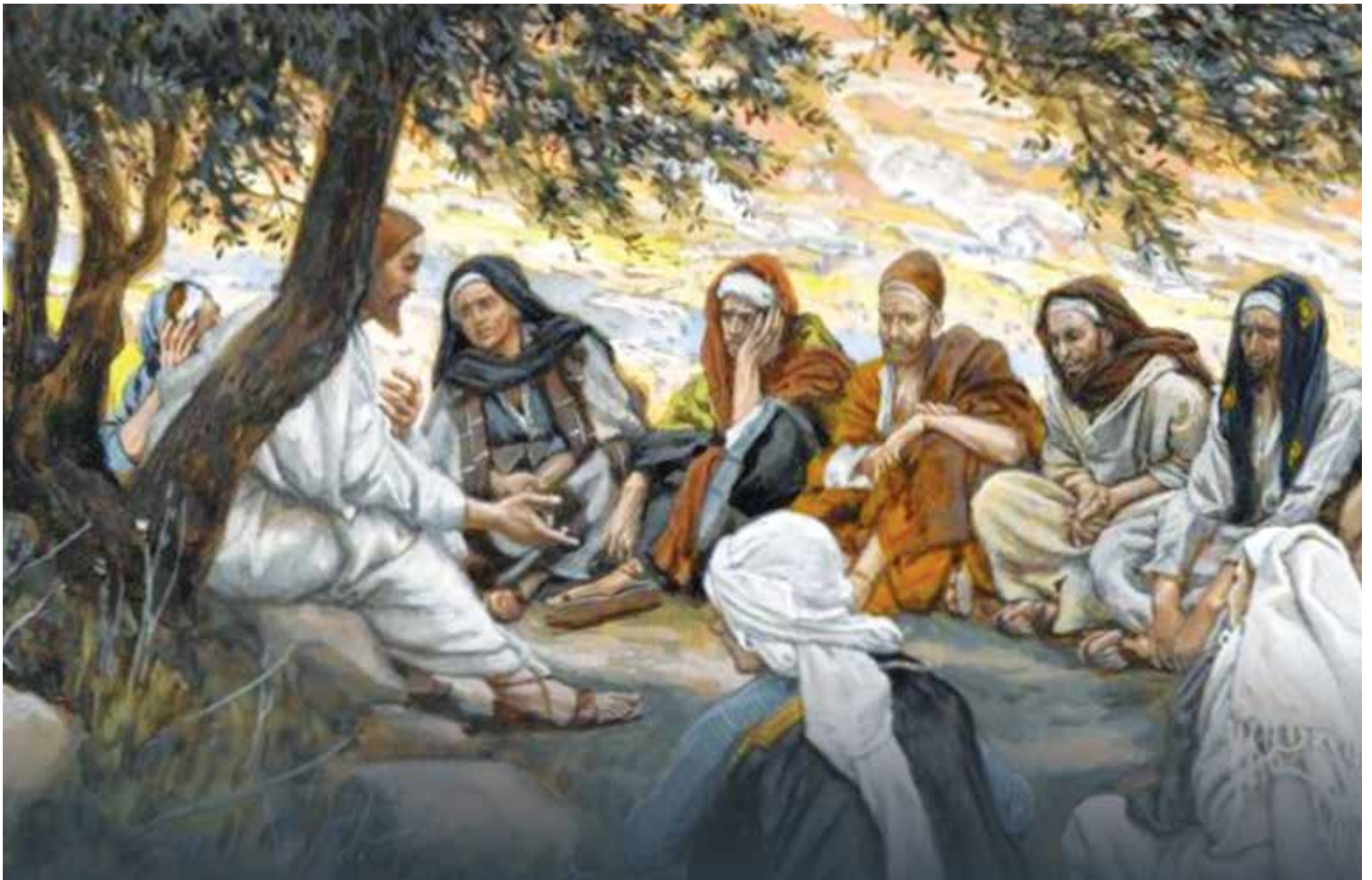


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JUNE 25, 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

Monday - Friday | 7:00 am, 9:00 am

Saturday | 9:00 am

St Basil Chapel

Sunday Mass

Sunday | 10:00 am

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 week.

Welcome

PROPER CHURCH ATTIRE

I'm aware that the church and chapel can, during the summer months, become very warm and humid. I addressed proper/appropriate Church attire in previous bulletins however it's been brought to my attention that I may need to be more specific what is not appropriate. Some dress as if they're going to the beach rather than Mass and that it's often a distraction. When we join others in expressing our faith, listening to the living Word of God and receiving the Holy Eucharist we should dress with dignity and respect.

