

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

September 23, 2018



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 22-23

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm
Sunday | 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

St. Basil Chapel

Sunday | 10:00 am, 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Monday - Saturday | 9:00 am

CONFESSION

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday | 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
or by appointment

PARISH INFORMATION

St. Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor
Rev. Jason Giombetti, Parochial Vicar
Kevin Mossman, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan
Deacon Leo Donoghue

Parish Office Staff

Peter Vitagliano, Business Manager
Tina Larson, Administrative Assistant

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Religious Education Coordinator,
Grades 1-6

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Grades 7-10

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FROM FR. BILL

I want to thank the 297 persons who volunteered to serve on one or more of our ministries. 169 volunteers were returning to a ministry and 128 were NEW VOLUNTEERS!!!!!! What a great sign of hope, vitality, commitment, faith and service. Volunteers were as young as 3 years old (who volunteered her family to assist with coffee and donuts!) and a senior at 90 years old.

This weekend is our final sign up weekend for volunteers. One last push! If you haven't signed up, we need you. Please review the ministries in this bulletin. There's a ministry for everyone. Please note those ministries where there is a critical need for volunteers.

All returning and new volunteers will be notified in the upcoming weeks to let you know when the training or introductory meeting will be held. Again, thank you!!

- Fr. Bill



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP WEEKEND September 22-23

SIGN-UP TABLES

Volunteer Sign-ups continue this weekend. **Tables will be set up outside the entrance of the church. In the event of rain, we will be set up in the Lower Church. In addition, we will be set up inside St. Basil's Chapel.**

NEW VOLUNTEERS

We encourage **NEW** volunteers to select from one of our many ministries to become more involved in our parish. You will not only meet other parishioners, but will experience our parish's love for the Lord and service to others. We are grateful for you!

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

We greatly appreciate **RETURNING** volunteers and ask them to sign up to the ministry or ministries they would like to participate in. Some may want to do something different and change their ministry and others may want to continue in their present ministry. In either case, we are very grateful.

ALL VOLUNTEERS - CORI FORMS REQUIRED

Both **NEW** and **RETURNING** volunteers **MUST** sign the roster and indicate their ministry. Immediately after you sign up, we ask everyone (new and returning) to complete a mandatory CORI form required by the Archdiocese of Boston. **We will be set up in the Lower Church to assist you in completing your CORI forms**, so please come in after signing up for your chosen ministry.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Those who have not completed the Protecting God's Children Training (**VIRTUS**) will be asked to attend a session in the upcoming months. **Please call the Rectory at 508-697-9528 and speak with Tina to register.**

VIRTUS Training will be held at the Parish Center on the following dates:

Thursday, October 18, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 28, 2018

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Did you know that along with volunteering your time and talent to help the Parish, you can also satisfy your Community Service requirements for both Confirmation and School? Look for the ▲ next to the name of any ministry. That ▲ means that there are Community Service hours that can be earned through your involvement in that ministry. The number of hours you can earn vary based on the ministry, your amount of involvement and the overall activity of that ministry over the course of the year.

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.

Our Mission

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.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS/ST. BASIL'S MINISTRIES

Altar Guild (Friday a.m.) ▲

Clean Upper and Lower Church

Altar Servers (Bi-Monthly) ★

Serve Mass on a rotating basis. Training provided.

Baptism (Monthly) ★

Provide welcome and support for families with children being baptized

Bazaar (November) ▲

Help to organize and run the Annual Parish Bazaar

Bridgewater State Hospital (Monthly)

Visit patients at Bridgewater State Hospital

BSU Prayer Partners (Periodically)

Volunteer to bring baked goodies or treats and pray with and for a college small group.

Candlelight Rosary Procession (Monthly)

Assist with the coordination of the procession which is held on the 13th of each month from May to October

Children's Liturgy (Sunday 10:00 a.m. - School Year) ▲ ★

Assist with organizing and running the Weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Lower Church

Christmas Pageant (December) *

Help to organize and run the Annual Parish Christmas Pageant

Coffee & Donuts (Sunday a.m.) ▲ ★

Making coffee and picking up donuts for gatherings after the 10:00 Mass

Easter Egg Hunt (Spring) ▲

Help coordinate the Parish Easter Egg Hunt for children

Environmental Committee - Altar, Flowers (Periodically) ▲

Assist in enhancing the altars at St. Thomas and St. Basil

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Homebound (3x Per Month)

Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or bring Holy Communion to the Homebound. Training provided.

Father Bill's Mainspring Ministry (Monthly - May - Sept.) ▲

Volunteers are needed to serve a meal on the first Thursday of the month at Fr. Bills in Brockton

Generations Connect Team (Monthly)

Help connect teens with the generations the came before them. Help them connect with people in the St. Thomas community that would like to have a visit, play cards, go with someone to the ball game, etc.

