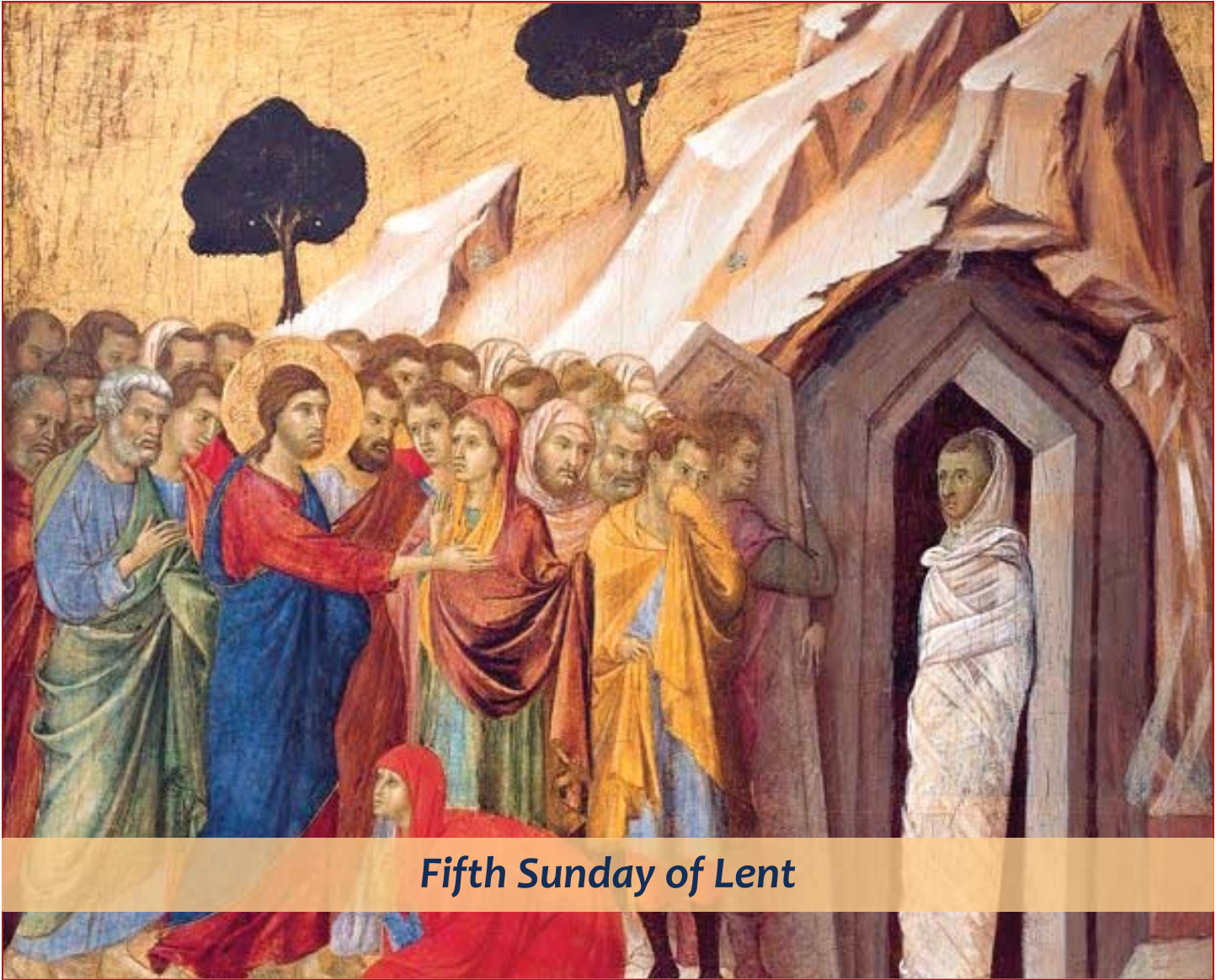


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MARCH 22, 2026



Fifth 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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

**Masses begin 15 minutes early with blessing of Palms*

Saturday, March 28

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: 9:45 a.m - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

** Mass: 3:45 p.m.*

Sunday, March 29

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

** Masses: 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m.*

St. Basil Chapel

** Mass: 10:15 a.m.*

MARCH 30, MARCH 31, APRIL 1

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (lower church)

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.

Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.

The Passion of the Lord: 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4

Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Basil Chapel - Mass: 10:30 a.m.



**THE 2026 CATHOLIC
 APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!**

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a call for support throughout the Archdiocese. Every parish receives support and guidance from the diocese for a wide variety of needs, so the diocese in turn needs the financial support of all of the parishes to sustain, grow and develop the many offices and ministries that all parishes rely on every day.

