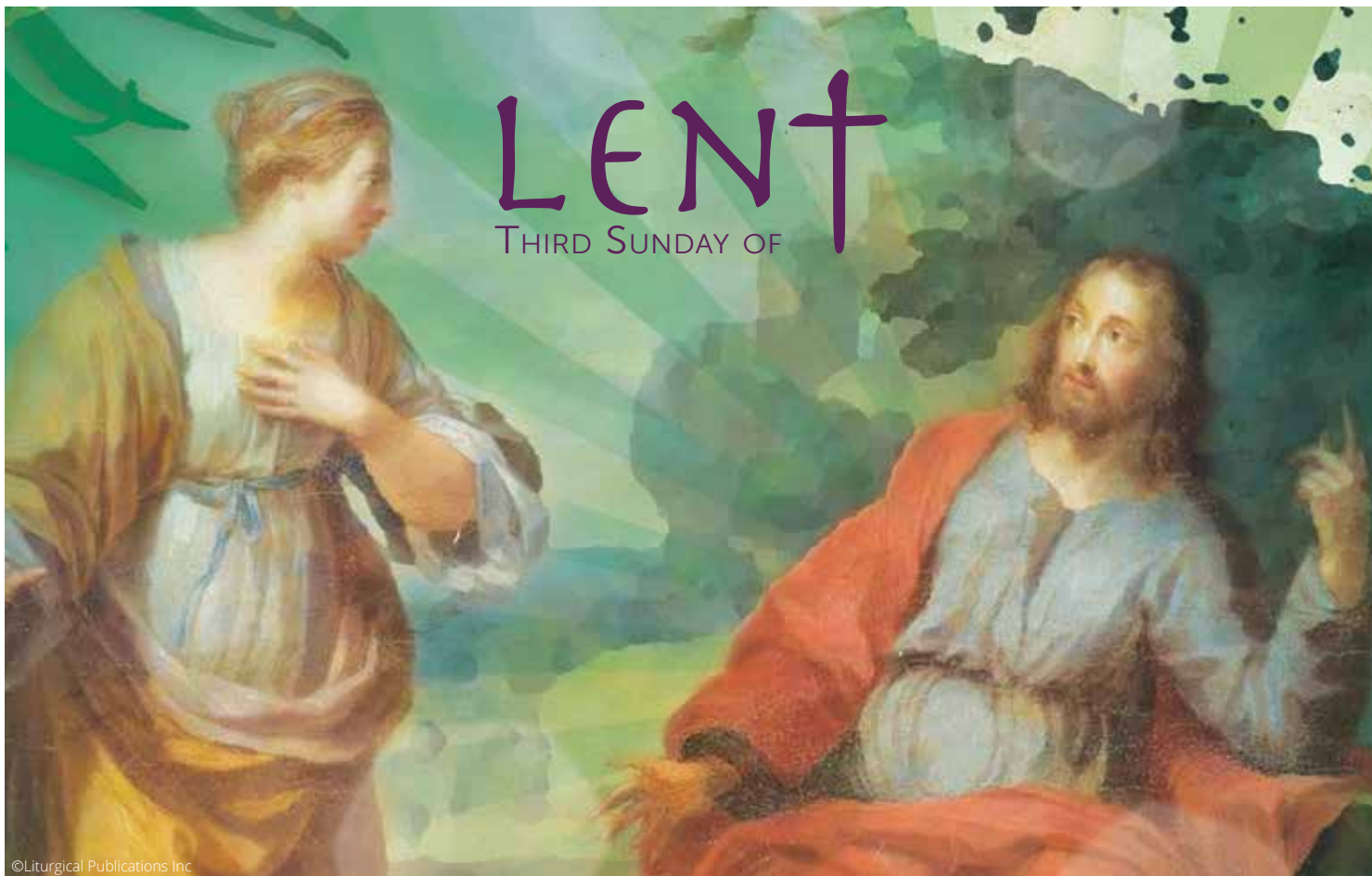


# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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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, March 22

6:00 p.m.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor

Rev. Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar

Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan

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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

## GROWTH IN STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL RESULTS

On February 12th our parish conducted its second annual Growth in Stewardship Renewal.