Giving Tree (December) ▲ ★

Help with the organization and running of the Annual Giving Tree to provide families in need with Christmas gifts

Giving Tree - Senior Citizens (December) ▲ ★

Help with the organization and running of the Annual Giving Tree to provide seniors in need with Christmas gifts

Greeters & Ushers (Weekly) ★

Greet, answer general questions, guide parishioners to seating, take collections and tidy up the church after each Mass

Lectors (2x Per Month)

Proclaim the Scripture readings and prayers of the faithful during Mass

Offertory Counters (Monday a.m. 1x per month)

Assist with the counting of collections after the weekend Masses

Outreach (As Needed) ▲

Visit our homebound parishioners and provide assistance as needed

Pregnancy Help (Fall/Spring)

Assist in collecting funds and articles to support pregnant women

Protecting God's Children (4x Per Year)

Provide VIRTUS training through the Archdiocese to facilitate The Protecting God's Children Program

RCIA (October and April - Weekly)

Share faith with and mentor those adults coming into the Catholic Church

Religious Education/Faith Formation - Grades 1-10 (Weekly-Sept. to May) ▲ ★

Volunteers provide faith formation for children in Grades 1-10 through various roles including Lead and Co-Teachers, Substitute Teachers and Hall Monitors

Rummage Sale (Spring/Fall) ▲

Assist with the organization of the Annual Parish Rummage Sale

St Basil Food Pantry (Quarterly) ▲

Help organize and maintain our Food Pantry for BSU students at St. Basil's Chapel

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (Bi-weekly) ▲

Maintain the Food Pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas and provide for those in need

Social Committee (Quarterly) ▲ ★

Help organize and run social events for the Parish

Spaghetti Supper Team (Monthly - October through April)

community members are needed to make sauce and meatballs once per month during the school year for the students at BSU

Stampers (Weekly during school) ★

Volunteers stamp Mass attendance cards after Mass for students in Grades 2 & 10 from September-May

Thanksgiving Dinner (November) ▲

Volunteers help prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens

Troops & Veterans Support (Annually) ▲

Assist in the year-round collection and distribution of items to military troops and VA patients

Vacation Bible School (Summer) ▲

Help organize and support our one week Bible School Program during summer vacation

Women's Club (6x Per Year)

Participate in social events and fundraising which supports the Parish activities

Youth Group (Monthly) ▲

Help the Youth Minister to plan and run the various Youth Ministry events throughout the year

Youth Group Prayer Partners (Monthly) ▲

Volunteer to bring baked goodies or treats and pray with and for the youth during your chosen Youth Group evening.

- ★ indicates ministries with the greatest need for volunteers.
- ▲ indicates there are Community Service hours available. Contact the individual ministry head for details.

VOLUNTEER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

[A note from Marie Masaitis, Religious Education Coordinator, Grades 1-6](#)

Thank you so much to all the parishioners who volunteered during Sign-Up Weekend to share their faith by teaching the children of our Parish! Because of the incredible response we received, our need for teachers has greatly reduced.

However, we are still in need of teachers for the following grades:

- ◆ Mondays 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Grade 2 (Co-teacher) - 1 co-teacher needed
- ◆ Mondays 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Grade 5 - 1 teacher needed
- ◆ Wednesdays 3:45 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.: Grade 1 - 1 co-teacher needed

If you are able to help, please contact Marie at 508-697-3652 or mmasaitis@stthomasaquinas.com

[A note from Shannon Murphy, Middle School and Confirmation Coordinator, Grades 7-10](#)

Thank you to all of the volunteers that are teaching grades 7-10! Because of your willingness to help, most of our classes are fully staffed with teachers! **We are in need of teachers for the following classes:**

- ◆ Wednesdays 3:45 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.: Grade 7 - 1 teacher needed
- ◆ Sundays 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.: Confirmation I - 3 Co-teachers needed

If you are able to help, please contact Shannon at 508-697-3652 or smurphy@stthomasaquinas.com.

Register for Religious Ed. classes during this Volunteer Sign-up Weekend!

See the Religious Education table for more details!

Classes start this week!

STAMPERS NEEDED!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who committed to this ministry during this past weekend! Because of you, most of our Masses are full! Please see the below list of Masses still in need of volunteers to stamp Mass Cards for children in Grades 2 and 10. **If you are willing to help, please call Marie at 508-697-3652. Thank you!**



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| ◆ Saturday 4:00 p.m. - FULL! THANK YOU!! | ◆ Sunday 10:00 a.m. - FULL! (St. Basil's) THANK YOU!! |
| ◆ Sunday 7:45 a.m. - FULL! THANK YOU!! | ◆ Sunday 12:00 p.m. - FULL! THANK YOU!! |
| ◆ Sunday 10:00 a.m. - need 3 stampers (St. Thomas) | ◆ Sunday 5:00 p.m. - need 2 stampers (St. Basil's) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP WEEKEND



Sign-ups continue this weekend, September 22-23! Tables will be set up after each Mass throughout the weekend. Please see the ministries listed in this bulletin. We are grateful for you!

