

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Inspire Bridgewater - 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., 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

Thank you...

I'm very encouraged with the great response to our Annual Appeal, which only began two weeks ago. We've already received over 100 contributions. What is very encouraging is that many have increased last year's donation and many others have donated for the first time!! A number have shared that they understand the need, and are willing to support the parish mission, ministries and growth.

Over the past year, the costs of living and expenses have increased significantly, not only for you but for our parish as well. For this reason, I'm very grateful for those who are willing to contribute to the Appeal and hopeful that others will help support our parish as well.

Every donation is greatly appreciated. Annual Appeal letters and envelopes are available at the church/chapel entrances for those who would like to contribute. You can also donate using our website, Venmo or scan this QR code. Again, thank you!! - Fr. Devine

**Inspire Bridgewater...**

Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on a mountain; Jesus taught his disciples on a mountain. In Scripture, mountains carry deep symbolic meaning. As one climbs a mountain, there's a sense of walking toward God, who dwells on high, and as is expected, as we walk toward God, we cannot help but see the world differently.

Our annual summer **youth mission trip** is a *mountaintop experience* for our teens. During the trip, they see the world through new eyes, recognizing how much need there is in the world and how much difference they can make when they're willing to serve and sacrifice for others. Yet what is learned on the mountain is always meant to be lived out in the valley, in our own communities and families. This is how **Inspire Bridgewater** was born. Led by Jen Rosher, our Mission Trip leader, and her dedicated team of adults, about 27 teens came together to serve right here in our community. They gave up a long weekend and many comforts for the sake of their neighbors.

We served. We played. We prayed. We adored. We loved. I want to thank Jen Rosher and her team for making **Inspire Bridgewater** happen! - Fr. Rodrigo

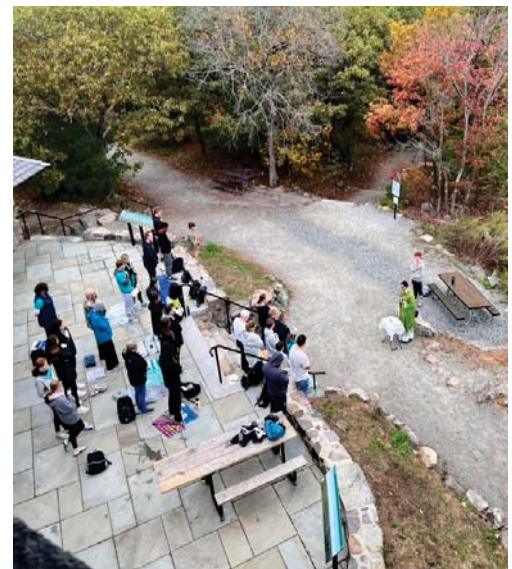
PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE

Abortion kills an innocent human life and we, as Catholics are called by God to protect His precious gift of life. Did you know that your taxpayer dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts? Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this. **This weekend, volunteers from the Pro-life Ministry will be collecting signatures of registered voters after all the Masses. This petition is to amend our state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save lives of unborn babies in our state.** Visit www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org for more information or email tom@stoptaxpayerabortion.org.

- Kim Sousa, Coordinator

INSPIRE BRIDGEWATER MISSION WEEKEND

What an incredible blessing this weekend was! We made 150 bag lunches. 100 for MainSpring House in Brockton and 50 for our own lunches during Saturday's workday. We served at 12 different locations throughout our own community, including visits with veterans, St. Thomas parishioners, local seniors, the Bridgewater Police Faith & Blue event, the Senior Center, and several projects around our own parish. Our teams moved furniture, cleaned out garages, landscaped yards, and most importantly, spent time listening to residents' stories. A special thank you to Prisco's Market for donating our delicious dinner Saturday night. It was such a joy to share a meal with many of the residents we had served earlier in the day. We were also deeply grateful to Freccero Medical Associates and to all the parishioners who prayed for us, donated, or supported this mission in any way. Your generosity made this weekend of service possible. We ended Saturday evening with outdoor adoration, and enjoyed watching the summer Mission Trip recap before spending time around the firepit and playing games together. We kept the momentum going on Sunday as we hiked Blue Hills and celebrated Mass at the top. May this spirit of service, faith, and love continue to ripple through our town and beyond! - Jen Rosher, Coordinator



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WREATH MAKING NIGHT

THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all really.
Maybe it just needs a little love". - A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Join us to give some love to Christmas wreaths! We are full speed ahead planning for this year's Christmas bazaar. Please join us **this Thursday, October 23, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center** to decorate Christmas wreaths for this year's Bazaar. Not crafty, no worries! We have inspiration to help you create something beautiful! Feel free to bring a grapevine wreath or green wreath and decorations of your own. All wreaths being made this night will be donated to the Bazaar. **Not a crafter but want to donate?** We can always use gift cards to Michael's, Target or Walmart! **Want to be involved but not sure how?** Please connect with Lisa Statkiewicz at (508)-345-1197 or ljstatk@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER HONORING AIME VACHER

Saturday, November 8
5:30 PM
Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Council 488 is hosting a dinner for Aime Vacher to commemorate his 40 years of outstanding service to the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. **Parishioners are invited to celebrate his achievement. Cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend,** please sign up no later than November 1st on the parish website under Events, or call Mike Craffey, Grand Knight, at 508-345-1403. The Knights ask that you please bring 1 non-perishable canned good for the food pantry. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TRUNK or TREAT HALLOWEEN PARTY

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
PARISH CENTER

FREE ADMISSION! GAMES! ACTIVITIES!
PRIZES! FACE PAINTING! FOOD!