While most of our parishioners dress very appropriately, over the past few weeks I have noticed, and a number of parishioners have brought to my attention that some are probably unaware that their clothing is inappropriate for Mass. After consulting with the Parish Pastoral Council we believe that the following are NOT appropriate for Mass.....excessively short shorts and skirts, shirts with vulgar or inappropriate designs, tank tops, baseball hats, gym shorts and fitness/beach apparel. This applies to adults as well as children, male and female.

I'm aware that some may disagree with me. I also understand that parents may and often do experience resistance. The fact that some may say that "at least they are there" is not a reason to dress down when we worship together. I encourage you to discuss the importance of proper dress and how your outer appearance reflects your inner attitude. High school sports teams and dancers have strict dress codes when traveling and attending functions. How much more important it is for us to dress with respect and dignity when we enter Church where Heaven and Earth are joined together at the Eucharistic Banquet.

- Exercise/gym attire
- Beach attire (including flip-flops)
- Baseball hats
- Excessively short skirts or shorts
- Extremely tight, low cut, visibly sheer or revealing clothing (to include bare midriff, spaghetti-strap tank tops)

Fr. Bill

KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY

After two years of chronic knee pain I have decided to take my surgeon's advice and have a total knee replacement. I will be joining many parishioners who have similar surgeries. I will be having a total knee replacement surgery at New England Baptist Hospital on July 6th. My recovery time is expected to be between 4-6 weeks. Although I told the physical therapist that I wanted to celebrate Mass sooner, she gave me a reality check. So for the months of July and early August I don't expect to be able to assume any pastoral responsibilities. We have an excellent parish staff who should be able to accommodate any of your concerns or needs. In order to provide pastoral care and not over burden Fr. Giombetti I've made the following decisions.

1. All those who need pastoral assistance should call Rob, Admin. Ass't or Fr. Giombetti at the Parish Office. Our seminarians, Phil Scheer and Colin McNabb are also available to assist when possible. I will not be available to take calls or email messages during my recovery period.
2. During the months of July and August there will only be one daily Mass. - Time, to be determined.
3. There will be NO Mass on Tuesdays.
4. Fr. Giombetti and visiting priests from the diocese and Stonehill College will celebrate the regular Sunday Masses. I'm very grateful for their dedication and assistance.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 24-28
9 AM-12 PM

at the
St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Center



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WITH GRATITUDE

I would like to thank all those who participated in the St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Tournament last month. This tournament has been and is one of the major fund raisers that supports our parish and its ministries. Hundreds of people play golf and enjoy the friendly competition and companionship every year. Many others make contributions that support the auction and publicity. While many people make this golf tournament successful, I would like to thank Mike, Steve and Tom Arrighi for their willingness to coordinate and sponsor the tournament each year.

The contribution to the parish from this year's tournament was \$17,000!

Fr. Bill

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

This week our parish men's group will meet Thursday, June 29th, in the lower church from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm 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 fraternity in our parish.

A JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE PARISH

We are seeking a part-time Youth Minister to continue with our efforts to design, implement, and build a strong and vibrant program for youth in grades 6-12. Candidates should have a strong love for the Lord and for middle school and high school aged teens, and be successful in creating an environment for our young people to experience Christ and His Church. Any interested candidates can apply on-line or through the rectory office by submitting their resume and cover letter to

businessmanager@stthomasaquinas.com

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Thanks to Eagle Scout Nick Walsh, we have made huge strides on a path to modernizing and updating the records for our Cemeteries. Nick's Eagle Scout project included digitizing the Cemetery behind the Church and basically recording every grave in the Cemetery into a database that the Parish can now use to help locate, identify and search for burial records in minutes...a process which up to now took hours, days and in some cases, weeks. Nick and his team of helpers spent over 600 hours mapping, taking photos and recording information throughout the entire Cemetery, and then data entering all of it onto a master file which he presented to us last week. Nick's perseverance, dedication to high standards, organization and flexibility showed in the outstanding work he has done and leadership he has shown. We want to thank Nick for his hard work and appreciate everything he has done.

BROCKTON ROX TICKETS

As part of
Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason's series;
"Bringing Our Community Together"

We are hosting a night at the Rox.

Come see the Brockton Rox

play the Bristol Blues

Thursday June 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Bring the kids.

Fun for the whole family!

Tickets can be picked up at will call
the night of the game.

R.S.V.P. by June 27nd 508-697-4332

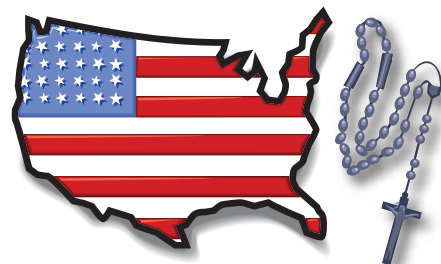


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PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Monday, July 3rd at 1:00 P.M.

Norwood Town Common



Come join us & pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our Country
In case of rain we will use St. Catherine of Siena Church
For Information, call : 781-762-4391

FR. BILL'S & MAINSPRING HOMELESS SHELTER

This is a service project for you!