YOUTH GROUP APPLE PICKING TRIP - GRADES 6-12



St. Thomas Youth Group is going apple picking at Honey Pot Apple Orchard! **Sunday, September 30th, we will leave from St. Thomas at 11:30 am and return at 4:30pm.** There will be mazes, hay rides, farm animals and of course, apples! **For more details and to register, go to www.stthomasaquinas.com.**



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Join us for our annual Fall Rummage sale! **October 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at the Parish Ctr.



PUB TRIVIA NIGHT - CREATE YOUR OWN TEAM!

October 13th at the Parish Center - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Ages 21 +.** \$20 per person to benefit our Youth Group. Visit www.stthomasaquinas.com for more information and to register!



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

We're excited to welcome everyone to the **Parish Center parking lot on Sunday, October 14th at 1:30 p.m.** for the **Blessing of Animals** in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Please join us for our **Second Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 21st from 2:30 - 5:00.** Children and the community are invited to wear costumes and trick or treat while viewing decorated cars in the church parking lot. If you would like to participate in this event (decorate your trunk) please contact **Allyson Holland** at eaatholland@yahoo.com or call or text 339-933-0740.



JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS!

Join us after the 10:00 Mass every week in the Lower Church for coffee and donuts! It is a wonderful way to gather and get to know your fellow parishioners!

PROJECT RACHEL

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. **Fall dates are October 27 and November 10.** Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

PARISH MAINTENANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Maintenance Council is composed of parishioners who have some experience in construction, utilities, project management and home repairs. These members advise the pastor on parish maintenance issues and concerns, buildings, and property as well as establishing priorities based on resources. They also assist in soliciting and reviewing job bids. The members of this council include Tony Fernandes, Norm Lemieux, Bill Cannon, Peter Proffetty, Peter Vitagliano (Business Manager), Len Baczek and Paul Donohue. There will be a Maintenance Council Meeting Monday, September 24th.

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES

Family Caregiver Support Program

Tuesday Oct. 2, 2018 12:00 p.m.

Are you caring for an older adult, spouse, parent, grandchild, relative or friend? Complimentary lunch will be served at noon. **Call Bridgewater Council on Aging at 508-697-0929 to register.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEAT RAFFLE

Saturday Sept. 29, 2018 1:00 p.m.

The monthly meat raffle will recommence on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in W. Bridgewater.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Beginning this Sunday, September 23rd, children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 Mass. The children will be invited to follow Mrs. Fava downstairs to learn about the gospel reading. The reading will be presented in a child friendly format followed by an activity. The children will return to their parents after the homily.

We need adults who be willing to volunteer once or twice a month to assist Kathy Fava in this very popular and important Liturgy of the Word. Volunteers will go to lower church hall with the children at beginning of Mass, be given materials to help 3-7 year old children understand the Sunday Scriptures and return to Mass during the offertory. Please call Marie at 508-697-3652 to sign up to be a co-leader for this program.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to discuss concerns and issues facing our parish, short and long term planning and to advise the pastor. The council meets every two months from September to May. Recently the members of the council have been focusing how to better fulfill our parish mission particularly in the areas of worship, service, education and evangelization.

The members of our council are Kathy Flaherty (Chairwoman), Barbara Henault (Secretary), Leo Cote, John Kennedy, Connie Franciosi, Lisa Mazgelis, Ginny Timmerman, Mike Benya, Dan Moriarty, Kevin Mossman (Pastoral Associate), Sarah Raymond and Tony Fernandes.

If you have any concerns, ideas or recommendations that you would like to present to the Pastoral Council you can speak with any of the members or call Tina in the Parish Office. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 25th at 6:30. **Please call the Parish Office at 508-697-9528 in advance if you would like to attend.**

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST COLLECTION - LAST WEEK

Last week's collection was for our priests. Thanks to your support, our parish raised \$3,421 for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust in honor of all the priests who serve the Archdiocese of Boston. If you would like to make a gift but did not have the opportunity to do so, please visit clergytrust.org. Thank you for your generous support of Boston's priests!

