

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

APRIL 26, 2026



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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Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry / Financial Assistance

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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

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

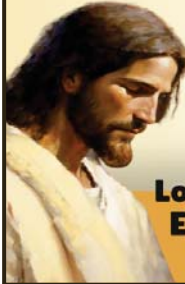
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY,
 MAY 1, IN THE LOWER CHURCH.**

**Adoration will be held
 from 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM.**

**Take time
 for prayer and silence.**



**Looking to book a regular time slot?
 Email Marcia for more details at
marciajorcutt@gmail.com.**

2026

St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Outing and Dinner Fundraiser

**WE NEED GOLFERS
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MONDAY, JUNE 8

**GOLF LOCATION:
 WEST BRIDGEWATER
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EVANGELIZATION

“The Lord Jesus urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance.” - St. Ambrose, bishop (340-397 A.D.)

Although most of us know the importance of prayer in our lives, we may not recognize how our personal prayer life can impact the lives of others. But prayer and evangelization go hand-in-hand. Prayer is fundamental to our faith and thus a foundation in which to build our readiness to share the Gospel. Evangelization is the ultimate expression of that faith, the fulfillment or fruit of prayer.

In our own efforts to evangelize we see how much we rely on prayer. Whether we are sharing the Gospel with friends, neighbors, family, the homebound or those facing serious illness, we draw strength for those encounters through daily prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to come forth and prepare our hearts. It is the Spirit who leads us and gives us courage to do what we alone cannot do.

Like evangelization, prayer is truly an encounter. It is an experience in which we come to know and be known by the loving God who seeks us and who waits for us. It is the masterful channel by which communication takes place resulting in deep and intimate conversation. Prayer is both a precious gift we receive and a beckoning for our response, thus requiring us to be both humble and vigilant. Although the mystery of prayer is something we cannot fully understand, we see it working in our lives and affecting the lives of those around us.

Daily prayer has a way of evolving and even 10 minutes per day is a good start. As we commit to prayer it grows until it becomes central to our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all your circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* Ultimately, God is calling us to engage with Him, not sporadically or only on Sunday, but at all times. As St. Augustine described it, *“to spend much time in prayer is to knock with a persistent and holy fervor at the door of the one whom we beseech.”* His emphasis is on both a quantity and quality of prayer that speaks to devotion - a practice of passionately seeking Him.

As we work on developing that practice, we become equipped through the Holy Spirit to evangelize with hearts burning for Christ. His abundant mercy and immeasurable love is meant for all God’s children. Let us be the ones to share that Good News. It starts with prayer.

Barbara Younie and Jane Centrella, Evangelization Ministry members

JOIN FR. RODRIGO
ON A FOUR-WEEK STUDY OF
THE EUCHARIST
BEGINNING MAY 7TH AT 6:30 PM
IN THE LOWER CHURCH
OPEN TO ALL AGES
REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED.
VISIT WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3
1:30 PM

Every first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick here at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Anointing of the Sick is not only a sacrament for those who are dying, but also for those who are facing a serious surgery, serious illness, or suffer from any other physical or emotional illnesses. If you have any questions, please consult Fr. Devine or Fr. Rodrigo.



FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Wednesday May 13th

7:30 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

SPEAKER:

Fr. Rodrigo Martinez
Parochial Vicar

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish



BISHOP STANG HIGH SCHOOL is offering **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES** a special opportunity to enjoy a campus tour during the school day, where you'll gain an authentic glimpse into daily life of the school and engage with school leadership to learn more about what makes the Bishop Stang community unique. This visit is designed to be both informative for middle school families just beginning to explore high school options, as well as rising 9th-12th graders still discerning their choice for 2026-2027, as there is limited space still available in those grades. Dates are April 29, May 4, or May 15, and times are 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Visit Admissions Events at bishopstang.org to RSVP.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OPEN GYM NIGHTS!

Do you have middle schoolers?

Do you enjoy working with the youth?

If so, this is for you!

We are in need of 5-6 volunteers that would be willing to chaperone our Junior Youth Group Open Gym Nights for grades 6-8, on a rotating basis, beginning in September. Open Gym Nights take place on Fridays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Tina in the office at 508-697-9528. We cannot continue this program if we do not have chaperones! Thank you for your help!

SAVE THE DATE

Faith & Family Night

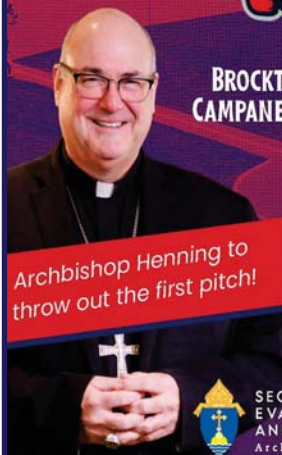
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AT 6:30 PM



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Pregnancy Help Boston

Pregnancy Help Boston is in Brighton, Natick, and Brockton! They are a pregnancy resource center that provides life affirming alternatives for women facing various hardships, both social and emotional, during their pregnancies. Their compassionate staff comprised of bilingual case workers and nurses will provide support and material assistance for our clients. They serve all who come to them in a free, confidential manner and are a safe space for everyone. They are a ministry of the Catholic Church and are supported by the people of the Archdiocese of Boston.

If you are interested in supporting them, would like to refer someone to them, or would like to learn more about them, please call 774-297-2233 or visit www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

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. **The upcoming date for this area is Saturday, May 16th.** Locations are confidential. For more information, please contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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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Bridgewater, Massachusetts



to our YouTube Channel!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church,
Bridgewater, Massachusetts



THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR GUILDS!

We are very blessed to have several dedicated volunteers who consistently clean the church and chapel. These volunteers are a great help to our maintenance staff. They enable the staff to focus on the many other areas that require attention and care. We greatly appreciate their efforts!

April 26 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel is both very comforting and challenging! Jesus likens himself to a Shepherd. A Shepherd knows and calls his own sheep by name, leading them in and out to pasture. Sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd. Imagine in your prayer, Jesus calling you by your name, inviting you to follow him. Do you recognize his voice? Are you willing to confidently follow him where he leads? If your confidence is weak, reread the scriptures and listen again to the words of consolation and encouragement: "you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" – "you are at my side" – "your rod and your staff give me courage" – "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This week, be open to the voice of the Good Shepherd praying for grace to be responsive to His call.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 25 - 26
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MAY 2 - 3

Collections Summary 4/13 - 4/19	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 7,840
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 565
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,697
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 12,102

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MARCH = \$ 22,773



WE ACCEPT VENMO!

Find us at: @stthomasaquinas-bridgewater or scan this QR Code.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 a.m. Filippo and Maria Presti
4:00 p.m. Joao Vieira - 2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Ernesto Pacheco and Ines Carreiro
12:00 p.m. John and Rosa Ralli

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Katherine and Patrick Madigan

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 a.m. Charlie Simonds

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 a.m. James and Dorothy Brown

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. Maria Batista

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. Joseph Brown

FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Noreen Danielo

SATURDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m. Gail Schnopp
4:00 p.m. John Carbone

SUNDAY, MAY 3

St. Thomas

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

12:00 p.m. Mary Petras

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...

Jacob Moore Ethan Quirk

A Time to Die...

John Bozza	Christopher Peter
Josephine Chartier	Elizabeth Repetti
Gerald Gillespie	Elizabeth Robicheau
Henry Hayes	Gail Schnopp
Paul Lanoue	Bryan Stevens

A Time to Heal...

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

A Time for Peace...

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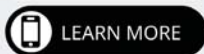
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