

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JUNE 4, 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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

It is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church! It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit the disciples were unable to hold in how they had experienced the mighty acts of God. We too, have seen God's mighty deeds. The birth of a baby, an illness healed, success in school or in a new job are all God's marvelous work. This feast reminds us that the Holy Spirit has poured upon us the gifts we need to speak of the ways God is working in our lives. Don't let this day end without speaking of God's mighty deeds.

WELCOME FR. JASON GIOMBETTI

I join everyone in welcoming Fr. Jason Giombetti as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Jason comes with the enthusiasm and faith of a newly ordained priest and he brings with him a desire to serve the Lord and His Church. The Lord has blessed Fr. Jason with talents and abilities that he will share with us as we grow together in our love for the Lord and our desire to bring others to Christ.

OUR SEMINARIANS

Our seminarians, Phil Scheer and Colin McNabb have begun their second week of pastoral ministry in our parish. Over the past week they have assisted in many different pastoral situations gaining a better understanding of what will be expected of them as priests. During the summer months the Lord will use their experiences in our parish to help them better appreciate His call to priesthood. I encourage you to introduce yourself, invite them to join you and or family for dinner or ask them questions or share concerns.

Fr. Bill

REFLECTION BY COLIN MCNABB

"In all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:6)"

This verse from Proverbs is clear in its message, keep God in your life and your path will be devoid of twists and turns that cause havoc in your life. It is a simple message which would give a person the path to blissful existence. Just accept the path that God has for you and He will make that path straight and smooth. One would even say that this advice is so simple even a fool could follow it, the problem is I didn't.

I grew up the youngest of six children in the town of Townsend, a small town of 9,000 in central Massachusetts. Many people have often wondered how this town is in the Archdiocese of Boston, my go-to point of reference is that it is the town next to Groton.

Growing up was almost idyllic, and while I came from a great family, we didn't always go to church. While I was that kid who used to "play Mass" and make my family sit in the living room before the coffee table altar, it did not fulfill our Sunday obligation, I had to ask to be brought to Mass. My parents sent me to CCD, I went through the motions, but I was never really engaged with my faith. When I was 17, I was talking to my sister and she asked me what I wanted to "do when I grew up?" I remember saying without hesitation: "I want to be a priest, and I will be a good priest." She looked at me quite shocked and said in a mocking tone: "you are going to be a priest?, you are not doing that," and I said "ok."

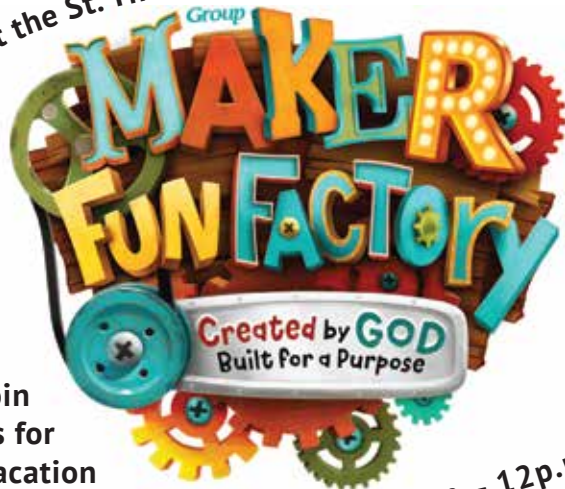
So I went to college, I went to the University of Vermont, UVM, and had a normal college experience. I went out, had loads of friends, and dated a lot. Even though I was trying to go to Mass I saw it as a burden instead of the joy that it should be, God was still waiting for me to figure things out. After college, I still didn't know what to do with myself so I moved to England. I lived in London for 2 years and basically extended my college lifestyle for a few years. I still felt very lost and adrift; it was a hard time in my life. Then I was at work one day and this Irish guy named Patrick I worked with was talking to me about lunch, I asked him what he was doing and he said he had to get something quick after Mass. Now it was a Thursday so I asked him why he was going to Mass. He looked at me surprised and said; "its Corpus Christi, aren't you Catholic?" So, like any man who is caught not knowing what to say I covered for myself, I answered; "YEAH, I'll see you at Mass. Where is the church...?" On Corpus Christi, in 2004, I walked into Our Lady of the Assumption & Saint Gregory Church on Warwick Street in London, and reconnected in a substantial way with my vocation.

