

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 28, 2017



On **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** Parish offices will be closed. There will be NO 7:00 am Mass. The 9:00 am **Remembrance Mass** will be held at the grotto in the Old Cemetery on Center Street.

## 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

### St Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor

Rev. Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar

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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

## FR. TOM'S DEPARTURE

I join the parish in thanking Fr. Tom Olson for his priestly ministry. For the past year Fr. Tom was engaged in many different areas of pastoral ministry and we benefited from his faith, his singing and his commitment to those he served. Fr. Tom has been assigned to St. Brigid's and Gate of Heaven Parishes in South Boston. Fr. Tom will be celebrating the 10 a.m. Mass this weekend. *A reception will follow in the parish center.*

## CONGRATULATIONS FR. WILL SEXTON

Fr. Will Sexton will celebrate the 12 (noon) Mass this Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. For the past two summers and during the academic year Fr. Will has been a great blessing to our parish. As a seminarian and deacon he was engaged in a large number of pastoral programs and ministries often behind the scenes. We benefited from his faith and love for preaching and his respect for the sacred liturgies. Fr. Will has been assigned to Immaculate Conception and St. James Parishes in Stoughton. *A reception for Fr. Will will take place in the parish center immediately following the noon Mass.*

## WELCOME FR. GIOMBETTI

It's with great joy that I announce that Fr. Jason Giombetti has been assigned as the new parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Fr. Jason, a classmate of Fr. Will Sexton, was ordained to the priesthood on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Giombetti will begin his assignment on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Fr. Jason Rinaldo Giombetti Born on New Year's Day 1984 in Framingham, Jason is the only child of Joseph and Katherine (Moran) Giombetti of Ashland. He attended local public schools: Warren (Elementary); Mindess (Junior High) and Ashland High. He received A.A. from Dean College in Franklin and a B.S. from Suffolk University majoring in psychology. Following college graduation in 2006 and until 2011 he was Director of Religious Education and Coordinator of Youth Ministry at two parishes: St. Cecilia, Ashland and St. Patrick, Natick. He entered St. John Seminary and has spent his deacon year at St. Joseph Parish, Needham.*



## WELCOME TWO SEMINARIANS

*Colin McNabb* and *Phil Scheer* have begun their eight week summer assignment in our parish. Colin has completed two years of Pre-Theology and will begin his four years of theological training in August. Phil will be entering in his final two years of theology. They have been assigned to our parish so that they may become more familiar with the pastoral responsibilities, challenges and experiences that they will need to faithfully serve and love the Lord's people. These eight weeks will go by quickly so please take the opportunity to meet and get to know them. They are available to meet with you or your family to share their faith and their desire to serve the Lord in His Church.

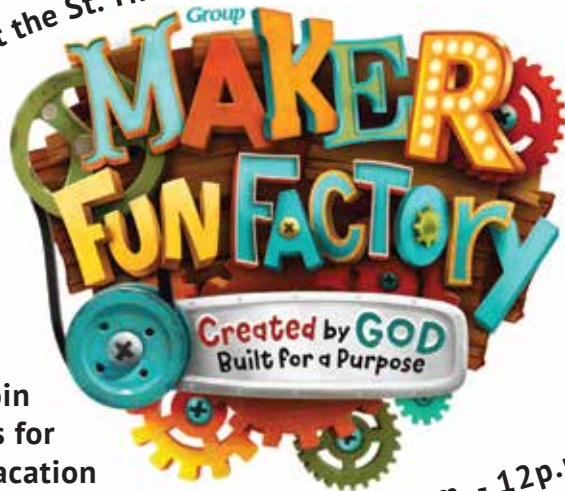
## PROPER CHURCH ATTIRE

Our beautiful church is a place where all are welcome as we support each other in prayer. It is here that we come into the Lord's presence as we celebrate the great gift and mystery of the Eucharist. As we anticipate warm and humid summer months I would ask everyone to be cognizant of how they dress when they come to worship the Lord. Please dress appropriately and not wear clothes that are a distraction and inappropriate for church. I'm hoping that this reminder will be sufficient however if necessary I can and will be more specific in upcoming weeks.

