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MISSION

To be a community of believers who are 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 Parish Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 18, 2015

WELCOME

To visitors of our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—**Welcome to All**. Regardless of your status in the Church, your 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 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

9:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

4:00 pm St. Thomas Upper Church

SUNDAY

7:45 am St. Thomas Upper Church

10:00 am St. Thomas Upper Church

10:00 am St. Basil Chapel

12:00 pm St. Thomas Upper Church

5:00 pm St. Basil Chapel

WEEKDAYS

7:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

9:00 am St. Thomas Lower Church

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 or by appointment.

St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church

Spring at St. Thomas Aquinas Cemeteries

Looking out at the greening grass and budding flowers, it is hard to remember that just a few weeks ago the snow was headstone deep in our cemeteries.

The severe snows did not allow for our usual winter cemetery cleanup, and have left us in the position of playing catch up with spring! Please be patient with us as our understaffed maintenance department undertakes the project of cleaning out old decorations, grading winter burials and seeding newer graves. As always, we encourage reporting tipping stones or any dangerous conditions noted in the cemetery with calls to the Parish Office at 508-697-9528.

This spring we will also be moving through the final steps of our double deep project to correct the typical settling issues associated with an excavation project of this size. Please look to future bulletins for the announcement of a Double-Deep Spring Sale, coming soon!

Also new this spring is the start of a 3-year lawn improvement project. During a project like this, we should expect things to look worse before they look better. Unfortunately, weeds are green while dead weeds and dirt are brown. Please pardon our appearance as we move through the necessary steps to establish a healthy new lawn.

Blessings,
Gina

Join our Baptism Ministry



Our ministry needs new volunteers to join us in our mission to welcome newly baptized children into the parish family. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding ministry, please join us at our next meeting, **Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30pm** at the **parish center**. In an effort to accommodate our busy schedules, these meetings are held to an hour. We hope you will consider joining us.

If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact Beccy Mugerini at (508) 697-4791.

April Baptisms

We welcome into our parish and our community the following newly-baptized members:

- Caitlyn Joy Derochers*
- Samantha Michelle Derochers*
- Ava Grace Johnson*
- Lincoln Kenneth Perry*
- Presley Siena Pongonis*
- Sophia Hope Redfearn*
- Brooke Carolyn White*



100th Birthday!

I would like to congratulate Noreen DiNardo who celebrated her 100th birthday on April 11. Noreen and her late husband Jim have been long time parishioners of our parish. Noreen celebrated her birthday not only with a reception with her family and friends but attending the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Basil's Chapel last Sunday. Noreen's faith continues to be a strong and evident part of her life and she's quick to stress how important faith and family have been to her long life. Ad Multos Annos.

Are you celebrating your 25th and 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couple celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on **June 14th at 11:30** and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May. Congratulations on your anniversary!



Today is the World Day of Prayers for Vocations, a special day when we pray for all people to hear the individual call that God has for them. Usually when we think of vocations, we think of the vocation to priesthood, and it is definitely very important that we as a parish pray for more men to hear and answer that vocational call. Those prayers are very important because our culture often works against the call to priesthood, making the three promises of prayer, celibacy, and obedience seem difficult to accept.

Yet that doesn't mean that we don't need to pray for the other vocations in the Church. Our young, and not so young, people also need prayerful support to hear God calling them to religious life, and even to marriage. There are many people who seem to be intimidated by the life-long call to love that every vocation requires, and they need your prayers to be able to say "Yes" to that opportunity to find the fulfillment of their lives through accepting their calling. So, whether you have found your vocation yet or not, please take some time today, and throughout the year, to pray for all men and women to hear where God is calling them, and to have the courage to follow that call. The more people we have living out their God-given vocation, the more happy and beautiful this world will become.

*In Christ,
Fr. Adrian*

Spring Rummage Sale

We are extremely grateful for the hard work and commitment so many volunteers gave toward the success of our Spring Rummage Sale. Our coordinators are pleased to report that your donations combined with their labors raised **\$3,860**.