The time between then and now, is filled with many more instances of my avoiding the path that God had for me, but those stories are for another day. God never gave up on me, I stopped turning away from the path that God had for me and faced Him fully. Since I have accepted the path God has laid out for me, my path has been straight. How have you followed God's path in your life? Has it been easier for you when you have kept Him in mind? What could you have done to better follow His will?

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center



Join us for Vacation Bible School!!! July 24-28, 9a.m. - 12p.m.

This is a week long summer program where children (Preschool age - entering Grade 6) will have fun learning about God using music, science experiments, snacks, games and Bible adventures.

Adults are needed to be the Station Leaders. The Stations include Sound Wave Sing & Play/Funshop Finale, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, KidVid Cinema and the Snack Factory. You will receive instructions that let you know exactly what you need to do. There is also an opportunity for at least 20 young adults to be Crew Leaders. You must have completed Grade 6 to be a Crew Leader. Students in Grades 9 & 10 can fulfill their service project requirements for Confirmation.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kim Gibson: KimGibsonVBS@comcast.net or (508) 596-9387.



Friday, June 23rd, 9 am - 7 pm-ish

This is a FREE event for all altar servers, but is open to all middle & high school students for a low, low fee of \$35 (includes admission and transportation, reg. price \$38 admission only)

SIGN-UP using the link on our parish website

For more information please contact Megan Moriarty at youthministry@stthomasaquinas.com
Kate Anderson: cnjanderson@comcast.net

THE DIVINE OFFICE

Did you ever wonder why priests, seminarians, and monastics go to pray so often? Have you seen a movie where monks are singing back and forth to each other?



This is a part of our faith called the Divine Office, it is how the Church has someone praying for you every moment of every day all over the world.

Please join us at **8:15 am** between the daily Masses on **Tuesday June 6th, and Friday June 9th** for a discussion and presentation on the Divine Office.

BAKE SALE - FUNDRAISER

Students participating in the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip to Richmond, VA will be conducting a bake sale after ALL masses this weekend, **June 3rd & June 4th** to raise funds for their trip. Bring your sweet tooth and spare change to support their efforts!



Hello, my name is Colin McNabb and I am a seminarian assigned to your parish for the next several months. As we approach summer and all the summertime fun, I wanted to share with you, briefly, my take on the Steubenville East conference. Last year, I lead a group of youth from my summer assignment to the Steubenville East Youth Conference at UMass Lowell. This is something that I never attended when I was in high school, and probably never would have even thought to attend. That being said, I witnessed the power of faith over all the young people at this conference. Over 3,000 high school students from all over New England descended on the Tsongas Arena for music, socializing, and sharing their faith in what I can only describe as a three day Catholic youth concert and festival. Any high school student is welcome, space is limited.

For more information please contact Megan Moriarty at youthministry@stthomasaquinas.com

FAITH FORMATION

Pre-registration has begun!

Check your email for the link or visit:

<https://st-thomasaquinas.weshareonline.org/>

Register before June 16th to receive a \$10 discount.

Volunteer to teach and be eligible for a drawing to win free tuition!

Have you wondered what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you? Each of us has received gifts that are meant to be used to build up God's kingdom here on earth. God may be calling you to share your gifts in our religious education program. This is one reason why people become involved in faith formation. Another reason they volunteer is because they have a child in the program. Many times they move up with their child or switch back and forth between children who want their mom or dad to teach. Below is the testimony of one our teachers who followed their children through the program. Pray about your role in this purpose. Ask God if this is where he wants you. It is a rewarding experience that connects you to your child, their friends, and your parish.

