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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.



Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at the grotto in the Center St. Cemetery on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. We will remember our veterans, family and friends who have died and all those who are buried in our cemeteries. If attending we encourage you to bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement the Mass will be held at St. Thomas Church. There is no 7 a.m. Mass this day.

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

Welcome

Our parish welcomes two seminarians who will be with us for eight weeks during the summer. Tom Sullivan who was with us last summer and part time during this past academic year will be returning. Tom will be entering his final year at St. John's Seminary in the fall and hopefully be ordained a deacon in January and a priest next May.

We welcome Will Sexton who will be entering his third year of theology in the fall. Will's time with us will be interpreted briefly as he will be attending a theological institute in Poland for three weeks during the summer.

Both Will and Tom are here to learn how to apply their academic knowledge in pastoral situations. We ask and encourage you to meet and welcome them as they begin their assignment in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. They are available for personal counseling or spiritual direction and will be participating in the various forms of pastoral ministry. Our parish is fortunate to be selected as a training parish for seminarians. This is in great part due to the support, encouragement, prayers and experiences of our parishioners.

Tom and Will will begin their intern assignment within this week. I am asking, as I did last summer, if families or individuals would be willing to prepare a meal to "Feed the Fathers." Our rectory has no cook and our pastoral obligations usually don't allow much time for us to prepare a meal. Would you be willing to make an extra portion of whatever you're feeding your family and drop it off at the rectory around 5:30 p.m.....once a month. Our greatest need for meals would be on Monday and Friday evenings. If you are willing to help Feed the Fathers, please see page 5 in this bulletin for details.

Thank You!

I want to thank all those who did so much to make last week's golf tournament possible. I would like to thank the Arrighi family for all the work they have put into this tournament this year and in all the years in the past. Thank you also to all the volunteers and assistants, as well as all the golfers who participated and made the day such a good time and successful. I know that the proceeds from this tournament will allow us to continue to participate in fulfilling our mission to live and spread the Gospel.

I am also grateful for your generosity in the monthly Capital Improvement Collection. You will note in the bulletin a number of improvements and maintenance that have been done or planning in the church and chapel.

Fr. Bill

Altar Servers

With recent weather reminding us that summer is just around the corner, it is good to think ahead to the things that we will need in the different season. One thing to think about is that with all the families going on vacation we always have a hard time finding altar servers to cover all of the Masses. To help limit this problem, I would like to move our altar server training for new servers from the fall to **Wednesday, June 10 at 7pm**. If you know of any children who will be entering 4th grade or above in the fall, and who would be interested in participating in this important ministry please contact the parish office to let us know to expect you. Thank you for your consideration.

Golf Tournament

Last Friday I participated in the 17th Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Tournament for the benefit of the parish. Playing in the tournament was actually the first time I have played a full game of golf, and I enjoyed the experience. Thankfully we had the perfect weather for it, a beautiful sunny day without it being too hot, but more importantly we had a wonderful group of people gathered together to do something they enjoyed for a good cause. You cannot have a bad day with something like that, even if some of your shots don't go exactly like you would like them to. I hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as I did, and I know that your generosity will help our parish to continue to participate in God's saving work for another year.

*In Christ,
Fr. Adrian*

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

His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples 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!



WeShare Because We Care

Our parish is grateful to everyone who contributes each week.

We thank those parishioners who give online through WeShare, as online gifts provide a regular source of income when parishioners are away during the summer or winter months.

Members of the Parish Finance Council will be speaking at the Masses to provide more information about WeShare, and invite all to consider giving electronically. WeShare may be accessed through our website, <http://www.stthomasaquinas.com> by clicking the icon below, or use your smart phone and the QR code below.

<i>Scripture for the week of May 17, 2015</i>		
17	SUN	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
18	Mon	Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
19	Tue	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
20	Wed	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
21	Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
22	Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
23	Sat	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
24	SUN	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



In observation of Memorial Day, the parish offices will be closed Monday, May 25.

No Daily Mass Thursday, May 21, 2015
There will be no 7am or 9am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish on this day.
Masses nearby: 7am St. Ann's Raynham, 9am St. Ann's, W. Bridgewater and St. John's E. Bridgewater

Spring Improvements and Maintenance

With the arrival of spring, maintenance and improvement projects are in full swing!