The proceeds of this fundraiser support the ongoing efforts of the Women's Club, including the two college scholarships offered to recent high school graduates from our parish. In addition to the scholarship the rummage sale also supports the Women's Club's social events, enrichment opportunities, and support of multiple parish activities.

The Women's Club will be holding another rummage sale in the Fall and hopes that even more parishioners will take advantage of this great way to donate, as well as find the Rummage Sale a fun gathering and great place to find bargains.

Thank you to the Confirmation students who fulfilled a portion of their service hours helping to prepare for the sale.

Parish Job Openings – Maintenance

Come join our team!

We are now accepting applications for three, 10 to 15 hour/week maintenance positions, and one 30-hour/week summer cemetery/landscape position.

- M-F 8am-2pm, Seasonal help
- M-F evening shift, Sept-May
- M-T day shift
- W-F day shift

Job descriptions and applications are available on our website at www.stthomasaquinas.com or at the Parish Office's at St. Thomas and St. Basil (see cover for hours)

Weekly Stewardship

In Pew \$6,175
E-Giving \$1,295
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Offertory total \$7,785

SVDP & Parish Outreach Ministries \$2,907

Thank you for the strong show of support of our local St. Vincent DePaul Society and Parish Outreach Ministries. St. Vincent oversees the Parish Food Pantry and serves as a major means of outreach to those in our community who need a helping hand. In addition to SVDP, our parish is blessed to have numerous ministries that reach out to people in need and welcome new members into the parish.

We are truly blessed with so many volunteers who offer their time and talent to make these ministries possible. Thank you your gifts so that enable us to reach out to our parishioners and our community.

*Blessings,
Gina*

Second Collections

This weekend

At the request of the Archdiocese of Boston, the proceeds from today's second collection will be divided amongst the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and Black & Native American collections.

Next weekend

The second collection for May 2/3 is for the parish's Capital Improvement fund. This fund is used to offset the ongoing maintenance costs at the church and chapel.

Confirmation

At the end of May we will confirm about a hundred of the young people in our parish. This annual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the most beautiful and powerful moments of the year, a time when we as a community rejoice in the descent of the Holy Spirit and the affirmation by a group of the up-and-coming parishioners who will accept God's love and their part in the mission that Jesus has for the world.

While the Confirmation Masses will have a special significance for the students and their families, it is important to remember that they are events for the whole parish, as such I invite you to participate in one of two ways. The first is to join the choir for the Confirmations. These Masses, celebrated by the bishop, are beautiful and full of meaning. It would be wonderful to have a full choir to accent the beauty of the event through song. Please contact Ms. Regina Reale for the details on the practices.

A second way to become involved in the upcoming Confirmations is through prayer. We have a set of slips of paper with the names of our students available, please take one of the slips, record your name on the clip boards, and then take the slip home. Over the next week take time to pray for that student, and write him or her a letter of support as they are coming to this very important moment in their faith journey. We are all one family in Christ, we are connected by the Eucharist and by love, it is so very important to remind the students that as they are making their choice to follow Jesus more closely, they are doing it in the context of a parish community, and with the support and care of that community.

*In Christ,
Fr. Adrian*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to give homeless children a better tomorrow.
One in every 30 children in the U.S. becomes homeless each year. The stress and trauma of homelessness is emotionally and cognitively damaging to young children.
Do you have 2 hours each week to play with young homeless children in one of our shelter-based Playspaces? Right now we are in great need of volunteers to play with young children living in homeless shelters. Help a homeless child learn, play, and thrive. Your support helps us to continue making a positive impact on homeless children in Southeastern MA and Cape Cod. Our next training is **Saturday, June 6 in Brockton.** We have a critical need for volunteers in **Norwell, Middleboro, New Bedford, Fall River, Bourn, Falmouth & Hyannis.**
For more info visit www.horizonschildren.org or call 508 510-3250.