"I started right at the beginning of my children's religious education classes. I wasn't sure what to expect and they were in need of teachers. The incentive to get a discount for teaching appealed to me first because I had 3 children in class and all close in age. I didn't think I could do this on my own so the CCD coordinator at that time suggested I team up with a more experienced volunteer. This worked well and I got some good ideas. I taught from 1st grade to 10th grade and was surprised that I loved each grade. I found this worked for me because the kids got to know me and with their special moments such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation I was able to share in their excitement and felt so thrilled to cheer them on for these special moments. I felt through the 14 years I volunteered I built a rapport and friendship with some of the parents as well. Everyone who currently runs and supports the CCD program is so up-to-date on the most recent materials. Each year they adjust the program to keep the kids interested in learning their faith. As a teacher for the Confirmation program the materials guide you from start to finish and the videos catch the kids' attention and are not long. When the teachers would get together and share ideas or suggestions, I found this was so helpful. I have gained so much and have learned new things about my faith I didn't know before. So I started out trying to save money and thought I was doing a one-time volunteer class and ended up volunteering for 14 years and getting so much more!!"

Cathy Ferrini

PATIENTS IN NEED OF CLOTHING

As you may know there have been significant improvements at the Bridgewater State Hospital in the past few months. Most of the inmates serving a criminal sentence have been reassigned to the Old Colony Correctional Complex nearby. The remaining (250+) residents or patients (ages 20-70) of the State Hospital are either receiving psychiatric testing or have defined emotional and psychological challenges. Some of these patients will remain there for the duration of their life. These patients are now permitted to wear civilian clothing rather than Department of Correction uniforms. Most patients do not have the resources to purchase civilian clothing and many are no longer connected to their families.

Would you be willing to donate clothing (new or in very good condition)? We have designated boxes at the church and chapel for you to donate clothing for the next few weeks. Needed clothing: any men's clothing....i.e. sweat shirts, sweat pants, regular pants, jeans, shirts, T-shirts, summer shorts, underwear, stockings, sneakers, shoes. All men's sizes (M, L, XL) are needed and appreciated. Having their own clothing will greatly help to restore their dignity and individuality.

Collection ends this weekend, Sunday June 4th

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, will host the second of the 2017 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker for June 13 will be *Rev. Adrian Milik*, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Newton.

The Processions, held on the 13th of the month from May through October, are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction. All are welcome to come—to pray for Peace in our troubled world at war and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces, and for their own personal intentions. We especially urge Families to attend this service—"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together." The church has ample parking and is handicapped accessible.

RESTROOM USE

Unfortunately the rest rooms in the church and chapel require those using them to walk through the church and chapel in order to access them. Walking through the church/chapel can and often is a distraction to those who are praying. While the rest rooms are there to be used when needed, a number of times it appears that some use it to take a break or just to leave Mass. We encourage parents to have their children use the rest room before or after mass....if possible. If using them, please teach the children not to run down the aisle when returning to the Mass.

ST. BASIL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

For over 50 years, St. Basil Chapel has been and continues to be a place where college students, faculty and parishioners come together to celebrate our faith and our community. Over the past few years we have made significant repairs in order to maintain the beauty and uniqueness of the chapel.

After discussion with the Parish Pastoral and Maintenance Councils and research, we have decided to replace the eight windows inside the chapel. Our plan is to replace the opaque and random rose colored glass to clear glass in order to brighten the chapel and let in as much natural light as possible. We have decided to partner with company Artech Church Interiors that specializes in replacing church windows. The total cost for these renovations will be \$24,000, or \$3,000 per window.

