

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



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WELCOME

To visitors of our Parish, those who have recently moved into the area, and 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.

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.

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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

Hallow

is here!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH AND HALLOW!

Hallow is a **Catholic app** with a huge variety of resources to engage you with your faith and share that engagement with our parish community if you so choose.

Hallow offers daily prayers, daily readings, Lenten challenges, audio-guided meditation, mental health content, sacred music, and more! There is even content specifically geared for children, teens, and young adults! Additionally, you may post a **prayer intention** and everyone who is a member of our parish page will see it and be able to pray for your intention.

We invite you to download the **Hallow app** and join our parish page to participate with other parishioners and see many of the resources that are available, such as prayer challenges, praying for each other, and more!

To download Hallow, follow these steps:

1. Download or open the Hallow app on your phone.
2. Join the parish page.
 - Tap "Community" on the menu at the bottom of your screen.
 - Select "Join a Church."
 - Search for Saint Thomas Aquinas, Bridgewater.
 - Join the parish page.
3. Because of our parish partnership with Hallow, we are able to download onto our parish page some "premium resources" that would otherwise require you to have a paid subscription.

We are so excited to offer this to all of you and to see our parish participation on Hallow grow! In the upcoming weeks, we will be sharing more exciting resources available on our Hallow parish page.

If you experience any difficulties when setting this up, please contact the parish office. A representative from the Hallow team will be here on an upcoming weekend to speak more about Hallow and everything it has to offer.

Hallow information cards are available at the entrances of the church and chapel. Please take one on your way out of Mass.

ST. VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE



NEXT Saturday, February 14th
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Parish Center



A great night to share a CATERED MEAL, DANCE, and CELEBRATE with your parish family! All are welcome!

Free babysitting will be available!

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers needed to set-up, babysit, serve food, and clean-up.

Dessert and Raffle Basket donations needed!

Visit www.stthomasaquinas.com to help!

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

SCAN THIS QR CODE, STOP IN THE PARISH OFFICE, OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE BY THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12!



\$ 20 / individual
 \$ 10 / student



“GROWTH THROUGH GRIEF”

WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES FROM ADDICTION / SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER

Saturday February 21, 2026

8:30am - 4:30pm

10 Capen Hill Road

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Come and enjoy some quiet time and support healing ways to deal with grief and methods of selfcare for women who have lost a loved one to Addiction/Substance use Disorder. A “DAY RETREAT” at the Beautiful Wonderland Conference Center / Salvation Army Retreat Center on lovely lake Massa Poag.

Registration: 8:30 – 10:00 / cost: \$25.00 for the day

Breakfast: 8:30 – 10:00

Speaker: Tracy Carter 10:30 – 11:30

Group meeting: Sharing on how we take care of ourselves: 11:45 – 12:45

Lunch: 1:00 – 2:15

Spiritual Speaker: 2:30 – 3:15

Group Meeting: Spirituality and how it works in our life: 3:30 – 4:15

Dismissal: 4:15 – 4:30

For more information to register contact: Catholic Charities / Laboure Center
 Jean_barrineau@ccab.org 275 West Broadway
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PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion?

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing** one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Saturday, February 28 (Greater Boston), Saturday, April 11 (Merrimack Valley), and Saturday, May 16 (Boston/South). Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, please contact Project Rachel at help@projectrachelboston.com or call 508.651.3100.

RUMMAGE DONATIONS

The Women’s Club is accepting donations on Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at the Parish Center for the next Rummage Sale. Please do not leave anything outside. Thank you!



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK FEBRUARY 7 - 14

In recognition of National Marriage Week, we invite all married couples to renew their marriage vows during Mass NEXT WEEKEND, February 14th and 15th.

In addition, in celebration of National Marriage Week, visit www.foryourmarriage.org for marriage resources & activities.

EVENTS AT THE FATHER PEYTON CENTER

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wed., Feb. 11, 12 – 2 pm. Mass at Noon followed by food, fellowship, reflection, and an activity for children. All are welcome. Registration for this free event is not required but appreciated by visiting <https://hcfm.info/lourdes2026>.

St. Valentine's Day Date Night, "The Finest Wine"- Friday, Feb. 13, 6 - 9 pm. Begins with Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows followed by dinner, drinks, music, fellowship, and reflection on The Wedding Feast at Cana. Free event; donations welcome. **Registration required**; space is limited. To register, please visit <https://hcfm.info/valentine-2026>.

QUESTIONS?

Email mission@hcfm.org or call 508-238-4095. All events are free but donations are welcome. All events are located at The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., North Easton.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF SUPPORT / COUNSELING RESOURCES TO ASSIST DURING A CHALLENGING TIME?

We are in the process of compiling a list of counseling resources from the Archdiocese. We will be sharing that extensive list in the Feb. 21-22 bulletin, so please stay tuned. In the interim, if you are in need of a resource, please call the parish office.



HAS A LOVED ONE DIED RECENTLY?