**Time/talent:** We are in the process of separating new volunteers from those who volunteered last September. Those new volunteers will be contacted in the upcoming weeks.

**Treasure:** In 2016 we received 279 responses and this year, 2017, we received 286 responses with a 53% increase in financial commitments with the "average" commitment being \$20/wk. 44 parishioners increased their commitment and 49 remained at the same level. We also had 94 persons who responded for the first time which is very gratifying.

We had 37 new individuals request envelopes and 29 persons who asked to use on-line giving. The names/addresses of those who have requested envelopes has been sent to our publishing company; in the coming months, you should receive your envelopes. Those who have asked to use on-line giving will receive an email offering support, if needed, to our on-line WeShare link found on our website [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com).

I am continually humbled at the generosity of our parishioners who support not only our parish and ministries but the work of the Archdiocese in the Catholic Appeal.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all those who made a commitment to support Cardinal Sean's Catholic Appeal last weekend. We received a number of commitment forms which will be forwarded to the Pastoral Center in Braintree. As stated previously, the funds from this collection not only support the program and many ministries throughout the Archdiocese, but provides to our parish, campus and prison ministries critically needed resources. In the week's ahead, we will know if we made our parish assessment. Once more, thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

Fr. Bill

## FR. JOE RAEKE HONORED

We are pleased to announce that Father Joseph Raeke, pastor of Saint Elizabeth Stein Parish in Brockton will be one of the recipients to be honored at the Irish Hearts for Orphans Benefit Dance on Sunday, April 9th 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Boston Hotel, Quincy. This organization supports homes, health care and educational programs for abandoned and disadvantaged children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Suggested Donation: \$20

Entertainment: Erin's Melody, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Noel Henry's Irish Showband.

For more information and tickets please contact Winnie Henry 617-842-5506 or Charlie Sullivan 781-733-3064

# LENT

## THIRD SUNDAY OF

### 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

- **DEVOTIONAL**

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

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Mediate 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/>

### FRIDAY NIGHTS AT ST BASIL

The Lenten Simple Supper is coordinated and provided by volunteers. These simple suppers forego meat and dessert. Contact Francine Littlejohn at 508 345 1617 for more info and some simple food suggestions. You may sign up to bring foods through either (1) Sign -Up Genius on the parish website, or (2) the signup sheet in the lounge of the Chapel.

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

We invite 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 & the Eucharist.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, April 3, 4, 5th, 7-8:00 p.m.  
Cost: One hour of your time

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Basil Bereavement Ministers are pleased to announce our next series of Bereavement meetings to begin on Wednesday, April 5th 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 Prohett, 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](mailto:caroljimmartin@verizon.net)

### FAMILY FIELD TRIP

As part of the Prohett-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 Prohett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home. Seating is limited so pre-registering is mandatory. Please email [markchapman@ccgfuneral-home.com](mailto:markchapman@ccgfuneral-home.com) or call 508-697-4332 by April 15th if you would like to join our parish family.

### JOB OPENING

Spring is coming fast, and the parish is looking for a Part Time maintenance staffer. This position will have a flexible schedule of 15-20 hours per week, and include regular maintenance of the parish and all buildings, landscaping of all parish properties including St. Basil chapel at Bridgewater State and both St. Thomas Aquinas cemeteries. We are looking for someone with some experience with basic maintenance and landscaping who will be able to operate our equipment including zero turn mowers and trimmers. If you are interested, please contact Peter Vitagliano in the parish office.

### BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN

March 19 is the last day donated baby items may be placed in either of the cribs set up in the upper and lower church at St Thomas or at St Basil's.



## FAITH FORMATION

### • CONFIRMATION II

Spring Retreat Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Fr. Peyton Center

Students in the following classes will be attending:

- Mrs. Hammond & Mrs. Papisodoro
- Mrs. Nunes & Mrs. Bresciani
- Mrs. Putnam
- Mr. Siedlinski

Any student who missed the fall retreat needs to attend. Be sure to let your coaches and/or employers know that you will need to participate in this special event.

