

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 3, 2026



*I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me... John 14:6*

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

A Note from Fr. Devine...

It's with mixed emotions that I announce that Fr Rodrigo's assignment in our parish will come to an end in late June. Archbishop Henning has personally asked Fr. Rodrigo to serve as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. I believe the archbishop recognizes Fr. Rodrigo's talents and abilities, the same talents and abilities that we have witnessed in our parish and in our ministries over the past three years. As parochial vicar at the Cathedral, Fr. Rodrigo will use his leadership and language skills to serve a growing multicultural and young adult population.

I believe most, if not all, of us have seen how well Fr. Rodrigo has engaged with both college and Confirmation students and young adults building up our ministries to support them and their faith. With deep love for the Lord and the Church, he has reached out to people of all ages, generously sharing his faith, knowledge, compassion, gentleness, and smile.

While I hate to see him leave, I'm grateful for all he has done for me and so many in our parish. I'm confident that he'll find his niche at the Cathedral and do great work there as he's done here. Fr. Rodrigo and I know and believe that we serve wherever we are needed, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide and sustain us. Over the next two months, parishioners will have an opportunity to express their gratitude to Fr. Rodrigo and offer their prayers.

I have been assured that we will be receiving another parochial vicar at the end of June who, undoubtedly, will bring his own gifts and talents in the service of God's people. We look forward to welcoming and supporting him when he arrives.

- Fr. Devine

May 3 ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

We are reminded in the Acts of the Apostles, that after the Resurrection "the word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples... increased greatly." That growth of faith was born from the witness of the disciples and from people's openness to God's grace. We are now the ones being charged with witnessing to Christ at this time in history. Recall Jesus' words to the disciples in the Gospel. "Do not be afraid... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." When we speak about Jesus - the Way, Truth and Life, we need only to rely on his grace, and Christ will bring our efforts to a good end.

**DUE TO THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 MASSES, THE 12:00 PM CONFESSIONS
 ON SATURDAY, MAY 9 ARE CANCELLED.**



**JOIN FR. RODRIGO
ON A FOUR-WEEK STUDY OF
THE EUCHARIST**

**BEGINS THIS THURSDAY
MAY 7TH AT 6:30 PM
IN THE LOWER CHURCH
OPEN TO ALL AGES
REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED.
VISIT WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM.**



2026
*St. Thomas Aquinas
Golf Outing and
Dinner Fundraiser*

**WE NEED GOLFERS
AND SPONSORS!**

MONDAY, JUNE 8

**GOLF LOCATION:
WEST BRIDGEWATER
COUNTRY CLUB**

**DINNER LOCATION:
PARISH CENTER**



**SCAN
HERE TO
SIGN UP!**

**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!



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 14

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

7 AM | 9 AM | 6 PM



SAVE THE DATES!

- May 5 Confirmation
- May 7 Study on the Eucharist begins
- May 8 Junior Youth Group Open Gym
- May 9 First Holy Communion
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 13 Fatima Procession
- May 13 Inspire Mission Trip Youth Group
- May 14 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
- May 17 Last 5:00 PM Mass until September
- May 17 Last Coffee & Donuts until September
- May 20 Confirmation
- May 21 Women's Club Year-End Dinner Event
- May 25 Memorial Day Mass at the Grotto
- May 31 Baccalaureate Mass

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OPEN GYM PIZZA NIGHT!

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 8
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Parish Center



Calling all students in Grades 5-8!

Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to join our last open gym youth group night for the school year THIS FRIDAY, May 8th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. **We encourage 5th graders going into 6th grade to join us!** We will end this year with a pizza party so be sure to sign up! High school students looking for volunteer hours are welcome to sign up! Visit www.stthomasaquinas.com to sign up to attend or volunteer.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Confirmation Last Class

We celebrated a year of learning and growing with God by playing Jeopardy, created and led by Fr. Rodrigo. Students sat in small groups and worked together to race to the buzzer, choose a category, and give an answer. Questions were based on the topics of the year. One of the most popular categories that stumped them, "Bible or Taylor Swift?", asked the question, "How can you say you love me, if your heart is not with me?" Which is it? See next week's bulletin for the answer! - Debbie Hill, Director





**FATIMA ROSARY
PROCESSION**

**Wednesday May 13th
7:30 PM
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

SPEAKER:
Fr. Rodrigo Martinez
Parochial Vicar
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Thanks to your generosity, we donated \$8,820.66 for the Abundant Hope bottle drive. This is the largest amount ever collected for Abundant Hope in their 16-year history of conducting church bottle drives! Abundant Hope helps financially struggling families who have one or more children under the age of 2 with free diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby clothes and baby food. If you have a bottle that has not been returned please drop it off at Mass or to Tina in the office. For information about Abundant Hope, contact Kim Sousa at 508-944-0642.

RUMMAGE SALE THANKS!

The Women's Club thanks all those who supported our Rummage Sale last weekend. The Thursday Group of volunteers works every week during the year, accepting, sorting, and pricing donations. Many volunteers came to set up for the sale on Wednesday night, Thursday, and Friday. We had more help on Saturday from parents, students, the Knights of Columbus, and Troop 32 Scouts. Thank you all so much! Also, thanks to those who came and shopped. We hope you found some treasures!

- Marianne Giovanoni, Coordinator



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 who are experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. The next date for this area is **Saturday, May 16th**. Locations are confidential. For information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS SECOND COLLECTIONS:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MAY 2 - 3
NO SECOND COLLECTION MAY 9 - 10

Collections Summary 4/20 - 4/26	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,759
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 530
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,004
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 10,293


AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MARCH = \$ 22,773



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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

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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
5:00 p.m.

St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. Chad and Steven Hirtle

TUESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. Patrick and Della Keeley

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 a.m. Maria Presti

THURSDAY, MAY 7

9:00 a.m. Conrada Quiroz and Genoviva Bangeles

FRIDAY, MAY 8

9:00 a.m. Michael Eskholme

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Elena Rea

SUNDAY, MAY 10

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Rose Franzen - 19th Anniversary
12:00 p.m. Jack and Susan Amaral
5:00 p.m. John and Olga Harrigan

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Gail Schnopp

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...

Jonathan Barroso Hudson McIver
Luca Bonitatibus

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 Marissa Lopes
Kathy Bennett Lucie Lovell
Jean-Marie Boustani Riley McHardy
Carole Brunke Charles Micalizzi
Mimi Conklin JoAnn Micalizzi
Michael Coscia Elisabeth Mikush
Mary Cowan Kathy Monahan
Anthony DeSarpa Chris O'Leary
Lourdes DeSarpa Peter O'Leary
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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 Giovanniello 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

A Time for Peace...

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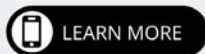
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