

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 24, 2025



*Vacation Bible Camp - Fr. Rodrigo is such a good sport!*

## 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.**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS**  
**THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.**

**HAS A LOVED ONE  
DIED RECENTLY?**

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Bereavement Ministry is pleased to announce that our next series of Bereavement Support meetings will begin on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER**

This session runs for 9 weeks. All those grieving the loss of a loved one are encouraged to join. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION requested.** To register, please call Roberta at (508) 697-4184 or Ginny at (508) 697-7649.

**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**  
**ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.**

# OUR BLOCK PARTY IS NEXT WEEKEND !

**don't  
miss  
this!**

**Saturday, August 30  
11 AM - 2 PM  
Parish Center**

**\$5/PERSON INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!**

## TO ATTEND:

**PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT  
[WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM](http://WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM)  
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**- OR -**

**BUY TICKETS AT THE BLOCK PARTY**

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP  
AND SEE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!**

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

### NEED A HELPING HAND?

Our Inspire Youth Group just returned from a mission trip and would love to serve locally. If you or someone you know could use help with a small project, like yard clean-up, garage organization, or light household tasks, let us know! 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. Teams of 2 adults and 4-5 teens will be assigned. **Note: no painting, construction, or trash removal. Bags are provided; you provide removal.** Applications are available at the church/chapel, parish office, or parish website. **Please contact Jen Rosher at [jenrosher@comcast.net](mailto:jenrosher@comcast.net) or 617-828-9147.**

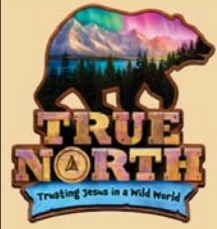
### INSPIRE BRIDGEWATER WEEKEND - Teens & Adults

Join us for a local Catholic Heart-style mission weekend!

- October 10th starting at 8:00PM – October 12th ending at Noon-ish
- Friday: Parish sleepover with games, service, and fun
- Saturday: Mini-Service projects in Bridgewater, dinner, outdoor adoration
- Sunday: Hike & Mass at the top of Blue Hills
- Open to 8th grade - adult. Cost: \$50 (covers food, t-shirt, supplies). Adults must complete VIRTUS & CORI.
- **Sign up at [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to participate.**

### BECOME A SPONSOR - Businesses, In memory of a loved one, or as a family:

Support Inspire Bridgewater by sponsoring our weekend. Sponsors' names or logos will appear on event t-shirts. Minimum \$50; all donations go toward food, shirts, and supplies for families we'll serve. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! **Email [jenrosher@comcast.net](mailto:jenrosher@comcast.net) or call 617-828-9147.**



# VACATION BIBLE CAMP





## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com)  
or scan this QR Code.



## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION  
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA

AUGUST 23 - 24  
AUGUST 30 - 31

Collections Summary 8/11 - 8/17	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,594	\$ 369	\$ 5,963
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 640	\$ 0	\$ 640
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,730	\$ 429	\$ 3,159
<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,964</b>	<b>\$ 798</b>	<b>\$ 9,762</b>

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JULY = \$ 13,164**



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**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!

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

This program is for those who were baptized Catholic, received First Holy Communion and would like to receive Confirmation. Preparation sessions will take place at **Holy Family Parish Center, Duxbury** from **6:15 – 7:30 PM** on 5 consecutive Sundays: **Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2.**

**Interested? Contact Deacon David Cosgrove at [dcosgrove@holymfamilyduxbury.org](mailto:dcosgrove@holymfamilyduxbury.org).** The Fall Adult Confirmation ceremony will take place on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Michael Church, Avon.



## SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR GAZA

Given the enormous humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking dioceses to consider a special collection for relief efforts. Archbishop Henning supports this effort and is requesting that parishes consider taking up a special collection at our parish.

Given the growing immediate needs for food, shelter, and medical needs, **we will hold our collection next weekend, August 30/31.**

100% of the funds collected will go to support the work of the Catholic Near East Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The request concerns their humanitarian work for those suffering the effects of war and famine in Gaza.

If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with **"Gaza Relief"** in the memo. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters suffering in Gaza.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 a.m. Krys Parnell

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 a.m. Antonio Baganha & Evaristo Boleates

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 a.m. George F. Pelati

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 a.m. Evan Madigan

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 a.m. Maria, Pat, and Matt Neenan (living)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 a.m. Filippo Presti

4:00 p.m. John Carbone

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

*St. Thomas* 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Douglas Lemmo - 1st Anniversary

12:00 p.m. Joan Murray

*St. Basil* 10:30 a.m. Janet and Walter Brindley

## 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 Dorner

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.

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Jason Zutaut

Julie Landry

Nicole Zutaut

### *A Time for Peace...*

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