

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 24, 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 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

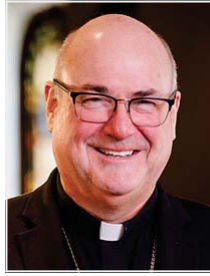
St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church

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



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

This year, the National Eucharistic Congress has organized a special Eucharistic Pilgrimage to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. In July of 2024, tens of thousands of Catholics gathered in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. It was an extraordinary week of faith with prayer, catechesis, and fellowship. Along with so many others, I have experienced the power of God's spirit at work in those days. The fruits of that encounter have continued as the Congress contributed to the revival of faith that we continue to see.

This year, the National Eucharistic Congress has organized a special Eucharistic Pilgrimage to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray for our nation, and it coincides with the upcoming consecration of the U.S. to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Memorial Day Weekend, the pilgrimage will set out from St. Augustine, Florida, where the first Mass in the continental U.S. was celebrated in 1565. The Eucharist will then be carried and adored up the East Coast through most of the 13 original colonies.

On the last weekend in June, the Eucharistic Procession will reach the Archdiocese of Boston. On **Friday, June 25**, we will welcome the Eucharistic Lord to Plymouth and process from Plymouth Rock to St. Peter's Church for Holy Mass. On **Saturday, June 26**, the Eucharist will be carried in procession through the historic heart of Boston, walking along the Freedom Trail. At Bunker Hill, there will be a Benediction of the pilgrims and of the city of Boston. That afternoon, there will be Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. On **Sunday evening, June 27**, the pilgrims will visit Lexington with a procession from St. Brigid's Church to the Battle Green, where we will celebrate the Mass on the Green.

I hope that many will join us for these truly unique opportunities to honor God, adore the Lord, and intercede for the peace and prosperity of our nation.

The title given to the 250th anniversary pilgrimage is "One Nation Under God." Seventy-five years ago, the phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance at the direction of President Eisenhower. He wanted to distinguish the United States from godless totalitarian regimes. While we may not have a state religion, the humble recognition of God is a powerful reminder of the dignity and the sacred calling of human beings. This phrase reminds us of the sovereignty of God over all creation and invites us to consecrate the nation by our prayer and to build it up with the exercise of faithful and faith-filled citizenship.

- Archbishop Richard G. Henning

We will be having our own local Eucharistic Procession on June 7. See announcement on the next page in this bulletin.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

**NEXT 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 **NEXT Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 PM**. If you are a **college or high school graduate**, we encourage you to join us! We ask 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. **Questions?** Contact Michelle Sena at msena0614@yahoo.com. To participate, visit our website or scan this QR Code.



Last year's graduates

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE MASS THIS MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated **THIS 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.



IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, MAY 25.



JOIN OUR 3RD ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Golf Outing Fundraiser

WE NEED GOLFERS AND SPONSORS!

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026



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**The Online Auction
is LIVE NOW
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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!



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

3 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!

YOU'RE INVITED

TO THE

Grand Reopening

OF THE

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JUNE 6, 2026

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM Opening Prayer & Welcome
Blessing of Grounds
Special Addresses

- Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President, Holy Cross Family Ministries
- Father Bill Lies, C.S.C., Provincial Superior of the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers

11:00 AM Annual Rosary & Memorial Mass at the Lourdes Grotto
(Rain location: St. Joseph Chapel, next door to the Peyton Center)

12:30 PM Open House: Reception Luncheon & Tours
Outdoor Games & Activities for Kids

2:00 PM Event Concludes - Thank you for joining us!

Register at <https://www.hcfm.org/Events>.

*"The family that prays together stays together."
—Venerable Patrick Peyton*

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

SEMINARIANS MAY 23 - 24

NO SECOND COLLECTION MAY 30 - 31

Collections Summary 5/11 - 5/17	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$7,785
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$370
Online (WeShare)	\$3,512
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$11,667

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR APRIL = \$ 19,325

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - SEMINARIANS

Our parish has hosted a number of seminarians over the past years. Last summer and this year, we hosted Sean McKeown, Patrick Earley, and Patrick Barr, who were involved in adult education, teaching Confirmation classes, and assisting with the prison ministry. This summer, we will be hosting Ryan Immerman. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Church,

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

The Women's Club is now accepting donations for the Rummage Sale on **Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30** at the **parish center**. They accept clean clothing, toys, shoes, glassware and dishes. Please no VHS tapes, CDs, or DVDs. Please do not leave items outside. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday

There is a spirit of enthusiasm and joy in today's readings. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples were unable to remain silent about the mighty acts of God. Each one was given a different gift, but each gift was given by the same Holy Spirit for the building up of the body of Christ. At our Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit poured out on us the gifts we need to faithfully follow Christ. This Pentecost ask for the grace of enthusiasm, joy and hope that the Holy Spirit has given to each one of us. Call on the Spirit today with the words, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and rekindle in them [and me] the fire of your love!"

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 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

MONDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT THE GROTTA

TUESDAY, MAY 26

9:00 a.m. Carlos Alberto Baganha

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

9:00 a.m. Helen Doherty

THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:00 a.m. Evangelina and Jose Sousa

FRIDAY, MAY 29

9:00 a.m. Maria Maxwell (living)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9:00 a.m.
 4:00 p.m. Gerry Gesner

SUNDAY, MAY 31

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. John A. Buckley - 10th Anniversary
 9:00 a.m. Guido and Antonio Rea
 12:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass

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...

Michael Monaco Caroline Platt

A Time to Die...

Gerhard Bottcher Charles Heath
 Carole Brunke Cynthia Johnson
 Mary Damiano

A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen	Lucie Lovell
Kathy Bennett	Riley McHardy
Jean-Marie Boustani	Charles Micalizzi
Sandra Cable	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
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

A Time for Peace...

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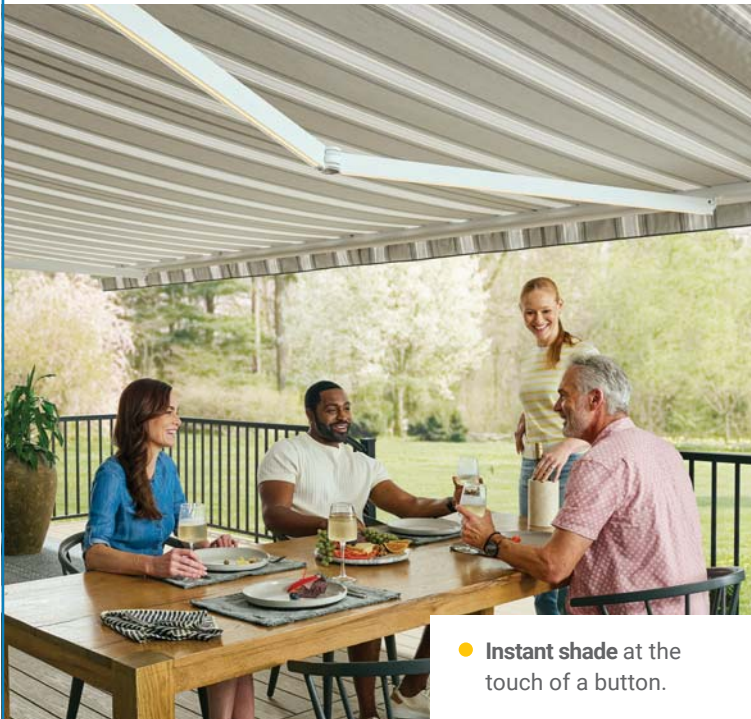
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