

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

APRIL 12, 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a Divine Mercy
Holy Hour as well as
personal prayer time.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Notes from Fr. Devine...

Holy Week and Easter

The Holy Week Services and Easter Masses were a beautiful celebration of our faith. Once again, there was a great turnout of parishioners who came not only because it is an Easter tradition, but because of a real desire to acknowledge and reflect on the events leading up to and including the Lord's passion and resurrection. I was impressed with the number of young adults and families that were in attendance. There was a very real sense of prayer, joy, and faith exhibited at all the events.

I want to thank all those who made our services and Masses so faith-filled and memorable. I thank the Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters/Ushers, and Choir, as well as the volunteers who decorated the chapel/church and the staff that worked behind the scenes paying attention to all the details. I also want to thank Fr. Rodrigo, who not only ran the rehearsals and sang the Easter Vigil Exultet, but also for making sure we were adhering to the new developments in the liturgies. Finally, I congratulate those who were baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil: Julien DeRienzo, Diamond Doval, Edward Holland, and Ashley Sanchez; and for the OCIA team who prepared and instructed them over the past eight months.

In addition, thank you to Gigi Abraham, Frank Sousa and all of their volunteers who led a very successful Egg Hunt! We had over 75 children searching for 600 stuffed eggs!

While Easter Day is over, we've just begun the seven-week Easter Season, during which we will continue to experience the joy and promises of the resurrection extended through the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday

You will notice the Divine Mercy Image in the sanctuary. Pope St. John Paul II initiated this feast on the Second Sunday of Easter. The image of the Lord with rays of mercy flowing from his heart is based on an vision given to St. Faustina in 1931. **This Sunday, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**, our parish invites you to come for an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Hallow

I've invited Julia Morell from the Hallow staff to speak briefly at the Sunday Masses this weekend. She'll be inviting you to use the Hallow App, and, specifically, our parish page, as a personal resource to access free information to help us to pray and learn more about our faith. She will also be available after Masses. In addition, she will be hosting an **Evening of Fellowship and Faith this Sunday evening at 6:15 p.m.** to show you how to access and use the App, as well as take us through an experience of private prayer. We encourage you to join us. - Fr. Devine

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER

EASTER 2026



Easter Vigil



Children's Choir



Adult Choir



Newly Baptized and Confirmed, and their sponsors



Easter Egg Hunt



Hallow

Looking for ways to re-engage with your faith?

Not sure how to take the first step?

Interested in resources to strengthen your faith?

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS,
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US FOR:**

An Evening of Fellowship and Faith

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 6:15 PM | LOWER CHURCH

**A HALLOW REPRESENTATIVE WILL JOIN US TO LEAD US IN PRAYER
AND ASSIST ANYONE NEEDING HELP ACCESSING CONTENT ON HALLOW.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**



**GIVE HOPE
THIS SPRING.**

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John 6:68



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THIS WEEKEND**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Mission Trip Youth Group, Inspire, embarks on its 9th mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp. This year, our journey takes us to North Haledon, NJ. Fifty Bridgewater teens and chaperones will dedicate a week to making an impact in the community. Throughout our mission, we will work alongside local organizations, such as **soup kitchens, at-risk youth programs, & low-income daycare centers**, with projects from **construction and demolition to home repairs and gardening**, as we extend a helping hand to **seniors, veterans, and families in need**.

How You Can Help

Your **prayers and financial support** mean the world to us. We invite you to support our **Bake Sale fundraiser after all Masses THIS WEEKEND**. Your generosity helps cover the costs of transportation, supplies, and other essentials. We are so grateful for your support. **Together, we can make a difference!** - *With gratitude, Inspire Mission Trip Youth Group*

2026 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Golf Outing & Dinner Fundraiser

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

**GOLF LOCATION:
WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNTRY CLUB**

**DINNER LOCATION:
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH CENTER**

9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)
**4:00 p.m. Dinner, Awards, Auction,
& more at the Parish Center**



**Sign up today!
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CALLING ALL WOMEN IN THE PARISH!

Women's Club Presentation on Bridgewater Parks and Receptions *Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.*

Please join the Women's Club Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center for a presentation of the parks and recreation areas in town. Gina Guasconi, a member of the Bridgewater Park and Recreation Board, will review the different park and recreation areas in town that are available for public use. There will be a Q&A, so have your questions ready! Light refreshments will be served.

LAST CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL 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. To qualify, applicants must be active parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and/or St. Basil's Chapel. Applications are available at various high schools and the parish office. The application deadline was April 10th, but we have extended it to Monday, April 13th. **Questions?** Contact Helen Cleary, Chairperson, at 774-222-0483.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS COLLECTIONS:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APRIL 11 - 12
NO SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 18 - 19

Collections Summary 3/31 - 4/5	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Easter Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 14,046
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 225
Online (WeShare)	\$ 4,529
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 18,800
HOLY LANDS / GOOD FRIDAY	\$ 3,147

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MARCH = \$ 22,773

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 a.m. Cassidy Wankum
4:00 p.m. Guido Rea

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. George Silva - 6th Anniversary
9:00 a.m. Antonio Almada
12:00 p.m. Franco Segnatelli

St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 a.m. Michael Doherty

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 a.m. Tony Lima

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 a.m. Maria Sousa Batista

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 a.m. Edmund Woronicz - 9th Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 a.m. Joan Newton

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 a.m. Jonathan G. Kelly
4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Tommie O'Leary and James Bertram

12:00 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. 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...

Callum Neff

A Time to Die...

John Bozza	Henry Hayes
Josephine Chartier	Paul Lanoue
Gerald Gillespie	Elizabeth Repetti

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
Michael Coscia	Chris O'Leary
Anthony DeSerpa	Ellen O'Leary
Lourdes DeSerpa	Peter O'Leary
Marcus DiSalvo	Sean O'Leary
Stephanie DiSalvo	Thomas O'Leary
Matteo Disalvo	Jack Phaneuf
Antonio Fernandes	Lane Poche
Evan Frye	Jerry Putney
Joan Ward Fusco	Joanne Robicheau
Brenda Gentili	Baby Carson Rosen
Patricia Giovannello	Diane Russell
Thomas Groh	Ruth Sandler
Gail Hatch	Tony Scalfaro
Joseph Inacio	James Schneider
Rosa Inacio	Deana Spingel
Tom Joyce	Jamison Spingel
Carol Kelley	Emily Stone
Julie Landry	Erika White
Lucie Lovell	

A Time for Peace...

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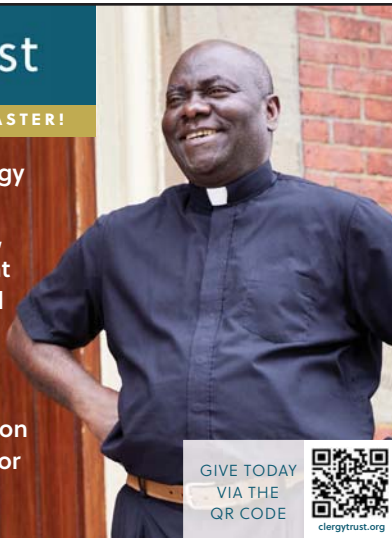
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