### • CONFIRMATION I

Students meet this evening and will be sharing their Challenge of the Week. They were given three choices:

1. Ask your family if they can name all of the Ten Commandments. Ask them which commandment they think is the hardest to follow.
2. Take advantage of Confession! Make arrangements to go. (Wednesdays during Lent 6:30-8:00 and Saturdays 3:00-3:45 in the lower church.)
3. Choose your favorite story of redemption from the Bible or a fiction or non-fiction book.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our students!

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Last year the church celebrated the Year of Mercy. During this time we encouraged people to experience the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Penance. By making confession more available, we did this. This year in addition to confessions being held every Wednesday (the Light is on for You) from 6:30-8 during Lent, the Archdiocese has asked parishes to make confessions available for a 24 hour period in certain churches. This will enable persons to avail themselves of this Sacrament at a time more convenient to them.

Priests will be available at St. Edith Stein Church in Brockton at the following times.

**(Friday) March 24th 12 (noon) to 12 (midnight)**

**(Saturday) March 25th 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

## DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday evening from 7-8 p.m. in the lower church we offer the opportunity to spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament when the Eucharist is placed on the altar for adoration. Additionally, the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed for a brief period of time. Many have discovered a sense of peace and strength during this one hour. We encourage you to set aside time this week to do yourself a favor and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

## 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

## THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Archdiocese of Boston, will sponsor a Mass and Consecration on the Feast of the Annunciation on Saturday, March 25th, 2017 at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston, MA. The Rosary will be prayed at 12:30pm followed by a 1:00pm Mass and Consecration. Refreshments and viewing of the works of the Fatima Apostolate are held at 2:00pm. If you have questions please call 508-543-5725 or email Tuus13@aol.com.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER,  
**CHRIS PADGETT**  
PROFESSOR/AUTHOR

LIVE MUSIC BY BEN WALTHER

**FAITH RALLY**

March 29, 2017  
**6:00 PM**

MASS LED BY FR. MATT WILLIAMS

Are you looking for something Eggcellent to do?

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' 3RD ANNUAL Egg Hunt**

Join us  
Easter Sunday - April 16th  
after the 10:00 Mass  
inside the parish center  
AGES 2-11

Candy Filled Eggs  
Donuts - Games  
Plus a surprise visit from the EASTER BUNNY!

**Easter**

Register by April 7th  
at the St. Thomas website or copy and paste the link below  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AAAA72AA75-3rdannual](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AAAA72AA75-3rdannual)



**YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group held their second annual Minute to Win It competition in the Parish Center last week, and it was a massive success! Over 50 middle school students attended and participated in the fun, and 12 high school students volunteered their time to make sure the event went smoothly. We are thrilled at the success of this event and look forward to hosting more events for our youngest brothers and sisters in faith. Stay tuned!



**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
Parish Weekly Operating Costs for: 3/7 - 3/13	\$8,450	\$90	<b>\$8,540</b>
Summary of Collections for: 3/7 - 3/13			
<b>Weekly Collection</b>			
Total	\$5,185	\$952	\$6,137
<b>Online Giving</b>			
WeShare	\$727	\$385	\$1,112
Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
Total	\$752	\$385	\$1,137
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$5,937</b>	<b>\$1,337</b>	<b>\$7,274</b>
Monthly Collection: Capital Improvement	\$3,459	\$373	<b>\$3,832</b>

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 18

4:00 p.m. Pamela Silva

### Sunday, March 19

7:45 a.m. William M. Tarentino Jr.

10:00 a.m. Tracey Hathaway

10:00 a.m. at *St Basil* Ruth & Elmer Cloutier

12:00 p.m. Manuel Torres

### Monday, March 20

9:00 a.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. William Gabriel, Seminarian

### Friday, March 24

7:00 a.m. Fran & Joe Maloney &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, March 25

4:00 p.m. William "Bo" Ferioli

### Sunday, March 26

7:45 a.m. the Woronicz Family

10:00 a.m. David William Driscoll

10:00 a.m. at *St Basil* Robert Fowkes

12:00 p.m. Helen Farrell

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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..."

Barbara Ahl, Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, Jean Andrade, Christopher Barbosa, Jeffrey Bean, 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, Joanna Gale, Jesus Galindo, Florence Galligan, 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