Both St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Basil's Chapel grounds have received professional landscape clean-ups. Thank you to Bill and Regina Cannon for providing and planting flowers at the Chapel in advance of the landscape work! The coordination of volunteer and professional efforts has yielded beauty for all to enjoy.

All of the roofs have had a spring inspection. Roof repairs have been completed at the main campus, and gutter repairs are completed at St. Basil.

Also on the schedule for St. Basil is some major tree work. Failing trees will be removed completely, and limbs that pose a maintenance risk will be addressed as well.

Recent renovations at the rectory are almost complete.

Also at the rectory and parish center, the first of our energy efficiency upgrades for all our facilities is underway. With capital improvement funds and the financial subsidy of incentive programs through National Grid, all outdated lighting fixtures will be replaced with energy efficient LED fixtures to create long-term savings for the parish.

Other cost saving measures just beginning to show rewards in the area of utility expense are contracts with alternate suppliers for electricity and gas. We look forward to sharing more with you as these contracts come into full effect.

In the past week, the carillon (church bells) which has not had service since its installation in 2006 was repaired. Hopefully, you will notice the clarity.

The list goes on, but I don't want to bore you! We are so grateful for your ongoing support to the parish's Capital Improvement Fund, which funds projects, such as these. Please feel free to speak with Father Devine, me or members of your Maintenance Council to let us know how we are doing; and please add your prayers to ours that we may be good stewards of the properties we manage for the parish.

*Blessings,
Gina*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Catholic Appeal Thank You

Thank you again for your generosity to the diocesan annual appeal. Pledges to the Catholic Appeal now exceed \$45,000.

This past week, several members of the staff attended free trainings sponsored by the Archdiocese. Staff development is just one of the many ways the parish benefits by your support of the central ministries. Thank you for helping us serve you better!

Women's Club Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Club will be held on **Thursday, May 21st at 6:30pm** at the **Boston Tavern Restaurant** (the former Riverside Restaurant) on **Rt. 28 in Middleboro**. The menu will be the original "Chicken, Steak & Chocolate Cake". The cost is \$25.00 and includes red or white wine on each table.

For tickets, please call Nancy Querzoli at (508) 697-6626 or Rosemary Symes at (508) 279-1757.

With Grateful Appreciation

Your heartfelt outpouring of generosity to the victims of the Nepal earthquake is truly inspiring. Your gifts were processed as reports of yet another quake was fresh in our minds. Our prayers accompany gifts of \$3,990 towards relief efforts.

Combined gifts to the parish offertory were \$8,977.
In Pew \$5,362
Online \$2,390
Mail In \$1,225

Thank you again for all you do in support of our parish, diocese, and the Church beyond our borders.

He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will be refreshed. Prov. 11:25 NAB

50 Squares for 50 Years

Fifteen of the Fifty Squares for the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt for St. Basil and The Catholic Center have arrived! If you are one of the 35 "missing" squares, we welcome your artful contribution as soon as possible. The April 30th **deadline** is extended to **May 18th, Monday**. If a quilting bee, a quilting workshop, some expert quilting advice, art materials, patterns, stencils, felt, or other fabric could help you out, just let us know and we will provide what you seek. **Drop your square off at the side foyer of The Catholic Center, 9am - 2pm any day EXCEPT Saturday.** Many thanks!

*Marlene DeLeon,
Campus Minister*

**Second Collection
May 17, 2015**

Catholic Communications Campaign

Today's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC develops media programming, projects and resources that promote Gospel values. Fifty percent (50%) supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. The other 50% will remain with our parish to support local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.

Please visit: WWW.USCCB.org/ccc

Coffee & Donuts

We would like to thank all who attended our Sunday, coffee & donuts at St. Thomas Aquinas. This was a new venture that we hope brought our Parish closer together! This fall we will resume coffee and donuts, every other Sunday, following the 10am Mass. We hope you will join us.

Thank you so much to the volunteers that made this such a success these past few months.

The Hospitality Ministry

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston. We are blessed that many, such as Tom and Will are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and help support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. Thank you.

For more information visit: www.usccb.org/ppc.

Signing up for Feeding the Fathers

As Fr. Bill mentioned in his write up this week, we thank anyone who might be willing to Feed the Fathers. For those of you who are comfortable signing up online, instructions are listed below. You are also welcome to contact Nancy at the parish office Monday-Friday, 9-5. (508) 697-9528.