Free Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, April 26 following the 10am Mass at the parish center

We hope that all parishioners will take an opportunity to gather after the 10am Mass and spend some time getting to know their fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there.

The 2015 World Meeting of Families

This fall the world Church will gather in Philadelphia, PA, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from Tuesday Sept. 22nd through Friday Sept. 25th, with the Pope scheduled to visit over the weekend (Sat. Sept. 26th and Sun. Sept. 27th). The congress will feature speakers from around the world, including Fr. Robert Barron, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Professor Helen Alvare, and Dr. Scott Hahn.

The World Meeting of Families is held every three years and is sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. Each one is an opportunity for Catholic families to gather and discuss a theme to help us grow in our understanding of family life in the light of faith. This year's theme is "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

The Archdiocese of Boston is offering hotel and travel packages for families and individuals who would like to attend. **For package details and registration visit: www.BostonCatholic.org/WMF**

Women's Retreat

Seeking Joy! A retreat day for Women with Real Life Radio Host, Allison Gingras. How can we find JOY in the midst of sorrow, stress or busyness? Discover true JOY through Saints, Sacraments and Scripture.

Date: Saturday, May 30
Time: 9 am to 3 pm
Place: St. Basil Chapel, BSU,
122 Park Ave, Bridgewater, MA
Fee: \$25 (includes lunch)

For more information or to register . . .
Visit: seekingjoystbasil.eventbrite.com
Call: Allison Gingras 508-243-1133.
Mail: name, contact info, lunch choice (tuna, turkey, ham) and fee to Reconciled To You, PO Box 784, Raynham Ctr, MA 02768.

Adult Choir

Young adults and adults who worship at St. Thomas and St. Basil are invited to sing with our choir for the celebration of **Confirmation on Sunday, May 31**. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the choir loft at St. Thomas.



Ministry of Cantor

What is the ministry of cantor? All liturgical ministers are, first and foremost, members of the Body of Christ. Through their baptism they are the "holy people and royal priesthood" whose right and privilege it is to participate in the ministry of Christ. Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the "action of the whole Church" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Introduction #5), everyone in the assembly has "an individual right and duty to contribute their participation" (GIRM #58). Some of the faithful are called to serve God's people in a more particular way through one of the many liturgical ministries that have flourished in the Church since the Second Vatican Council. This diversity of roles, functions and ministries enriches our celebrations and assists us in our prayer. Serving in one of these ministries is both an honor and a privilege.

As a member of the Body of Christ, you are encouraged to prayerfully discern if our God is calling you to the ministry of cantor. Guidance and support are provided.

For more information about the parish music ministries, including the children's and adult choirs, and instrumentalists, please contact Regina at music.aquinas@yahoo.com.

Children's Consignment/Vendor Sale at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

Shop The Giving Tree Consignment's children's sale **May 2nd and 3rd** at the St. Thomas Parish Center. The Giving Tree Consignment, LLC offers families the opportunity to shop for gently used and NEW kids items at a fraction of the cost of retail. You will find great deals on Spring clothes and Christmas outfits.

We founded The Giving Tree Consignment sale to help families make money selling unused items and offer them the opportunity to purchase good quality items at a reduced price. Our goal is to be a resource for the community, and with that mission in mind we have partnered with the following local groups: George H Mitchell Elementary and The Giving Tree are working together to raise money for the PTO; the non-profit organization Keeping Pace for Multiple Miracles will receive our unsold, donated clothing and toys; the Bridgewater Public library will receive our unsold, donated books; and St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St Thomas will receive our food donations from our Friday evening VIP sale. We are looking forward to this fantastic Spring event! Hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit our website at www.thegivingtreeconsignment.com or our Facebook page.

Thank you,

Nikki and Carrie

co-owners, The Giving Tree Consignment, LLC

**Junior Music Boosters
Candy Drive
25/26 April**

Members of the Junior Music Boosters (Bridgewater chorus and band members in grades 4 - 8) will be selling Hilliard's Candy bars after the Masses this weekend at St. Thomas and St. Basil.



