

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 10, 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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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

Mother's Day...

There is a unique and special love that mothers have for their children and grandchildren. It is a love similar to, but different, than a father's love.

Many cards have poems, reflections and images that try to portray the love that we have for our mothers. However, in my experience, they all fall short. While they often say what we may have a hard time saying, the best verse or image is when we actually, in person, tell our mothers how much we love them and thank them for their love.

THE model/example of a mother's unconditional love is the love that we see reflected in the Blessed Virgin Mary's love for Jesus and the love she now has for us, his disciples, the Church. Mary demonstrated that love holding the infant Jesus in her loving arms. She demonstrated it when she stood silently at the edge of the crowd watching her Son teach and announce the Gospel. She demonstrated it when she saw her son vilified, unjustly accused, spat upon, stripped of his dignity and nailed to a cross. She demonstrated that love standing under the cross and watching her Son die when most of his disciples fled Calvary. It was that same love knowing that, no matter what happened, her love for Jesus remained constant and enabled her to never to lose hope knowing that God was with her.

Similar to the Blessed Virgin Mary, I believe mothers have that same love, a love that remains CONSISTENT and STRONG, despite the challenges within their family. A mother's love is reflected in the memory of holding their newborn son or daughter. It's reflected when she sees her child struggling, sick, confused or sad. That same love is there when her son or daughter make decisions that she may disagree with. It's there when mothers don't feel appreciated or are taken for granted. That same love is there when her child moves out on their own or when the phone rings late at night and she wonders if something has happened to her child. For many mothers in our parish, that same love is there when, similar to the Blessed Mary, their child dies unexpectedly or after an illness.

A mother's love NEVER ends, and is probably expressed now more in prayers for her children as much as in deeds. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, mothers never lose hope and trust that the Lord will watch over their children.

Today, sure, buy a gift, sign a card, but more importantly, tell your mom that you love her and thank her for all she's done for you. Don't be embarrassed. She needs to hear it as much as you need to say it.

If, like myself, your mom has died, stop and remember the way she loved you and pray that she would be with the Lord and the Blessed Mother in Heaven.

Happy Mother's Day!!!

- Fr. Devine



FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

THIS Wednesday May 13th

7:30 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

SPEAKER:

Fr. Rodrigo Martinez
Parochial Vicar

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish



CONFIRMATION - LAST CLASS FOLLOW-UP

Last week's bulletin asked whether this line came from the Bible or Taylor Swift: "How can you say you love me, if your heart is not with me?" It is from Scripture, Judges 16:15, when Delilah says this to Samson to learn the secret of his strength.

With sincere gratitude...

I would like to thank the many volunteers who felt called to share their faith with our confirmandi. Some came on cold, dark Sunday evenings to serve as small group leaders, encouraging students to talk about their faith. Others supported events by guiding students through an examination of conscience, preparing meals, and assisting at the retreat. We are also grateful for the FOCUS missionaries, who stepped in and showed our students how faith can be both meaningful and joyful. In addition, we thank our two seminarians, Patrick Earley and Patrick Barr, whose hands-on experience enriched both our program and their own formation. Together, these contributions make it possible for our parish to offer a vibrant program that reflects the depth and beauty of our faith. May the fruits of their efforts continue to bear blessings for years to come.

- Debbie Hill, Director



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

THIS Thursday, May 14

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

7 AM | 9 AM | 6 PM

BACCALAUREATE MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 12:00 PM

In recognition of our **High School and College graduates**, a Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on **Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 PM**. If you are a college or high school graduate, we encourage you to join us! We ask all graduates to wear their caps and gowns or formal attire. Graduates will meet in the lower church at 11:30 AM and will process into Mass from there.

Any questions? Contact Michelle Sena at msena0614@yahoo.com.

To participate, please visit our website or scan this QR Code.



Last year's graduates

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Golf Outing Fundraiser

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Dinner Fundraiser June 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM Parish Center

If you don't golf but still would like to support the parish, bid in our online auction or join us at the dinner! We will have a delicious catered buffet, a DJ, and a chance to bid on amazing auction items!

To access our **online auction**, scan here!



To purchase **dinner tickets**, call the parish office, visit our website, or scan this QR Code! Dinner tickets are only \$20 per ticket!



DUE TO THE ORDINATION AT THE CATHEDRAL NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 16, THE 9:00 AM MASS, ADORATION AND ALL CONFESSIONS ARE CANCELLED.

REMINDER!
 NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17, IS THE **LAST 5:00 PM MASS AND LAST COFFEE AND DONUTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

SAVE THE DATE

Faith & Family Night SAT., MAY 16 AT 6:30 PM

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ATTENTION ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS!

