

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man By Domenico Fetti

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., 5:00 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

A Note from Fr. Devine...

Thank you!

I want to thank all who volunteered to serve in different ministries over the past two weekends. Your love for our faith and this parish and your willingness to help others continues to impress and inspire me. During these weekends, I noticed that people were not only signing up for ministries, but also were talking, smiling, and engaging with each other...building and strengthening our parish community. Of the 307 who signed up, 59 were first-time volunteers! Thank you. Everyone who signed up will be contacted by their ministry heads by mid-October to set a time to meet, answer questions or establish a schedule. If, for any reason, you were not able to sign up and would like to volunteer for a ministry, please contact Tina in the parish office.

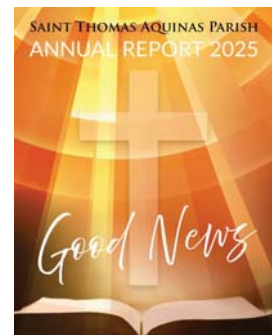
I also want to thank members of the Evangelization Ministry who, for the first time, joined the volunteer weekends in order to register new parishioners or update those who were registered. We welcomed and registered 51 new parishioners/families to our parish. Members of this committee and their welcome tent were also present at the Bridgewater Autumn Fest on Saturday, September 27.

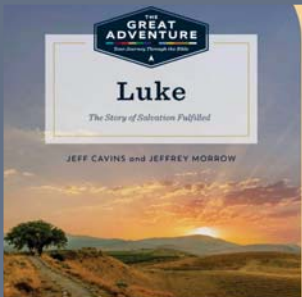
Needless to say, all this could not have been accomplished without the support of the ministry heads and our hard-working and committed parish staff. I'm grateful for them and for all who volunteered. Thank you.

Annual Report

By now, everyone should have received our Annual Report with our financial updates, showcasing our ministries, and lots of "Good News!" Again, I thank our staff for editing and designing the report. Your feedback is always welcome.

- Fr. Devine





DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES?

Seminarian Pat Earley will lead this beginner's Video Bible Study exploring the Gospel of Luke. This is for anyone who wants to learn how to read and understand the Scriptures. No experience necessary.

This FREE 8-week Bible Study begins THIS Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.

To register, please visit www.stthomasaquinas.com.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, IN THE LOWER CHURCH.



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

Take time for prayer and silence.




Looking to book a regular time slot? Email Marcia for more details at marciajorcutt@gmail.com.

THE MEN'S GROUP HAS RETURNED!


Every Wednesday at 7 PM
Parish Center - Classroom 2

The St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group presents the new video series ***Be A Man!*** with Fr. Larry Richards. We began last week but you are still welcome to join!

"This no-nonsense, gut-punching soul-waking series is a firestarter for any man ready to stop drifting and start living with holy purpose. With raw humor, spiritual grit, and deeply personal stories, Fr. Larry Richards challenges Catholic men to step into their true identity - not just as believers, but as beloved sons, courageous warriors and men of God." — HeroicMen.org



Scan this QR Code to access the video trailer.




BE A MAN!

THE SERIES WITH FR. LARRY RICHARDS


ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
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.

Blessing of the



Animals

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
1:30 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

Every year on October 4th, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi, a lover of all of God's creatures, had a particular fondness for animals. Our pets bring us companionship and comfort. This is an opportunity to thank God for them. We will ask God to bless them and their owners. We look forward to seeing you and your pets there!

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS POSITION

We are still in the process of searching for a Director of Ministries and Programs. If you or someone you know may be interested, visit www.stthomasaquinas.com to review the job description and apply if you believe you could be a fit for this position. Thank you!

NEXT SATURDAY!!!!

HOPE FOR LIFE Conference

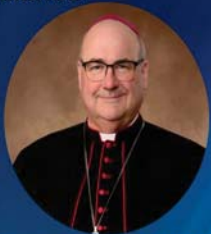
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COVERED DISH SUPPER

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:30 PM - PARISH CENTER**

Please join the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Women's Club as we begin our year on **Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center with our annual covered dish supper. We welcome all current and new members. Annual dues of \$20 can be paid here.

Bring your favorite dishes, appetizers, or desserts to share. Text or call Theresa Toppan at 508-245-0325 to let her know what you plan to bring. And, of course, bring your appetite!

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED!

We are currently looking for a PT Housecleaner for the Rectory and Parish Offices. This position has a flexible schedule, with approximately 3 - 5 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact Peter Vitagliano at 508-697-9528

2025 Christmas Bazaar Committee Planning

We're thrilled to bring back our beloved Christmas Bazaar, and we need YOU to make it magical! Thanks to everyone who signed up over the past weekends – your enthusiasm is contagious. No crafting skills required; just your wonderful energy and willingness to help create something special for our community.