To support these renovations we are offering the opportunity for individuals or families to dedicate a chapel window. An acknowledgement of the dedication will be etched in the lower right hand window pane. If you would like to donate one of these replacement windows to the chapel or make it in memory of a loved one it would greatly assist the cost of replacements. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Peter Vitagliano at the Parish office for information.

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.

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 22nd 508-697-4332

Thank you
Mark, Bill, Shane, Sharon



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Cole & Gleason*

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THE 2ND COLLECTION - *This week*

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

3 COLLECTION'S THIS WEEKEND EXPLAINED

There was a small mix-up with next week's collection schedule. Three collections were scheduled: the regular Church collection, our Capital Improvement collection, and also the St John's Seminary collection. There will only be two collections during the masses this weekend. If you have envelopes for Capital Improvement or Seminary, please drop them in the second collection. We are sorry for any confusion.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 5/23 - 5/29	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS			
In-Pew Giving			
• Weekly Collection	\$6,450	\$977	\$7,427
Online Giving			
• WeShare	\$668	\$410	\$1,078
• Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
Total	\$693	\$410	\$1,103
Grand Total	\$7,143	\$1,387	\$8,530
Special Collection for the Archdiocese			
• Catholic Communications	\$1,650	\$168	\$1,818

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

4:00 p.m. Mass for the People

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 a.m. Joaquina Alves, Manuel & Conceicao Guimares, & the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 p.m. Yvonne Blauss, Francis Sousa, Joseph DeAndrade, Nancy Bevis, & David Goff

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 a.m. Manuel & Angelina Coelho

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 a.m. Geraldine Resmini

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

4:00 p.m. Carmella Scolaro Limpher

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

7:45 a.m. Jose Curvelo Sr.
 10:00 a.m. Margaret Gori
10:00 a.m. St Basil William F. Bythrow, Sr.
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the People

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

JULY date to be determined
 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 contract the parish office.

PRAYER LIST

“A TIME TO BE BORN...”

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

“A TIME TO DIE...”

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	Ann Paulino
Barbara Ahl	Dr. Francis Gendreau	Carolyn Perry
Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini	Jessica Kamaniski	Dorothy Pope
Ruthaleis Amaro	Carol Kelley	Josephine Trocchi Picone
Edward Albert	Tim Johnson,	Elaine Phaneuf
Jean Andrade	Daniel John	Paul Phaneuf
Christopher Barbosa	Ava King	Maria Presti
Jeffrey Bean	Jessica King	Andrea Proffetty,
Don Bergstrom	Debbie Kulick	Rich Quigley
Loretta Beaulieu	Fred Laham	Camden Rivers
Jim & Jean Brennan	James LaFranchise	Ginny Rothwell
Michael Botelho	Howard Larsen	Matthew Ryan
Kim Sweetman Camello	Kevin Looney	Dan Sante
Sandra Cable	Bob Mackey	Paul Segreve
Baby Chase	Aiden Mitchell	Sarah Silvia
Teresa Capachione	Beverly Mitchell	Deana Spingel
Mychal Joseph Cotone	Mary McClay	Linda Sullivan
Jacquie Cordaro	Taylor McLean	Kim Sullivan
Matthew Costantino	Chase Miceli	Donna Sullivan
Michael Costantino	Kaleena McHardy	Betty Tarentino
John Conley	Marjorie Mello	Jennifer Tosches
Joanna Crabtree,	Charles Monestere	Patrice Tuffo
Michael Crowley	Jerry Muller	James Toy Jr.
Jannine Dawicki	Anna Nakouzi	Susan VonMagnus
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	Kevin O'Neill	

“A TIME FOR PEACE...”

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
 1s tLt. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
 2ndLt. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC
 CPT, John Costantino, USA
 CPT Vincent Chiappini, USA
 MAJ, Robert “Dusty” Dossman USAF
 SGT, Brandon Jamieson, USA
 PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA
 CPL, Kelly O’Leary, USA
 PFC, Peter O’Leary, USA
 PVT, D.J. Jamieson, USA