In June the students will be attending a competition in Springfield followed by a visit to Six Flags. They are selling candy to help reduce their costs. Candy bars will be sold for \$2 each. They will be available at every Mass, unless they sell out early! Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Anderson 508-353-9780.

St. Thomas Aquinas Charity Golf Tournament

Date: May 8, 2015

Place: Olde Scotland Links, Bridgewater MA.

Start Time: 8:30am

Entry Fee:
\$125.00 per person
\$500.00 per team.
\$125.00 hole sponsor

There will be a buffet, raffles and an auction immediately following the golf. If you wish to only attend the buffet, the cost is \$30.00 per person.

Donations for raffle and auction items are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

For more details please contact:
Tom Arrighi (508) 889-2933
Steve Arrighi (508) 944-4272
Mike Arrighi (508-326-6355

In the past, the tournament has filled quickly, so we look forward to hearing from you soon.



Pray for Healing

Olga (Cassiani) Alberghini	Jim Geraghty
Christine Amaral	Alanna Gillis
Jean Andrade	John Gomes
Baby Valerie Belcher,	Donald Guidoboni
Olivia Bonfiglio	Beverly Guiffre
Jim & Jean Brennan	Kathleen Henderson
Caitlin Burnett	Tim Johnson
Kim (Sweetman) Byrnes	Fred Laham
Sandra Cable	Gregg Laskoski
Christine Cabral	Kevin Looney
Bill Carey	Marjorie Mello
Jacquie Cordaro	Baby Chase Miceli
Matthew Costantino	Alice Moniz
Michael Costantino	Bob Morris
Sophia Costantino	Bob Morse
Baby Mychal Joseph	Anna Nakouzi
Cotone	Paul D'Olimpia
Joanna Crabtree	Glenn O'Neil
Sandra Croall	Ann Paulino
Mark Denault	Carolyn Perry
Marty Dickerman	Richard Piantoni
John Feeney	Maria Presti
Mary Filippetti-	Andrea Proffetty
Markey	Betty Tarentino
Joseph Kelly	Sarah Silvia,
James LaFranchise	James Toy, Jr.,
Robert McClay	Don Weiner
Rylee Fontes	Mary (Sweetman) Zunino
Lee Fuller	Alexis Zutaut
Jesus Galindo	

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25
 4:00 Albert & Virginia and Jay Sexton

Sunday, April 26
 7:45: Manuel C. DaSilva
 10:00: Evangelina & Jose and Margarida Sousa
 and All Souls in Purgatory
 10:00 St. Basil: Jason Hardiman
 12:00: William F. Bythrow, Sr.

Saturday, May 2
 4:00 Mass for the People

Sunday, May 3
 7:45: Mass for the People
 10:00: William O'Rourke
 10:00 St. Basil: Leona & Alexander Gedutis
 12:00: John L. Carbone

Please pray for those who have gone before us and for their families.

Beatrice A. Augustino
 Lucie Chabot
 Arthur Court
 Stephen DiBattista
 Walter D. Doherty
 Rita L. Donoghue
 Michael C. Drago
 Josephine I. Medico
 Evelyn Meinhold
 Lillian M. Perreault
 Adeline P. Piscatori
 Therese and Alfred Shepard

Scripture for the week of April 26, 2015

26 SUN Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 27 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 28 Tue Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 29 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 30 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 1 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 2 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Weekly Devotions

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LOWER CHURCH

ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
 We encourage all parishioners to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Thursdays 3:00 pm

Sacraments

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 or by appointment.

Baptisms:

Ordinarily celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. Please call the Rectory to speak with a priest prior to making any arrangements. Parents are welcome to attend classes during the pregnancy if it is more convenient.

Upcoming Baptism Preparation Classes:

Parish Center: 7pm

◆ **Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

◆ **Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

Marriage:

Please call the Rectory 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 Rectory.

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