

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

OCTOBER 16, 2016

There will be **NO Morning Masses** Thursday October 20



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.

PARISH INFORMATION

St Thomas Aquinas

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Rev. Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar

Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan

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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.

If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to one of our priests and ask how you can become a registered parishioner

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.

Our Mission

GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Bill asking for a contribution to our Annual Appeal to assist with ongoing operating expenses. The collection provides funds for small capital and maintenance projects. If you did not get a letter, please pick one up on your way out of church. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

COFFEE AND DONUTS AT ST. THOMAS

We have begun serving coffee/juice and donuts every Sunday in the lower church hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. For the past two weeks 50-60 people took advantage of this time not only to get something to eat but to meet friends and other parishioners. It's not only about coffee and donuts but renewing friendships, encouraging others and building and strengthening our Christian community. See you downstairs.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Will Longo explained his Eagle Scout Project to get 3 AED's for our parish facilities at all the masses at St. Thomas last weekend. He will speak at St. Basil's this weekend. Despite the rain and wind, many parishioners supported his effort and contributed \$1,700!!! Will and the scouts will be selling baked goods this weekend after all the Masses.

Here is some information about AEDs and why it is important that we have them installed in our parish:

- **What is an AED?** The automated external defibrillator (AED) is a computerized medical device. An AED can check a person's heart rhythm. It can recognize a rhythm that requires a shock. And it can advise a rescuer when a shock is needed. An AED uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell a rescuer the steps to take. AEDs are very accurate and easy to use. With a few hours of training, anyone can learn to operate an AED safely.
- **How many lives are saved annually?** Heart experts have evidence that at least 522 lives can be saved annually in the United States and Canada by the widespread placement of automated external defibrillators. (Johns Hopkins Medical Institute)
Thank you for your support,

Will Longo - wlongo722@gmail.com

MASS COUNT

Throughout October ushers will be taking a count of Mass attendance at all the Masses. They will be counting parishioners as they walk down the aisle after the collection.

COLD SEASON

The cold and flu season could be here shortly. We ask those who have a cold or think they may be getting a cold to please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice. Although we take every precaution to minimize germs by wiping and turning the chalice before the next person receives the Precious Blood, the best precaution is for those with a cold not to receive the Precious Blood. The Church reminds us and is very clear that in receiving the consecrated host, the Body of the Lord, we receive both the Body and Blood of Christ.

5:00 PM WEEKDAY MASS at St. Basil Chapel - this coming Wednesday, October 19

VIRTUS REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are required to attend **VIRTUS** (*Protecting God's Children*) Training that have not attended training in the past, **OR** have no certificate of completion. This three hours training is critical and mandatory for every volunteer and has received rave reviews from those who have attended.

VIRTUS TRAINING DATES *please call Rob at the parish office to sign up for one of the two training sessions*

- **Thursday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, November 6, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

EXPERIENCE SPELLMAN - Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 PM

Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton will be sponsoring their Open House on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30. This is open to any parents or student who may be considering attending Cardinal Spellman High School. Please refer to www.spellman.com for more details.

ATTENTION 11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS - Sunday, October 30th

For many years our parish hasn't offered any religious education for students who have made their confirmation and are in the 11th/12th grade. Last Spring some Confirmation students expressed interest in having a class which would be voluntary and be with other students who would like to learn more about their faith, the church, ask questions and discuss contemporary issues in a class where everybody wants to be there and is interested in a better understanding of their faith and how to live faith in today's secular society.

Fr. Bill will be leading a class for 11th and 12th grade students one Sunday night at month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the parish center. The first class will be held Sunday, October 30th. Any student who would like to register for this class should call the Rel. Ed Office at 508-697-3652.

RCIA - THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION - Classes begin Sunday, October 16

Classes will meet at the St. Basil Chapel – Catholic Center from 3:45PM to 4:45 PM every other week until Holy Week. For further details, please contact *Fr. Tom Olson at tmajorsolson@gmail.com or (774) 364-0567.*

YOUTH GROUP - for students grades 6-12

• **MISSION:** "To bring our youth to the joy of the Church through Catholic centered events, community outreach, and social gatherings"

• **THANK YOU** to all students who participated in our kick-off mass. We enjoyed a fun evening of faith, food and friendship as we recapped our first year and made exciting plans for the coming year.

