

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JULY 20, 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



# END-OF-SUMMER FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

**Saturday, August 30**

**11 AM - 2 PM**

**Parish Center**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!**



**Hula Hoop Contest**

**11:30**

**Country Line Dancing**

**12:00**



**Pony rides**

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Farm Animals Petting Zoo**

**12:00 - 2:00**



**Three-Legged Race**

**12:00**

**Water Squirter Game**

**1:00**



**Ice Cream Truck treats  
available for purchase**

**12:30 - 1:00**



**Food available for purchase**

**11:00 - 2:00**



**All other activities**

**11:00 - 2:00**



**Bring your family and  
join us for a fun-filled day!**

**Visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to register!**



**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**Please visit our website to sign up!**



**Faith Formation**



**FAITH FORMATION  
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**Our Grade 1-7 classes** will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays (alternating weeks) at 5:00 PM.

**Confirmation class (Grades 8-9)** meets Sunday nights at 6:15 PM. If your child is missing a sacrament, please call the office as soon as possible.

**To register, visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) or scan this QR Code.**



## LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE MANDELA SCHOLARS POTLUCK DINNER!

**THIS TUESDAY, JULY 22 - 6:00 PM**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center**

Bridgewater State University is once again hosting young African leaders for an intensive summer leadership program. Join us to welcome these 25 amazing young men and women who have been chosen from over 5,000 applicants to attend the six-week leadership program at BSU. For many, this will be their first time in America. The chance to meet and talk with community members, especially in the fields they are pursuing, is always a highlight of their visit. **This is a potluck dinner, so we ask you to bring a dish to share.**

**To register, call Kate Anderson at 508-353-9780, visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com), or scan this QR Code.**



## SAVE THE DATES!

**JULY 21**

Faith on Fire with Seminarian Sean

**JULY 22**

Mandela Scholars Potluck Dinner

**JULY 23**

Young Adult Gathering - St. Basil's

**JULY 30**

Young Adult Gathering - St. Basil's

**AUGUST 1**

First Friday Adoration

**AUGUST 3**

Anointing of the Sick

**AUGUST 6**

Young Adult Gathering - St. Basil's

**AUGUST 13**

Fatima Rosary Procession

**AUGUST 15**

Feast of the Assumption  
(*Holy Day of Obligation*)

**AUGUST 30**

End-of-Summer Family Block Party

**SEPTEMBER 5**

First Friday Adoration

**SEPTEMBER 7**

Anointing of the Sick  
Coffee and Donuts resumes  
5:00 Mass at St. Thomas resumes

**SEPTEMBER 13**

Fatima Rosary Procession

**SEPTEMBER 13-14**

Volunteer Sign-Up Weekend

**SEPTEMBER 20-21**

Volunteer Sign-Up Weekend



# FAITH ON FIRE

Weekly Gathering for Prayer and Fellowship

**MONDAY, JULY 21**

**6:30 PM IN THE LOWER CHURCH**



## YOUNG ADULT

### *Summer Series*

*with Seminarian (Sean) Patrick*

**THIS WEDNESDAY 7/23 | 6:30 PM**

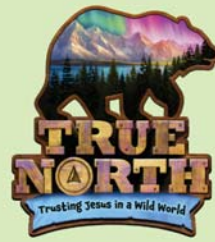


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## ATTENTION PARENTS! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC ITEMS FOR YOUR CHILDREN?



Recently, a parent highly recommended this website to us. Prayer rings and other Catholic items are available for purchase at [catholicfamilycrate.com/collections/ring](http://catholicfamilycrate.com/collections/ring).



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are less than a month away from VBC! Some parishioners have reached out to us asking if there is anything we need for camp. Below you will find the items still needed for VBC. **Items can be dropped off at the parish center Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** This year, we are blessed to have 75 campers joining us when camp begins on August 11. We thank you in advance for your donations!

### Items needed are:

Tie Dye kits (4)	Water Balloons
Baby wipes	(self closing)
White paper towels, thin	24 battery tea lights
24 Bean Bags	Pool noodles (6)
Non-Latex Gloves	Aluminum pans (12)
Ziplock bags- Sandwich	Foil
Paper bowls	Ziplock bags- Gallon
Glue dots	Small paper plates

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO COORDINATE OUR OPEN GYMS!



We still need an **additional 1-2 volunteer chaperones** for these open gyms on a consistent basis! Our open gym nights, held on the **second Friday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**, provide a safe space for students in **grades 6-8** to get together with friends and play games in the gym and youth room. **You do not need to be a middle school parent to volunteer!**

**OUR FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN GYM  
IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 12.**



**IF INTERESTED, CONTACT TINA LARSON  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE (508-697-9528)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU!**



**"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"**  
Mt. 20:26

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

will take place **Friday, August 1,**  
in the lower church.

