

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 19, 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 7:00 am

Tuesday 9:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday 7:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

### St Basil Chapel

#### Sunday Mass

Sunday | 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor

Rev. Jason Giombetti, Parochial Vicar

[fathergiombetti@gmail.com](mailto:fathergiombetti@gmail.com)

Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan

### Parish Office Staff

Peter Vitagliano, Business Manager

Rob Ruth, Administrative Assistant

### Parish Office

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### Religious Education Office Staff

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Debbie Hill, Coord. of Religious Ed.

Marie Masaitis, Coord. of Religious Ed.

### St Basil, The Catholic Center

122 Park Ave. Bridgewater, MA 02324

Hours | Mon - Fri 9 am - 9 pm

Hours | Sun 9 am - 6 pm

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Fax | 508. 531. 6188

### Chapel Staff

Rev. Jason Giombetti, Campus Chaplain

Phone | 508. 531. 1412

Kevin Mossman, Pastoral Associate

## THANK YOU RITA

For the past two and a half years Rita Garufi has served as Administrative Assistant at St. Basil's Chapel. She's been very involved with the spaghetti suppers for university students, supporting the campus ministry program, welcoming students, liaison with BSU personnel and chapel scheduling. Rita greatly enjoyed and supported both the students and parish community. As she leaves this position she's taking some well-deserved time off and spend time with her family.

## WELCOME

I'm very pleased to announce two new members have joined our staff. Kevin Mossman is the new Pastoral Associate. He comes to our parish with a great deal of experience in religious education and youth ministry at St. Joseph's Church, Hanson. Kevin will be responsible for coordinating and supporting present parish ministries and developing new ministries in order to better reach out and serve our parishioners and greater parish. He will also assume responsibilities for the chapel and will working with students and community members. Kevin will be working in our parish approximately 30 hours a week and his office is located at St. Basil's Chapel.

I also welcome Brian Delmonte as our new maintenance manager. For the past nine months Brian has been working as an interim worker in our facilities and on grounds maintenance. Brian's performance, willingness to learn, strong work ethic and "can do" attitude have been noticed by both staff and parishioners. Brian will now assume responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the Parish Center, Church and Chapel, Parish Offices, rectory, grounds and cemeteries. It's great to have Brian on staff.

*Fr. Bill*

## PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) consists of 12 members of our parish who meet 4-5 times a year. Every parish is mandated by the Archdiocese to have a Parish Pastoral Council. In addition to the Parish Maintenance and Parish Finance Councils, the PPC is one of the primary advisory councils in our parish that provides information, feedback and recommendations. Just as importantly, it helps to develop future priorities and direction for our parish as we move from "maintenance to mission." We have a great and growing parish and many of the programs, ministries and projects that have been initiated are due in great part to the recommendations and support from members of this council. I value their experience, ideas and love for our parish.

There will be 4 openings for our council beginning in January 2017. If you or someone you'd like to recommend is interested please submit their names and contact information to our PPC secretary **Barbara Henault** at **508-697-6407** or **b1henault@gmail.com**.

*Fr. Bill*

## Brian Delmonte

We would like to congratulate Brian Delmonte on his promotion to Maintenance Manager for the parish. Brian has lived in Bridgewater his whole life, and has been a part of our parish family since childhood. Brian graduated from Bridgewater-Raynham High School in 2016 where he played varsity ice hockey for two years. After graduating, Brian enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and currently serves as a rifleman in the Marine Reserves, 1st Battalion 25th Marines at Fort Devens in Massachusetts. Brian has completed over 500 hours of community service over the past few years, and has been working at the parish since April.



Please help us congratulate Brian on his promotion to his new position!

## Kevin Mossman

We want to welcome our new Pastoral Associate, Kevin Mossman, to our parish family. Kevin was raised in Hanson, Massachusetts and is a graduate of Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. After high school he honorably served three years in the U. S. Army. He went on to earn an undergraduate degree in Management from Bridgewater State College and a Masters in Theology from Holy Apostles College and Seminary. Prior to joining the staff of St. Thomas Aquinas, Kevin served 14 years as a Faith Formation Coordinator for St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Hanson. He is a Lieutenant on the Hanson Fire Department and is in his 26th year of service.



Kevin and his wife, Lisa, were married in 1992, and have three college-aged children, Sarah, Emily, and Matthew.

## STATE HOSPITAL HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED

Christmas behind the walls of a locked institution can be lonely and depressing. It would be appreciated more than you can imagine if you could donate any of the following items to be used in holiday bags that are being assembled for the men at the Bridgewater State Hospital.

**Cough Drops • Socks • Soap  
• Shampoo • Deodorant • Candy Bars**

There will be bins at the entrances of the church and chapel between November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Thank you!

**Peg Newman, Chaplain**

# Welcome

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.

# 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.

## PART TIME MAINTENANCE WANTED

The parish is currently looking for a Part Time Maintenance worker. This is a 15-20 hour per week position that involves regular maintenance of all parish properties including the church, rectory, chapel and cemeteries. Interested applicants can contact Peter V. in the parish office for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS

If you signed up in October to become a volunteer and have not been contacted by a Ministry Head Leader please call the parish office and speak to **Rob, 508-697-9528**

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 488

*Cordially invites you to a*

### ***A Very Special Christmas Party***

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish center

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

The Knights would like to invite special needs children to our annual children's Christmas party. Held at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish center our festivities prove a supportive environment so their children can enjoy things like visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus at their own pace, engaging in crafts with necessary assistance, and generally enjoying time with the Knights and special needs families. The party is free to all special needs families, and siblings are welcome. Activities include: DJ with holiday music, games, crafts, gift from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and pictures with Santa for those who would enjoy them.

### **Space is limited and registration is required.**

Please RSVP by **November 28<sup>th</sup>** with the following:

- 1) full name of all children attending
- 2) sex of each child
- 3) age of each child
- 4) any gift considerations such as developmental age of child.

### **Please RSVP**

to Karin Sullivan at [MrsGumby56@comcast.net](mailto:MrsGumby56@comcast.net)  
or call (508) 697-1527

## PARISH GIVING TREE'S

### St. Basil Chapel

Ornaments designating gifts for needy families will be available on November 26th. These gifts will be given to Our Brother's Keeper, Easton to be distributed to needy families in the area.

### St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Ornaments designating gifts for needy Bridgewater families will be available on November 26th. These gifts will be given directly to Bridgewater families in need of our support.

### Identifying families

If you or any family you know are in need of support during this Christmas Season we ask them to contact the parish office at 509-697-9528

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent begins the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. We invite families and ministry groups to *sign up to light the Advent Wreath* at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Basil Chapel. If you wish to sign up online, please use the following web address.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848acab2ea1fc1-lighting1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848acab2ea1fc1-lighting1)

If you do not have access to a computer, but would like to participate please call Debbie at **508-697-3652** and she will sign you up.

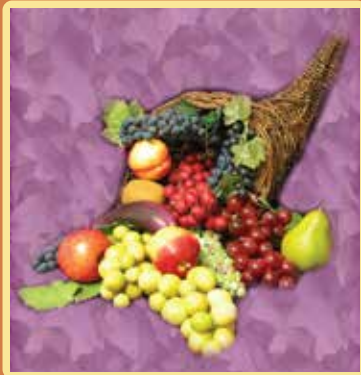


## CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
Scotland Trinitarian Church  
1000 Pleasant St, Bridgewater

The Bridgewater Council of Churches welcomes everyone as we gather together and share our blessings with one another. The Thanksgiving Message will be delivered by Rev. Ken Mantler from the Bridgewater United Methodist Church.

### "Choosing to be grateful"



- Time of Fellowship and food following the service...  
*please bring something to share*
- Join the Community Choir...  
*rehearsal at 6:00. All welcome!*
- All donations shared with local food pantries...  
*please bring a donation of a non-perishable food.*

## IN WORD AND DEED

by Jim Gaffney

There's nothing quite as exciting as the discovery of a new artistic talent: a great singer, a gifted writer, or an extraordinary musician. Friends and neighbors take pride in the newfound fame and success and the story of this great discovery can become the stuff of legends. Although the 'overnight sensation' has worked and practiced for years, the appreciation of a new audience breathes life into the artist's work and his or her talent is rewarded, often generously.

What about our own, not-so-famous talents? God gifts each of us with abilities and graces that can make a difference in the lives of others. Discovering and using them is part of the practice of our faith. By investing our talents in the lives of others, everyone benefits. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for the good of the church as we each grow in holiness and grace.

No gift or ability is too small or meaningless when it is used for someone else. A friendly visit, a generous spirit, a listening ear or helping hand can change someone's life for the better. If we truly trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, our contribution will count. It will breathe new life into the work of the church and our efforts will be rewarded.

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## SETTLING ACCOUNTS

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Readings:

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

*Psalms 128:1-5*

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

*Matthew 25:14-30*

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3, 8).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading, and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord" - in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7).

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

He has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10).

In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness - greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology [www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com)

## ARCHDIOCESE GIVING UPDATE

The Archdiocese has been reviewing the Special Collection Schedule, and in an effort to simplify processes and cut down the amount of Collections taken, they have consolidated many of the Special Collections. By grouping them together, they have been able to reduce the number of Special Collections from seventeen to ten. We have reviewed these changes from the Archdiocese, and starting after January 1st, we will follow the new consolidated Special Collection schedule that has been published. You will see fewer second collections, and as part of this consolidation, there will be some new names for the combined Special Collection groups.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSPECTIVE

### Questions & Answers

by Brooks Gibbs

Dear Brooks,

My parents are crazy. They hate my friends, my music, and anything I'm involved in. I wish I could trade them in for new ones.

~It's all about perspective~

A. I used to have the same stressed relationship with my parents in high school. It all changed my senior year because I changed my perspective. I finally learned the secret to success with parents- seeing life through their eyes!

Here is what you need to see:

Your parents are worried sick that you might meet up with the wrong crowd that could introduce you to all sorts of evil. They don't want their kid to be a pot-head, get pregnant, fail school, or die! They don't want music to influence your attitude. They desperately want you to succeed in school and in life. They have seen the real world in all its ugliness and they desperately want to protect you from it. Their highest goal for your life is that your character develops into a person that will positively influence the world around you.

A little humility, respect and gratitude will transform your relationship at home. Try saying this: "Mom and Dad, I am sorry for the way I have treated you both. I am ashamed of my disrespect. I commit to join you in this process of becoming the person that you and God want me to be. I love you."

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Colossians 3:20

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## ADVENT

### Questions & Answers

**Question:** I think Advent is so odd. I mean, everyone seems to be celebrating Christmas as soon as Thanksgiving is over, but in the Church (of all places!), it seems so somber. How come?

**Answer:** On one level, the culture's celebration of Christmas is measured by the bottom line when all the cash is counted, and when we all line up at the gym to repent of our excesses. The Church has a story worth telling, and the measure of success is quite different. Like popping into a symphony after the Prelude, the experience of Christmas is simply not the same unless we face our deepest needs and desires. Our economy makes rather brazen claims for our attention in this season, but have you noticed the questions nature raises? Daylight savings time has swallowed our afternoons with darkness, and even sunny climes feel the chill of change. This isn't exactly an easy matter to deal with. No wonder people want to fill up this quiet space with office parties and eggnog. Our tradition, by contrast, has an easier time of dealing with life's changes. We are not reluctant to look within and name the ways we wait, the things we hope will change. Remember Bette Midler's song "From A Distance?" It sets out a picture of God looking benignly at our world from a distant vantage point, this small blue and green tennis ball spinning through space. We don't believe that. We believe that God's presence in our world, in our lives, is intimate, involved, committed. Advent's agenda is to help us realize that we are now God's point of entry into the world. Unless we prepare, his coming is buried in the tinsel. Maybe you can look at Church as an island of sanctuary from the holiday mayhem, a place where you can touch ancient hopes and stretch toward God's dream for your future.

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## 2ND COLLECTION FOR RETIRED SISTERS

Today's second collection helps to provide for the needs of our 2,000 retired sisters. These beloved women served people in the parishes, schools, hospitals and social services of the Archdiocese for more than 54,000 years collectively. Please take this opportunity to thank the sisters who embraced the call to serve us so faithfully over the years. In their time of need now, every contribution makes a difference. Today, 80% of the sisters' healthcare and retirement expenses go unmet by social security benefits. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of the sisters.

