

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Trunk or Treat Halloween Party - October 26, 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

A Note from Fr. Devine...

Trunk or Treat

Last Sunday's **Trunk or Treat** was a HUGE success. We estimate that we had over 300 adults and children, most in costumes, enjoying a beautiful sunny day visiting decorated trunks, a "not so scary" haunted house and a large number of games in the gym. Many commented on how much our parish continues to be welcoming and engaging.

I want to thank those who decorated their vehicles. I was impressed with the creativity and effort that went into decorating the trunks and/or setting up games. I want to thank all those who patiently and lovingly assisted the children with the different games and face painting. Our first "haunted house" was so popular that both children and adults wanted to go through it a number of times. I also want to thank those who worked at the kitchen and served food for grateful parents.

Finally, I want to thank Joanne Hamer, chair of our Social Committee, who, with her team of adults and middle/high school students, planned, set up, ran and broke down all the events.

Annual Appeal

We are a month into our **Annual Appeal** and we're doing well. I have found and trust that, once people know and understand the parish's need, as we have explained over the past month, they will be supportive and generous. I am hoping that more people are willing to contribute to the Appeal to support our parish and all that we do.

The Annual Appeal is running for the next few months. If you would like to contribute, letters explaining the need and envelopes are available as you leave church/chapel OR you can go onto our website, scan this QR code or use Venmo. Thank you. - Fr. Devine



VETERANS' DAY MEMENTOS

We will be honoring our active duty and veterans, living and dead, during all weekend Masses next weekend, placing hats, covers, awards and photos at the foot of the altar. **We ask all veterans/active duty or family members who have hats, photos, awards or other mementos to drop them off at the parish office by THIS Wednesday, November 5th.** Include your name/contact information in the hats/pictures so that they can be returned.

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 7 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.



FAITH FORMATION – FOR ALL THE SAINTS AND THE SOULS!

Each unit in the Finding God curriculum introduces students to a saint. The saints are our models for a holy life. They intercede for us because they want us to join them in heaven. We have a whole squad of heavenly cheerleaders rooting for us! For Grade 3, Unit 2 students are studying Saints Scholastica and Benedict, a brother and sister team who shared great faith in God. She founded the first Benedictine convent, and her brother founded 12 monasteries. He also wrote the Benedictine Rule which gave the order their motto of “ora et labora” or prayer and work where work is seen as a way to connect with God, and prayer gives work a deeper purpose. **Remember the souls in purgatory** by visiting the cemetery November 1-8 to pray for their souls. By doing this, a plenary indulgence is gained for them. - Debbie Hill, Director

GRADES 1-7: Complete Session 7 this week. Classes this week: November 3,4,5

CONFIRMATION Class: November 2 – Bring your Bible!

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN PARTY



Not-so-scary Pumpkin Haunted House

GIVING TREE REQUESTS

WE ARE NOW TAKING REQUESTS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. SPREAD THE WORD TO THOSE IN OUR PARISH AND IN THE BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

PLEASE HAVE THEM STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 AM - 5 PM. ANY QUESTIONS?

CALL TINA IN THE OFFICE AT 508-697-9528.

Christmas Bazaar is Coming!

Saturday November 22
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Basket Raffle Donations Still Needed!

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.

Important Dates!

Completed baskets: Deliver by November 19.

Gift cards: Drop off by November 15

at the Parish Center Tuesdays - Thursdays 9 AM - 4 PM.

Committee Chairs and Volunteers:

Final Check-In Meeting!

Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 AM - Parish Center

Need help with last-minute details?

Have questions? Let's connect!

If you can't make the meeting, no worries!

Reach out to Lisa Statkiewicz & Claire Earnshaw.

Calling All Bakers!

Time to show off those baking skills!

We need delicious donations for our Bake Sale.

Cakes, cookies, breads - anything homemade and yummy!

Must be individually wrapped.

Drop-off: November 21 (morning or afternoon)

at the Parish Center.

Planning to donate?

Please contact Lisa or Claire (info below)

so we can plan accordingly!

Post-Event Angels Needed!

Saturday, November 22 at 3:00 PM

Can you help us wrap up the festivities?

We need **3 volunteers with trucks** to assist with clean-up and transport remaining items to the Salvation Army.

Contact Lisa or Claire to volunteer!

You'll be our clean-up heroes!

Questions about anything?

