

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 10, 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...

Our second seminarian, Patrick Earley, will be finishing his six-week assignment this weekend. This was Pat's first experience living and working in a parish assignment. Pat "shadowed" Fr. Rodrigo and me throughout the many pastoral visits and appointments. Pat experienced all aspects of parish life, from an emergency call at the hospital, Masses at the prison and state hospital, assisting at parish Masses, baptisms, anointings, and marriages, to leading Monday and Wednesday night discussions for adults and young adults around the fire pits. Additionally, our staff instructed him in administrative, financial, educational and maintenance responsibilities. Pat didn't have much free time.

Although he'll be returning to the seminary with a focus on academic learning, he'll return to our parish for 4 hours a week to continue his pastoral training. May this summer's experience help him in discerning the Lord's call to priesthood and may his witness of faith encourage us and give us hope for the future of the Church.

- Fr. Devine


A Note from Seminarian Pat...

I loved my time here at the parish this summer! I had the privilege of learning from two outstanding priests in Fr. Bill and Fr. Rodrigo, fellow seminarian Sean, and all of you. I have been so inspired of the faith God has given you and your incredible generosity with it.

During my time here, I was exposed to many dimensions of the priesthood including ministry to the state hospital and prison, funerals, baptisms, anointings, sacramental preparation, and the devotional life of the parish. I spent a small amount of time shadowing the staff and their daily work to understand everything that goes into a parish like this. This is one of the best running "machines" in the archdiocese if I were to guess due to the talented staff that works tirelessly and the initiative of so many parishioners.


I had so much fun joining the youth group at Catholic Heart Workcamp last month, kickstarting the young adult group, and spending a few nights around the fire with the Faith on Fire group. Fr. Bill, Fr. Rodrigo, Sean and I built a great friendship in the rectory (over many glasses of whole milk). Truly you all are a gift on my path, and I pray for you each day and will continue to do so in my journey. While I end my full-time assignment here at St. Thomas, I will return during the academic year a few hours a week until May. So, this is not the end! - Pat Earley, Seminarian





FATIMA ROSARY ROCESSION

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




SPEAKER
Fr. Adrian Milik, Pastor
St. Bridget Church, Abington
Holy Ghost Church, Whitman



Jesus I Trust in You!

**Divine Mercy
Holy Hour
this Wednesday,
August 13,
is cancelled
due to the
Fatima Rosary
Procession.**




FAITH FORMATION:

WOULD YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH?

Would you consider sharing your faith with children who are hungry to learn? If so, we invite you to join us in educating and evangelizing our youngest parishioners. Please contact Debbie Hill in the Faith Formation office at 508-697-3652 or email dhill@sta-parish.org for more information. We look forward to giving you the tools and resources to help you share our faith!

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION!

To register, visit
www.stthomasaquinas.com
or scan this QR Code.





ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

MASS SCHEDULE

THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 7:00 PM



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We are so excited for VBC to start this Monday! We wanted to give a big thank you to the leaders and campers that came in to help us get ready. - Alison Burns, Coordinator



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

As our summer days wane, we have started counting the days until the Christmas Bazaar! Please join us as we kick off planning for this year's Bazaar. **The first planning meeting will be on Saturday, August 23rd at 10:00 AM in the parish center.** Please join us if you'd like to be part of this great event!

Want to be involved but can't join the meeting?

No worries! Please contact Lisa Statkiewicz at 508-345-1197 or ljstatk@gmail.com or Kristen Brechter at 508-245-6792 or ksabab4@comcast.net.



END-OF-SUMMER BLOCK PARTY FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, August 30
11 AM - 2 PM
Parish Center

\$5/PERSON INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!

TO ATTEND:

**BUY TICKETS AT THE BLOCK PARTY
OR**

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE ON OUR WEBSITE
(this helps us for planning purposes).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 (FOR PURCHASE) 12:30 - 1:00

FOOD (FOR PURCHASE) 11:00 - 2:00

ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES 11:00 - 2:00



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS ALSO NEEDED!
Please visit our website to sign up!



