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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 Aguinas 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

JOIN US IN SINGING!

Below are the lyrics to this week's **recessional hymn** at the **9:00 AM Mass.** - Paul Hoffman, Music Director

THANKS, GOD

Refrain

Thanks, God, For all the good things you do. Thanks, God, You're my light and my truth. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

Thanks, God, For the good things you've made. Thanks, God, For this heart that was saved. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, Thanks, God.

Verse

All the waves when they crash, when they roar So fun to ride one up to the shore.

Thanks, God.

All the wonders under the deep, Down to the bottom where I'll never reach. Thanks, God.

Oh, that you love me, I'm so amazed. Makes me want to say

Refrain Bridge

I'm diving into your love. Watch me, here I, I come. I'm diving into your love. Watch me, here I, I come.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL

Lauren Pimentel, Theology teacher at Bishop Stang presented on Divine Revelation, God revealing Himself to us. We can know God through faith and reason, or intellect. Our patron saint, St. Thomas Aquinas, gives us **Five Proofs for the existence of God**.

- Whatever is in motion is put in motion by a first mover. This First Mover is God.
- Everything that exists was caused to exist by something else. This First Cause is God.
- There must exist a necessary being who is not dependent on anything else for its existence. This Necessary Being is God.
- In order to have degrees of perfection, a perfect being must exist to whom you can compare being, goodness, truth, and dignity. This Perfect Being is God.
- Nature shows order and intricacy. It must have an intelligent designer. The Intelligent Designer is God.

GRADES 1-7- Completing Session 6 this week.

Next in-person session: November 3, 4, 5

CONFIRMATION - Next Class: November 2



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 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, please consult Fr. Devine or Fr. Rodrigo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we encourage you to pray with us **NEXT SATURDAY** at our 9:00 AM Mass which will be held in the Upper Church.



MASS FOR SOULS WHO DIED THIS PAST YEAR

We will be celebrating a special Mass **NEXT SATURDAY AT 11:00AM** in the Upper Church **to remember those parishioners who have died in the past year.** Families who lost a loved one from our parish during the past year received an invitation to this year's Mass. The names of the deceased will be read during the intentions, and as the names are read, a memorial candle will be lit. Family members are encouraged to take the memorial candle home with them after Mass concludes. The Mass is open to any parishioner who would like to attend. May all the faithfully departed rest in peace. *Please note: All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated this weekend.*





VETERANS' DAY MEMENTOS

As is our parish tradition, we will be honoring our active duty and veterans, living and dead, during all weekend Masses Nov. 8th & 9th. It has been our tradition to have the veterans or active duty member's hats, covers, awards and photos at the foot of the altar during the Masses. We ask all veterans/active duty or any family members who have hats, photos, awards or other mementos to drop them off at the parish office by Wednesday, November 5th.

Please put your name and contact information in the hats/pictures so that they can be returned.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER HONORING AIME VACHER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 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/person, collected at the door that night.

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!



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

The most wonderful time of year is almost here! Our Christmas Bazaar is less than a month away and we need YOUR help to make it merry and bright! We're looking for beautifully completed baskets for our Basket Raffle! We're also accepting gift cards from Target, Walmart, local businesses, and grocery stores to add extra sparkle to the baskets we're creating. Ready to spread some holiday cheer? Please contact Lisa Statkiewicz at ljstatk@gmail.com or 508-345-1197 and let her know if you'll be donating a completed gift basket or gift cards. Thank you for helping make this year's Bazaar magical!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Completed baskets: Deliver by 11/19/2025 Gift cards: Deliver by 11/15/2025

All items may be dropped off to the Parish Center Faith Formation office Tuesdays - Thursdays 9 AM - 4 PM



VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNINON & 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. Thoma | | | | |

LECTORS TRAINING DATES!

Whether you are new to the Lector ministry or returning, you NEED to attend a training before you can serve. Please find the trainings below.

- •NEW lectors Monday, Nov. 3
- RETURNING lectors need to attend Nov. 4 or Nov. 9

| LECTOR TRAININGS (Fr. Bill) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|--|--|
| | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | | |
| NEW | Nov. 3 | 6:30 PM | St. Thomas | | |
| Returning | Nov. 4 | 6:30 PM | St. Thomas | | |
| Returning | Nov. 9 | 12:00 PM | St. Basil's | | |

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 THIS WEEKEND (October 25-26) after each Mass with either Fr. Bill or Fr. Rodrigo.

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEER MEETING

The next meeting for all Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner volunteers is Wednesday, November 5 at 6:15 PM in the Parish Center.

Please make every effort to attend. Thank you!

ANNUAL APPEAL - OFF AND RUNNING!

Our Grand Annual Appeal is under way. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Your contributions will help the Parish in so many ways and we cannot thank you enough. As of October 21, we have received \$77,968 from 201 donors, of which there are 18 new donors and 108 that have increased their contribution from last year! If you haven't made your contribution yet, take some time this week and reflect on how the Parish has been an integral part of your and your family's lives.

We need your support so that our Parish can continue to serve you for generations to come. Thank you for your support of the parish and we hope you will let that support shine through the Annual Appeal! Scan the QR below or visit our website to donate. In addition, letters and pledge cards are available at the entrances of the church/chapel. - Peter Vitagliano, Finance and Operations Manager



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 after all Masses, volunteers from the Pro-life Ministry will be collecting signatures of registered voters. This petition is to amend our state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in the state of 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

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. Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

OCT. 25 - 26 NOV. 1 - 2

| Collections Summary 10/13 - 10/19 | St. Thomas | St. Basil | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Weekly Collection (In-Pew) | \$ 5,565 | \$ 301 | \$ 5 , 866 |
| Mail-in / Drop-Off | \$ 1,744 | \$ O | \$ 1,744 |
| Online (WeShare) | \$ 2,714 | \$ 458 | \$ 3,172 |
| OFFERTORY TOTAL | \$ 10,023 | \$ 759 | \$ 10,782 |
| WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | \$ 2,744 | \$ 176 | \$ 2,920 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER = \$ 15,630

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LOWER CHURCH EVERY TUESDAY 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Come join the Young Adult Group (ages 21-31)! Our goal is to grow in fellowship, holiness, and virtue with young adults in the area as we explore and engage with our faith. Whether you are new to the faith, or have always been Catholic, all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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TO REGISTER



information, contact Cathy Robinson at 617-779-3748 or cathy_robinson@rcab.org.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 a.m. Frank and Mary Shifka

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. Charlie Simonds

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 a.m. John Talbot

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 a.m. Paul Gigliotti

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

11:00 a.m. MASS FOR SOULS WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

4:00 p.m. All Souls Day Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. All Souls Day Masses

5:00 p.m.

St. Basil 10:30 a.m.

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 Paul Moreau Shirley O'Leary Louise Palandro

Claire Revil Maureen Romero Edmond Silva

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen Lucie Lovell Kevin Balf Juliet Magargal Kathy Bennett Mary Carole Brunke Riley McHardy Charles Micalizzi Pamela Bumpus Sandra Cable JoAnn Micalizzi The Caldarola Family Elisabeth Mikush Thomas Chiappini Kathy Monahan George Cowan James Moran Anthony DeSerpa Maureen Mosher **Dave Dorrer** Chris O'Leary Kash Doughty Ellen O'Leary Peter O'Leary Claire Easter Thomas O'Leary Joan Ward Fusco Brenda Gentili John Pelfre Patricia Giovanniello Maria Presti Barbara Gothage Joseph Sarro Joanne Hamer Tony Scalfaro James Schneider Caroline Hayes 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 Julie Landry Nicole Zutaut

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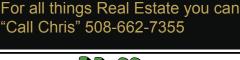
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