*Fr. Bill*

## 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is going to



Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

## 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 the weekend of **June 3<sup>rd</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup>** to raise funds for their trip. Bring your sweet tooth and spare change to support their efforts!

## 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You may sign up through constant contact or the youth ministry website.

For questions, contact

Megan Moriarty at youthministry@stthomasaquinas.com or  
Sheila Whitaker at jswhitaker@comcast.net.



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

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# MEMORIAL DAY

## REMEMBRANCE MASS

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m.** at the grotto in the Old Cemetery on Center Street. We will remember our veterans, family and friends who have died and all those who are buried in our cemeteries. If attending we encourage you to bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement the Mass will be held at St. Thomas Church.

**There is no 7 a.m. Mass this day.**



## FAITH FORMATION

Mary's life is an example for anyone who strives to follow Jesus. She is our first example of faith. Her fiat or "yes" to God began a life of dedication and service to God in a most intimate way. Mary not only taught Jesus about his role in the family, she also taught him about the God of Israel which means she taught him using the Scriptures that she had learned from her parents. From this, we can infer that Mary was a catechist! If you are thinking about volunteering as a catechist, ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession to help you make this decision. Giving of your time to spread the knowledge and love of our faith is a gift that not only blesses those you serve, but it fortifies your own faith as attested to by one of our catechists:

*"This past year gave me the opportunity to experience my faith in a new way - through the eyes of a child. It refreshed my own faith. I was amazed at how much I was learning myself. It was an awesome experience that built up my knowledge of my faith and brought me closer to God."*

**Online registration will be opening up soon.**

**Watch the bulletin, Facebook, and your email for details.**

## IMPORTANT CEMETERY REMINDERS

As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, we are continuing our mowing and landscaping of both cemeteries. I want to thank everyone for their help in keeping our cemeteries clean and clear, but we still need your help.

Please refer to the Archdiocese cemetery gravesite rules on our Parish website which provides guidelines that help keep our cemetery looking beautiful. The most important rule is that **no plantings or allowed objects can lay beyond 8" from the gravestone base.** We also ask that you stay within the guidelines for what is allowed in the cemetery. **Plastics, glass and other items become dangerous projectiles when caught up in a mower or a weed whacker, and we want to keep everyone safe.**

*Thank You!*

## 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.

**Our collection for clothing will end Sunday June 4th**

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration For The Week

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." This is a very intimate promise given to us by God. We are meant to be eternally bonded with God in a way that fulfills us beyond our imagining. As suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension bring Christ to full stature so too does our suffering and death bring us to where we ultimately need to be as well. We are already on this eternal journey. All that we come to see and know about God and our relationship with him on earth is just a prelude of things to come. Knowing our destiny gives us the inspiration to use the gifts and talents God has given in service of that eternal goal. Are we ready to use our gifts for this purpose?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." The Easter season is resplendent with the joy of eternal life. Jesus conquered death through his resurrection and promises all believers a share in this miraculous triumph. The gates of heaven have been opened for us by the great sacrifice of our Savior. All good things lie in wait for us who know "the only true God" and his Son, Jesus Christ.

When we gather together in our communities of faith, it's easy to remember all of this. We share common beliefs and practices with those friends, family members, and neighbors who attend our church. But carrying the joy of Easter with us out into the "world" can be more of a challenge. Once we step outside the safe confines of our parish or home, we encounter those who do not know the true God. We work with, study with, encounter, or gather with many people who have forgotten, abandoned, or never even known Jesus. Sometimes this can make us hesitant to share our joy, or even apologetic for our beliefs. But of course we are called to be witnesses of what we believe, not cowards who hide it from public view.