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Bereavement Ministry is pleased to announce that our next series of support meetings will begin on **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER.** This session runs for 9 weeks. All those grieving the loss of a loved one are encouraged to join. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION requested.** To register, call Roberta at 508-697-4184 or Ginniy at 508-697-7649.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Confirmation

Fr. Rodrigo spoke on the topic of Jesus in the Eucharist. Through transubstantiation, Jesus is truly present-Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. In this sacred mystery, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the Body of Christ, while the accidents, or outward appearances, remain the same. At the Last Supper, Jesus told the Apostles that He had "eagerly desired" this moment. We can truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist because He said so, and every word that comes from the mouth of God is truth. Every Mass is an opportunity to enter into deeper friendship with God. - *Debbie Hill, Director*

Save these Dates!

Grades 1-7

Grades 1-7 working on Session 19. February in-person dates: Feb. 23,24,25

Confirmation

February 22 – Sponsor Night. If the sponsor cannot attend, another adult must attend in their place. Forms can be found on our website and in Google Classroom under the Classwork tab.



SO YOU THINK YOUR UTILITY COSTS ARE HIGH?

Part of being the best stewards we can with the generosity we have received is constantly monitoring our expenses, and doing our best to control them. We are always monitoring our utility usage and making any necessary changes and improvements to help control those costs.

Utilities are some of the largest expenses we incur each month. We are doing everything we can to control these costs, including installing smart thermostats, programming heating and lighting schedules, completing the proper maintenance on all of our boilers and heating systems, and immediately responding to any repair issues to minimize anything becoming a greater issue.

Below are the parish utility costs for the last three months. These figures represent the combined total costs of utilities for the parish center, church, chapel, and rectory/parish offices. You can see our natural gas usage (Eversource and Spark Energy) spikes during the winter months. Our electrical usage (National Grid) has risen as costs in general have risen and our parish buildings are being used more frequently.

We cannot thank you enough for your support of the parish, which allows us to serve you best!

- Peter Vitagliano, Finance and Operations Officer

NATIONAL GRID		
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
\$ 1,215	\$ 2,510	\$ 2,200
EVERSOURCE		
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
\$ 1,820	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,644
SPARK ENERGY (supplier)		
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
\$ 2,586	\$ 3,735	\$ 3,910
HEAT/ELECTRIC TOTALS		
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
\$ 5,621	\$ 8,765	\$ 8,754

CEMETERY UPDATE

We will be starting our clean-up for spring, removing Christmas decorations and dead and broken planters from around graves. We will also be removing damaged and torn flags so that we can replace them as we get closer to Memorial Day. Cleaning around individual graves allows us to move more quickly to complete our clean-up, so help is always appreciated!

We will begin removing all Christmas decorations THIS Monday, February 9th. If you want to save any decorations, please take them prior to that date. Thank you and God bless! - Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations



SCOUT SUNDAY

NEXT Sunday, Feb. 15th, Bridgewater Scouts will be celebrating **at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Basil's Chapel**. Catholic Scout Awards will be presented following Mass. Contact Kate Anderson at 508-353-0780 or email cnjanderson@comcast.net with any questions.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION FEB. 7 - FEB. 8
 NO SECOND COLLECTION FEB. 14 - FEB. 15

Collections Summary 1/26 - 2/1	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,264
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 885
Online (WeShare)	\$ 4,324
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 11,473
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 4,467

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR DEC. = \$ 24,839

WE ACCEPT VENMO!

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. Andrea and Robert Proffetty & Andrew Ticchi
4:00 p.m. Philip Rainey - 6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Angela Hoole
12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Beverly Freccero

St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 a.m. Pauline Jordan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 a.m. Maria Presti

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Nellie M. Barnard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 a.m. Antonia and Libania Sousa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 a.m. Marilia Rebelo
4:00 p.m. Don Swarce - 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Irene Bevacqua
12:00 p.m. Raffella Moscato and Jovanna Melagrano
5:00 p.m.

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Scout Sunday

SACRAMENTS

To receive information about the Sacraments or to schedule an meeting 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

To be married in our parish, call the office at least 8 months in advance. **Marriage Preparation instruction 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.

PRAYER LIST

As we do every January, we removed names from the prayer list. If you would like to have a name remain on the prayer list, please contact Tina at 508-697-9528 or tlarson@sta-parish.org.

A Time to Die...

Elizabeth Cadigan	Margaret "Peg" Joyce
Maria Batista	Joan Shurtleff

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Charles Micalizzi
Kathy Bennett	JoAnn Micalizzi
Anthony DeSerpa	Elisabeth Mikush
Lourdes DeSerpa	Kathy Monahan
Marcus DiSalvo	Chris O'Leary
Stephanie DiSalvo	Ellen O'Leary
Matteo Disalvo	Peter O'Leary
Antonio Fernandes	Sean O'Leary
Joan Ward Fusco	Thomas O'Leary
Brenda Gentili	Jack Phaneuf
Patricia Giovanniello	Lane Poche
Tom Groh	Joanne Robicheau
Joseph Inacio	Baby Carson Rosen
Rosa Inacio	Diane Russell
Tom Joyce	Ruth Sandler
Carol Kelley	James Schneider
Julie Landry	Deana Spingel
Lucie Lovell	Jamison Spingel
Riley McHardy	Emily Stone

A Time for Peace...

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA
Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA
SRAMN Thomas J. Guzman, USAF
CAPT Jimmy Lysko, USMC
LTJG Theresa Lysko, USN
A1C Timothy O'Leary, USAF
2nd LT Jimmy Peterson, USA
2nd LT Brian Rosher Jr., USA
GEN Eric Smith, USMC

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

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