Contact Lisa Statkiewicz or Claire Earnshaw - your go-to team for all things Christmas Bazaar!

Lisa Statkiewicz: lstatk@gmail.com or 508-345-1197

Claire Earnshaw: c.earnshaw@comcast.net or 508-498-1882

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & HOMEBOUND MINISTERS!

Both NEW & RETURNING Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Homebound Ministers NEED to attend a training before you can serve. You can attend either date.

EMHC TRAININGS (Fr. Rodrigo)

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
EMHC - NEW	Nov. 2	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	St. Basil's
EMHC - RETURNING	Nov. 2	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	St. Basil's
HOMEBOUND	Nov. 2	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	St. Basil's

LECTORS TRAINING DATES!

Both NEW & RETURNING Lectors NEED to attend a training session before you can serve. Please find the training dates below.

LECTOR TRAININGS (Fr. Bill)

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
NEW	Nov. 3	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	St. Thomas
Returning	Nov. 4	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	St. Thomas
Returning	Nov. 9	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	St. Basil's

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEERS

The next meeting for all **Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner volunteers** is **THIS Wednesday, November 5 at 6:15 PM in the Parish Center**. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you!



Great news! Our weekly bulletins are available on our website on Fridays!

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP WINE CELLAR FUNDRAISER

We are thrilled to announce that the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Group will embark on its 9th mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp, scheduled for July 19-25, 2026. This year, our destination is Haledon, New Jersey! Fifty-three Bridgewater teens and chaperones will immerse themselves in a week-long mission to serve various local organizations, such as soup kitchens, at-risk youth programs, and low-income daycare centers, as well as engaging in work projects ranging from demolition and construction to gardening. We will also be helping local senior citizens and veterans. Your prayers and financial support are invaluable to us as we prepare for this meaningful journey. **We invite you to support us with our annual Wine Cellar fundraiser following all Masses NEXT WEEKEND - November 8th and 9th.** Your generosity enables us to make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. We extend our gratitude in advance for your prayers and donations. Together, we can make a difference! - Jen Rosher, Coordinator

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
HURRICANE RELIEF**

**NOV. 1 - 2
NOV. 8 - 9**

Collections Summary 10/20 - 10/26	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,849	\$ 500	\$ 7,349
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 439	\$ 0	\$ 439
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,458	\$ 478	\$ 2,936
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,746	\$ 978	\$ 10,724

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER = \$ 15,630



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ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Group Open Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 - 8:30 PM | GRADES 6-8

PARISH CENTER GYM



**THEME: GRATITUDE NIGHT
DONUTS AND AN OPTIONAL GRATITUDE ACTIVITY!
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**To register,
visit www.stthomasaquinas.com
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PLEASE JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB FOR BINGO NIGHT!

Thursday, Nov. 13 - 6:30 PM - Parish Center

Please join the Women's Club on Thursday November 13th at 6:30 in the Parish Center for Bingo Night! We will have gift card prizes. The "price" of admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will provide the bingo cards and markers. Feel free to BYOB. The Knights of Columbus will join us to call bingo numbers. Members can pay annual \$20 dues at this meeting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (NOV. 8-9) FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Recognizing the immediate and expected need for assistance in Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa, Archbishop Henning is requesting that we take up a voluntarily special collection to support Catholic Relief Services (CRS). If you are willing and able to contribute, please make your check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, with "Hurricane Melissa Relief" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. Chris Kouhaila and family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. Thomas Patrick Beirne and the living members of his family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Kathy Vacher

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. Maria Resendes and Antonio Sousa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Carole Benya

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Andrea Colosi - 1st Anniversary
 4:00 p.m. Arrigo and Julia Sgarbi

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. Victor O'Leary - 12th Anniversary
 9:00 a.m. Esther and Valentino Mortarelli
 12:00 p.m. Manuel and Paulo Torres
 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.**

ANOIDING 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...

Anna Eastman Sierra Brugliera

A Time to Die...

Cecilia Gould Claire Revil
 Linda Lelland Edmond Silva
 Shirley O'Leary

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Lucie Lovell
Kevin Balf	Juliet Magargal
Kathy Bennett	Mary
Carole Brunke	Riley McHardy
Pamela Bumpus	Charles Micalizzi
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
Claire Easter	Peter O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Thomas O'Leary
Brenda Gentili	John Pelfre
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
Julie Landry	Nicole Zutaut
Marissa Lopez	

A Time for Peace...

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