

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

OCTOBER 2, 2016



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St Thomas Aquinas

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MASS SCHEDULE

St Thomas Aquinas Church

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday | 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.
Sunday | 7:45, 10:00, a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St Basil Chapel

Sunday | 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Grand Annual Report 2016

Every registered parishioner should have received a copy of the Annual Report. I've received a number of positive comments about the content and the presentation. If you did not receive a copy and would like one you should call the parish office.

Grand Annual Appeal

Every year many parishioners have been very generous in contributing to the Grand Annual Appeal. As you probably noticed in the Annual Report the funds from the Grand Annual Appeal are critical in order to balance our budget, sustain operating costs, undertake capital improvement projects and continue to expand our ministries and outreach. The Appeal, in addition to the weekly collection, is the primary means of support for our parish.

Fr. Tom and I will be speaking briefly at each of the weekend masses asking for your support of the Appeal. Additionally every registered parishioner will receive a letter from me this week asking you once again to support the Appeal. Last year's Grand Annual Appeal generated \$100,000 and because of this we are making significant improvements to our facilities, church and chapel as well as funding new ministries. The Annual Report listed many of the projects and ministries that we would like to support if we have the funds.

I am very grateful to those who contribute every year. I cannot thank you enough!!!!

I am hoping...and praying that those who have not contributed in the past will want to support the work and ministries of our parish. I'd ask you to prayerfully consider contributing to this Appeal.



Thank you Volunteers!

I want to express my gratitude for all who were and are willing to share their time and talents by volunteering for one of the many ministries over the past two weekends. In addition to the returning volunteers we had a number of people who volunteered for the first time. Our parish could not begin to accomplish all that we do without the support of so many volunteers. If you did not get the chance to sign up for any ministry you can call the parish office and ask to have your name included for any ministry.

When you signed up you should have received a card letting you know when and where volunteers for that ministry will be meeting. If not, you should be contacted by a member of that ministry within the next few weeks.

Reminded that all volunteers are required to complete a CORI form and attend a Virtus Training (dates/times listed in this week's bulletin) if you have not attended a training or do not have certification.

Fr. Bill

Coffee & Donuts

I'm very grateful that some parishioners have stepped up and offered to prepare and serve coffee and donuts in the lower church hall after the 10 a.m. Mass each week. I hope that everyone attending Mass will take this opportunity and time to come down briefly to meet other parishioners and enjoy coffee/juice or donuts.....before you head out to your vehicle. We hope to begin within the next few weeks.

If successful, we will expand and offer coffee and donuts after the 7:45 Mass as well.

We are still in need of more volunteers so that the responsibility can be shared and volunteers will only be asked every 4-5 weeks. If you're interested please contact the parish office.

Fr. Bill

Mass Attendance Cards

Beginning this weekend students who are preparing for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion as well as Confirmation are expected to attend Mass weekly. Participating at Mass is part of their religious education and practice of our faith. Each student has been given a card that will be stamped by volunteers after each of the weekend Masses. The stamping will take place inside the entrances of the church and chapel.

NOTE: STUDENTS We ask you and your parents NOT to leave Mass early (before the priest) in order to get in line to have your card stamped. Cards will not be stamped until after the priest has left the church. ■

FAITH FORMATION - There are no CCD classes on October 9th & 10th

Grades 1-8

- **SAVE THE DATE - October 11th – 2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.** in the parish center gym.

If you received a call, bring your child's Baptismal Certificate that night.

- **Volunteer Teachers Needed** - We are in need of teachers for Grades 5 & 6 on Tuesdays at 3:45 and Grade 6 at 5:00. The theme for Grade 5 is the Apostles' Creed and the theme for Grade 6 is following Christ. If you love God and if you love children then you are qualified to teach.

- **Volunteer Stampers Needed** - we need volunteers after each weekend Mass to STAMP attendance cards for students. If you would like to help by stamping cards, please call 508-697-3652.

