

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 13, 2016



## 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 | 10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

## WEEKNIGHT MASS

*This Thursday*

*November 10, 6:00 p.m.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor

Rev. Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar

Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan

### Parish Office Staff

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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS  
103 Center Street, Bridgewater

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Join Us for a Fun - Filled Day!**

Christmas Crafts ~ Plants ~ Baked Goods  
Candy ~ Jewelry ~ Knitting & Sewing ~ Toys  
Basket Raffle Table ~ White Elephant



**Turkey Dinner Raffles**  
Hourly

**Scratch Tickets**  
**RAFFLE**  
3 p.m.



**Gift Baskets Raffle**  
at 3:00 p.m.

A light lunch will be served 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Kids Crafts**

(sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 278)

## Veterans Day

Our veterans were honored collectively this past Friday, November 11th. The military covers in front of the altars are recognition of those who have and continue to serve. Each time I walk through our cemeteries I notice the number of flags honoring the graves of veterans who have served our country. Our town should be proud of the many men and women from Bridgewater that have served and continue to serve in the military. Please note in this week's bulletin the picture and announcement by Nathan Hogrell whose Eagle Scout project restored our veteran's grave markers.

As we remember our veterans we also pray for our military leaders and newly elected officials. In the year ahead many decisions will need to be made that will affect our own security as well as that of the world. We pray that the division between people and ideas that has been so emphasized during the debates will, in the months ahead, be replaced by unity and reconciliation. These are challenging times. There are no easy solutions. We also strive to find diplomatic solutions that bring an end to conflict and persecution and respect the rights and dignity of every person. This weekend we not only honor and pray for our veterans and those presently serving in our military but also that all our newly elected leaders will restore hope, unity and pride to our country and democracy.

## Parish Opioid Awareness

I believe most of us have become much more aware of the opioid epidemic in our state and in our local area. Police and fire departments will attest to the number of calls in which they needed to use Narcan in an attempt to revive a drug overdose - successfully and unfortunately unsuccessfully. Those who are addicted need our support and help not our criticism. Addiction is a disease not a moral weakness.

In order to address the growing opioid epidemic in the Archdiocese, the Cardinal's Opioid Task Force has asked every parish to designate two people to attend Care with Compassion: Opioid Overdose Prevention Training. Those who are trained will become a parish resource to help us better understand the factors, signs and symptoms of overdose, referrals for help and how to assist families who have been affected by this epidemic. Training will be held at the Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184 on Friday, November 18th, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Lunch will be served. I would be very grateful if two people would volunteer to attend this training. If you are interested please speak to me or call the Parish Office.

## Grand Annual Appeal

I have been very grateful for the generosity expressed by parishioners who have made contributions to our Grand Annual Appeal. Over the past few months 153 individuals/families have responded to our Appeal pledging \$52,847. What is noteworthy is that this amount has been given by only 5.1 % of parishioners contacted. For those who have donated.....Thank You!!! If you have not made a donation and would like to donate to this Appeal, there are forms at the entrances of the church and chapel. For those who have not, any amount you are able to contribute is greatly appreciated and needed.

## Parish Pastoral Council Openings

Over the past two weeks in the bulletin I've asked for volunteers who would be willing to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC is one of the primary advisory councils in our parish that not only provides information, feedback, support and ideas to me as pastor but just as importantly helps to develop future priorities and direction for our parish. Much of what we've been able to accomplish or are presently doing in the parish has in great part come from suggestions and support from the PPC. This is your parish. Please consider this opportunity to become more involved. The PPC meets one evening every 2-3 months. Some people have already expressed interest. If you are interested OR if you someone that you think would be a good candidate, I ask you to please submit your name or their name to Barbara Henault at 508-697-6407 or b1henault@gmail.com. I would like to have the names by the end of November.

*Fr. Bill*

## Advent Wreath

Believe it or not, the First Sunday of Advent is November 27th. We are again inviting families or individuals to light the Advent Wreath at Mass. If you or your family would like to light the wreath at one of the weekend Masses we ask you to contact the Religious Education Office at 508-697-3652. The Religious Education Coordinators will be sending a Constant Contact to families that are served in that program. We will also be placing a sign up list at the entrances of the chapel and church.