• **FRIGHT FEST AT SIX FLAGS - High school Students Grades 9-12 Saturday, October 22**

Details, sign up and permission slip now available on the Youth Group page of the parish website, under Ministries.

• **LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT - Tuesday Oct. 25. 7-9pm @ St. John's Church, East Bridgewater.**

This night is a great night of praise and worship for the whole family. It will include music, a speaker (Dave VanVickle), Eucharistic adoration, and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Transportation will not be provided for this event. It is open to all who wish to attend. For more information about Lift Ministries, visit liftedhigher.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sunday Mass, each week at 10:00 am

At St. Thomas Aquinas Church 10 am Mass children, aged 3 through first grade, are invited to the Children's Liturgy in the lower church for a lesson about the Gospel of the day.

• **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY high school & Confirmation Students**

Please email *Kathy Fava at kfava77@comcast.net* for more information about the Children's Liturgy or the community service opportunity.

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Within the next few weeks you should receive notification when the particular ministry you signed up for will be having their initial meeting.

HEADS OF ALL MINISTRIES

The lists of this year's volunteers are available at the parish office. Each ministry head is asked to pick up their list and contact this week all those who have volunteered and let them know the day/time you will meet with them.

PRISON MINISTRY

A number of people expressed interest in volunteering at the prison. *Peg Newman, Catholic Chaplain at BSH*, will be meeting with those who've volunteered in the upcoming weeks to explain the volunteer program and answer questions.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS TRAINING

The Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Recertification and Training schedule is below. Past and new lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend one of these two trainings. You can attend training at either St. Thomas or St. Basil Chapel.

LECTORS

NEW Volunteers

Sun., November 13 at St Basil Chapel 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

RETURNING Volunteers

Sun., Nov.13 at St Basil Chapel 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC Ministers

NEW Volunteers

Mon., Oct. 17 at St Thomas Church 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 23 at St Basil Chapel 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

RETURNING Volunteers

Mon., Oct. 17 at St Thomas Church 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 23 at St Basil Chapel 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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. With your help and support, we can be assured of another successful Bazaar. **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, water, coffee, tea, cocoa, 2 large cans of tomato sauce-meatballs, sub rolls, small bags of chips (2cases), cups, plates, napkins, 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 be handed out after all masses the last two weekends of October. 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. For more information please call *Joe Souto 508-697-6797*

TROOPS & VETERAN'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE 2016

We are beginning the collection for Christmas boxes for the troops in conflict areas and for the BrocktonVA immediately. Bins are available at St. Basil's year around, and bins will be at St. Thomas for the **first two weeks of November**.

In addition to the collection of items, we again will be sending hand-knitted and/or crocheted Christmas stockings. There are patterns available at the Rectory and at St. Basil's and we ask that each stocking contain the colors red, white and blue – in whatever pattern you want. I would be happy to email a pattern, if that would be more convenient for you. My email address is: sallynator67@yahoo.com.

Copies of the list of requested items for our troops and for the Brockton VA are available at all entrances at St. Thomas & the Chapel. Thank you for your continued support.

Sally

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is looking for a **Part Time Maintenance worker**. **This is a 15-20 hour per week position** with a flexible schedule. Responsibilities include assisting with the regular maintenance of all Parish buildings and grounds, helping with the set-up and take-down of all events in the Parish Center and other areas, and landscaping. If you are interested, please inquire at the Rectory office.

MEN'S CURSILLO - An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith

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.

- **Men's Weekend December 1 - 4, 2016**

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 or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at spiritual_development@rcab.org.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD

Take to heart the words of Saint Jerome: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." St. Paul reminds us, "All Scripture is inspired by God" Spend time with Sacred Scripture – the Bible. If you can't get to daily Mass, the readings are available online (www.usccb.org) Make Scripture part of your daily prayer. Jesus says that prayer is a necessity. "Pray always without becoming weary". Not just reading Scripture, but praying with Scripture, is an important step in proclaiming the word..."whether it is convenient or inconvenient;" and it is never wearying!