End-of-Year Social Event
Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 PM
Parish Center Gym

Join us! BYOB! We will enjoy a delicious meal from Lorenzo's to celebrate another successful year! THERE IS **NO COST** FOR THE MEAL. We are requiring an **RSVP** so we can have an accurate count for ordering the food. Please RSVP to Marianne at 508-942-0609 by **NEXT Sunday, May 17th** if you plan to attend. During our meeting, we will put together a satchel filled with soap as gifts for homebound parishioners. We will have lots of good conversation and laughs!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS
SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION MAY 9 - 10
NO SECOND COLLECTION MAY 16 - 17

Collections Summary 4/27 - 5/3	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,823
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 745
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,842
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 11,410
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 4,228

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR APRIL = \$ 19,325

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 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

St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 11

9:00 a.m. Maria Batista

TUESDAY, MAY 12

9:00 a.m. Alfred and Irene Bousquet

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

9:00 a.m. Maria Sousa Batista

THURSDAY, MAY 14 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Ascension of the Lord - 7:00 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

9:00 a.m. Daniel Joseph Murphy

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00 a.m. NO 9:00 MASS

4:00 p.m. Johnny Arabasz

SUNDAY, MAY 17

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Charles Heath

9:00 a.m. Joseph John Siciliano - 2nd Anniversary

12:00 p.m. Peter Nee

5:00 p.m. Frances and Bob Franks

St. Basil

10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

To receive information about the Sacraments or 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 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

Luca Bonitatibus

Hudson McIver

A Time to Die...

Carole Brunke

Antonio Fernandes

Joseph Inacio

Rosa Inacio

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen

Kathy Bennett

Jean-Marie Boustani

Carole Brunke

Mimi Conklin

Michael Coscia

Mary Cowan

Anthony DeSarpa

Lourdes DeSarpa

Marcus DiSalvo

Stephanie DiSalvo

Matteo Disalvo

Evan Frye

Joan Ward Fusco

Brenda Gentili

Patricia Giovanniello

Thomas Groh

Gail Hatch

Tom Joyce

Carol Kelley

Julie Landry

Marissa Lopes

Lucie Lovell

Riley McHardy

Charles Micalizzi

JoAnn Micalizzi

Elisabeth Mikush

Kathy Monahan

Chris O'Leary

Peter O'Leary

Sean O'Leary

Thomas O'Leary

Jack Phaneuf

Lane Poche

Jerry Putney

Joanne Robicheau

Baby Carson Rosen

Diane Russell

Ruth Sandler

Tony Scalfaro

James Schneider

Deana Spingel

Jamison Spingel

Emily Stone

Erika White

A Time for Peace...

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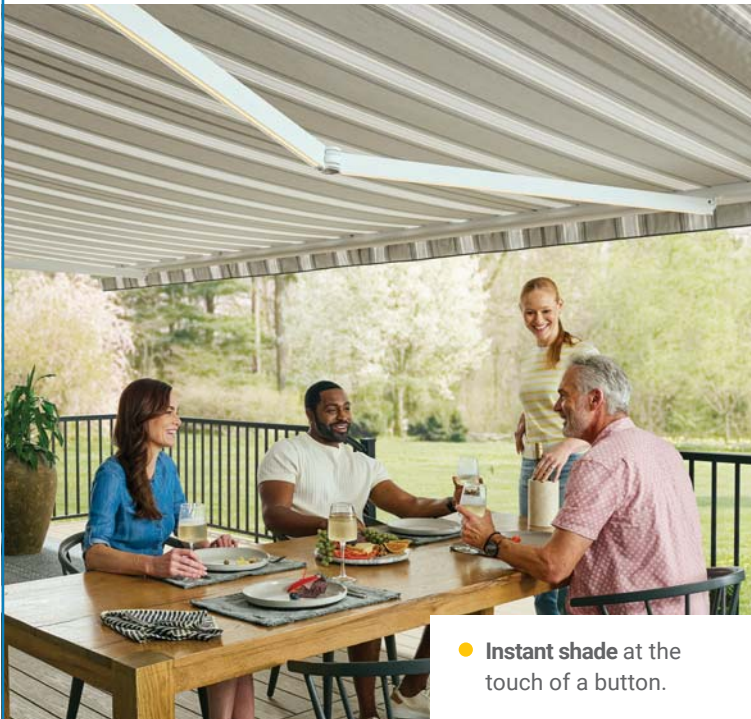
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