

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

OCTOBER 23, 2016



Women's Club 2016 Fall Rummage Sale

## 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*

*October 27, 5:00 p.m.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor

Rev. Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar

Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan

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## Recognition

For many years Karen Geraghty was our parish's Religious Education Co-ordinator for grades 1-8 and assisted with the High School Confirmation Program. In August Karen accepted a full time teaching position in Carver. Karen's passion for her faith and love for the children was evident to every parent and person who met her. Her understanding, compassion and commitment to the children and parents in the program benefited thousands of students.



Because Karen's new position required her to leave before our religious education program began this past month, we didn't have the time to acknowledge her work or thank her formally. However next Sunday, October 30th we and those who would like to thank her will be given the opportunity at the end of the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church as well as during the coffee/donuts downstairs following the Mass.

## Rummage Sale Update

This year's sale was a huge success raising over \$4,400. Over the years, proceeds have gone toward scholarships as well as parish projects. Thank you to all who helped, donated, and shopped. We would especially like to thank members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and confirmation students who assisted in setting up and breaking down the gym. Congratulations on forty years of commitment and devotion to our parish!

Every Thursday morning, dedicated women of our parish meet to sort and organize donations for the fall and spring rummage sales. They could use additional help. If you are willing please contact the parish office.

## All Soul's Remembrance

Most cultures and religions have designated times and ceremonies to remember the dead. In our Catholic Christian tradition we pray for our deceased family and friends throughout the year. We continually pray for them because we never presume that someone is in Heaven regardless of how faith filled their life may have been. We pray that the Lord will grant them eternal life in His presence. Our prayers for them demonstrates that the bond of love we have for them remains long after their death. The Church sets aside November 2, All Souls Day, to remember and pray for all those who have died. We will also pray for them throughout the month of November.

If you would like us to remember anyone in particular we encourage you to take an envelope found at the entrances of the church/chapel. Please write the deceased's names and return it in the collection next week. Offerings are greatly appreciated but not required.

## Albert Family - Haiti needs clean water

For a number of years Anna and Paul Albert were involved in our parish's Rel. Ed. and youth programs. Shortly after their marriage four years ago they volunteered to do missionary work in Haiti. In the wake of Hurricane Matthew the village that is supported by the Albert Mission is currently without fresh drinking water. It will take four months to build a well in order to supply water to the villagers. Until then, they are in need of 3,200 gallons of water a month. In order to receive water monthly it will need to be delivered by truck at a cost of \$1,400. This expense depends entirely on donations.

In recognition to their work in our parish and with the poor in Haiti, our parish has donated \$1,400 for one month's supply of water. If you wish personally to contribute to this request you may visit [donate.lifeteen.com/albertfamily](http://donate.lifeteen.com/albertfamily) or make a check payable to "Life Teen Missions" with "Paul and Anna" in the memo line and mail it to: Abby Hoffman #9 The Pines Ct. Ste. C St. Louis MO 63141.

**October Mass Count** - *Ushers will be taking a count of parishioner attendance at all the Masses.*

**Coffee and Donuts** - *Every Sunday at St Thomas Aquinas lower church hall after the 10 a.m. Mass.*

## 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.

### Attention 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students - Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 - next class: Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Classes began Sunday, October 16 and will continue every other week at the St. Basil Chapel – Catholic Center from 3:45PM to 4:45 PM. For further details, please contact *Fr. Tom Olson at tmajorsolson@gmail.com or (774) 364-0567.*

### YOUTH GROUP - for students grades 6-12

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

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

### Multi-media worship experience - Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lift Ministries is coming to St. John the Evangelist in East Bridgewater. Lift uses modern elements such as professional lighting and sound, video screens displaying worship imagery and song lyrics, creative environments and the latest in contemporary praise and worship music performed by a live band to enhance the worship experience. This event is FREE and open to all ages. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the area at St. John the Evangelist Church in East Bridgewater this Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. In addition to praise and worship music, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration will be offered.

### 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, 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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*



# Volunteers

## Off To A Great Start

We want to take a minute to say thank you to everyone who has completed their 2016/17 CORI and Ministerial Behavior forms. So far we have collected over 260 completed CORI forms and are well on our way to a huge improvement in compliance with the Archdiocese. The importance of these background checks and the information they provide in helping us to protect God's children cannot be overstated. If you have not yet completed your 2016/17 CORI form, please stop by the Rectory Office during business hours and we can help you with any forms that need to be completed.

## 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.

## 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.

**OUR NEXT VIRTUS TRAINING DATE: Sunday, November 6, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Please call Rob at the parish office to sign up for one of the two training sessions

## Volunteer teachers Needed for Religious Ed. - please call 508-697-3652

Grades 5 & 6 - Tuesdays @ 3:45 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## 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.

## Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteer Meeting

*Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. in the parish center*

## Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

The first of the Eucharistic Minister Trainings was held this past Monday. There was a large turnout with 10 new volunteers! Please note the following dates for Lector and Eucharistic Minister Trainings. All volunteers (new or old) are asked to attend one of these trainings. You can attend training at either St. Thomas or St. Basil Chapel.

### LECTORS

#### NEW Volunteers

Sun., Nov. 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.

### EUCHARISTIC Ministers

#### NEW Volunteers

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

#### RETURNING Volunteers

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

## 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 - 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).

## 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.

## Grand Annual Appeal - Thank You

I want to personally thank all who have contributed to this year's Grand Annual Appeal which began last month. I hope the Annual Report and Appeal Letters that were recently sent to every registered parishioner helped everyone to better understand where and how your contributions have been used, our financial status and how we want to continue to sustain and grow our parish.

*Fr. Bill*

## Catholic Appeal Update

We should all be proud of how our Parish has answered God's call for Stewardship. We have increased participation in our many ministries and we have increased our financial giving. I want to give you an update on our response to the Catholic Appeal.

I am pleased to say this year 301 parishioners have contributed! This is up about 37% from 2014 when 220 parishioners supported the appeal. We are even up 7% from our 2015 level when 283 parishioners supported it.

We have exceeded our goals in each of the last 3 years. This has resulted in a total of \$22,155 coming back to St Thomas Aquinas Parish. There is still time to contribute. This year's appeal closes 1/31/2017.

## The 2nd Collections

### • *This week - October 23* **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](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

### • *Next week - October 30* **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Each week children ages 3-7 are invited to go downstairs during the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. They are taught the scripture message of the week using arts/crafts. Next Sunday's second collection enables us to purchase both the Program and supplies that are necessary support this very popular Sunday morning program. Thank you for support this ministry.

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Summary of Collections for: 10/11-10/17	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$4,967	\$963	\$5,930
2nd Collection (No 2nd Collection this week)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,967</b>	<b>\$963</b>	<b>\$5,930</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>			
WeShare	\$2,847	\$610	\$3,457
Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,872</b>	<b>\$610</b>	<b>\$3,482</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,839</b>	<b>\$1,573</b>	<b>\$9,412</b>

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, October 24

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

### Tuesday, , October 25

7:00 a.m. Delphine Perry

### Wednesday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Andy Gattiglio

### Saturday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Paul F. Kilbridge

4:00 p.m. Ursula Wilson

### Sunday, October 30

7:45 a.m. Albert Querzoli

10:00 a.m. Henry J. Pistone

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

12:00 p.m. John & Nina Carbone

## 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, Jim & Jean Brennan,  
Caitlin Burnett, 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, 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, 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, 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

### "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