Online instructions: visit www.mealtrain.com and sign in with *user id:* stthomasaquinas@comcast.net and *password:* meals2014. Click on My Meal Train to view available dates and sign up for a meal.

Faith Formation

Confirmation News

The last class for Confirmation II will be Sunday May 17th. Mass Attendance Cards and all outstanding paperwork are due at this time. For their last session the candidates will review the Confirmation ceremony and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Courage or Fortitude, Reverence or Piety, Right Judgement or Counsel, and Wonder. We pray that on the day of Confirmation they will be open to receiving these gifts.

Our hope is that the candidates will have a sense of belonging and connectedness to our parish and the greater Church. Thank you to all who participated in writing planca letters. All who still have letters are asked to drop them off at the rectory (mail slot) this weekend.



Confirmation Rehearsals will take place Thursday, May 28th. The following classes will come at 3:30: Mrs. Fava, Ms. Landers, Mrs. Papasodoro & Mrs. Peterson. The following classes will come at 5:00: Mr. Boyle, Mrs. Creighton & Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Grunin, and Mrs. Mikelus. Sponsors are expected to attend. If a sponsor cannot be there, please bring someone who can stand in for them.

Please continue to pray for the candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Dooher on Sunday, May 31st.

Debbie & Karen

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.



SAVE THE DATE!
Vacation Bible School
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center
July 20 - 24, 2015

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

TROOP SUPPORT DRIVE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Beginning this weekend and continuing through May 24th, the parish will take a collection for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Brockton. Below is a list of requested items. All items (without exception) are required to be new/unused and in the original packing. We will be supporting two buildings: Building 8 which is the home of Spinal Cord Injury veterans; and Building 4 which houses Hospice, Rehab, and Long-Term resident veterans. Thank you for your donations which are so greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-697-7842 or email me at sallynator67@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Sally

PERSONAL NEEDS

- Diabetic & Regular Hard Candies
- Hair Brushes & Combs
- Battery Operated Clock Radios
- Underwear (boxer, brief & women's)
- Socks (tube, crew & women's)
- Large Print Crosswords
- Large Word Search Activity Work-books
- Denture Cleaner & Adhesive
- Q-Tips
- Cuticle Sticks
- Fingernail Files & Clippers

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Cup Holders/Back Packs for Wheel chairs
- Cribbage/Scrabble/ Chess/Checkers
- DVD Players
- Canteen Books
- Reading Glasses
- Large Print Playing Cards
- Disposable Razors
- T-Shirts (Med - 3XL)
- Hearing Aid Batteries
- Cosmetic Bags
- Female Hygiene Products
- Unbreakable Hand Mirrors
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Postage Stamps
- Men's & Women's Sneakers (all sizes)
- Sport Shirts

GIFT CERTIFICATES

- CVS
- Stop & Shop
- Shaws
- Mary Lou Coffee Shop
- D'Angelos



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16
4:00 Palmira Lopes

Sunday, May 17
7:45: Regina Romanish
10:00: Robert E. LeBlanc
10:00 *St. Basil*: Jose Curvelo, Sr.
12:00: Frances Morast

Tuesday, May 20
7:00 Rev. Barry Bossa, S.A.C.,
Patricia Helmuth & Robert Bossa

Friday, May 22
Frances Lomazzo

Saturday, May 23
4:00 Elena Rea

Sunday, May 24
7:45: Mass for the People
10:00: Karen McDonald
12:00: Camela Scolaro-Lamphier

Sunday, May 24th will be the last 5pm Mass at St. Basil's Chapel, until school resumes this fall.

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

◆ **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, handi-cap or age, please contact the Rectory.



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Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith**, *Rev. Paul E. Ritt* (MAM Core)

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Introductory Latin**, *Dr. M. Kakavas* (Elective)

Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah**, *Prof. Celia Sirois*

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council**, *Prof. Susan Kay*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Spirituality for Ministry**, *Rev. George P. Evans*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety**, *Dr. David Franks*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement**, *Rev. Terence Curley*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Women, Sex, and the Church**, *Dr. Angela Franks*

**NO
CHARGE**

Seventh Annual June Biblical Seminar

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