

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



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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.

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

Volunteer Sign Up Weekends - September 17-18th, and 24-25

Our parish has over 300 members who volunteer their time and talent to assist in one or more ministries. Our parish could not do all that we do without the support of these volunteers. All too often some who are reading this fail to volunteer thinking that, "I don't have the time," "I'm too old (or young)", or "let someone else do it." Everyone is needed and wanted. Volunteering for a ministry gives everyone the opportunity to take a more active part in our parish community, to be of service to others and to be more generous with the talents and gifts that God's given us. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider serving on one or more of the ministries listed below. Most of these take very little time and are flexible around your schedule. In participating you become more connected to the parish, parishioners and experience the Lord's grace working in your life.

- Altar Guild
- Altar Servers
- Holiday Bazaar
- Baptism
- Bereavement
- Coffee & Donuts
- Lectors
- Candlelight Rosary Procession
- Catholic Financial Life
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Environmental Decorations
- Giving Tree
- Greeters & Ushers
- Offertory Counters
- Religious Education
- RCIA for Adults/Children
- Rummage Sale
- SVDP Food Pantry
- St Basil Food Pantry
- Social Committee
- Sen. Citiz. Thanksgiving Dinner
- Troops & Veterans Support
- Womens Club
- VIRTUS Training
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Group

There will be tables with sign-up sheets located outside the church and chapel after each mass for the next two weekends. We ask that **BOTH new and past volunteers (regardless for how long you have been serving in that ministry) to sign up for a ministry.**

Past Volunteers: If you have served in a ministry for more than three years, you may want to consider another ministry. If you are returning to a ministry you have served in I ask you to **RECOMMIT** to that ministry by signing up on the sheets. In addition, you are asked to attend the training session for your ministry.

New Volunteers : Training dates for these ministries will be given to you at the time of sign up. **We ask every volunteer to attend these trainings (either for recertification or first time instruction).** CORI forms will be completed at these training sessions.

Fr. Bill

Karen Geraghty - Religious Education Coordinator

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Karen Geraghty has left her position as Religious Education Coordinator of our Sunday Pre-School Program and coordinator of Grades 1-8. Karen has accepted a second grade teaching position in the Carver Public School System.

In addition to being a wife and a mother of three daughters, Karen working closely with Debbie Hill coordinated programs involving over 1000 children for the past 6 years. Karen coordinated the First Communion and First Penance parents meetings and was always available to listen and support children or families with any of their concerns. While I hate to see Karen

leave, I and the rest of the staff, are pleased that her talents, experience and ability are recognized and she is able to have a full time teaching position.

You've probably heard the expression, "When one door closes, God opens up another." Shortly after Karen submitted her resignation, Marie Masaitis applied for this position. Marie taught school for many years in the public schools in Brockton and most recently was Curriculum Coordinator for Trinity Catholic Academy in Brockton. As a teacher and administrator she brings a great deal of experience working with students, parents and curriculum. It's great to have Marie on staff. I know that working with the volunteer teachers, staff, parents and students that she will continue to develop our religious education program.

Welcome Marie!

Fr. Bill

Project Rachel

"Project Rachel helped me so much in dealing with the shame that I have felt for over 40 years. The retreat gave me hope. I now know that I can once again be active in my faith." Many women suffer from the pain of a past abortion. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston provides confidential support for post-abortion hope and healing through its one-day retreats and referrals to specially trained priests for sacramental Reconciliation (confession). For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Trust in the tender mercy of God!

Pregnancy Help

Pregnancy Help is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to provide alternatives to abortion. Trained and caring nurses and case workers are available to assist any woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, referrals, material assistance, and ongoing support. All services are free, confidential and available for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients. For assistance call 888-771-3914, text 617-903-7960 or email help@pregnancyhelpboston.org

Permanent Diaconate Inquirers Program: Is Christ Calling You?

If you are discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of Charity, Word, and Sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer program. The program consists four sessions: *Session I*: Who is the Deacon and am I one who is called? All sessions are from 7:00-8:30 September 20, 2016 St. Jerome's Parish (South Region), 632 Bridge Street, Weymouth September 27, 2016 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (South Region), 439 West Street, Brockton *Session II*: How does diaconate ministry fit into marriage and family life? Tuesday October 18, 2016, 7:00-8:30pm (Pastoral Center, Braintree)

The Permanent Diaconate, restored at Vatican II, is a ministry of service that is open to married and single men. As a servant of the sacramental life of the church, deacons preside at baptisms, assist at the Eucharist, bring the Eucharist to the sick and suffering, witness marriages, bury the dead, and preside at Benediction.