Adoration will be held  
from **9:30 AM – 6:00 PM.**

**Anyone can drop in.**

Looking to book a regular time slot?  
Email Marcia for more details  
at [marciajorcutt@gmail.com](mailto:marciajorcutt@gmail.com).

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**1:30 PM**

Every first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick here at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Anointing of the Sick is not only a sacrament for those who are dying, but also for those who are facing a serious surgery, serious illness, or suffer from any other physical or emotional illnesses. If you have any questions about anointing, please consult Fr. Devine or Fr. Rodrigo.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR FLOOD RELIEF

As you may know, devastating floods in over twenty counties in Texas have brought enormous destruction and a great loss of life. Recognizing the immediate and growing needs, Catholic Charities USA is seeking assistance for relief efforts in response to the floods. In the spirit of solidarity, Archbishop Henning is asking parishes to hold a special collection to support Catholic Charities relief efforts. **We will hold our collection next weekend, July 26 - 27.**

**If you would like to contribute, please make your checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with "Texas Flood Relief" in the memo.** 100% of your donations to Catholic Charities USA. The people are suffering in Texas. It is anticipated that local Catholic Charities will experience a strain on their resources. We thank you for your prayers and any contribution you are able to make towards this relief effort.

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS


### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

<b>NO SECOND COLLECTION</b>	<b>JULY 19 - 20</b>
<b>TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF</b>	<b>JULY 26 - 27</b>

Collections Summary 7/7 - 7/13	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,133	\$ 632	\$ 5,765
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 78	\$ 0	\$ 78
Online (WeShare)	\$ 1,934	\$ 429	\$ 2,363
<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,145</b>	<b>\$ 1,061</b>	<b>\$ 8,206</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,490</b>	<b>\$ 225</b>	<b>\$ 2,715</b>

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 23,819**

## CALLING ALL TEACHERS!



Our Lady of Lourdes, a Catholic school in city of Taunton, is seeking teachers for the upcoming school year. "OLOL" school is centered on Christ and desires to foster a family-oriented environment for our classrooms. The school is looking for both middle and elementary school teachers. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a teaching position and would love to work in faith-based setting, please contact Principal Mary Turner at 508-822-3746.

## 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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Bridgewater, Massachusetts



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>SATURDAY, JULY 19</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
4:00 p.m.	Louise Proffetty
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 20</b>	
St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.	Raymond Perry
9:00 a.m.	Esther and Valentino Mortarelli
12:00 p.m.	Etelvina Curvelo
St. Basil 10:30 a.m.	Robert Pierce - 1st Anniversary
<b>MONDAY, JULY 21</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the McLaughlin family
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 22</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Resmini family
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Richard Arsenault
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 24</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 25</b>	
9:00 a.m.	John Michael Tavares
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 26</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Fran and Joe Mahoney
4:00 p.m.	Rob Chicoine
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 27</b>	
St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.	Jean Revil - 1st Anniversary
9:00 a.m.	Joe Cowdry
12:00 p.m.	Guido and Antonio Rea
St. Basil 10:30 a.m.	Kathy & David Carter and Bobby Donovan

### 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.**

#### ANointing 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.

#### CONFESIONS - LOWER CHURCH

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

#### 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

## PRAYER LIST

### A Time to be Born...

Gracie Sophia	Cecilia Cavagnaro
Martinez Jaimes	Stella Cavagnaro

### A Time to Die...

Virginia Bean	William Fitzgerald
Maria Carvalho	Lillian Roque
Mark Dubord	Rose Ulysee

### A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Evan Madigan
Kevin Balf	Juliet Magargal
Kathy Bennett	Mary
Pamela Bumpus	Riley McHardy
Sandra Cable	Charles Micalizzi
Thomas Chiappini	JoAnn Micalizzi
George Cowan	Kathy Monahan
Anthony DeSerpa	Maureen Mosher
Dennis DiGiusto	Peter Moynihan, Sr.
Dave Dorrer	Chris O'Leary
Kash Doughty	Ellen O'Leary
Claire Easter	Peter O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Thomas O'Leary
Brenda Gentili	Maria Presti
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 Kelley	Chris Uhlman
Julie Landry	Jason Zutaut
Lucie Lovell	Nicole Zutaut

### A Time for Peace...

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA  
 Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA  
 CPL Connor Bresciani, USMC  
 SGT Joseph Cannistraro, USA  
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