed, we will start the process for the old cemetery down the street. Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact Peter V. at the Parish office. We will set up volunteers with a terminal and all of the tools needed to get started while you enjoy the new air conditioning in the Parish offices!

MAINSRING HOMELESS SHELTER

The *St. Thomas Youth Group* continues to show their support for the homeless local to our community. Take advantage of this opportunity to serve the homeless at Fr. Bill's & Mainspring Homeless Shelter a good meal in the early evening. This is open to middle schoolers currently in grades 6-8. Chaperoned by one of our volunteer parents, you will leave St. Thomas Parish Center at 3:30 PM and travel to the shelter located in Brockton. From 4-6 PM, you will serve the meal to guests, and return to St. Thomas by 6:30 PM. We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers for each of the following nights: **Thursday August 3rd**. You may sign up through constant contact or the youth ministry website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Check your email for the link or visit:
<https://st-thomasaquinas.weshareonline.org/>

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 6/27 - 7/3	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS			
In-Pew Giving			
• Weekly Collection	\$5,143	\$713	\$5,856
Online Giving			
• WeShare	\$2,362	\$1,125	\$3,487
• Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
Total	\$2,387	\$1,125	\$3,512
Grand Total	\$7,530	\$1,838	\$9,368
Special Collection for the Archdiocese			
• CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$2,494	\$240	\$2,734

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 8

4:00 p.m. Wilfred & Dora Bois, Terry, Jan & Wayne Parris, and John Anderson

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:45 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. *St Basil* Marjorie Mendez, Ernesto Mendez & Margie Ackerman

THURSDAY, JULY 14

8:00 a.m. Mimose Bonnet

SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:45 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. *St Basil* Carole A. Benya

12:00 p.m. Everett Bresciani

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. Francisco & Maria J. Pimental

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:00 a.m. Antonio Sousa & Maria dos Anjos, & their sons & daughters

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:45 a.m. Valentino & Esther Mortarelli

10:00 a.m. John, Lil, Ray, Skip & Judy Costa

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Devotions are held at St Thomas Aquinas in the Lower Church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Lower Church, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Ordinarily celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. 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

Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

St Thomas Aquinas parish center. Please No children.

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

"A TIME TO BE BORN..."

Paxton James Aloma	James Robert Kave
Ava Carmille Andrade	Ava Jayde LaBree
Ainsley Catherine Boyce	Violet Ann Munise
James Sullivan Connolly	Vivian Grace Rebole
Owen Albert Dangoia	Anna Louise Rooney
Gavin James Hegarty	Jack Leo Smith
Anthony James Oliari Hile	

"A TIME TO DIE..."

Edward A. McBride, Joseph C. Barbour, John A. McCourt

"A TIME TO HEAL..."

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

"A TIME FOR PEACE..."

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
 MGen Eric M. Smith USMC
 1st Lt. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
 2ndLt. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC
 CPT, John Costantino, USA
 MAJ, Robert "Dusty" Dossman USAF
 SGT, Brandon Jamieson, USA
 PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA
 PFC, Peter O'Leary, USA
 CPL, Kelly O'Leary, USA
 PVT, D.J. Jamieson, USA