THE 2 ND COLLECTION	THIS WEEK	NO SECOND COLLECTION	SEPTEMBER 22 & 23
	NEXT WEEK	NO SECOND COLLECTION	SEPTEMBER 29 & 30
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS		ST. THOMAS	ST. BASIL
		TOTAL	
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS 9/11 - 9/17			
In-Pew Giving - Weekly Collection	\$ 4,718	\$ 627	\$ 5,345
Online Giving - WeShare	\$ 1,838	\$ 385	\$ 2,223
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,556	\$ 1,012	\$ 7,568
Special Collection this week - Clergy Benefit Trust	\$ 2,889	\$ 532	\$ 3,421

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Faria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:45 a.m. Therese, Freddie and Paul Shepard
 10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Club
 Barbara Crean

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. Margaret Valeri

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. Lucilia Nunes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Samuel Nevarez

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. Patients at the Bridgewater State Hospital

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NO 9:00 a.m. MASS OR ADORATION
 4:00 p.m. Sandra Querzoli Klein

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:45 a.m. Manuel Perry
 10:00 a.m. Delia and Edward McMahon
 12:00 p.m. John Francis McGuire

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am, lower church

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1st Saturday of the month 10:00 am, lower church

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, lower church

SACRAMENTS

If you are seeking more information about the Sacraments, or wish to schedule an appointment, please call the parish to speak with a priest at **508-697-9528**.

BAPTISM

If you wish to have your child Baptized, or to receive the Sacrament yourself, please call the parish office to request an appointment with a priest. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated each month on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:30 pm. Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Baptism Preparation Class is required.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Monday, October 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center. Adults Only.

MARRIAGE

If you wish to be married in our parish, please call the parish office to request an appointment with a priest at least eight months in advance. **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 at **508-697-9528**.

PRAYER LIST

“A time to be born...”

Emily Marie Ahern	Molly Lyn Bevis	Lela Josephine Errichetti
Haley Joy Ahern	Tessa Marie Cacchione	Cole Paul Maguire
	Catherine Alice Driscoll	

“A time to die...”

Joyce Benoit	Phoebe Crowley	Marilyn Pierce
Peter Bythewood	Edna Fabian	Richard Quigley
Robert Chicoine	Anthony Garzone	Walter Snarksy
	Howard Larsen	

“A time to heal...”

Barbara Ahl	Thelma Fontaine	Anna Nakouzi
Olga Cassiani Alberghini	Dr. Francis Gendreau	Lloyd Nelson
Edward Albert	Jerry Gesner	Tom O'Donnell
Carolyn J. Allen	Beverly Giuffre	Bob O'Hare
Ruthaleis Amaro	Thomas Groh	Glenn O'Neil
Jean Andrade	Ricky Guilfooy	Kevin O'Neill
Christopher Barbosa	Geneva Hamilton	Ann Paulino
Jeffrey Bean	Richard Hubbard	Carolyn Perry
Loretta Beaulieu	Matthew Huckvale	Elaine Phaneuf
Don Bergstrom	Daniel John	Dorothy Pope
Jack Birtwell	Tim Johnson	Maria Presti
Michael Botelho	Jessica Kamaniski	Andrea Proffetty
Jim & Jean Brennan	Deirde Keane	Adoley Proser
Dayna Browne	Carol Kelley	Camden Rivers
Sandra Cable	Ava King	Ginny Rothwell
Kim Sweetman Carnello	Jessica King	Matthew Ryan
Teresa Capachione	Debbie Kulick	Dan Sante
John Conley	Marcus LaBree	Jayne Sarro
Jacquie Cordaro	James LaFranchise	Linda Scopa
Matthew Costantino	Fred Laham	Paul Segreve
Michael Costantino	Noreen Larsen	Fr. Edward Serena
Joanna Crabtree	Conner Michael Long	Anthony Scopa
Thomas Coral	Kevin Looney	Sarah Silvia
Michael Crowley	Bob Mackey	Lori Sloper
Jannine Dawicki	Terri Mackey	Deana Spingel
Mary DeLeon	Hannah Malone	Al Sullivan
Keith Derbyshire	Sean McCall	Linda Sullivan
Vanessa Derbyshire	Mary McClay	Kim Sullivan
Marty Dickerman	Daniel McDonald	Donna Sullivan
Susan Dickow	Kaleena McHardy	Betty Tarentino
Timothy Dowling	Taylor McLean	Jennifer Tosches
Elijah James Eastman	David McLeod	Patrice Tuffo
Baby Everleigh	Aiden Mitchell	Jordan Viera
Peter J. Farrell	Beverly Mitchell	Anna Vrana
Andrea Fitzgerald	Marjorie Mello	Don Weiner
Lee Fuller	Charles Monestere	Alexis, Jason & Nicole Zutaut
Anita Fuller		

“A time for peace...”

PFC, Christopher Ahl, USA	SGT, Brandon Jamieson, USA
1st Lt. Jeffrey Boyle, USMC	CPL, D.J. Jamieson, USA
CPT, John Costantino, USA	PFC, Christopher O'Leary, USA
Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, USMC	SGT, Kelly O'Leary, USA
CPT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC	SPC, Peter O'Leary, USA

MGen Eric M. Smith USMC