

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JUNE 8, 2025



*Baccalaureate Mass - June 1, 2025*

## 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.

## WELCOME

Welcome to visitors of our Parish, and to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are 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.



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**SUNDAY MASS**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
103 Center St., Bridgewater  
Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

**St. Basil Chapel**

122 Park Ave., Bridgewater  
Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

**DAILY MASS**

St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church  
Monday - Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

**CONFESSION**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
Saturday: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Lower  
Church or by appointment

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GOLF OUTING AND DINNER FUNDRAISER

## THIS MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

### *LAST CHANCE!!!*

### *We need your support!*

## IT'S NOT JUST GOLF! BID IN OUR ONLINE AUCTION!

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## FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION



**THIS FRIDAY**

**June 13th**

**7:30 PM**

**St. Thomas  
Aquinas Church**



**SPEAKER: Fr. Rodrigo Martinez**

## PORTUGUESE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY MASS

**NEXT Sunday, June 15 | 9:00 AM**

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society will be having their annual Mass celebrating the Holy Ghost NEXT SUNDAY, June 15th at 9:00 AM in the upper Church. After Mass, there will be a procession back to the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society grounds at 352 Broad St., Bridgewater, where various traditions take place, including the FREE serving of the Portuguese soup and bread. In addition, there will be concession stands with BBQ and sweet bread. All are welcome to join!



## JOIN OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

**FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM  
MASS AT ST. BASIL'S CHAPEL,  
THERE WILL BE A SOLEMN  
PROCESSION AROUND THE  
BRIDGEWATER COMMON  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
THE FEAST OF THE  
MOST BLESSED BODY  
AND BLOOD OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

## You are Invited to our First Public Safety Mass



**Sunday, June 22, 2025 | 9:00 AM  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

In conjunction with our local police and fire departments, our parish is pleased to sponsor our first Public Safety Mass to acknowledge and pray for those who protect and serve us. The procession will include bagpipes and drums. We encourage all to attend and support our local police and fire departments.



## HYMN FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Please join our choir as we sing this hymn  
this weekend. - *Paul Hoffman - Music Director*

### Pilgrims of Hope

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

#### REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is burning,  
may my song arise to you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.

#### VERSE 1

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word.  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters  
find a home in your dear Son.

#### REFRAIN

#### VERSE 2

God, so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heav'n and earth are recreated  
by the Spirit of Life set free.

#### REFRAIN

#### VERSE 3

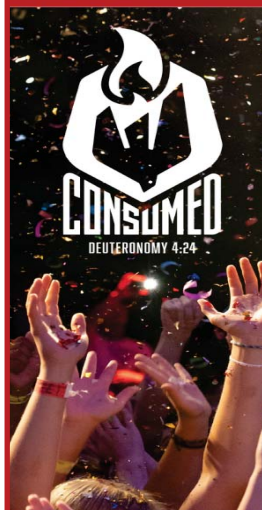
Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,  
for our God is born in time.  
Son made man for you and many  
who will find the way in him.

#### REFRAIN



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JUNE 11  
5:00 PM**  
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[frrodrigo@sta-parish.org](mailto:frrodrigo@sta-parish.org)

### *Youth from our parish will be traveling to the Steubenville Youth Conference*



**JULY 10 - 13, 2025**

**HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE  
INVITED INTO A LIFE-CHANGING  
ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST!  
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TRANSFORM YOUR HEART.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER,  
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OR DEBBIE HILL AT [DHILL@STA-PARISH.ORG](mailto:DHILL@STA-PARISH.ORG).**



### **Pentecost Taizé Service and Reception** **THIS Sunday, June 8 | 7:00 PM**

*Light the flame in our hearts once again!*

**St. John Neumann Parish  
157 Middleboro Road  
East Freetown, MA 02717**

*Reception in Neuman Hall immediately following*

## BACCALAUREATE MASS

Last Sunday at our 12:00 PM Mass, we honored and prayed for graduating high school and college seniors. Students present (and pictured on the bulletin cover) were Cole Bridges (B-R), Shane Bridges (College of the Holy Cross), Megan Crean (B-R), Harlem Meade-Draves (Cardinal Spellman), Jonathan Furmanik (B-R), Jenna Haley (B-R), Abigail Holland (B-P), Jacob Howard (B-P), John Joseph (BSU), Szebasztian Kovacs (B-R), James MacDonald (B-R), Cady Morrison (B-R), 2Lt Brian Rosher (MA Maritime Academy), Derek Storment (B-R), and Michael Walsh (B-R). Thank you to Allyson Holland for coordinating this year's Baccalaureate Mass.

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

SEMINARIANS / PENTECOST  
PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

JUNE 7 - 8  
JUNE 14 - 15

| Collections Summary<br>5/26 - 6/1 | St. Thomas       | St. Basil       | Total            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Weekly Collection (In-Pew)        | \$ 6,146         | \$ 747          | \$ 6,893         |
| Mail-in / Drop-Off                | \$ 305           | \$ 0            | \$ 305           |
| Online (WeShare)                  | \$ 4,140         | \$ 1,120        | \$ 5,260         |
| <b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$ 10,591</b> | <b>\$ 1,867</b> | <b>\$ 12,458</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>        | <b>\$ 3,299</b>  | <b>\$ 361</b>   | <b>\$ 3,660</b>  |

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MAY = \$ 16,170**

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK SEMINARIANS / PENTECOST

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are fortunate to have two seminarians, **Sean McKeown** and **Patrick Earley**, with us this summer. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).



