

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 17, 2026



The Triumph of the Name of Jesus

This is a 17th-century fresco painting by Giovanni Battista Gaulli depicts the triumph of Jesus after the Ascension. It occupies the nave of the Church of the Gesù in Rome.

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

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE MASS NEXT MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated **NEXT Monday, May 25th at 9:00 AM at the grotto** in the Old Cemetery on Center Street. We will remember not only our veterans, but also our family and friends who have died, as well as all those buried in our cemeteries. If attending, you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement, Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.



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?** Please contact Michelle Sena at msena0614@yahoo.com. To participate, visit our website or scan this QR Code.



Last year's graduates

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

God bless our First Communicants! We had 60 children receive their First Holy Communion over the past 2 weekends. The students worked very hard to prepare for this sacrament.

Thank you to our mentors and volunteers who assisted us over the course of this year. We could not do what we do without you! We look forward to having your children back with us in the Fall!

- Debbie Hill, Director



**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY,
THE PARISH OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 22
AND MONDAY MAY 25.**



OPERATION FLAGS FOR VETERANS

Help is needed **NEXT Saturday, May 23rd** at 9:30 AM to place 77,000 flags at Bourne National Cemetery. If you are interested in helping, please arrive at the Bourne National Cemetery promptly by 9:30 AM and meet in the main parking lot. Thank you!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Golf Outing Fundraiser

WE NEED GOLFERS AND SPONSORS!

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026



Sign up today!
Scan here or
visit our website!

**GOLF LOCATION:
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St. Thomas Aquinas Dinner Fundraiser and Online Auction!

It's **NOT** just Golf...

**The Online Auction
is LIVE NOW
on our website and Facebook!**

**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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER!

High school students and adults
welcome! Our needs are:

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

7 volunteers needed to decorate
the gym and set up auction items

MONDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

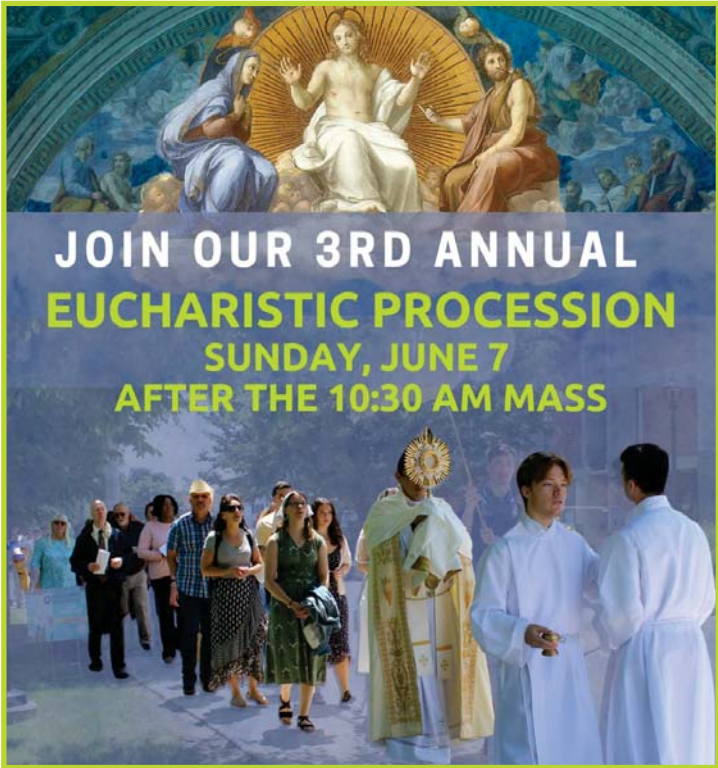
4 volunteers needed to assist
at the golf course

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

6 volunteers needed to sell soda
and water at the dinner in parish
center and then clean up after dinner

Able to help? Visit
www.stthomasaquinas.com
to sign up! Thank you!


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



**JOIN ARCHBISHOP HENNING
 FOR THE NATIONAL
 EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE!**

In honor of our nation’s 250th anniversary, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will pass through the Archdiocese of Boston from June 26th - 28th with special events in Lexington, Plymouth, and along the Freedom Trail. This is an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ, to be one nation under God. Learn more at bit.ly/NEPBoston.

WE ACCEPT VENMO!
 Find us at: [@stthomasaquinas-bridgewater](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasaquinas-bridgewater) or scan this QR Code.



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**ATTENTION ST. THOMAS
 AQUINAS CATHOLIC
 WOMEN’S CLUB MEMBERS!**
End-of-Year Social Event
THIS 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 **THIS 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 16 - 17
 SEMINARIANS/PENTECOST MAY 23 - 24

Collections Summary 5/4 - 5/10	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,499
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 705
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,003
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 10,207

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 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.

MONDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m. Paul and Patrick Keeley, Jr.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:00 a.m. Richard Sergi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

9:00 a.m. Helena Ferreira (living)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

9:00 a.m. Anthony Ferreira (living)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:00 a.m. Kenneth and Virginia Bouzan (living) -
50th Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:00 a.m. Suzanne St. Clair
4:00 p.m. Joseph, Josephine, and Joseph B. Leandres

SUNDAY, MAY 24

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Robert DiGiusto
9:00 a.m. Antonio Almada
12:00 p.m. Joan Murray

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Ignatius McCann

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...

Michael Monaco Caroline Platt

A Time to Die...

Carole Brunke Charles Heath
Mary Damiano Cynthia Johnson

A Time to Heal...

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

A Time for Peace...

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CPL Connor Bresciani, USMC
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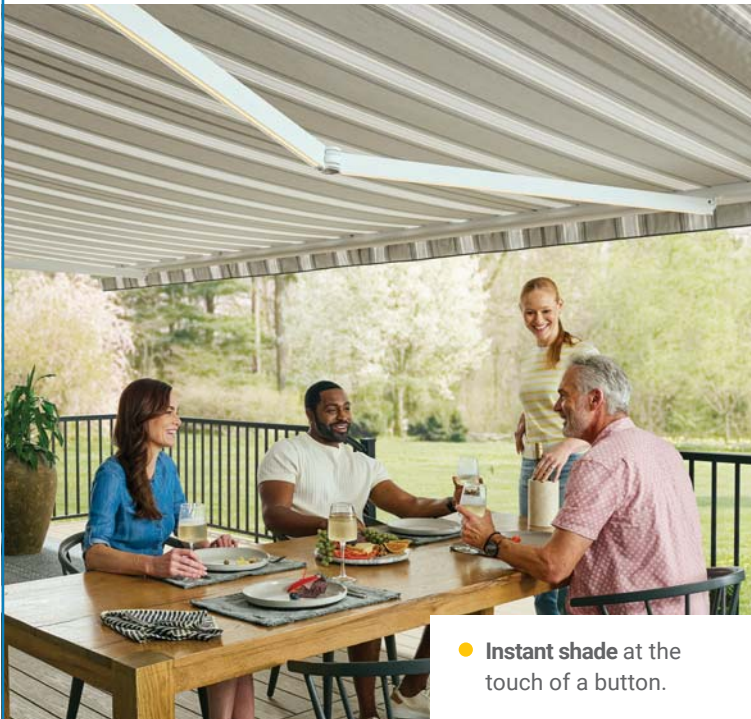
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