Important Dates & Meetings (all meetings at the Parish Center)

Oct. 4, 2:45 PM - FIRST MEETING:

Please prioritize attending! We'll form committees and dive into the fun planning details.

Oct. 23, 6:00-8:00 PM - WREATH MAKING:

Get your hands a little piney and let's create beautiful decorations together!

Nov. 8, 10:00 AM - PRE-EVENT CHECK-IN:

Final preparations and last-minute coordination.

Nov. 22 - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

All hands on deck!

QUESTIONS OR CAN'T MAKE THE FIRST MEETING?

Contact Lisa Statkiewicz at ljstatk@gmail.com or 508-345-1197.

*Can't wait to see you all
and create some
holiday magic together!
Let's make this year's
Bazaar unforgettable!*



FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

CONFIRMATION

Parent Night – Sunday, September 28, 6:15 PM

First Class – Sunday, October 5, 6:15 PM

We're excited to welcome our Confirmation families! We look forward to gathering with our Confirmation families for a special evening of inspiration and preparation. We're thrilled to welcome Jennessa Terraccino, a wife, mother, author, and former youth minister, as our guest speaker. Jennessa is the editor and contributor of "Road Signs for Catholic Teens", a creative guide that uses sixteen road signs as a "Catholic Driver's Manual" to help teens navigate their journey of faith. She's also the author of "The Princess Guide", which offers meaningful lessons on dignity and self-worth for girls and young women. Join us for an evening that will uplift, equip, and encourage you as we begin another fruitful year of Confirmation preparation!

NEEDED: SOMEONE WHO IS SAFETY MINDED!!!

Who: Volunteers who have completed CORI and VIRTUS training

What: Hall Monitoring - help our young students to and from the restroom, guide parents who are picking their children up early, check classrooms and make sure teachers are present.

When: Every other Tuesday or Wednesday, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM – choose a day!

GOOGLE CLASSROOM QR CODES

Parents are urged to sign up for Google Classroom. This is a communication tool as well as a source of valuable information about the program. - *Debbie Hill, Director*



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION SEPT. 27 - 28
HOLY FATHER / APOSTOLIC WORKS OCT. 4 - 5

Collections Summary 9/15 - 9/22	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,569	\$ 469	\$ 6,038
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 620	\$ 0	\$ 620
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,122	\$ 243	\$ 2,365
OFFERTORY TOTAL	8311	712	9023
CLERGY TRUST	\$ 2,520	\$ 712	\$ 3,232

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR AUGUST = \$ 16,291

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various Apostolic works at home and abroad.



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OR SCAN THIS QR CODE!**

A GRATEFUL THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN'S CLUB

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Women's Club for their generous donation to the parish, which allowed us to purchase new blinds for several classrooms. The old curtains were original to the building and were deteriorating. The new blinds have made a huge difference in comfort, appearance and privacy. Your continued support of the Rummage Sales makes the Women's Club's contributions like this possible. Also, thanks to the Maintenance staff for getting them installed before the start of classes.

- *Debbie Hill, Faith Formation Director*



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Jacky Zine
4:00 p.m. Beth Edwards

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Mary Ticchi
12:00 p.m. Paul M. Hickey
5:00 p.m.

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Rich Quigley

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Tony and Antonio Lima

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Mark Good

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 a.m. Anne McCaw

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 a.m. Maria Caligagan and children (living)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 a.m. Margaret Folan - 8th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Brown
4:00 p.m. Claire and Linda Tousignant

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Victor O'Leary and James Bertram
12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Terpeny and Lavalley families
5:00 p.m.
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Erin O'Malley

SACRAMENTS

To receive information about the Sacraments, or to schedule an appointment with a priest, call the office at 508-697-9528.

BAPTISM

If you wish to have your child or yourself baptized, 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...

Finley Belbin
Christopher Frey
Juliette Herrick

A Time to Die...

Grace Baker
Barbara Henault
Marietta Lopes
Kathleen Sautter

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Julie Landry
Kevin Balf	Lucie Lovell
Kathy Bennett	Juliet Magargal
Pamela Bumpus	Mary
Sandra Cable	Riley McHardy
The Caldarola Family	Charles Micalizzi
Thomas Chiappini	JoAnn Micalizzi
George Cowan	Kathy Monahan
Anthony DeSerpa	Maureen Mosher
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	Claire Sullivan
Carol Kelley	James "Leo" Tuite, Jr.
Judy Knight	Jason Zutaut
Stephen Knight	Nicole Zutaut

A Time for Peace...

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Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA
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