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 July 6th, and Thursday August 3rd**. You may sign up through constant contact or the youth ministry website.

For questions, contact Sheila Whitaker at jswhitaker@comcast.net.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

The Youth Group would like to thank the parishioners for their incredibly generous support of the students attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Virginia. The students raised \$2,346.00 at the bake sale 2 weeks ago to put towards the trip. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of all of you, our students will be able to be the hands of Jesus to those less fortunate. Seven students leave on this Saturday, June 24th. We will give updates upon their return.

VIRTUS – FACILITATOR TRAINING

This one-day "train the trainer" is for individuals to become members of the Child Abuse Prevention Team. The individuals will be trained in the adult awareness program; Virtus/Protecting God's Children (PGC), what to do if child abuse or neglect is suspected, observed or disclosed, and how to report such allegations.

Upon completion of the training participants will be responsible for training all new clergy, employees, and volunteers in their parish/school using VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" (PGC).

All materials are provided free of charge. Each parish/school may send up to five individuals to this training. Lunch will be served.

10:00am – 3:30pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Braintree on Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to ME? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are LOVED beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul--and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

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with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Traditions Explained

QUESTION: If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

ANSWER: We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's business, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final, the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not simply to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it. If sin triumphs in the death of Jesus, it is only for a moment. The final word will yet be spoken.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

THE 2ND COLLECTION *This week* June 25: **Holy Father - Peter's Pence Collection**

This week's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration For The Week

Jesus tells us today, "Fear no one." All of us have fears. Some of us may fear the future, change, rejection, being out of control, ridiculed, losing a cherished relationship, failure, and even sickness and death. We have no control over much that we fear. Anxiety and worry become a futile waste of time and serve only to impact the quality of life. Faith, which brings a trust in God's promise that he is with us, allows us to face whatever comes with courage and acceptance. While very difficult to do, this is exactly what we are asked to do.

BRINGING FORWARD YOUR GIFTS

We encourage all individuals and families, both young and old, to take the opportunity to bring up the gifts for each of our Masses. The gifts being brought forward represent the prayers, hopes, and lives of the community gathered together to worship, so it is a beautiful sign to have all sorts of people come forward to participate in this part of the Mass. If this is something that you would be willing to help with, please see an usher before the start of Mass. Thank you for your willingness to represent the community in this way.

HVAC UPDATE

We wanted to update everyone on the status of the Air Conditioning installations happening at the Parish. The Rectory has been completed, and we are just waiting for the green light from National Grid so we can start the Church. As soon as we are clear, the installation will take approximately one week to complete. Once again we would like to thank our parishioners for their amazing generosity making this possible.

| FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 6/13 - 6/19 | St Thomas | St Basil | Total |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS | | | |
| In-Pew Giving | | | |
| • Weekly Collection | \$5,399 | \$655 | \$6,054 |
| Online Giving | | | |
| • WeShare | \$2,199 | \$575 | \$2,774 |
| • Parish Pay | \$25 | - | \$25 |
| Total | \$2,224 | \$575 | \$2,799 |
| Grand Total | \$7,623 | \$1,230 | \$8,853 |

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

4:00 p.m. Janet Fischer

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

7:45 a.m. Mildred Querzoli

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 278

12:00 p.m. Manuel C. DaSilva

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. Lucilia Nunes

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 a.m. Maria Veiga

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m. Gerald Dennis

SATURDAY, JULY 1

4:00 p.m. Joanne Mantia & Marilyn Mederios

SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:45 a.m. Francisco Luis & Maria de Lurdes Botelho & Manuel Botelho, and all the Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m. Edmund J. Woronicz Sr.

10:00 a.m. at St Basil Theresa Nordberg

12:00 p.m. Paulo Torres

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. - 3:45p.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, July 6 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..."

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| Ryan Lillian Austin | Jack Brian Amaral |
| Maya Soares Oguttuh | Christopher Patrick Porazzo |

"A TIME TO DIE..."

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Dale E. Shores | William Hatch |
| Edward A. McBride | Frances N. Dutra |
| Elaine P. Reid | Robert H. Bumpus |
| Judith E. Ludwig-Hopgood | Stacia Baranowski |

"A TIME TO HEAL..."

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Carolyn J. Allen | Beverly Giuffre | Kevin O'NeillAnn |
| Barbara Ahl | Dr. Francis Gendreau | 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 |
| Marty Dickerman | Tom O'Donnell | Peggy Yanuskiewicz |
| Peter J. Farrell | Bob O'Hare | Mary Sweetman Zunino |
| Lee Fuller | Mary Edwards O'Keefe | Alexis, Jason & |
| Andrea Fitzgerald | Glenn O'Neil, | 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, DJ. Jamieson, USA