

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JUNE 22, 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

A Note from Fr. Devine...**Thank You!!!**

I would like to thank all those who supported this year's Golf Tournament held at West Bridgewater Country Club on June 9. I thank all those who played golf and donated sponsorships, as well as those who participated in the online auction and/or dinner. In particular, I'd like to thank Ken Barnard, Golf Committee Chairperson, and his committee members who planned all the events. I would like to give a special thanks to Joanne Hamer who solicited auction items which brought in \$10,000 alone. We estimate the total net profit to be approximately \$24,000. This money will be used to strengthen and increase our parish ministries, our ability to help others and support our ongoing operational expenses.

Needless to say, the Golf Tournament is not only our largest parish fundraiser, but it also brings families and friends together, building up and strengthening our parish community.

Holy Ghost Mass and Meal

I want to thank the members of the Holy Ghost Society for the great celebration of their faith and culture last weekend. During the 9:00 AM Mass, we recalled the faith of Saint Isabela, Queen of Portugal. Queen Isabela had a great devotion to the Holy Ghost (Spirit) and sought the Lord's help when her people were facing starvation. She cared for the poor and fed the hungry during the famine. Following her example, the members of the Holy Ghost Society provided a free meal, "sopa do espirito santo," Portuguese soup and bread, to all who attended their festa do espirito santo on Broad St. May the example of St. Isabela's faith and charity continue to inspire all of us.

- Fr. Devine

**JUNE 22 ~ SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD**

Today, like every Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of our faith that forges our identity and strengthens us to be the very Body of Christ that we receive. Celebrating the Body and Blood of Christ always calls us to do what he commanded: to share our lives as he did. The gift we receive and celebrate is the very center and heart of our church; the center and heart of our faith and our lives. So too, it must be the center and heart of our parish life. As we leave Mass today, having received Christ's body and blood, let us pray for our parish and ourselves be more and more Christ-like in all that we say and do.

Golf Tournament 2025



Portuguese Holy Ghost Mass and Festa

June 15, 2025



*Blessing and Crowning
of the Queen and her Court*



Blessing of the bread to be served

Mandela Scholars Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 PM
Parish Center

BSU is once again hosting young African leaders for an intensive summer leadership program. Join us to welcome them! The chance to meet and talk with community members, especially in the fields they are pursuing, is always a highlight of their visit.



save the date!

NEW DATES ADDED AT FR. BILL'S PLACE / MAINSRING HOUSE!

We have added new volunteer dates through September for Fr. Bill's / Mainspring House in Brockton! Fr. Bill's/Mainspring House serves daily meals to the homeless. **If you would like to join other volunteers to serve them, please visit our website to register.** You may also contact Charlene Freccero via email at charlenern123@comcast.net with questions or to volunteer.

NEW ADDRESS! Please be aware that Fr. Bill's/ Mainspring House has a **new location**. It is now located at **124 Manley Street in Brockton**.

Thank you for volunteering to support this important ministry!

SCOUT SUNDAY

NEXT Sunday, June 29th, Bridgewater Scouts will be celebrated **at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Basil's Chapel**. Catholic Scout Awards will be presented following Mass. Please contact Kate Anderson at 508-353-0780 or email cnjanderson@comcast.net with questions.

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Jacob Howard, graduating senior at Bristol- Plymouth Regional Technical High School and Cole Bridges, graduating senior at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School! They are this year's recipients of the Catholic Women's Club of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish scholarships. We wish them best of luck and continued success in future endeavors.

- Helen Cleary, Scholarship Chairperson



FAITH ON FIRE


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June 13 column.**



YEAR OF HOPE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SERVICE TO BE HELD AT SAINTS MARTHA AND MARY CHURCH, LAKEVILLE

Father Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo, pastor of St. Isidore Parish, announces a Year of Hope Eucharistic Adoration service to be held at **Sts. Martha and Mary Church, Bedford St. (Route 18), Lakeville**, on **Sunday, June 29, at 3:00 P.M.** St. Isidore Parish includes the parish families of Sts. Martha and Mary Church in Lakeville, Sacred Heart Church in Middleboro, and St. Rose of Lima Church in Rochester.

The hour-and-a-half Adoration service will include meditative music, presentation by the guest speaker, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and recitation of the Litany of Hope.

Father Paul Soper will be the guest speaker. Fr. Soper is secretary for ministerial personnel and director of clergy personnel at the Boston Archdiocesan Center, Braintree. He will speak on the Catholic Year of Hope, also known as the Jubilee Year 2025, proclaimed by the Church.

The Jubilee Year is traditionally celebrated every 25 years. The faithful are encouraged to make pilgrimages and experience spiritual renewal through grace, through acts of love and service, and through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Saints Martha and Mary Church is air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. All are invited to attend this special service of Eucharistic Adoration during the Jubilee Year of Hope, 2025.



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 Péguy Desronvil at michaelpdesronvil@gmail.com.

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**, to review the job description. Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION
NO SECOND COLLECTION

JUNE 21 - 22
JUNE 28 - 29

Collections Summary 6/9 - 6/15	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,632	\$ 387	\$ 6,019
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 220	\$ 0	\$ 220
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,871	\$ 479	\$ 3,350
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 8,723	\$ 866	\$ 9,589
PROMOTING THE GOSPEL	\$ 2,249	\$ 258	\$ 2,507

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MAY = \$ 16,170

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is now accepting donations for the Fall Rummage Sale on **Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:30 AM** at the **parish center**. They accept clean clothing, toys, shoes, glassware and dishes. Please no VHS tapes, CDs, or DVDs. Please do not leave donations outside. Thank you!



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 a.m. **Mariaelena Guzman (living)**
 4:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the Haran family**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. **Public Safety Mass**
 12:00 p.m. **Maria & Guilhermina Soares and Zelia Freeman**
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. **Paul Cuddy, Sr.**

MONDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m. **Mark DioGuardi - Leivi**

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Barbour**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 a.m. **Dave McCormack**

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. **Matthew Suneson**

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 a.m. **Mary Stordy**

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 a.m. **Dennis DiGiusto (living - healing)**
 4:00 p.m. **Anthony Baio - 1st Anniversary**

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. **Deceased members of the Costa family**
 12:00 p.m. **Maria Veiga - 14th Anniversary**
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. **Scout Sunday Mass**

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 Die...

Helen Folloni	Sandra McGrath
Carolyn Kozella	Mary Stordy
Peter Mazzaferro	Deborah Turcotte
Kathleen McCabe	Mary Ann Vacherweill

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Juliet Magargal
Kevin Balf	Mary
Kathy Bennett	Riley McHardy
Pamela Bumpus	Charles Micalizzi
Sandra Cable	JoAnn Micalizzi
Thomas Chiappini	Kathy Monahan
George Cowan	Maureen Mosher
Helen Crespi	Peter Moynihan, Sr.
Anthony DeSerpa	Chris O'Leary
Dennis DiGiusto	Ellen O'Leary
Dave Dorrer	Peter O'Leary
Kash Doughty	Thomas O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Maria Presti
Brenda Gentili	Jason Ryan
Patricia Giovanniello	Joseph Sarro
Barbara Gothage	Tony Scalfaro
Joanne Hamer	James Schneider
Caroline Hayes	Steven
Peter Hayes	Sarah Silvia
Tom Joyce	Deana Spingel
Jeanne Keane	Emily Stone
Regina Keane	James "Leo" Tuite, Jr.
Carol Kelly	Chris Uhlman
Julie Landry	Jason Zutaut
Lucie Lovell	Nicole Zutaut
Evan Madigan	

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
 2Lt Brian Roshier 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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