ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 3, 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

Thank you from Fr. Devine...

I want to thank everyone who contributed to last week's Catholic Charities collection in support of the recovery efforts following the Texas floods. We collected \$6,826 which, once again, is an example of your generosity, willingness and desire to help those in need. A middle school child who had previously been given \$50 told me that he gave the \$50 to the collection because he saw the need and wanted to help others.

I also want to thank Sean McKeown, our summer seminarian, for all that he did to support individuals, ministries and projects over the past 8 weeks. Sean was engaging and sought every opportunity to learn not only from Fr. Rodrigo and me, but from you. He returns to the seminary with a much better understanding of the expectations and joys of priesthood. - Fr. Devine



+JMJ+ Dear Friends,

It has been my great honor and privilege to spend time with all of you this past summer at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. From day one, everyone here has been so warm and welcoming.

It was clear that this is a flourishing and vibrant parish, but I didn't know the reason behind it. What I have realized is that this parish is doing so well because it has a community that puts effort into making it this way. There are over 40 ministries here. And one of the things that impresses me the most is that each of these ministries is not led by a priest but by a parishioner. This exemplifies the Church's call for the laity to take an active role in the life of the Church. Of course, this is only possible when you have great priests like Fr. Bill and Fr. Rodrigo. They have taught me so much of what it is to be a good servant of the Lord. Some of my favorite highlights were the prison ministry, visiting the state hospital, the Canobie Lake Park trip, the Faith on Fire gatherings, and many of the other groups I was able to attend. Thank you for helping me in my formation. God bless you all!

- Sean McKeown, Seminarian



JOIN SEMINARIAN PAT FOR TWO GATHERINGS THIS WEEK!

FAITH ON FIRE

Weekly gathering for faith and fellowship

THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 4

6:30 PM

RECTORY FIRE PIT BYOB AND A CHAIR!

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERIES

THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

6:30 PM

ST. BASIL'S CHAPEL FIRE PIT 122 PARK AVE. BYOB AND A CHAIR!



SCAN HERE TO JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP!



SAVE THE DATES!

AUGUST 3

Anointing of the Sick

AUGUST 4

Faith on Fire Gathering with Seminarian Pat

AUGUST 6

Young Adult Gathering with Seminarian Pat (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

12:00 Mass for all living and deceased members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Women's Club

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



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP - WHAT A GREAT WEEK!

What an absolutely amazing week on our mission trip! This was my sixth year leading, and every single time, God works in ways that leave me in awe. Watching teens grow in their faith, serve with joyful hearts, and support one another reminds me why I keep coming back year after year. My heart is on fire for Jesus, and I can't wait to see where He calls us next year. These trips are more than just service - they are a chance to live the Gospel, build lifelong friendships, and experience the power of prayer in the most beautiful ways.

This year, I was blessed to serve at the Town of Niagara YWCA in a domestic violence temporary housing program. I had the privilege of meeting incredible women - both staff and survivors - who inspired me with their courage. It was humbling to help create a home they could feel proud of as they recover from such trauma. I also got to meet several of the children there, whose resilience was nothing short of remarkable.

One of the most moving moments of the trip came on our final day, when the group gathered around and prayed over me. It was such a humbling and powerful experience that it brought me to tears. It is in moments like these that I feel God's love so strongly at work.

Looking ahead: Keep an eye on the St. Thomas Aquinas bulletin for information about next year's mission trip. Registration will begin at the end of August, and Catholic Heart Workcamp registration opens the first week of September, so all applications and deposits will need to be in right after Labor Day. We don't know where we'll be headed yet, but it promises to be another amazing event!

In the meantime, we are also planning local service opportunities throughout the year. Please join our monthly youth group meetings. Dates for the entire year will be posted in August. We can't wait to serve alongside you! For more information, please reach out to me at JenRosher@comcast.net.

- Jen Rosher, Coordinator















ANOINTING OF THE SICK

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 1:30 PM

Every first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick here at St. Thomas Aguinas 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 questions about anointing, please consult with Fr. Devine or Fr. Rodrigo.



FATIMA ROSARY ROCESSION

WEDNESDAY August 13th 7:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Church



SPEAKER: Fr. Adrian Milik, Pastor

St. Bridget Church, Abington Holy Ghost Church, Whitman

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUGUST 2 - 3 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL **AUGUST 9 - 10**

Collections Summary 7/21 - 7/27	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 4,897	\$ 357	\$ 5,254
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 805	\$ O	\$ 805
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,158	\$ 530	\$ 2,688
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 7 , 860	\$ 887	\$ 8,747
TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 6,277	\$ 549	\$ 6,826

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 23,819



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NEXT WEEKEND: MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Boston Propagation of the Faith office has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish this year. Here is an overview of the missionary needs of the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Rev. M.S. Selva Raj will speak about this NEXT WEEKEND, August 9-10.

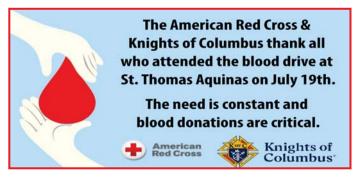
If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aguinas Parish, with "Mission Cooperative Appeal" in the memo line. We thank you for your generosity!

These are the most pressing missionary needs:

- Establishing 8 more new parishes
- Providing 136 Catholic schools and 22 orphanages in the missions with better facilities, building, infrastructure, educational and technical tools, etc.
- Enabling 480 nuns and 4955 Catholic Teachers to educate people in the Catholic faith
- Provide care through our diocesan hospitals and many rural medical clinics, staffed by nuns.
- Education of more young men in the seminary who could be sent as missionaries to missions abroad where there is a shortage of priests.
- Educating 4800 very poor or orphan children

Your Christ-like intervention and sacrifice of:

- \$20 will feed a poor child or an orphan for a month.
- \$50 will enable a single mother or widow feed her family of 3 for a month.
- \$100 for monthly pay for a catechist,
- \$250 will provide 4 goats to maintain a family of 4.
- \$500 will educate a physically challenged child
- \$600 will pay the bill for healthcare and family maintenance of a leprosy patient for a year.
- \$700 will fix the roof of a poor man's hut.
- \$800 will provide a cow to feed a family of 5
- \$900 will provide a grocery store, and employment to feed a family of 10
- \$1,000 for treatment and rehabilitation of a leper.
- \$2,000 to sponsor a seminarian for a year.
- \$6,000 for a home for a family.
- \$25,000 will build a mission chapel.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. Bob Norton, Larry Willis, & Jack Lydon 4:00 p.m. William O'Donnell - 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Leonarda & Antonio Rocha and Antonio

Rocha, Jr.

12:00 p.m. Mar

Mary & Patrick Russell and Catherine Kane

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 a.m. Herb & Ruth Murray and Ruthie Falcone

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 a.m. Carlos Alberto Baganha

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 a.m. Antonio & Libania Sousa

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 a.m. David McCormack

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 a.m. Evangelina & Jose Sousa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 a.m. Alex Hill (living)

4:00 p.m. Richard Cipitelli - 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Billy & Ginny McAuliffe

12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Larsen family

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.**

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.

CONFESSIONS - 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...

Reece Barca Weston Reis Nathan Perry Sutton Silva

A Time to Die...

Mark Dubord Peter Moynihan
Marjorie Feeney Lillian Roque
William Fitzgerald James Taxiera
Evan Madigan Rose Ulysee

A Time to Heal...

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

A Time for Peace...

Lucie Lovell

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA
Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA
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