The Catholic Appeal is a call for **ALL parishes as One** to help. Many in our parish have already given, and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity! To date we have received \$28,884, which is 39% of our goal.

Giving is easy! You may donate online at our website www.stthomasaquinas.com, visit the Archdiocese site at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, or simply scan this QR Code. Your gifts are vital to the sustaining the support we receive from the diocese.



Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Appeal.
 - Peter Vitagliano, Finance & Operations Officer



STATIONS OF THE CROSS / SIMPLE SUPPERS

Every **Friday** during Lent at **6:30 p.m.** - St. Thomas Aquinas Upper Church, followed by **FREE Lenten Simple Suppers**

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. Additional Confession times during Holy Week: Monday-Wednesday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

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.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church/chapel if you would like to donate towards our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one.

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 to sign up!







ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Drawing Closer to Jesus Christ

March 23, 24, and 25 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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

**SPEAKER:
Msgr. Paul Garrity**



MONDAY, MARCH 23

Understanding God

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Transformed by Christ
Confessions available

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Living our Faith
Celebration of the Eucharist

**DUE TO THE PARISH MISSION, DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR
IS CANCELLED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.**



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. (NEW TIME!)
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.*

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

CONFIRMATION

Our seminarian, Patrick Earley, led Sunday night’s class on the Holy Spirit. Using superheroes as examples, he explained how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit work. **Batman** became a hero through his own wealth and training and **Tony Stark** became Iron Man through the power of his suit. **Captain America**, however, had good qualities within him that were strengthened by the “super soldier serum.” Confirmation, like the “serum,” strengthens what God has already placed within us at Baptism. Patrick reminded the students that Confirmation “gives special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.” Patrick also encouraged the students to use their gifts in order to share the Gospel and take their place as part of the Church as God’s faithful servants. - *Debbie Hill, Director*

SAVE THE DATES!

First Holy Communion Retreat – Saturday, April 11

GRADES 1-7 working on Session 24; **March** in-person dates:

March 23,24,25; **April** in-person dates: April 6,7,8 & 13,14,15

CONFIRMATION in-person dates: **March 29; April 12 & 26**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER

NEXT 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 mission to secure housing and healthcare for society’s most vulnerable. **To register, please visit our website at www.stthomasaquinas.com** . Cost is \$20 plus a canned good for the food bank per person and will be collected at the door.

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Women’s Club of St. Thomas Aquinas will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships for qualifying high school seniors. Homeschooled seniors are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be active parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and/or St. Basil’s Chapel. Applications are at various high schools and the parish office. The application deadline is April 10th. **Questions?** Contact Helen Cleary, Chairperson, at 774-222-0483.

SAFETY IS ALWAYS A PRIORITY!



We are constantly working to keep our buildings and properties safe. This past week, we became aware that our AED (Portable Defibrillator) batteries were starting to run low.

Upon inspection, we found the batteries were fine, but the wired lead packs in the AEDs were expired. This past week, we also learned that these AEDs are no longer produced, and there are no parts or supplies available.

We are currently working with the Archdiocese to determine if they have any assistance available to help us replace them. The cost for one AED is \$1,500 - \$2,000, and we need three of them.

We are doing everything we can to replace these as quickly as possible, and want to make sure the new units we get are sustainable.

There will be another update once we hear from the diocese and can move forward with replacing our AED’s.

- *Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations Officer*

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION

MARCH 21 - 22

NO SECOND COLLECTION

MARCH 28 - 29

Collections Summary 3/10 - 3/16	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 7,281
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 607
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,522
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 11,410

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

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 a.m. Frances A. Maloney

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 a.m. Gloria & Joaquin Alves

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 a.m. David MacCormack

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 a.m. Maria Presti

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. Richard Landry

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Patricia Silva - 9th Anniversary

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Margarida & Mario Garcia

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

John Pupek

Paul O'Connor

Karen Sullivan

Ellen O'Leary

Charles Trainor, Sr.

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...

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LTJG Theresa Lysko, USN
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2nd LT Brian Rosher Jr., USA
GEN Eric Smith, USMC

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Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Lower Church

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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Lower Church

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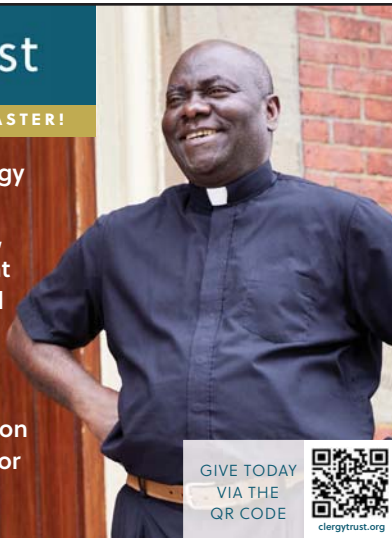
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