ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 9, 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 different perspective...

I received an email last week from one of our parishioners. She wrote it in response to a recent sermon in which I shared that the Gospel, our faith, our Church calls us, as Christians, to respect the dignity of all people. With her permission I've quoted a portion of her email.

"Father, it has been very difficult to be an immigrant during these times. Many people don't understand the difference between being an immigrant and being "illegal" or "criminal," and unfortunately, we are often treated as if we were one. If only people knew how much we love this country — how much we honor this flag — and that we left absolutely everything we had in our homeland to build a new life here, out of love.

If only they knew that my children know the history of the United States, not (country); they know the American national anthem, not the (country) one. They know everything about this country and almost nothing about the one we left — not because we don't love our homeland, but because, when we arrived here, we fell in love with this land and decided to live out our love for the place where God brought us. We are here to contribute to this nation's growth, and our children dream of doing the same."

How many of our children know our National Anthem?

- Fr. Devine

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 23 at 1:15 PM Parish Center

If you are a senior citizen and would like to attend, please call Jean Monti at 508-697-6648. Leave your name and how many in your group. You will be added to the list.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Visit www.stthomasaquinas.com to volunteer!

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS FESTIVAL CHORUS IS RETURNING TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS!

Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon filled with beautiful Christmas songs at our parish fundraiser. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child.

To purchase tickets, visit our website, scan this QR code, or stop in the parish office. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses the weekends of Nov. 15-16 and Nov. 22-23.



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS ALMOST HERE!



Christmas Bazaar Food Donations Needed!

Help make our Christmas Bazaar a delicious success! We're gathering food items to serve our community during this festive celebration. We're looking for hot dogs and buns, ketchup, mustard and relish, individual-sized potato chips, meatballs and spaghetti sauce, buns for meatball subs, soda (cans), bottled water, cans of ground coffee (both caffeinated and decaf), boxes of black tea bags, sugar packets, and half & half singles. **To sign up for a donation item**, please visit www.stthomasaquinas.com and click on Bazaar Donations under Upcoming Events. This makes it easy to see what's needed and reserve the item you'd like to contribute.

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.

Contact Claire Earnshaw if you plan to donate an item.

Completed baskets: Deliver by November 19

Gift cards: Drop off by November 15 at the Parish Center (Tues - Thurs 9 AM - 4PM)

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: Morning or Afternoon of November 21 at the Parish Center Planning to donate? Please contact Lisa or Claire (info below) so we can plan accordingly!

Post-Event Angels Needed!

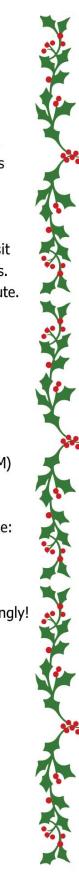
Saturday, November 22 at 3:00 PM

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 cleanup heroes!

Questions about anything?

Contact Lisa Statkiewicz at ljstatk@gmail.com or 508-345-1197 or Claire Earnshaw at c.earnshaw@comcast.net or (508) 498-1882. They're your go-to team for all things Christmas Bazaar!



FAITH FORMATION

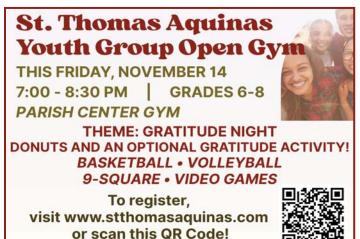
CONFIRMATION & THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD!

Last week, Fr. Bill created a Bible timeline and guided Confirmation students through the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament. He showed how God's love for us is steadfast and how He continually seeks to bring us into covenant with Him. Just as He provided for the Israelites in the desert, God continues to provide for us today. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often turned away from God to follow other gods, yet God repeatedly called them back and renewed His covenant. With the Incarnation of Christ, God established a new and everlasting covenant, an act of profound love that opened the way for us to share in eternal life. Through our Baptism, we received the gift of faith that helps us walk this path. Each of us has a unique place in God's plan; we were created for this time and purpose. Strengthened by faith, we are encouraged to discover the meaning of our lives and determine God's plan for us. Share your gift of faith and help others find their way to God! - Debbie Hill, Director

GRADES 1 - 7: Complete Session 8 this week. Next in-person dates: November 17,18,19 **CONFIRMATION Classes –** November 16 & 23







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 THIS 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

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

AUTUMN FUNDRAISER

The Together in Christ Collaborative





Dan Clark "The Singing Trooper"

accompanied by his wife Mary Sunday, November 16, 2025 1:30 p.m.