## Veteran's Grave markers

Six months ago Nathan Hogrell solicited your support for his Eagle Scout Project that would restore many of the veteran's grave markers in the cemetery behind the church. Parishioners contributed \$957.20. He and 23 other scouts repaired and reset **478 veteran's grave markers** just in this one cemetery! We and the veteran's families thank you Nathan.



above: St Thomas Aquinas Cemetery Veteran grave marker

## Fall Cemetery Clean Up

This month we will be doing our annual Fall Clean Up in both of our cemeteries. We ask everyone who cares for a grave to remove any grave decorations that are broken, or falling apart, such as wreaths, silk flowers, wooden crosses, statuary, toys, vases, pots, as well as dead plants no later than November 21st. Fresh cut flowers are always permitted provided they are in good condition. Items that will not be removed include undecorated shepherds hooks, remembrance vigil candles, and solar lights. After the 21st these decorations will be removed and disposed. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries clean and places where we can remember and pray for our loved ones.

## 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 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.

## Christmas Giving Trees

It's that time of the year again...if you or anyone you know from our Parish or in the town of Bridgewater needs assistance this Christmas please make your request at the Parish office now. We will be accepting requests for assistance until December 1st. We respect the privacy of those who need assistance. Tags will be put on the Giving Trees Nov 26th and 27th and December 3rd and 4th. All gifts will need to be returned by December 10th.

## The Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner *Sunday November 20 at 1:15 p.m.*

If you wish to attend please RSVP (by November 18th) by calling Jean Monti at 508-697-6648. Please leave your name on the answering machine if you wish to attend. \* NOTE: We are unable to return your call.

## Thank You! Christmas Drive For Troops & Veteran's - *collection bins at St Basil*

Thank you to all those that donated items for Christmas boxes for the troops in conflict areas and for the Brockton VA. For anyone still wishing to contribute there are still collection bins available at St Basil. For more information please contact Sally Stewart at [sallynator67@yahoo.com](mailto:sallynator67@yahoo.com).

## Apparel For The Needy - *collection bins November 20& 27*

Chapter 278 Catholic Financial Life will be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for men, women, and children. Collection bins will be available inside the entrances of the church and chapel during the last two weeks of November. These will be donated to "Our Brother's Keeper". If anyone would like to make a monetary donation send a check to Chapter 278 Catholic Financial Life 102 Mt. Prospect St, Bridgewater MA 02324

## Prison Holiday Help Needed - *collection bins December 4 & 11*

Bridgewater State Hospital is a psychiatric prison hospital where 300 men with very serious mental illnesses live - some for a very short period of evaluation and some for a lifetime. Though it is a hospital, it is also very much a prison. It can be one of the saddest places on earth during the holiday season. You can help to change that.

Every year the Catholic community at the hospital is permitted to give the patients as well as the 50 inmate workers, (men who have transferred from other DOC facilities to work in the kitchen, to maintain the grounds, do the laundry, etc.) holiday packages with a few basic items. This year the items we are hoping you will be able to help with are:

- stick deodorant
- shampoo
- deodorant
- soap

## Receiving Holy Communion at Home

If you know anyone who is or has been unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly we ask you to contact the Parish Office. There are a number of newly appointed Eucharistic Ministers who have volunteered to visit those who are confined to their home.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Let us persevere in the love of God as manifested by our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Dec 2-4, 2016 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org).

## Prison Ministry Volunteer’s Meeting

All those who are interested in or have already volunteered for prison ministry at Bridgewater State Hospital are asked to attend one of two informational meetings. Peg Newman, Catholic Chaplain at BSH, will give a presentation of the hospital/prison, the need, the ministry and process and answer any questions.

Sunday, November 13th at **6:30 p.m.** and Tuesday, November 15th at **6:30 p.m.** (lower church hall)

### Lector Training – Sunday, November 13 at St Basil Chapel

**NEW VOLUNTEERS** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **RETURNING VOLUNTEERS** 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Coffee & Donuts – Sundays at St Thomas Aquinas in lower church hall after the 10 a.m. Mass

### Religious Ed Teachers Needed – Grades 5 & 6 – Tuesdays @ 3:45 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### RCIA – NEXT CLASS: Sunday, November 13th 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. at St Basil Chapel

## The 2nd Collections

### • *This week* – November 13 **Campaign for Human Development**

This week’s second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### • *Next week* – November 20 **Retired Religious Sisters**

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters’ years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or [Sr\\_Marian\\_Batho@rcab.org](mailto:Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org).

