

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 26, 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

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR NEWS

The Holiday Bazaar Committee thanks all of our parishioners and townsfolk who came out in support of our Parish Bazaar. What a great success! Thank-you to all who donated their Time, Talent and Treasure to make this beautiful day a great success.

THANK YOU

I'd like to express appreciation to all who prepared and worked at the Holiday Bazaar held last Saturday. People from our own and surrounding towns commented on the beauty of the parish center, the quality of the handmade gifts and food, the variety of inexpensive games and used articles. What I noticed was the upbeat, positive Christmas spirit of all who worked the tables, sold tickets and set up and broke down the tables. I believe our bazaar has a reputation of being one of the best ones in our area. Although the bazaar occurs on one day, for many, all that goes into it is a year-long work in progress. I would like to thank Beccy Mugherini and her staff of volunteers for another successful Christmas Bazaar.

I'd also like to thank all those who last week packed the gifts that are being sent or given to our troops overseas and the patients at the Brockton Veteran's Administration Hospital in Brockton. 55 Christmas gift boxes and 72 Christmas stockings will be distributed to 362 troops serving overseas. In addition, 112 small Christmas bags will be distributed to the patients at the VA. I would like to thank Sally Stewart for coordinating this event every year and for all those who donated items and helped sort and pack these gifts. As a veteran, I personally know how much it means to be remembered at Christmas.

Although I've thanked two groups in particular, I'd like to thank all in our parish who give so generously of their time, talents and treasure now and throughout the year.

Fr. Bill

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.

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 2018. 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

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**

Collection bins are available at the entrances of the church and chapel until **Sunday, November 26th**.

Thank you!

Peg Newman, Chaplain

GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

If you did not receive a letter, you can find letters, and pledge cards at the entrances of the church. Thank you.

A TIME AND TALENT UPDATE

A goal of our parish this year was to get more people involved. We have almost forty ministries that serve our parish, and it takes the help of many people to keep them thriving and successful. At this year's Volunteer Sign-up Weekend, we saw a fantastic outpouring of support from our parishioners who want to become more involved in our parish ministries and give of their time and talent.

This year we have over 400 volunteers that have signed up for our various ministries...an amazing number of people! We cannot thank everyone enough for their support of the parish. Even more exciting is the fact that 128 of those volunteers who have signed up to volunteer have done so for the first time! This means that as our parish is not only growing, but our new families and new members of our parish want to get involved too. This is truly an exciting time to be a part of St. Thomas Aquinas!

Now that everyone is signing up, we want to make sure that everyone is getting involved. If you have signed up as a volunteer, you should have been contacted by the head of the ministry you have volunteered for. If you have

signed up to volunteer and have not yet been contacted, please contact the parish office so we can put you in touch with the proper people to get you involved! Thank you all for your help and God bless!

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Don't wait til the last minute for community service hours!! Help on Sundays at the 10am Children's Liturgy and you can earn hours of community service for school and Confirmation students can earn projects for Confirmation class. For more information contact Kathy Fava at kfava77@comcast.net

To sign up, please use the following web address.

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848acab2ea1fc1-childrens2

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Boston, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us in a final celebration of the Centennial Year in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The celebration will take place at **St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 549 Washington Street, Norwood, MA** on **Sunday, November 26th**. It will begin at 2:30 pm with the Rosary, followed by a 3:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving for the many graces granted to us through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. The celebrant will be Reverend Edward Riley, Spiritual Director of the Boston World Apostolate of Fatima. A collation will follow in the school gym. All are welcome.

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 **508-697-9528**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent begins the weekend of **December 2nd & 3rd**. 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

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.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 488

Cordially invites you to a

A Very Special Christmas Party

St. Thomas Aquinas parish center

Saturday, December 2nd

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 28th** 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
or call (508) 697-1527

WITNESS TO LIFE PILGRIMAGE January 18th - 20th

The Archdiocese of Boston Witness to Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. begins with a Witness to Life Rally on Thursday, Jan. 18, 7pm at St. Stephen parish in Framingham. The Rally is open to all—even if you're not going on to the March for Life in D.C. Pilgrims will board the bus after the Rally and travel overnight to D.C. The \$180.00 pp/(quad occupancy) package includes transportation, hotel, meals, tours, and WTL apparel. Join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, and hundreds of others from RCAB Catholic schools and parishes as we march with thousands in our nation's capital to stand up for life. For those in need of financial aid, applications are open through Nov. 22. For more information, visit bostoncatholic.org/witnesstolife; or contact witnesstolife@rcab.org

FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION January 2nd

Upcoming Workshops – Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or two-evening session to provide every Catholic with a common language and tools for the work of New Evangelization. Our next workshop date is Jan. 27 at St. Malachy parish in Burlington. You can register for this or other upcoming workshops at disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples

TRANSFORMED IN LOVE Saturday, December 2nd

Marriage Prep Parish team training is offered on Dec. 2 at the Pastoral Center in Braintree from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Register at bostoncatholic.org/familylife. For more information call **Liz Cotrupi, Director of Family Life at 617-746-5801.**

WHEN THE END COMES

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalms 23:1-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see Daniel 7:13-14). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today.