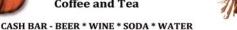
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Tickets will be sold at the doors of Saint Ann's Church in West Bridgewater and Saint John the Evangelist Church in East Bridgewater after all the Masses OR

Saint Ann's Rectory at 103 North Main Street (Route 28) West Bridgewater Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Admission: \$15.00 per person Children: \$ 8.00 under 12 Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Babysitting service available (\$10.00 donation to the Jimmy Fund) Please call in advance 508-586-4880

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF NO SECOND COLLECTION

NOV. 8 - 9 NOV. 15 - 16

Collections Summary 10/27 - 11/3	St. Thomas	St. Basil	Total
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,427	\$ 718	\$ 7,145
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 686	\$ O	\$ 686
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,198	\$ 907	\$ 4,105
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 10,311	\$ 1,625	\$ 11,936
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 4,010	\$ 300	\$ 4,310

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER = \$ 15,630



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THIS Tuesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. The 9:00 AM Mass on November 11 will be held in the upper church. Please note that parish offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

LECTORS TRAINING DATES!

Both NEW & RETURNING Lectors NEED to attend a training session before you can serve. This is the last training date. See below:

LECTOR TRAININGS (Fr. Bill)				
	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Returning	Nov. 9	12:00 PM- 1:30 PM	St. Basil's	

BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE DONATION UPDATE

Due to the overwhelming number of donations for our Bazaar and Rummage Sales, we are UNABLE to accept any more. We are now trying to organize everything and we have run out of space to store these donations. Thank you for your generosity and understanding. - Marianne Giovanoni, Coordinator

PLEASE JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB FOR BINGO NIGHT!

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

Join the Women's Club THIS Thursday Nov. 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 THIS 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 requested 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 8

9:00 a.m. Andrea Colosi - 1 st 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. Barbara Henault

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Jose Coelho

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Antonio Ferreira

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. John and Maria Curry (living)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. Jose and Maria Moura

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 a.m. Joao Tomas

4:00 p.m. John and Nina Carbone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. Juanita Esteva and Lucita Devilles

9:00 a.m. Guido and Antonio Rea

12:00 p.m. Maria do Carmo and Joao Branquinho

5:00 p.m.

St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Jane Keough

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...

Anna Eastman Sierra Brugliera

A Time to Die...

Cecilia Gould Linda Lelland Shirley O'Leary

Claire Revil Edmond Silva

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen Kevin Balf Kathy Bennett Carole Brunke Pamela Bumpus Sandra Cable The Caldarola Family Thomas Chiappini George Cowan Anthony DeSerpa **Dave Dorrer** Kash Doughty Claire Easter Joan Ward Fusco Brenda Gentili Patricia Giovanniello Barbara Gothage Joanne Hamer Caroline Hayes Peter Hayes Tom Joyce Jeanne Keane Regina Keane Carol Kelley Judy Knight Stephen Knight Julie Landry Marissa Lopez

Lucie Lovell Juliet Magargal Mary Riley McHardy Charles Micalizzi JoAnn Micalizzi Elisabeth Mikush Kathy Monahan James Moran Maureen Mosher Chris O'Leary Ellen O'Leary Peter O'Leary Thomas O'Leary John Pelfre Maria Presti Joseph Sarro Tony Scalfaro James Schneider Steven Sarah Silvia Deana Spingel **Emily Stone** Claire Sullivan James "Leo" Tuite, Jr. Jason Zutaut Nicole Zutaut

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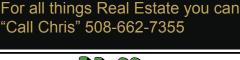
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