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Summary of Collections for: 11/01-11/06	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$5,774	\$660	\$6,434
2nd Collection (World Mission Sunday)	\$2,681	\$401	\$3,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,455</b>	<b>\$1,061</b>	<b>\$9,516</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>			
WeShare	\$2,932	\$1,315	\$4,247
Parish Pay	\$755	-	\$755
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,687</b>	<b>\$1,315</b>	<b>\$5,002</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$12,142</b>	<b>\$2,376</b>	<b>\$14,518</b>

## Annual Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

### • DONATED ITEMS NEEDED

The bazaar committee is in need of volunteers who are willing to donate various items. **Wish List:** white elephant items, home made crafts, knitted or sewn items, toys (gently used or new), plants, jewelry, & jewelry boxes (empty), baked goods, fudge, candy, soda, coffee, tea, cocoa, meatballs, sub rolls, small bags of chips (2cases), hot dogs and rolls gift certificates (for kitchen use), and theme baskets.

If you are able to donate please call *Beccy* 508-697-4791.

If you are in need of craft supplies please call *Nella* 508-697-8848

### • THEME BASKETS

Donate a prearranged gift basket or create your own "themed" gift basket. Themes from previous years have included; scrapbooking, coffee and tea lovers, family movie night, puzzles and games, and sports. Gift cards and gift certificates are always a welcome addition to any basket. If you are able to donate a gift basket please call *Lisa Folloni* 508-697-5565 or *Pat Aiello* 508-944-7232

### • RAFFLE TICKETS - **Get Scratching!**

Raffle tickets for the Holiday Bazaar will remain at the entrances of the church till Nov 13. If you are interested please take some for yourself, or to sell. Ticket stubs & money must be returned by mail, offertory collection, or at the parish office/rectory by November 19th. 114 Mass State Lottery scratch tickets have been purchased for \$500.00. The following games will be available: 2 @ \$30.00 ea., 5 @ \$20.00 ea., 12 @ \$10.00 ea., 20 @ \$5.00 ea., 45 @ \$2.00 ea., 30 @ \$1.00 ea. Only one winner will be drawn for all 114 scratch tickets. For more information please call Joe Souto 508-697-6797

## Men's Cursillo - December 1 - 4, 2016

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at [spiritual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spiritual_development@rcab.org).

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord

### • ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
*St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church*

### • DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
*St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 12

4:00 p.m. Edward & Mary McNeil, & Amelia Karam

### Sunday, November 13

7:45 a.m. Jose Moura

10:00 a.m. Maria J. Puim & Margarida Araujo  
& all the Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m. (*St Basil*) Jane Keough

12:00 p.m. Paulo Torres & Manuel Torres

5:00 p.m. (*St Basil*) Alvin Arsenault

### Monday, November 14

7:00 a.m. Mario & Margarida Garcia

### Wednesday, November 16

7:00 a.m. Jose Coelho

### Friday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Richard, Patricia and Raymond Downing

### Saturday, November 19

4:00 p.m. Louis & Louise Resmini

### Sunday, November 20

7:45 a.m. Jose Coelho

10:00 a.m. Albert L. "Abby" Ghelfi

10:00 a.m. (*St Basil*) Mass for the People

12:00 p.m. Denise, Leslie & Charlene Gleba

## Prayer List

Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, Jean Andrade, Christopher Barbosa, Jeffrey Bean, Jim & Jean Brennan, Kim (Sweetman) Carnello, Sandra Cable, Teresa Capachione, John Conley, Jacquie Cordaro, Matthew Costantino, Michael Costantino, Baby Mychal Joseph Cotone, Joanna Crabtree, Michael Crowley, Jannine Dawicki, Joseph DeAndrade, Mary DeLeon, Marty Dickerman, Andrea Fitzgerald, Lee Fuller, Jesus Galindo, Florence Galligan, Beverly Giuffre, Tim Johnson, Daniel John, Ava King, Jessica Kamaniski, Jessica King, Debbie Kulick, Fred Laham, James LaFranchise, Kevin Looney, Bob Mackey, Beverly Mitchell, Mary McClay, Taylor McLean, Kaleena McHardy, Marjorie Mello, Baby Chase Miceli, Charles Monestere, Arlene Morin, Anna Nakouzi, Lloyd Nelson, Antonio Nunes, Tom O'Donnell, Paul D'Olimpia, Glenn O'Neil, Kevin O'Neill, Ann Paulino, Carolyn Perry, Elaine Phaneuf, Josephine Trocchi Picone, Richard Piantoni, 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, Peggy Yanuskiewicz, Don Weiner, Mary (Sweetman) Zunino, Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut