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May 31, 2015

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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.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



Here it is – we've been commissioned, right along with the disciples. Go. Baptize. Teach. All imperatives. Equally important – perhaps even more important – is the last line: “... I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Evangelization is the work of the whole Church – and we're not alone. He is with us ALWAYS.

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 within our local and broader community.

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 (resume in fall)

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

Confirmations Congratulations

Ninety-nine students from our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, May 31 during the 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Masses. I am very grateful to Debbie Hill, her staff and teachers for the time and commitment they have made in order to help these students better understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of His Church. I also thank those parents who by word and example have been an example and encouraged their children to grow in their faith. As these young men and women continue to mature in their faith I hope they have or will come to an appreciation of how much the Lord loves them and is with them.

Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass at the Fatima Grotto at the Center St. Cemetery was a great expression of parishioner's faith and patriotism. Over 80 parishioners gathered at the altar beneath the statue of Mary with the national ensign flying at half-mast in the distance. The Mass was celebrated for not only for our deceased veterans but for all those who are buried in our cemeteries. I especially would like to thank Bob Emord, Gary Gracia and Andrew Groh who worked diligently to make our cemeteries beautiful for this significant and meaningful day. I'd also like to thank Regina Reale for planning and leading the music and Ray Perry for setting up the altar.

Summer Seminarians

Tom Sullivan and Will Sexton have begun their pastoral assignment in our parish. They hope to have opportunities to integrate their academic knowledge with pastoral experiences. During the eight weeks that they are here I invite and encourage you to meet and speak with them, share your faith and encouragement and seek their support in helping you to grow in your faith.

I would like to thank the number of parishioners who have already signed up to "Feed the Fathers." If you'd like to prepare one meal during the summer I'd ask you sign up on line (see pg. 5) or call the parish office.

Farewell

For the past four years Nancy Nastari has served as Administrative Assistant in our parish. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, Nancy has been the "face of the parish" and will be greatly missed. She leaves this position in order to return to her previous career. A job description for this position has been posted on our website and next week's bulletin will have information on how to apply.

Until we fill this position we ask your patience and understanding as we try to respond to everyone's request.

Fr. Bill



Training

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.

Fr. Adrian



**Knights of Columbus & American Red Cross
Community Blood Drive!**

Tuesday, July 7th, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

Walk ins are Welcome

(but Appointments Encouraged)

To schedule an appointment please call

1-800 RED CROSS

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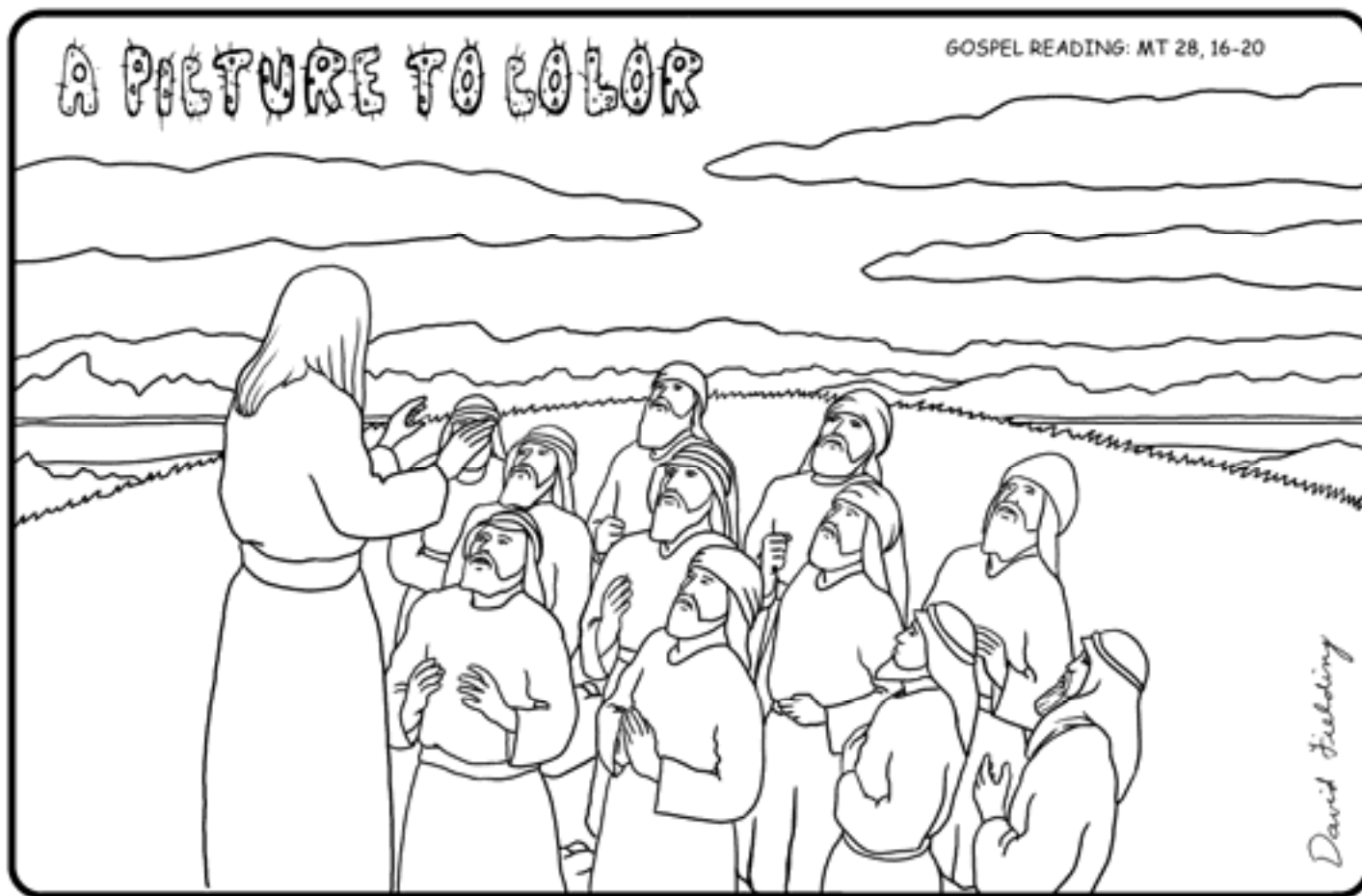
Faith Formation

Today, Sunday, May 31st, we welcome the Most Reverend John A. Doohar as he confirms the candidates of St. Thomas Aquinas. Each bishop is a successor of the Apostles who received their commissioning at Pentecost. This was when the first Confirmation took place. Jesus promised to send a Helper—the Holy Spirit. Like the Apostles, confirmandi are sealed with the gifts of the Spirit and sent out into the world to live like Jesus and to spread his love. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (CCC 1285) Pray for all who have been sealed with the sacred Chrism of Confirmation, that they use their gifts to build up the Kingdom of God.

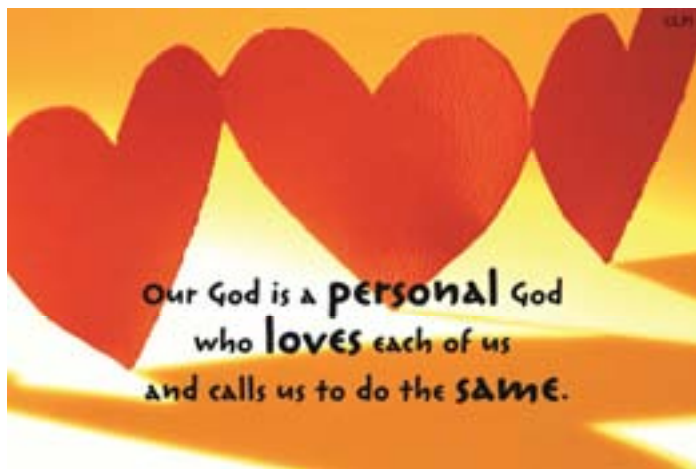


REGISTER NOW by visiting our website: www.stthomasaquinas.com
to complete an online form.