So let us take courage from today's Gospel. Jesus himself offered prayers on behalf of his followers. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for the ones you have given me." As the followers of Christ, we have the benefit of his own desire to help us, to strengthen us even amidst the challenges that we face. He knows that we "are in the world" even though he is not here in the same way. And he has asked God the Father to

share his divine blessings with us even as we make our way in this world

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I don't think I am giving away anything to say that Knights of Columbus are supposed to always carry with them a rosary. Even before I became a Knight, often I would carry a rosary with me. Like most good habits, at times I would slowly become oblivious and forget to have it with me. Many weeks and months of carrying it in my pocket would give way to a couple weeks of wondering where it went. To stick with any practice you have to be intentional and mindful of what you are doing.

A good prayer life requires commitment. Carrying a rosary isn't really prayer, because the prayers are not being said. However, a rosary or other religious article does serve as a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. A prayer life should not be one where we simply seek to recite words, but one where we walk in the presence of God at all times. Prayer is about presence.

An everyday steward will find success in cultivating a prayer life by inviting God into all aspects and moments of the day. Recited prayer throughout the day serves as the formal ritual part of our relationship with God. In all relationships we have standard things we say to each other about love, our needs, and our hopes for that person. It is what takes place between the words that sometimes makes the difference.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION - *This week*

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The CCC believes Jesus would use as many means as possible, and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. 50% of the collection remains at the parish to promote local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.

Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm) for more information.

## COLLECTION UPDATE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 4TH

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.

<b>FINANCIAL BLESSINGS</b> 5/15 - 5/22	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>			
In-Pew Giving			
• Weekly Collection	\$4,924	\$456	\$5,380
Online Giving			
• WeShare	\$2,839	\$585	\$3,424
• Parish Pay	\$180	-	\$180
Total	\$3,019	\$585	\$3,604
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,943</b>	<b>\$1,041</b>	<b>\$8,984</b>

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00 p.m. Frances Couet

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:45 a.m. Guido & Antonio Rea

10:00 a.m. Frances Filippetti Morast

**10:00 a.m. St Basil** Ernie & James Procaccini

### MONDAY, MAY 29

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 a.m. Rene J. Cabrera

### 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 contract the parish office.

## PRAYER LIST

### "A TIME TO BE BORN..."

Elizabeth Leigh Dimarzio	Brielle Katelin Jones
Jacquelyn Ann Killian	Gianna Alan Mathi-Gay
Rori Allysa Power	

### "A TIME TO DIE..."

Joyce M. Murphy	Rita C. Clancy
Edward V. Brouillard	Diana Lynn Hughes
Edmund J. Woronicz	Judith Ludwig-Hopgood
Frances N. Dutra	Paul Scanlan

### "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 Carnello	Kevin Looney	Dan Sante
Sandra Cable	Bob Mackey	Paul Segreve
Baby Chase	Beverly Mitchell	Sarah Silvia
Teresa Capachione	Mary McClay	Deana Spingel
Mychal Joseph Cotone	Taylor McLean	Linda Sullivan
Jacque Cordaro	Chase Miceli	Kim Sullivan
Matthew Costantino	Kaleena McHardy	Donna Sullivan
Michael Costantino	Marjorie Mello	Betty Tarentino
John Conley	Charles Monestere	Jennifer Tosches
Joanna Crabtree,	Jerry Muller	Patrice Tuffo
Michael Crowley	Anna Nakouzi	James Toy Jr.
Jannine Dawicki	Lloyd Nelson	Susan VonMagnus
Maria I. DeAndrade	Antonio Nunes	Anna Vrana
Mary DeLeon	Tom O'Donnell	Don Weiner
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  
1stLt. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC  
2ndLt. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC  
CPT, John Costantino, USA  
CPT Vincent Chiappini, USA  
SGT, Brandon Jamieson, USA  
PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA  
CPL, Kelly O'Leary, USA  
PFC, Peter O'Leary, USA  
PVT, D.J. Jamieson, USA