DIVINE MERCY

SUMMER PROGRAM

with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

17 LOON POND RD, LAKEVILLE, MA 02347
(ENTER FROM PRECINCT ST)

11:30 ROSARY

12:00 HOLY MASS - FR. TOM LOPES

12:45 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

1:30 ADORATION

2:30 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

AUGUST 9 - 10

NO SECOND COLLECTION

AUGUST 16 - 17

Collections Summary	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,533	\$ 520	\$ 6,053
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 1,050
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,253	\$ 759	\$ 4,012
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,836	\$ 1,279	\$ 11,115
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 3,508	\$ 339	\$ 3,847

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 23,819



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A HUGE THANK YOU!

Our parish continues to thrive and grow because of continuing acts of kindness and generosity. The willingness of our parish family to share their time and talents is truly amazing, and the impact can be felt by us all. The bathroom for the upper church was dated and in need of a facelift for some time. Last week, it was given a mini-remodel by Eric Labree, one of our parishioners. He offered his time and talents to help the parish wherever he could, and this was a project that was a priority. Eric's skills are on full display, and the bathroom looks amazing! We can't thank Eric enough for his help and amazing work!

- Peter Vitagliano, Finance and Operations Officer



THIS 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. **Rev. M.S. Selva Raj will speak about his mission THIS WEEKEND, August 9 - 10. If you would like to contribute, make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with "Mission Cooperative Appeal" in the memo line. We thank you for your generosity!**

AUGUST 10 ~ NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom...where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." These words invite us to reflect on what we value/treasure in our lives. Do the things we treasure bring us closer to God, to a deeper appreciation and valuing of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist? Our daily prayer, the good works and charitable deeds we undertake and our regular participation in Mass are all the things we need to do to remain vigilant and ready for the coming of Christ. The question that arises is do we treasure the gift of our faith and especially the sacraments?

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. Maria Nazareth Borges & Manuel Medeiros

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 a.m. Don Swarce

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 a.m. Holly Morin (living)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 a.m. Billy & Corinne Neenan (living)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 a.m. John, Bill & Kathy Donoghue
4:00 p.m. Carl DeRocha - 25th Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Michael Lyons, Sr. & Connor Lyons
12:00 p.m.
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Kathleen Stevens

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

Cancelled this Wednesday, August 13

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	Nataliya O'Connell
Marjorie Feeney	Lillian Roque
Evan Madigan	James Taxiera
Peter Moynihan	Rose Ulysee

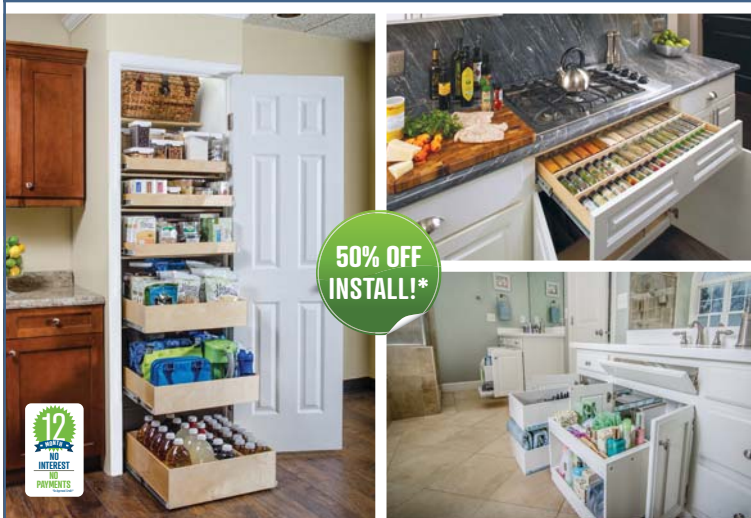
A Time to Heal...

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
Anthony DeSerpa	Peter Moynihan, Sr.
Dennis DiGiusto	Chris O'Leary
Dave Dorrer	Ellen O'Leary
Kash Doughty	Peter O'Leary
Claire Easter	Thomas O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Maria Presti
Brenda Gentili	Joseph Sarro
Patricia Giovannello	Tony Scalfaro
Barbara Gothage	James Schneider
Joanne Hamer	Steven
Caroline Hayes	Sarah Silvia
Peter Hayes	Deana Spingel
Tom Joyce	Emily Stone
Jeanne Keane	Claire Sullivan
Regina Keane	James "Leo" Tuite, Jr.
Carol Kelley	Jason Zutaut
Julie Landry	Nicole Zutaut
Lucie Lovell	

A Time for Peace...

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