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May 30 column.





**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
CATHOLIC MEN'S  
BASKETBALL GROUP**

Interested in connecting with a group of devoted Catholic men for fellowship through **praying** and **playing basketball**? Join us in the parish center **Tuesdays in June from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Interested? Email Michael Péguý Desronvil at [michaelpdesronvil@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpdesronvil@gmail.com).**

## RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

The Women's Club is now accepting donations for the Rummage Sale on **Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30** at the **parish center**. They accept clean clothing, toys, shoes, glassware and dishes. Please no VHS tapes, CDs, or DVDs. Thank you!

## DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS POSITION

As you know, we are in the process of searching for a Director of Ministries and Programs. If you or someone you know may be interested, please visit **our website, [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com)**, to review the job description. Thank you!

## JUNE 8 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today's scripture reminds us that, just as the Holy Spirit was given at that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continues to pour gifts upon us at Baptism and at Confirmation; gifts that are to be put at the service of others. This feast reminds us that Jesus is sending us, just as he sent Peter and the disciples, to share the good news! These are the gifts we've been given: **Wisdom** - the ability to exercise good judgment; **Understanding** - the ability to perceive, comprehend, and interpret information; **Counsel** - the ability to give good advice, and also to receive it; **Knowledge** - the ability to study, learn, and master a wide field of information; **Fortitude** - an unwavering commitment to God that shows itself as moral strength and courage; **Piety** - personal holiness, the ability to live a decent life; **Fear of the Lord** - awe, reverence, and respect for God. With these gifts, we have been sent!



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m. Angela Fagundes (living - healing)  
4:00 p.m. Evangelina and Jose Sousa

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

#### St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Ernesto Pacheco and Ines Carreiro  
12:00 p.m. Daniel Buckley - 5th Anniversary

#### St. Basil 10:30 a.m.

Kevin McLaughlin

### MONDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 a.m. Jose & Manuel Coelho and Angelina Andrade

### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m. William Owen

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 a.m. Tina Clemente - Lincoln

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m. Andrew Owens

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 a.m. Anthony Ferreira (living - healing)  
4:00 p.m. Guido Rea

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

#### St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Portuguese Holy Ghost Society Mass  
12:00 p.m. Filippo Presti

#### St. Basil 10:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

To receive information about the Sacraments, or to schedule an appointment with a priest, please call the parish office at 508-697-9528.

### BAPTISM

If you wish to have your child or yourself Baptized, please call the office. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated monthly on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:30 p.m., or during Mass. Dates subject to change.

### MARRIAGE

If you wish to be married in our parish, call the parish office at least 8 months in advance. **Marriage Preparation instruction is required.**

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

If you or anyone you know would like to be anointed because of serious illness or surgery, anointings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m., or you may contact the office to schedule a time.

### CONFESSIONS - LOWER CHURCH

Saturdays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.

## PRAYER LIST

### A Time to be Born...

Aurora Smith

### A Time to Die...

Helen Folloni  
Carolyn Kozella  
Sandra McGrath

Mary Stordy  
Deborah Turcotte

### A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen  
Kathy Bennett  
Pamela Bumpus  
Sandra Cable  
Thomas Chiappini  
George Cowan  
Helen Crespi  
Anthony DeSerpa  
Dave Dorrer  
Kash Doughty  
Joan Ward Fusco  
Brenda Gentili  
Patricia Giovanniello  
Barbara Gothage  
Joanne Hamer  
Caroline Hayes  
Peter Hayes  
Tom Joyce  
Jeanne Keane  
Regina Keane  
Carol Kelly  
Julie Landry  
Lucie Lovell  
Evan Madigan  
Juliet Magargal

Mary  
Riley McHardy  
Charles Micalizzi  
JoAnn Micalizzi  
Kathy Monahan  
Maureen Mosher  
Peter Moynihan, Sr.  
Chris O'Leary  
Ellen O'Leary  
Peter O'Leary  
Thomas O'Leary  
Maria Presti  
Jason Ryan  
Joseph Sarro  
Tony Scalfaro  
James Schneider  
Steven  
Sarah Silvia  
Deana Spingel  
Emily Stone  
James "Leo" Tuite, Jr.  
Chris Uhlman  
Jason Zutaut  
Nicole Zutaut

### A Time for Peace...

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA  
Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA  
SGT Joseph Cannistraro, USA  
SRAMN Thomas J. Guzman, USAF  
1st LT Jimmy Lysko, USMC  
CAPT Jarod Mockus, USA  
GEN Eric M. Smith, USMC  
PFC Harry Terpeny, USANG  
STAFF SGT Nicholas Walsh, USA

## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Lower Church

### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Lower Church

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday of the month:

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Lower Church

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

1st Saturday of the month: 10:30 a.m., Lower Church

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