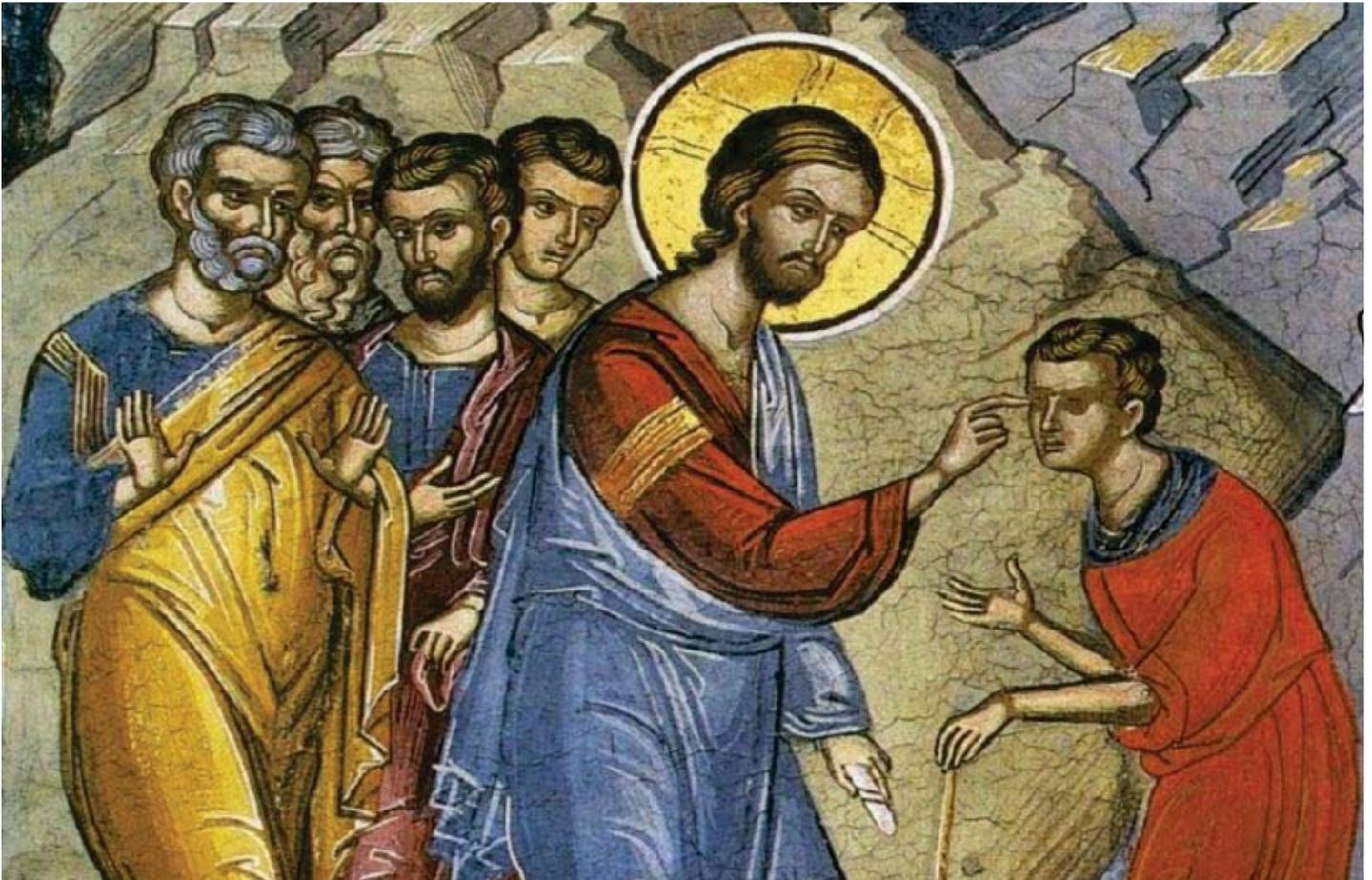


# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MARCH 15, 2026



*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## 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

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Last week, following a brief video from Archbishop Henning, Ron Hill and Peter Vitagliano explained the importance of the Catholic Appeal and how it benefits our parish and the greater archdiocese. They encouraged everyone's participation.