Job Openings

Our parish is in the process of searching for the position of a full time Organist/Music Director and a part time Youth Minister. These two job descriptions and application process can be found at www.bostoncatholic.org/Utility/Employment

Coffee & Donuts volunteers Needed

Back in the 80's, "I've got to make the donuts" was a popular advertising slogan stated by a man who worked for Dunk'n Donuts. He'd get up every morning before dusk and make this statement as he left for work. We have someone who will make the donuts BUT what we need is some volunteers who would be willing to pick them up and bring them to the lower church, make the coffee/juice and set up so that we can have coffee and donuts after the Sunday early morning masses beginning in September. The lower church has been renovated so that we have beautiful space for informal but very critical fellowship after the masses.

My hope is that we get enough volunteers that each group would only have to get the donuts and set up ONCE a month. The more volunteers the less people will have to do it. It would be a great project for a family, couple or individuals to work together. Are you willing to take a week? Please call Rob at the parish office (508-697-9528) or speak with one of the priests or staff.

ST. BASIL CHAPEL

5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Basil Chapel to resume - *Sunday, September 11, the 5:00 p.m.*

This weekend on Sunday, September 11, the 5PM Mass at St. Basil Chapel will resume. Please consider attending this Mass and joining Fr. Bill and Fr. Tom in welcoming back to campus Bridgewater State University's students, faculty, and staff.

"Mass on the Grass" - *Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m.*

Weather-permitting, the annual "Mass on the Grass" will be on Sunday, September 18 at 10 AM outside of St. Basil Chapel. This is a unique, fun, and faith-filled opportunity to worship Jesus through whom the sun, stars, and all that fills the earth below them were created.

Sponsor a Sunday Pizza for College Students

Would your family sponsor or co-sponsor one of the Sunday pizza nights for college students who gather after 5PM Mass in the Catholic Center lounge? Usually about six to 12 students stay for conversation. Please plan on a \$40 to \$70 contribution. A sign up sheet is outside the Chapel. St Thomas Aquinas church goers can choose a Sunday to sponsor, and then call Rita Garufi 508-53-1346 or email r1garufi@bridgew.edu.

Added Weekday Mass at 5:00 p.m.

"Starting on Wednesday, September 7, Mass will be celebrated on alternating Wednesday and Thursdays throughout the academic year at 5PM at St. Basil Chapel. It is my hope that, among other events and programs at the Catholic Center, the celebration of the Eucharist will help the Catholic students, faculty, and staff of Bridgewater State University and also Catholics from the surrounding community to deepen in the middle of each week their relationship with Jesus. As the "source and summit" of our Faith and a most powerful means by which Jesus becomes really and truly present to us, the Eucharist, I also hope, will draw others to the Catholic Center for its celebration who might be interested in becoming Catholic and also empower the Catholic Center to become for all a more vibrant and effective center of the "new evangelization."

YOUTH GROUP *(students in grades 6-12)*

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday September 24, at 3:30 p.m.

For students in grades 6-12. Come join us for a fun and exciting college football game when the UMass Minutemen take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs at Gillette stadium on Saturday, September 24th @ 3:30 p.m. Game tickets are \$12.00 per person. Cost does not include transportation. Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday October 1, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Attention all students in grades 6-12! Please join us for 4 o'clock mass, followed by subs and sundaes in the parish center, as we kick off our second year of Youth Group! Come to share faith and fun with your friends! Learn about past events and help plan new ones. This year promises to be faith-filled and fun, but we need your help! We look forward to seeing you there. Stay tuned for more details and sign up information

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS WOMEN'S CLUB

Pot Luck Covered Dish Supper - *Thursday, October, 6, at 6:30 p.m.*

All women of the parish are invited to join our group of women whose efforts are dedicated to supporting the parish and one another. Each year we hold a pot luck covered dish supper. There are some fantastic cooks in this parish! This year's covered dish supper will take place on Thursday, October, 6, 6:30 in the parish center. The entertainment will be our own parishioner Jack Phaneuf and his sister Barbara who kicked off a great season in Bridgewater's Music Alley. Come for the food, come for the music, and come for the fellowship!

Fall Rummage - *Sale Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

Another annual event is the fall rummage sale which will take place on Saturday, October 15, 9-4. The St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Club is collecting the following donated items clothing, shoes, jewelry, books, toys, tools, CD's, DVD's, small furniture, domestics, and miscellaneous items. Items not accepted: televisions, computers, computer monitors or computer related items. Donations may be dropped off inside the St Thomas Parish Center front entrance. Please do not leave items outside. All electric items must be in working order.