• **Mass Attendance Cards - Starting today, our 2nd and 10th Graders will start having their Mass Attendance Cards stamped.** Since we started this, we have seen various reactions. The younger students tend to enjoy getting the card stamped. The reaction from older students is varied. Some are indifferent, while others feel they are being treated as babies. In both groups, there are those who feel that they go to Mass every week and shouldn't have to get their card stamped. What we say to these students and their families is that by participating they are setting an example and are helping their fellow students. While the ideal is that we wouldn't have to use this incentive, the reality is that some families need this extra reminder. The Mass has so much grace, beauty, and strength to offer. The Mass isn't just one hour of your life. It's your life in one hour! It's an hour that can change your life.

Confirmation 1 & 2

- **Confirmation 1** meets **Sunday, October 16th**

• **Confirmation 2** meets tonight - **October 2nd** - and their chapter teaches that Confirmation is not optional. It is the Sacrament that is needed to perfect or complete the Sacrament of Baptism. This perfection empowers those who receive it to become followers of Christ who build up the Kingdom of God here on earth. Students in both 1 & 2 are reminded to complete their Challenge of the Week. Please pray for them as they try to remember to do this!

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation - Classes begin Sunday, October 5

Is the Lord calling you to something more? Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

If your answer to these questions is "yes," then the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is for you!

By means of completing RCIA and receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, thousands upon thousands of men and women in the United States and around the world each year are brought by the Holy Spirit into full communion with the Catholic Church. This year, might Jesus also be calling you to become Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to be Catholic? The program is also for people who may have been baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

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.*

Children's Liturgy - Sunday Mass, each week at 10:00 am

At St. Thomas Aquinas Church 10 am Mass children, aged 3 (potty trained) through first grade, are invited to the Children's Liturgy in the lower church. There they will have a lesson about the Gospel of the day and do an activity or craft to help them understand and remember the message. If you wish to send your child simply have them follow along as the children are led from the upper church at the beginning of Mass. They will remain in the lower church until after the Homily and be returned to the upper church in time for the Eucharist. If you wish to join your child in the lower church you are most welcome. The Children's Liturgy follows the CCD.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Opportunity for high school & Confirmation Students:

You may volunteer to help with the children at the 10 am Children's Liturgy. Each Mass is one hour of community service and every 3 Masses is one service project for Confirmation.

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

Boy Scout Request

My name is *Will Longo* and I am a Life Scout in Troop #88 in Bridgewater. I am currently working on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I have chosen as my project to purchase and Install Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) in both St. Thomas Aquinas Church and St. Basil's Chapel. In addition I will be conducting training for 10-15 members of our congregation on how to operate these devices. AEDs can save lives, and although I hope they are never used, I do believe these devices are important to have. I am writing today to ask for your assistance. These devices are very expensive, so I will need to raise funds in order to reach my goal of purchasing these for the parish. On October 8-9 and October 15-16 I will be having a bake sale after masses (while supplies last) at the church and chapel. There are two ways that you can help: 1) contribute a baked item to sell; or 2) by simply purchasing an item.

Thank you in advance,

Will Longo - wlongo722@gmail.com

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*

Christmas Drive For Troops & Brockton Veteran's Medical Center 2016

Sally Stewart will once again be coordinating the Christmas Drive for our troops and veterans. We will be beginning the collection for Christmas boxes for the troops in conflict areas and for the BrocktonVA soon.

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 at *sallynator67@yahoo.com*.

Copies of the list of requested items for our troops and for the Brockton VA will be available at the church and chapel.

Thank you for your continued support.

Prison Ministry

In addition to the ministries listed in this bulletin, we've added *Prison Ministry*. Those who volunteer for this ministry will be visiting and working with inmates and residents of the Bridgewater State Hospital (BSH). This institution has received a lot of attention over the past few years and is now undergoing some personnel changes. The Bridgewater Correction Complex is in our backyard but most people have never seen it. BSH is one of four institutions in this complex. *Peg Newman*, BSH Catholic Chaplain, is asking for volunteers who she would train and supervise. A date will be set up for those who are interested or volunteer when Peg will meet with you in the parish center to explain the need and the process.