This week, Fr. Rodrigo and I, at the request of Archbishop Henning, will personally explain in greater detail how Catholic Appeal funding has significantly supported our ministries and the parish itself. But it's not just about our parish...we are 1 of 250 parishes, one church/many parishes connected to each other by our faith. We have the opportunity and responsibility to help other parishes that may be struggling, as well as to support many of the archdiocese's ministries that reach out to those in need: the homeless, those with addictions, immigrants, the elderly, young adult and college students, the imprisoned, the mentally challenged, and those who are hospitalized, while also supporting vocations and priest formation. The list goes on.

I thank all those who have already contributed, and ask those who have not yet contributed to consider supporting the Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please take an envelope home and prayerfully consider the need and the opportunity we have to support the Catholic Appeal not only because of the many ways it helps our own parish, but so many others as well.

You may also scan this QR code to donate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Fr. Devine



## Walking With Purpose Spring Bible Study For Women

Join us in our examination of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians through the Walking With Purpose Bible study guide *Rooted and Radiant!* *Rooted and Radiant* was written for any woman who wants to live her life grounded in Jesus Christ. Each week, we will immerse ourselves in Colossians verse by verse. We will learn how to better navigate the ever-increasing demands and messages of our culture, and learn what it truly means to live in the freedom of Jesus Christ. The study guide is \$15 for the six-week course and will be given out at the first session. Participants may request:

**Wednesdays (April 15 - May 20 )**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

OR

**Thursdays (April 16 - May 21)\***

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\*Session preference will be accommodated as space allows.

All sessions to be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center. **To register, contact Jane Centrella at 508-577-8689 by Saturday, March 28**

# LENT

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS / SIMPLE SUPPERS

Every **Friday** during Lent at **6:30 p.m.** - St. Thomas Aquinas Upper Church  
**FREE Lenten Simple Suppers** are held in the lower church following Stations of the Cross.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions are held every Saturday in the Lower Church from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.

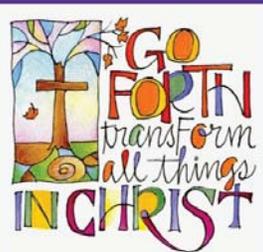
## HALLOW

Hallow is a **Catholic app** with a multitude of resources to engage you with your faith and share that engagement with our parish community if you so choose. **Hallow offers daily prayers, readings, Lenten challenges, audio-guided meditation, mental health content, sacred music, and more!** We invite you to download the **Hallow app** and **join our parish page**. Due to safe environment reasons put in place by the USCCB to protect minors, Hallow is only available for those 18 years old and older to download. Parents may participate in the Kid's Lenten Challenge with their children. **To download Hallow, follow these steps:**

1. Download or open the Hallow app on your phone and create a free account.
2. Join the parish page.
  - Tap "Community" on the bottom menu
  - Select "Join a Church."
  - Search for Saint Thomas Aquinas, Bridgewater.
  - Join the parish page.
3. **Participate in the Lenten Challenge as well as other premium content we have added for you!**

## ABSTINENCE

**Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence. **ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning abstinence, please consult Fr. Devine or Fr. Rodrigo.



## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH LENTEN MISSION

### *Drawing Closer to Jesus Christ*

**March 23, 24 and 25**

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY**

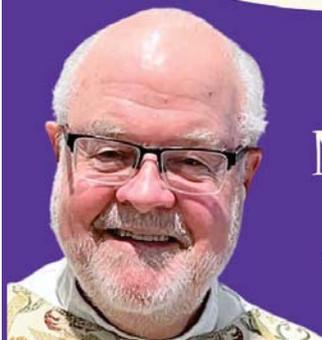
***Understanding God***

**TUESDAY**

***Transformed by Christ***

**WEDNESDAY**

***Living our Faith***



**SPEAKER:**  
**Msgr. Paul Garrity**

***All are welcome to attend  
this FREE Mission!***

## FAITH FORMATION - CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Cardinal Spellman High School generously provided bus transportation, their facilities, and the support of staff and students who helped lead small-group discussions. We are also grateful to our parish volunteers: Kevin Geraghty, who led the retreat; Confirmation mentors Kim Sousa, Anne Moukalled, and Matthew Joseph; Patrick Madigan, who ran the audio visual; Ron McMasters, who helped feed everyone; seminarian Patrick Early; BSU FOCUS missionaries; BSU student Hannah Robinson; and STEP-UP youth group members Kate Meehan, Jamari Moreno, and Anthony Reynolds. All these individuals generously gave their time and energy to make the retreat both faith-filled and fun. We also thank the parents who donated snacks and desserts to keep everyone energized throughout the day. We pray that the seeds planted during the retreat will continue to grow and bear fruit in the years to come. - *Debbie Hill, Director*

### SAVE THE DATES!

**GRADE 2 Parent Night** - Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 in the parish center

**First Holy Communion Retreat** – Saturday, April 11

**GRADES 1-7** working on Session 24

March in-person dates: 23,24,25;

April in person dates: 6,7,8 & 13,14,15

### CONFIRMATION

March in-person dates: 15, 29; April in-person dates: 12 & 26



# Easter EGG HUNT

## Sunday, April 5

### 10:00 AM in the parish center

Join us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection with a fun Easter Egg Hunt! Scan this QR Code or visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to sign up!





## HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are in need of high school volunteers for our Volunteer Appreciation Social next **Saturday, March 21.**

**WE NEED:**

- 9 food servers**
- 3 babysitters**
- 3 clean-up helpers**

*This is a great way to get your community service hours!  
Visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to sign up!  
We need your help to make this night a success!*

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please return your bottles this weekend, March 14-15, with change, cash or a check (please make checks payable to Abundant Hope) to help women and families in our community. Abundant Hope helps families who have one or more children under the age of 2 on a monthly basis with free diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby clothes and baby food. Bins will also be available at the entrances of the church and chapel for the next three weeks.



### ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH!

Please join the Women's Club **THIS Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center to welcome the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy for a presentation on the Message of Divine Mercy. The sisters speak in schools, in parishes and at conferences, explaining the different forms of devotion and prayers to the Divine Mercy and, more importantly, what true devotion to the Divine Mercy consists in: *having childlike trust in God and being merciful to our neighbor.* Light refreshments will be available.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**AUGUST 10 - 14 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ENROLLMENT THROUGH APRIL 1.**

VBC is for children starting at age 3 (must be potty-trained) - Grade 5. Volunteer roles available for students in Grade 6 and up. All adult volunteers (ages 18+) must have a current CORI on file and completed VIRTUS training. There is 1 junior volunteer role remaining (ages 10-12). **Please visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) or scan this QR code to register.** - Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Moyer



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER

**Saturday, March 28th  
5:15 pm | Parish Center**

The film **Cabrini** is the epic story of Saint Francesca Cabrini, a Catholic nun and Italian immigrant who was sent by the Pope to New York city in 1889 to work with immigrant families and impoverished children. Mother Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Mother Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. She eventually established 67 hospitals, schools and orphanages across the Americas and Europe. **Visit [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to register to attend.** Cost is \$20 plus a canned good for the food bank per person and will be collected at the door.

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- NO SECOND COLLECTION      MARCH 14 - 15
- NO SECOND COLLECTION      MARCH 21 - 22

Collections Summary 3/3 - 3/9	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,494
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 740
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,302
<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,536</b>

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR FEB. = \$ 17,408**



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m. Antonio Sousa and Maria Resendes  
4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Maffeo family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

#### St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Antonio Almada  
12:00 p.m. Carmella Scolaro  
5:00 p.m.

#### St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 a.m. Carmellina Scolaro (living)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. Lolita Estamotoc and Myra Dutra

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 a.m. Joan and Sal Fusco (living)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 a.m. James Keane

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 a.m. James and Robin Carr

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. Pamela Silvia

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

#### St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Francisco Luis, Maria de Lurdes Botelho and Manuel Botelho

12:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

#### St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

To receive information about the Sacraments or to schedule a 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

### A Time to be Born...

Chloe Hillson Lillian Koczela

### A Time to Die...

Michael Benya Karen Sullivan  
Paul O'Connor Charles Trainor, Sr.  
John Pupek

### A Time to Heal...

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

### A Time for Peace...

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA  
Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA  
SGT Joseph Cannistraro, 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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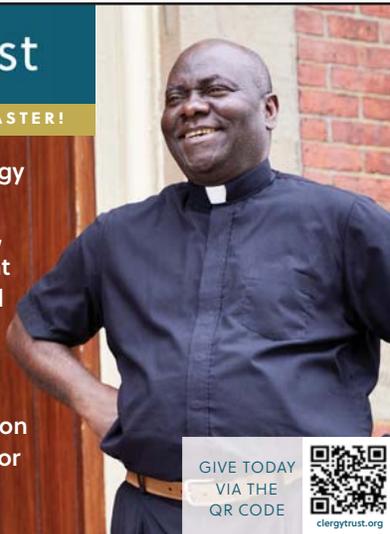


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