

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 17, 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

WALKING WITH PURPOSE FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Join us as we explore our life's purpose, vocation, and the depth of God's love for us through the Bible study, **Steadfast**.

Participants may request

Wednesdays (Sept. 24 - Oct. 29)

OR Thursdays (Sept. 25 - Oct. 30)*

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

***Session preference will be accommodated as space allows.**



NEW THIS FALL!

Young adult women (ages 21 and over) will have the opportunity to lay a strong foundation in their identity as beloved daughters of God through Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church using the **Beloved** study guide.

Wednesdays (Sept. 24 - Oct. 29)

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center

A Welcome Orientation will be held for both **Steadfast** and **Beloved** participants on **Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church**. All participants must attend this session and for \$12 will receive their six-week study guide that evening. To register, contact Jane at 508-577-8689.



OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in a pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then you are in luck!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has a dedicated team that guides new candidates through the faith formation process and prepares them to be received into the Church. This process is called Order of Christian Initiation or OCIA (previously called RCIA). **If you know of anyone who is considering joining the Catholic Church, or is interested in finding out more about OCIA, contact either Kevin Geraghty at 508-954-8017 or Karen Geraghty at 508-930-8280. We look forward to hearing from you!**

INSPIRE BRIDGEWATER: COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND MISSION EVENT (OCTOBER 10 - 12)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF HOUSEHOLD HELP!

NEED A HELPING HAND?

Our *Inspire Youth Group* just returned from a powerful week serving in some of the poorest communities in our country through a mission trip to Niagara Falls. These teens have worked on homes, cleaned up neighborhoods, and spent time with those in need, and now they're looking to continue that mission right here at home. We're looking for local service projects where we can lend a helping hand. If you or someone you know could use help with a small project, like tidying a yard, organizing a garage, or doing light home tasks, we'd love to help. These projects typically take about 2½ hours and are meant to bless those who could use a little extra support right now, such as seniors, young families, or anyone facing challenges. A team of two adults and 4-5 teens will be assigned to each project. We will visit a week or two before your scheduled project to assess the site and confirm details.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Yard clean-up
- Garage or kitchen organization
- Light household tasks

PLEASE NOTE:

- We do **not** paint or do construction.
- We are **not** able to remove trash or yard waste. We provide the bags; you provide the removal.
- Be ready to share on your application what tools or supplies you already have (e.g., rakes, lawnmower, hedge clippers) and what we need to bring.

Applications are available at the back of the church, parish office, and on our parish website. This group of service-minded teens is passionate about evangelizing through action. If you or someone you know might benefit, please reach out confidentially. **Questions - Email jenrosher@comcast.net or call 617-828-9147.**

ATTENTION TEENS AND ADULTS INTERESTED IN HELPING!

We are excited to offer a local Catholic Heart-style mission weekend right here in Bridgewater, and we're calling it **Inspire Bridgewater** after our youth group! **Friday night, October 10**, we will have a parish center sleepover starting at 8:00 PM. Activities include making sandwiches for Fr. Bill's/Mainspring House, playing Nine Square, card games, gym time, and maybe a movie. **Saturday, October 11**, will be filled with mini service projects around town (parks, senior center, elderly homes, etc.), followed by dinner, outdoor adoration, and more fun. **Sunday, October 12**, we will hike Blue Hills and celebrate Mass at the summit!

PLEASE NOTE:

- Ages 8th Grade - Adult
- If you can't attend all three days due to sports, etc., please note it in the registration form comments.
- The cost will be \$50 per teen/chaperone to cover food, t-shirts, work project supplies, etc.
- All adults must have completed VIRTUS Training and a FY 2026 CORI (contact Tina in the parish office).
- Packing list will be sent. Teens will be able to go home on Saturday for a few hours after work projects to shower and come back for dinner. **Let's make this weekend amazing! Sign up at www.stthomasaquinas.com!**

Questions - Email jenrosher@comcast.net or call 617-828-9147.

WANT TO SUPPORT INSPIRE BRIDGEWATER?

If you own a business, would like to dedicate the weekend in memory of a loved one, or simply want to support as a family, we invite you to become a sponsor for our Inspire Bridgewater Service Weekend. All sponsors will be recognized with their company logo, family name, or loved one's name on the back of our event t-shirts. The minimum sponsorship is \$50, but any additional amount is greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go directly toward the cost of t-shirts, feeding our hardworking volunteers, and providing tools and supplies to support the families we'll be serving. **To sponsor our group, email jenrosher@comcast.net or call 617-828-9147.** Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

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 AT
WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM
(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



**don't
miss
this!**



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. **Our most pressing needs are Grades 1, 5, and 6 at 5:00 on Mondays.**

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.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION
NO SECOND COLLECTION

AUGUST 16 - 17
AUGUST 23 - 24

Collections Summary 8/4 - 8/10	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 4,717	\$ 607	\$ 5,324
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 629	\$ 0	\$ 629
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,364	\$ 503	\$ 2,867
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 7,710	\$ 1,110	\$ 8,820
MISSION CO-OP APPEAL	\$ 4,070	\$ 215	\$ 4,285

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 23,819



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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 NEXT 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.



SAVE THE DATES!

Volunteer Weekends are almost here!

Join us to learn about our ministries!

September 13 - 14

September 20 - 21

**Stay tuned to upcoming bulletins
for a complete list of our ministries
and their descriptions.**

There is something for everyone!



RUMMAGE SALE NO LONGER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to all who have donated items for our Fall Rummage Sale. We are at capacity and cannot accept any more donations at this time. Please do not drop off any more items at the parish center. We will post in the bulletin when we start accepting donations for the Spring sale. Thank you!

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 a.m. John, Bill and 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m. Maria do Carmo and Margarida Sousa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 a.m. Evan Madigan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m. Sandy Cassani

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 a.m. Ana Tavares Andrade, Maria Jose Tavares Bairos, and Maria Andrade Cabral

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 a.m. Edwin and Loretta Peterson
4:00 p.m. Peggy Sotera

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. David McCormack
9:00 a.m. Archie, Claire, and Linda Hayes
12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Boyd family
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Carole Benya

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...

Molly Masciovecchio Bridget Noonan

A Time to Die...

Joseph Campbell	Nataliya O'Connell
Mark Dubord	Lillian Roque
Evan Madigan	James Taxiera
Peter Moynihan, Sr.	Rose Ulysee

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Lucie Lovell
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	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

A Time for Peace...

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