Candlelight Rosary Procession *Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m.*

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will host the fifth of the 2016 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker for September 13 will be Reverend Edward Riley, Director of the Office of Pastoral Formation at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - *Catholic Traditions Explained*

Question: Every week in our bulletin I see a Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. Is it there to fill in an intention, or is someone requesting it every week?

Answer: The pastor of a parish is charged with the well-being of the community. There are many aspects of this task, including the physical, spiritual, and social concerns of maintaining and building a community of faith. Each week, by church law, the pastor offers Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. It is a tangible and practical way that the pastor prays for those entrusted to his care. No one requests it, nor is it offered only when there is an open intention. In fact, the pastor may not accept a stipend for it. The spiritual needs of the people are the primary concern of the pastor. His prayer for them is the first way he cares for them. You may also see Mass intentions for those listed in a memorial, or deceased members of the parish, or past members of a group or organization. These too are ways the pastor remembers the needs of all the members of his parish, asking the Lord to bless and protect them, bringing us all to eternal life.

Our 2nd Collection

• Capital Improvements - *September 11*

We are continuing with our much needed repairs and improvements to the Rectory and Church, currently replacing the flooring in the Rectory entrance and hallway, as well as completing the Common Area in the Lower Church. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity which helps us to keep these improvements on track.

• Clergy Health and Retirement Trust -*September 18*

The diocese-wide collection next week will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 614 men including Fr. Bill Devine and Fr Tom Olson who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. You may also make your gift online at clergytrust.org or text the word PRIEST to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply). Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Summary of Collections August 30 - September 5	St Thomas	St Basil	Total
1st Collection (Parish)	\$4,951	\$799	\$5,750
2nd Collection (Catholic University of America)	\$1,421	\$215	\$1,636
Total	\$6,372	\$1,014	\$7,386
Online Giving			
WeShare	\$2,856	\$1,135	\$3,991
Parish Pay	\$640	-	\$640
Total	\$3,496	\$1,135	\$4,631
Grand Total	\$9,868	\$2,149	\$12,017

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sanctuary lamps, hosts & wine at St Thomas Aquinas for this month were donated in loving memory of Francisco & Maria Joste and Victor & Florence Smith

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

4:00 p.m. Joseph, Josephine, and Joseph B. Leandres

Sunday, September 11

7:45 a.m. Jose Curvelo Sr.

10:00 a.m. The living and deceased members of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Women's Club

12:00 p.m. Mass For the People

Saturday, September 17

4:00 p.m. Beth Edwards

Sunday, September 18

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

10:00 a.m. Manuel Fernandez

St Basil - 10:00 a.m. William Wilder

12:00 p.m. Elena Rea

St Basil - 5:00 p.m. Mass For the People

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..."

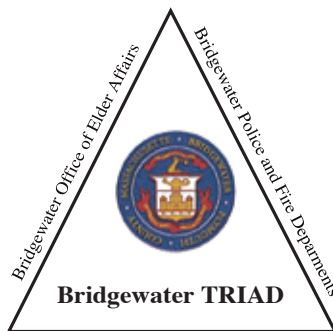
Faith Anne Marie Roy, Adeline Margret Roy,
Heidi Rose Ramps, Henry William Grebe,
Bryce Francis Audette, Enslie Katlind Hitchcock

"A time to die..."

Paul F. Kilbridge, John Perry, Abby Ghelfi,
Samuel LeClair, Thomas C. Holmes, Mary Mattie,
Matilda V. Bradley, Henry J. Pistone,
Joseph DeAndrade, Jacqueline Wegman

"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, Jacque 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,
Kevin Looney, Bob Mackey, Beverly Mitchell,
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,
Jack Phaneuf, Josephine Trocchi Picone, Richard Piantoni,
Dorothy Pope, Maria Presti, Andrea Proffetty,
Joseph F. Puliafico, 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., Don Weiner,
Mary (Sweetman) Zunino, Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut



Plymouth County Sherriff's Dept.
and District Attorney's Office

Bridgewater TRIAD Presents Drug Recognition Workshop

"Why is my grandchild acting like that?"

"My medication is missing"

"I noticed that his eyes looked funny.

His pupils were so small!"

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

at the Bridgewater Cole -Yeaton Senior Center
10 Wally Krueger Way

Registration is required by September 13th

(508) 697-0929

Complimentary lunch @12:00

Presentation to follow by bridgewater police officer Scott Hile. Presentation to include an overview of 5-7 drug categories and the common signs and symptoms of a person under the influence.

"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