

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Monday Oct. 10 the parish **office's will be closed** due to the holiday, There will be **NO 7:00 a.m. Mass**



PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

Weekly Bulletin Submissions

Due Date

Every Thursday by 2:00 p.m.

(10 ten days before it will appear)

GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Last weekend Fr. Tom and I spoke at the end of each Mass thanking everyone who contributed to last year's Appeal. We mentioned and the Grand Annual Report demonstrated the Appeal contributions are critical if our parish is going to continue to grow and sustain the ministries and maintenance projects we have identified. You may notice in the Sunday bulletin that the offertory collection, while improving, still falls short of operating costs each week.

Everyone should receive a letter asking for your support to our Grand Annual Appeal. If you did not get a letter, please pick one up on your way out of church. I thank everyone who has and will continue to support this Appeal and hope that those who have not contributed in the past will do so this year. Thank you.

Fr Bill

COFFEE/DONUTS --- Great Success

Last Sunday was the first week that we offered coffee/juice and donuts in the lower church hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. We had a large number of individuals and families took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the refreshments while getting to meet other families and parishioners. I hope that even more parishioners will come down after mass in the upcoming weeks. I would like to thank Tom and Linda Howard in particular for their willingness to set up and coordinate the first of these coffee and donuts.

EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER

I am a Boy Scout in Troop #88 in Bridgewater and am currently working on the rank of Eagle Scout. I have chosen as my project to raise money in order to purchase and install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in both St. Thomas Aquinas Church and St. Basil's Chapel. On the weekends of October 8-9 and 15-16 I will be selling baked goods after all of the Masses. In addition I will be conducting training for 10-15 members of our congregation on how to operate these devices at a later date.

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



EXPERIENCE SPELLMAN

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

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

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 - NO CCD classes on October 9th & 10th

GRADES 1-8

- 2nd Grade Parent Meeting - October 11th – 6:30 p.m. parish center gym.

CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

- Confirmation 1 & 2 students are reminded to complete their Challenge of the Week.
- Confirmation 1 students meet *Sunday, October 16th*

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 WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED

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.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

Thurs., Oct. 13 at St Thomas 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., Oct. 13 at St Thomas Church 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov.13 at St Basil Chapel 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC 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 Church & St Basil Chapel.

Thank you for your continued support.

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ST. BASIL'S FOOD PANTRY

For over 20 years, St. Basil's Food Pantry has been providing non-perishable food items to St. Basil's community of students, parishioners and members of the BSU family. Thanks to donations from parishioners, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the New England Food foundation, BSU student food drives and the BSU food pantry in the Rondileau Center, we have been able to keep our shelves fairly full but the need is great and your help is always needed. The food drive at St. Basil's continues to be the first full weekend of the month. Grocery bags will be at the entrances of St. Basil's chapel. Please take a bag and return it the following weekend with any non-perishable items that you can contribute. It will go to good use! Pasta, snacks, cereals and drinks are in demand. Thank you. The recipients are so very grateful!

5:00PM WEEKDAY MASS at St. Basil Chapel - this coming Thursday, October 13

MEN'S AND WOMEN'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.

- **Women's Weekend October 20 - 23, 2016**
- **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.

SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Any Catholic that is being asked to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism and/or Confirmation should know the church's canonical (Canons 872-874) requirements. The sponsor's responsibility is not only to be "a good person" but to be an example to the godchild or confirmand of someone who is living and practicing the Catholic faith. These requirements are not new but for many years the Church never required them to be validated and as a result some sponsors, unknowingly, were not eligible. Today, it is normative for the Church to verify the eligibility of all proposed sponsors.

To be a sponsor, a person must meet the following requirements :

- A Catholic must be baptized, received Holy Communion and been confirmed,
- Be at least 16 years old,
- Lead a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken.....which means that they are attending church and, if married, have been married in in the Catholic church or in another church....with permission.
- Cannot be the parent of the person to be baptized or confirmed.

Non-Catholic Christians are eligible to be a Baptismal Witness but not a sponsor.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been making some necessary upgrades and improvements to St. Basil Chapel and the Catholic Center at Bridgewater State University. We have been blessed to receive an endowment of \$15,000 to complete these improvements. This wonderful gift has allowed us to install a new commercial grade electric range in the kitchen, as well as a complete hood, ductwork and exhaust fan for the new range. We were also able to install a brand new sign outside the Catholic Center that has already been receiving tremendous feedback. We cannot thank everyone enough for their generosity, and we will continue to reinvest in our Parish to keep it a place to grow, share and serve others.

FALL 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.

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.**

THE 2ND COLLECTION

- **This week - October 9 - No 2nd Collection**
- **Next week - October 16 - No 2nd Collection**

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Summary of Collections September 6 -12	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$6,374	\$1,112	\$7,486
2nd Collection (Capital Improvement)	\$2,843	\$382	\$3,225
Total	\$9,217	\$1,494	\$10,711
Online Giving			
WeShare	\$1,672	\$885	\$2,557
Parish Pay	\$25	-	\$25
Total	\$1,697	\$885	\$2,582
Grand Total	\$10,914	\$2,379	\$13,293

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 a.m. June Giordano

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

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Fatima Farewell - Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

This sixth Candlelight Rosary Procession of 2016 will be our "Fatima Farewell" as we say a goodbye to our lady for the the season. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Mark Murphy, Parochial Vicar of St Paul parish in Cambridge, MA.

These Processions are held on the 13th of the month from May through October in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction.

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.

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

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