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS & STAMPERS NEEDED!!! - please call 508-697-3652

- **TEACHERS** - Grades 5 & 6 - Tuesdays @ 3:45 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- **STAMPERS** - help by stamping Mass attendance cards after Mass

OWN A PIECE OF PARISH HISTORY

With all of our recent renovations, we have moved many things around to make the Parish a more welcoming and functional place to worship and work together. Part of these renovations includes the Lower Church Common Area. This area is already being used by many groups and ministries and we are continuing to make improvements to offer even more. As a part of these renovations, we have removed pews from the back of the Lower Church, and want to make them available to our Parishioners. If you would like to own one of these pieces of Church history, please contact Rob at the Rectory office. We are asking anyone interested in them to make a donation.

THE 2ND COLLECTION

- **This week** - October 16 - No 2nd Collection
- **Next week** - October 16 - Mission Sunday

CATHOLIC WORLD MISSIONS

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Summary of Collections for: 10/4-10/10	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$4,985	\$1,313	\$6,298
2nd Collection (No 2nd Collection this week)	-	-	-
Total	\$4,985	\$1,313	\$6,298
Online Giving			
WeShare	\$2,566	\$670	\$3,236
Parish Pay	\$635	-	\$635
Total	\$3,201	\$670	\$3,871
Grand Total	\$8,186	\$1,983	\$10,169

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Croall

Sunday, October 16

7:45 a.m. Ernie & Bea Carroll, Ed & Frankie Carroll,
& Leona Carroll

10:00 a.m. Joseph F. Puliafico

12:00 p.m. Joe Chaves

St Basil - 10:00 a.m. Susan & Preston Balboni &
Sister Anna Illingworth, RSM

Saturday, October 22

4:00 p.m. C.J. Wilson

Sunday, October 23

7:45 a.m. Manuel Botelho, Francisco Luis,
& Maria de Lurdes Botelho

10:00 a.m. Mass for the People

St Basil - 10:00 a.m. Tom Gavigan

SACRAMENTS

• CONFESSION

Every Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45p.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.

• 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.

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.
at the St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

Can we pray for you?

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..."

Nolan Richard Kelly, Derek Robert Boyden,
Declan Michael Buchanan, Nevaeh Skye Elder
Gregorio Artur Grassa, Christian John Moore,
Scarlett Clare Wood, Amelia Jean Medas,
Jaxon John Daly, Enzo Antonio Nunes

"A time to die..."

Paul F. Kilbridge, Krista R. Connolly,
Jeremiah Collins, Lee M. Deane, Christine A. Cabral,
Eugene W. Bradley, Joseph F. Puliafico

"A time to heal..."

Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini, Edward Albert, Jean Andrade,
Christopher Barbosa, Jeffrey Bean, Baby Valerie Belcher,
Olivia Bonfiglio, Jim & Jean Brennan, Caitlin Burnett,
Kim (Sweetman) Carnello, Sandra Cable, Christine Cabral,
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, Bob Emord,
Andrea Fitzgerald, Lee Fuller, Jesus Galindo,
Florence Galligan, Beverly Guiffre, Tim Johnson,
Daniel John, Dorothy Keane, Ava King, Jessica Kamaniski,
Jessica King, Debbie Kulick, Fred Laham, James LaFranchise,
Nicole Lee, Kevin Looney, Bob Mackey, Beverly Mitchell,
Mary McClay, Taylor McLean, Kaleena McHardy,
Marjorie Mello, Baby Chase Miceli, Lauren Minchella,
Charles Monestere, Alice Moniz, Arlene Morin,
Anna Nakouzi, Lloyd Nelson, Antonio & Lucilia Nunes,
Tom O'Donnell, Paul D'Olimpia, Glenn O'Neil, Ann Paulino,
Carolyn Perry, Elaine Phaneuf, Josephine Trocchi Picone,
Richard Piantoni, Dorothy Pope, Maria Presti,
Andrea Proffetty, Rich Quigley, Camden Rivers,
Martha Rooney, 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, Anna Vrana
Peggy Yanuskiewicz, Don Weiner,
Mary (Sweetman) Zunino, Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut

"A time for peace..."

General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
Captain Vincent Chiappini, USA
1st LT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
2nd LT. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC
Captain John Costantino, USA
CPL Brandon Jamieson, USA
PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA
CPL Kelly O'Leary, USA
PFC Peter O'Leary, USA
PVT D.J. Jamieson, USA