For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious 617-746-5637 (or) Sr\_Marian\_Batho@rcab.org

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

This week • COLLECTION FOR RETIRED SISTERS - November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	11/07 - 11/13	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
In-Pew Giving				
• Weekly Collection		\$5,996	\$1,053	\$7,049
Online Giving				
• WeShare		\$1,049	\$335	\$1,384
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$7,045</b>	<b>\$1,388</b>	<b>\$8,433</b>
Special Collection				
• Capital Improvement		\$2,694	\$623	\$3,317

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Mario Garcia & Margarida Garcia

4:00 p.m. The Rea Family

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:45 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Dante & Chiarina Folloni

**10:00 a.m. St Basil** John & Francisco Vicente

12:00 p.m. Maria do Carmo & João Braquinho

**5:00 p.m. St Basil** Donald Wheeler & Shirley Courtney

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Joanne Puopalo & Betty Gattiglio

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 a.m. Louis & Louise Resmini

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:45 a.m. Robert A. Chicoine

10:00 a.m. Lucilia Nunes

**10:00 a.m. St Basil** Evangelina & Joaquim Curvelo

12:00 p.m. Anna & João Torres

**5:00 p.m. St Basil** Mass for the People

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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. - 3:45 p.m. in the lower church, or by appointment (please call the parish office).

### BAPTISM

Ordinarily celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. 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

**Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

St Thomas Aquinas parish center. Adults Only.

### 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..."

Landon Michael Perpetua

Kara Maxine DiCastro

Nicholas Christopher Bevis

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

Helen A. Dorosz, Mitchell C. Wolski,

Maria F. Moura, Joanne M. Vella,

Joseph P. Cruza, Paul F. Doherty,

Rita B. Martin, Thomas F. Garrity,

William f. Pincolini, Norene R. DiNardo

### "A TIME TO HEAL..."

Carolyn J. Allen	Beverly Giuffre	Kevin O'Neill
Barbara Ahl	Dr. Francis Gendreau	Ann Paulino
Olga Cassiani Alberghini	Jessica Kamaniski	Carolyn Perry
Ruthaleis Amaro	Carol Kelley	Dorothy Pope
Edward Albert	Tim Johnson	Josephine Trocchi Picone
Christopher Barbosa	Daniel John	Elaine Phaneuf
Jeffrey Bean	Ava King	Paul Phaneuf
Don Bergstrom	Jessica King	Maria Presti
Loretta Beaulieu	Debbie Kulick	Andrea Proffetty
Jim & Jean Brennan	Fred Laham	Rich Quigley
Michael Botelho	James LaFranchise	Camden Rivers
Kim Sweetman Carnello	Howard Larsen	Ginny Rothwell
Sandra Cable	Kevin Looney	Matthew Ryan
Teresa Capachione	Bob Mackey	Dan Sante
Jacque Cordaro	Aiden Mitchell	Paul Segreve
Matthew Costantino	Beverly Mitchell	Sarah Silvia
Michael Costantino	Mary McClay	Deana Spingel
John Conley	Taylor McLean	Al Sullivan
Joanna Crabtree	Kaleena McHardy	Linda Sullivan
Thomas Croall	Marjorie Mello	Kim Sullivan
Michael Crowley	Charles Monestere	Donna Sullivan
Jannine Dawicki	Walter Morin	Betty Tarentino
Mary DeLeon	Jerry Muller	Jennifer Tosches
Marty Dickerman	Anna Nakouzi	Patrice Tuffo
Susan Dickow	Lloyd Nelson	James Toy Jr.
Peter J. Farrell	Antonio Nunes	Anna Vrana
Lee Fuller	Tom O'Donnell	Don Weiner
Andrea Fitzgerald	Bob O'Hare	Mary Sweetman Zunino
Jesus Galindo	Mary Edwards O'Keefe	Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut
	Glenn O'Neil	

### "A TIME FOR PEACE..."

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, USMC

MGen Eric M. Smith USMC

CPT. 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, Christopher O'Leary, USA

PVT, DJ. Jamieson, USA