These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see Matthew 22:36-40).

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love (see James 2:20; Galatians 5:6). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see 1 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 5:1).

He healed our sickness (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see Romans 8:2, 21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see Ephesians 2:12, 19). He clothed us in baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3-4), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood.

At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see Hebrews 4:1, 9-11).

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology www.SalvationHistory.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's special collection to support the 2,000 retired sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston. These beloved women served us in the parishes, schools, hospitals and social services of the Archdiocese for more than 54,000 years collectively. If you were unable to give last week, know that your contribution will make a big difference. Please drop your envelope in today's basket or send your contribution to **Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184.** May God bless you for your ongoing prayers for and generous support of our retired sisters.

CUB SCOUT WREATHS

The Bridgewater Cub Scout will be selling Christmas Wreaths outside St. Thomas and St. Basils after all masses this weekend of **December 2nd & 3rd**. Please stop by and support our local boys with this fundraiser.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

The Bridgewater Junior Girl Scout's will be selling cookies after all masses at both St Thomas and St Basil this weekend of **December 10th & 11th**. Please stop by and support our local girls with this fundraiser.



YOUTH GROUP

LaSalette Shrine - Tour of Christmas Lights Friday, December 8

Come join the Youth Group (grades 6 – 12) on Friday night December 8, 2017, for a Tour of the Christmas Lights at the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, Ma.

We will be meeting in the St. Thomas parking lot at 6 pm, departing shortly thereafter. Hot coca and cookies will be provided. We will return by 9:30 pm.

Transportation will be provided. Advanced sign-ups are required so we can be sure we have enough vehicles.

Sign-ups for youth and adult volunteers can be found on the youth group page on the St. Thomas Aquinas website. <https://stthomasaquinas.com/81>

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.

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

BEST
Advent
EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly & Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

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THE 2ND COLLECTION

Next week • CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - December 2nd & 3rd

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	11/13 - 11/20	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
In-Pew Giving				
• Weekly Collection		\$4,684	\$984	\$5,668
Online Giving				
• WeShare		\$2,164	\$560	\$2,724
Grand Total		\$6,848	\$1,544	\$8,392
Special Collection				
• Retired Sisters		\$3,866	\$511	\$4,377

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. Catherine Poulin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 a.m. Victor Smith Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:45 a.m. Jose Coelho

10:00 a.m. Ashley Donahue

10:00 a.m. St Basil Margaret Perkins & Marjorie Mendez

12:00 p.m. Manuel & Franklin Branquinho

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

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. - 3:45 p.m. in the lower church, or by appointment (please call the parish office).

BAPTISM

Ordinarily celebrated on the 2nd and 4th 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	Dr. Francis Gendreau	Ann Paulino
Barbara Ahl	Jessica Kamaniski	Carolyn Perry
Olga Cassiani Alberghini	Carol Kelley	Dorothy Pope
Ruthaleis Amaro	Tim Johnson	Josephine Trocchi Picone
Edward Albert	Daniel John	Elaine Phaneuf
Christopher Barbosa	Ava King	Paul Phaneuf
Jeffrey Bean	Jessica King	Maria Presti
Don Bergstrom	Debbie Kulick	Andrea Proffetty
Loretta Beaulieu	Fred Laham	Rich Quigley
Jim & Jean Brennan	James LaFranchise	Camden Rivers
Michael Botelho	Kevin Looney	Ginny Rothwell
Kim Sweetman Carnello	Bob Mackey	Matthew Ryan
Sandra Cable	Aiden Mitchell	Dan Sante
Teresa Capachione	Beverly Mitchell	Linda Scopa
Jacquie Cordaro	Mary McClay	Paul Segreve
Matthew Costantino	Taylor McLean	Sarah Silvia
Michael Costantino	Kaleena McHardy	Deana Spingel
John Conley	Marjorie Mello	Al Sullivan
Joanna Crabtree	Charles Monestere	Linda Sullivan
Thomas Croall	Walter Morin	Kim Sullivan
Michael Crowley	Jerry Muller	Donna Sullivan
Jannine Dawicki	Anna Nakouzi	Betty Tarentino
Mary DeLeon	Lloyd Nelson	Jennifer Tosches
Marty Dickerman	Antonio Nunes	Patrice Tuffo
Susan Dickow	Tom O'Donnell	James Toy Jr.
Peter J. Farrell	Bob O'Hare	Anna Vrana
Lee Fuller	Mary Edwards O'Keefe	Don Weiner
Andrea Fitzgerald	Glenn O'Neil	Mary Sweetman Zunino
Jesus Galindo	Kevin O'Neill	Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut
Beverly Giuffre		

"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, D.J. Jamieson, USA