New this year!
**A NOT-SO-SCARY
PUMPKIN
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Costumes optional but encouraged!



**9 MORE
DECORATED
TRUNKS
NEEDED!**



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 31!

Heard in a Confirmation small group from a student this weekend: "Confirmation class is like an Oreo cookie... Large group in the gym, small group in the classroom, and then back to large group." Small group discussion is sandwiched between large group meetings, just like the filling of an Oreo! We hope our confirmandi experience growth, connection, and the sweetness of our faith as a community of believers!

SAVE THE DATES

Grades 1 - 7 In person (Session 5) – October 20, 21, 22
Confirmation – October 19

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

The Women's Club is now accepting donations for our next Rummage Sale. Please bring your clean clothing, unbroken dishes, glassware and small electrics to the Parish Center on Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 11:30. We also accept books, jewelry and toys. Please do not leave items outside the Center at any time.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS SECOND COLLECTIONS:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
NO SECOND COLLECTION

OCT. 18 - 19
OCT. 25 - 26

Collections Summary 10/7 - 10/13	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,315	\$ 436	\$ 6,751
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Online (WeShare)	\$ 1,823	\$ 453	\$ 2,276
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 8,538	\$ 889	\$ 9,427
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 2,593	\$ 279	\$ 2,872

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER = \$ 15,630

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION supports Catholic World Missions. See the posters at the entrances of the church/chapel. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church. **World Mission Sunday** gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds that are gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information, visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

USHER TRAINING DATES!

All ushers/greeters are required to attend a training session, whether you are a new or returning usher. **Trainings will be held NEXT weekend of October 25-26 after each Mass** with either Fr. Bill or Fr. Rodrigo.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMEBOUND MINISTERS!

Whether you are new to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) ministries or returning, you **NEED** to attend a training before you can serve. Please find the training dates below.

- EMHCs and Homebound Ministers, both new or returning, can attend either date.

EMHC TRAININGS (Fr. Rodrigo)			
	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
EMHC - NEW	Oct. 29	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	St. Thomas
EMHC - RETURNING	Oct. 29	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	St. Thomas
HOMEBOUND	Oct. 29	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	St. Thomas
EMHC - NEW	Nov. 2	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	St. Thomas
EMHC - RETURNING	Nov. 2	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	St. Thomas
HOMEBOUND	Nov. 2	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	St. Thomas

WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SOCKS & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

The Women's Club is conducting their annual NEW sock and underwear drive for the homeless (knit hats and gloves also accepted!). **Collection bins will be available at the entrances of the Church and Chapel after all Masses this weekend and next weekend.** Thank you!

 **SUBSCRIBE** to our **YouTube** Channel!
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, 

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 a.m. Joseph Brown
4:00 p.m. Etta, Francis, and John Naves

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Tom Gavigan
12:00 p.m. John C. Carbone
5:00 p.m. Shane Molloy

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Etelvina and Jose Curvelo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m. Dawn Marraffino

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 a.m. Margaret McCallion

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 a.m. Dorothy and James Brown

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 a.m. Jose and Maria Moura

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 a.m. David McCormack

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 a.m. Brian Fraser
4:00 p.m. Heidi Gustafson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Clara & Vinny Falcone and Judy Bates
12:00 p.m. Richie McQuade and Carol Bruno
5:00 p.m. Mary Hobbs

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Eugene Franciosi and deceased members of his family

SACRAMENTS

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated monthly on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:30 p.m., or during Mass. (Dates subject to change.) Baptisms are only scheduled following a meeting with one of our priests. Please call the office at 508-697-9528 **ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.**

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 - 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...

Sierra Brugliera

A Time to Die...

Cecilia Gould	Louise Palandro
Paul Moreau	Claire Revil
Shirley O'Leary	Maureen Romero

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Julie Landry
Kevin Balf	Lucie Lovell
Kathy Bennett	Juliet Magargal
Carole Brunke	Mary
Pamela Bumpus	Riley McHardy
Sandra Cable	Charles Micalizzi
The Caldarola Family	JoAnn Micalizzi
Thomas Chiappini	Elisabeth Mikush
George Cowan	Kathy Monahan
Anthony DeSerpa	James Moran
Dave Dorner	Maureen Mosher
Kash Doughty	Chris O'Leary
Claire Easter	Ellen O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Peter O'Leary
Brenda Gentili	Thomas O'Leary
Patricia Giovanniello	Maria Presti
Barbara Gothage	Joseph Sarro
Joanne Hamer	Tony Scalfaro
Caroline Hayes	James Schneider
Peter Hayes	Steven
Tom Joyce	Sarah Silvia
Jeanne Keane	Deana Spingel
Regina Keane	Emily Stone
Carol Kelley	Claire Sullivan
Judy Knight	James "Leo" Tuite, Jr.
Stephen Knight	Jason Zutaut
	Nicole Zutaut

A Time for Peace...

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