Registration has begun for next year, Grades 1-10. To receive your preference for day and time, register early. Register before July 31st to avoid a late fee. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we are excited to be using *Chosen* as our curriculum for Confirmation. Prayerfully consider joining our team of catechists. We encourage team teaching—invite a friend!



Sunday Funday © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing



Save the Date

Catholic Financial Life has set the date for this year's trip to New York City. **Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015.** More information will follow in a later bulletin.

Weekly Stewardship May 24, 2015

In Pew offertory: \$5415
 E-giving: \$820*
 Total offertory \$6235

*Note: due to the banking holiday, online gifts do not reflect receipts for a full week.

Gifts to our second collection supporting the Seminaries are \$2203. Thank you for the support of this important collection. Our parish is blessed to see firsthand the fruitfulness of these great educational institutions. This week we welcome two seminarians back to our rectory for the summer!

Scripture for the week of May 31, 2015

- 31 SUN Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
- 1 Mon Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
- 2 Tue Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- 3 Wed Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- 4 Thu Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28
- 5 Fri Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- 6 Sat Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- 7 SUN Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Second Collection May 31, 2015 Parish Collection for Beautification and Landscaping

Next week's Second Collection
Capital Improvement



The HEART Guild invites all women in our parish and community to a **Stress Relief Night on Tuesday June 9th at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Melissa Samartano, a psychologist from Raynham will be leading the workshop with a holistic approach to healing. HEART stand for; holistic, enrichment and renewal together, so Dr. Melissa aligns perfectly with our mission!

Please bring a friend or two (adult beverages and snacks to share are welcome) and join us for another fun night! Please RSVP to papasodoro@comcast.net or 508-697-6741.



**Please Join Us
Candlelight Rosary Procession**

Date: Saturday, June 13th
Time: 7:30pm
Place: St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Speaker: Sr. Deacon Jerry Ryan
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

All are welcome and encouraged to join us in honoring our Lady of Fatima with a service including inspiring music and a candlelight procession.

Handicap accessible.

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

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 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.

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** cordially invites you to attend their Annual Meeting / Day of Reflection to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday, June 20, 2015** at the **Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree**. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration, coffee and pastries. A DVD on Sister Lucia and the Message of Fatima follows. Reverend Edward Riley, Spiritual Director, will give a presentation. The Rosary will be prayed and mass is at 11:00am, with lunch following. The works of the Apostolate will be available as well as a presentation on First Saturday Devotions. Closing prayers at 3:00pm. Pre-registration is required, the fee is \$25.00 and registration is open until June 13th. To register contact Lynn at 508-378-7431 or email elk314@comcast.net.

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!



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



PRAY FOR HEALING

Blessed are the Peacemakers

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

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 CW4 Thomas Ahl, USA
 Captain Vincent Chiappini, USA
 2nd LT. Karen Chouinard Holliday, USMC
 Captain John Costantino & USA
 PFC, William Vey, USA
 CPL, Brandon Jamieson, USA

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

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**
- ◆ **Monday, July 6, 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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 30

4:00 Germaine Lanzikos

Sunday, May 31

7:45: Ernesto Pacheco, Ines Carreiro and All Souls in Purgatory

10:00: Mass for the People

10:00 *St. Basil:* Benny and Elsie Scalise

Tuesday, June 2

7:00: Jack Jackson Field

Saturday, June 6

4:00: The Maffei Family

Sunday, June 7

7:45: Debbie Pincolini Baroni

10:00: Arthur A. Court

10:00 *St. Basil:* John Vicente

12:00: Harold Terpeny



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2015 SUMMER COURSES • AUDITORS WELCOME

Session I: May 27-July 29, Wednesday Evenings (3 credits)

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

The Family in the Bible

Prof. Celia Sirois, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2015 ~ 7-9 pm

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