

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Our Grade 7 students lived out their faith this week by participating in the Corporal Works of Mercy. Through their donations, they were able to feed the poor, provide drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked.

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

**ALTAR SERVER
TRAINING**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

5:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

3:00 PM

Contact Fr.Rodrigo at frrodrigo@sta-parish.org

**Senior Citizen
Thanksgiving Dinner**

NEXT 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 THIS WEEKEND Nov. 15-16 and
NEXT WEEKEND Nov. 22-23.

Any questions? Contact Anne Swarce at 508-697-7370.





St. Thomas Aquinas Annual Christmas Bazaar

**NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

PICTURES WITH SANTA FROM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

DECORATED WREATHS AND TREES

BAKED GOODS

KNITTING & SEWING

LIVE PLANTS

WHITE ELEPHANT ROOMS

KIDS ONLY SHOPPING ZONE - NOTHING OVER \$1!

50/50 RAFFLE!

TURKEY DINNER RAFFLES HOURLY!

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE AT 3:00!

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR THE 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 an item, please visit www.stthomasaquinas.com or please email **Joanna Gale** at joannagale@comcast.net or **Lisa Statkiewicz** at ljstatk@gmail.com. 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 that will be attractive and interesting to those attending! 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 will be donating an item.

Completed baskets: Deliver by 11/19/2025 at the Parish Center

Gift cards: Drop off by 11/18/2025 at the Parish Center

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 21st** at the Parish Center

Planning to donate? Please contact Lisa or Claire (info below) so we can plan accordingly!

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

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
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 AT 508-697-9528.



YOUR FAITH FORMATION - FREE ACCESS TO FRANCISCAN AT HOME

The Archdiocese of Boston, in partnership with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute, is offering top-notch formation at no cost to you! The program works to prepare an "army of catechists" called for by St. John Paul II, ready to help the Church in Her mission of making all nations joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. Enter this formation to learn the truth and beauty of God's plan and to witness to others the joy of a life of grace in the Holy Spirit. Scan the QR Code below to sign up. - Debbie Hill, Director

GRADES 1-7: In-person this week
(November 17,18,19) for Session 9

CONFIRMATION Classes:

November 16 & 23 (please note
back-to-back weeks!)



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UP

We will be hosting our Annual Christmas pageant on **Saturday, December 13th following the 4PM Mass.** The pageant has roles available for children between the ages of preschool (must be potty trained) - grade 6 for speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and our angel choir. Please sign up your child for which would be the best option for them. Casting will take place once the sign-up is closed, which is Dec. 1 or until sign-up is full, whichever comes first. **Child must be able to attend rehearsals on 12/11 and 12/12 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. Child must be at the parish center for dress rehearsal on 12/13 from 1:30 PM - end of show.**

For questions, please email Mrs. Burns at saintthomasvbc@gmail.com. Scan this QR Code or visit www.stthomasaquinas.com to sign up.



THANK YOU FROM THE INSPIRE YOUTH GROUP

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners for your incredible support of our **Annual Wine Cellar Fundraiser** last weekend. Your generosity will help **53 of our youth and chaperones** travel to **Haledon, NJ** next summer, where they will spend a week serving others and sharing God's love through their hands and hearts. We'll be drawing the winners on **Wednesday, November 19th**, and the names will be posted in the bulletin the following weekend. Thank you again for your kindness, prayers, and continued support of our mission to live out our faith through service. May God bless you for helping us make a difference.

- Jen Rosher, Coordinator



INSPIRE MISSION TRIP YOUTH GROUP

PIZZA . FUN . SERVICE

YOUTH ROOM SERVICE GYM TIME GAGA BALL!

NOV. 19 - HELP SET UP BAZAAR
DEC. 10 - FIELD TRIP

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
PARISH CENTER

2026 CHWC MISSION TRIP- NORTH HALEDON, NJ
JULY 18 - 25, 2026

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JEN ROSHER
AT JENROSHER@COMCAST.NET

SAVE
THE
DATES!

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

STATISTICS AS OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Total registered families:	2772
Total \$ received to date:	\$117,845
# of families that have donated:	303
% of families that have donated:	10.9%
# of families that have increased their donation over last year:	164
# of New Donors this year:	26
# of WeShare Donors:	52
Average \$ Per Donor:	\$389



As you can see from this barometer, many have already made a contribution to our Annual Appeal and for that I'm very grateful.

A month ago, Fr. Rodrigo and I shared the need that we have to balance our budget. Our parish is growing and expanding the number of ministries in order to meet the needs of our parishioners. Because of this, our operating costs exceed \$1,000,000 and we are totally dependent on your financial support. While parishioners are very generous in their weekly/monthly financial contributions and gifts, we still run a significant deficit. We need the funds from this Appeal in order to help balance our budget and so I'm asking for your help.

I'm very grateful that **164 persons have increased** their donation from last year and **26 are new donors**. While this is encouraging, I'm hoping that those who have not yet contributed might be willing to make a donation this year.

If you would like to make a contribution, letters and pledge cards are available at the entrances of the church/chapel. You may also visit www.stthomasaquinas.com, scan this QR code or use Venmo. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to support this year's Annual Appeal.

- Fr. Devine



MASS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Every year, the Archdiocese of Boston publishes the Boston Catholic Directory, a collection of information from the Pastoral Center and all of the parishes in the Diocese. Below are the parish Mass counts for the month of October that have been reported for this year, including the comparisons between the past 2 years.

MASS TIME	MASS LOCATION	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			
		2023	2024	2025	CHANGE
4:00PM	St. Thomas	203	194	190	-4
7:30AM	St. Thomas	100	107	113	+6
9:00AM	St. Thomas	217	206	223	+17
10:30AM	St. Basil's	154	172	166	-6
12:00PM	St. Thomas	136	156	159	+3
5:00PM	St. Thomas	126	164	184	+20
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE		936	999	1035	+36

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION

NOV. 15 - 16

RETIRED SISTERS

NOV. 22 - 23

Due to early bulletin deadlines, last week's offertory will be in our next bulletin.

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



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Bridgewater, Massachusetts



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. Helena Ferreira (living)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Don Swarce

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Jose Coelho

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. William and Alice Ferioli

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Samuel and Carmela Corrente

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Blanche, Louis, and Willard Mondeau
4:00 p.m. Joao C. Vieira

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. Reginald and Patricia Osuji
9:00 a.m. Floriano and Lourdes Rebelo
12:00 p.m. Ana and Joao Constantino Torres
5:00 p.m. Paul Martin - 3rd Anniversary
St. Basil 10:30 a.m. Alvin Arsenault - 16th Anniversary

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...

Jodi Merianos Kimberly Sullivan
Florence Murphy

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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