Fr. Tom and I regularly visit the different institutions within the complex to counsel inmates, celebrate Mass, hear confessions and support the Catholic chaplain's Programs

5:00 p.m. Weekday Mass at St. Basil Chapel - this coming Wednesday, October 5

New Altar Servers - Last scheduled training session: Today, October 2, at 1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish invites boys, girls, and adolescents who have (1) been baptized and (2) received their First Communion to consider serving our parish as Altar Servers. This is a formative and worthwhile opportunity for young people to serve the Church and grow closer to Jesus.

Annual Tootsie Roll Fun Drive - Knights of Columbus - Saturday & Sunday, October 1st & 2nd

This charitable fund assists those under the age of 21 with special needs. Through this program, the Knights have been able to provide assistance to individuals with special needs in the three Bridgewater. The Knights are grateful for your generous support.

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner - Volunteer Meeting - Wednesday, October, 5 at 7:00 p.m.

A meeting will be held October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish Center for all those who wish to volunteer.

La Salette's Blue Mass - September 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the LaSalette Shrine Church**VIRTUS Training Dates**

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

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**LECTOR Ministers*****NEW* Volunteers**

Thurs., October 13 at St Thomas Aquinas Church
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

***RETURNING* Volunteers**

Thurs., October 13 at St Thomas Aquinas Church
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

EUCCHARISTIC Ministers***NEW* Volunteers**

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

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

***RETURNING* Volunteers**

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

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

Our 2nd Collection**• This week - October 2 - Capital Improvement**

At the beginning of every month, our second collection supports our capital improvements. We have tried to explain the improvements we've made and continuing to make to our existing.....and old buildings. The Annual Report mentioned how much we've spent on capital improvements this past year. Like any older buildings ours require constant repairs. We are presently repointing the front of the church, repairing and painting an office room and dining room in the rectory, creating a meeting room in the lower church and in the process of installing a stove and ventilation in the chapel. Every penny of this collections goes to capital improvements. Our improvements are limited to what we receive in this collection. Thank you again for your generosity.

• Next week - October 9 - No 2nd Collection**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Summary of Collections September 6 -12	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$4,397	\$788	\$5,185
2nd Collection (Clergy Benefit Trust)	\$2,009	\$221	\$2,230
Total	\$6,406	\$1,009	\$7,415
Online Giving			
WeShare	\$1,372	\$350	\$1,722
Parish Pay	\$200	-	\$200
Total	\$1,572	\$350	\$1,922
Grand Total	\$7,978	\$1,359	\$9,337

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1

4:00 p.m. John Hunter McCampbell

Sunday, October 2

7:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs Yanuskiewicz

10:00 a.m. Paul F. Kilbridge

12:00 p.m. Mass For the People

St Basil - 10:00 a.m. Theresa Nordberg

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Paul F. Kilbridge

Saturday, October 8

4:00 p.m. John F. Croall, Jr.

Sunday, October 9

7:45 a.m. Margarida Sousa, Evangelina & Jose
Sousa, and all the souls in purgatory

10:00 a.m. Mass For the People

12:00 p.m. Joao & Mariado Carmo Branquinho

St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Club

Pot Luck Covered Dish Supper

Thursday, October, 6, 6:30 p.m. in the parish center

The entertainment will be our own parishioner *Jack Phaneuf and his sister Barbara*. Come for the food, come for the music, and come for the fellowship.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Donations may be dropped off INSIDE the St Thomas parish center front entrance Monday - Friday between 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Please do not leave items outside

Baptism Preparation Class

Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.
at the St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord

Adoration Saturdays 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Wednesdays 7 pm - 8 pm

St Thomas Aquinas - Lower Church

Photos wanted for our bulletin & website

Most of the photos we receive are large group shots where everyone poses as still as a statue. As there isn't anything wrong with this type of image, we are in need of photos that capture our parishioners, ministries and events IN-THE-MOMENT. Help us to showcase our parish life. Photos must be digital jpeg files, medium to hi-resolution, in-focus, with good lighting.

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, 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