

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MAY 31, 2026



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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.

St. Basil Chapel

122 Park Ave., Bridgewater

Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

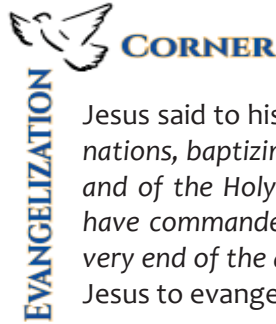
St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Church

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



Jesus said to his disciples “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20). We are all called by Jesus to evangelize.

We can often let distractions and worries cloud our spiritual journey. We may find ourselves lost in busy schedules and overwhelming tasks. What will bring us to want to take time from our busy lives to evangelize? To share our story of Jesus in our lives?

I retired five years ago and had always told myself that once I retired I would have more time to volunteer and become more active in the Church. But that did not happen. I volunteered for a couple of parish ministries, but nothing too time consuming. Last year a friend invited me to an evangelization ministry meeting. I went just to check it out but I did not plan to become active. But one meeting turned into two and so on. I now enjoy participating regularly in the meetings to brainstorm about how we can help our parishioners grow in their faith and bring others to the Catholic Church or back to the Church. I want to learn more so I am now listening to the **Bible in a Year** podcast. I also attended the Bible study with our seminarian Patrick Earley and a special group of people all wanting to learn more. I attended the Stations of the Cross for the first time this year! I am using the **Hallow app**, reading books and watching Catholic YouTube videos. What was it that finally moved me to want to move closer to God?

It was that invitation. It was someone inviting me join. Sometimes that is all it takes. If so, here is your invitation! Attend a different parish event. Join a new ministry. Read a book, watch a video, listen to a podcast or the Hallow app. And then pay it forward and invite a family member, friend, neighbor, or classmate to join you - anyone that you love and want to have eternal life. Here are some other practical suggestions:

- Be Yourself: God uses your unique personality; authenticity attracts people to the faith.
- Smile/Joy: Radiate the joy of the Gospel; a happy face is the best introduction.
- Use Jesus' Name: Reverently bring the name of Jesus into daily conversations.
- Listen First: Authentic friendship involves listening to someone's struggles, not just speaking.
- Share Your Story: Simply share what Christ has done for you, not a memorized speech.
 Excerpt from *20 Little Thoughts on Catholic Evangelization*, FOCUS Ministries

- Michele Giovannini, Evangelization Ministry member

ARCHBISHOP HENNING HAS SHARED THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visit our website or scan this QR code to read the encyclical in its entirety.



"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"
Mt. 20:26

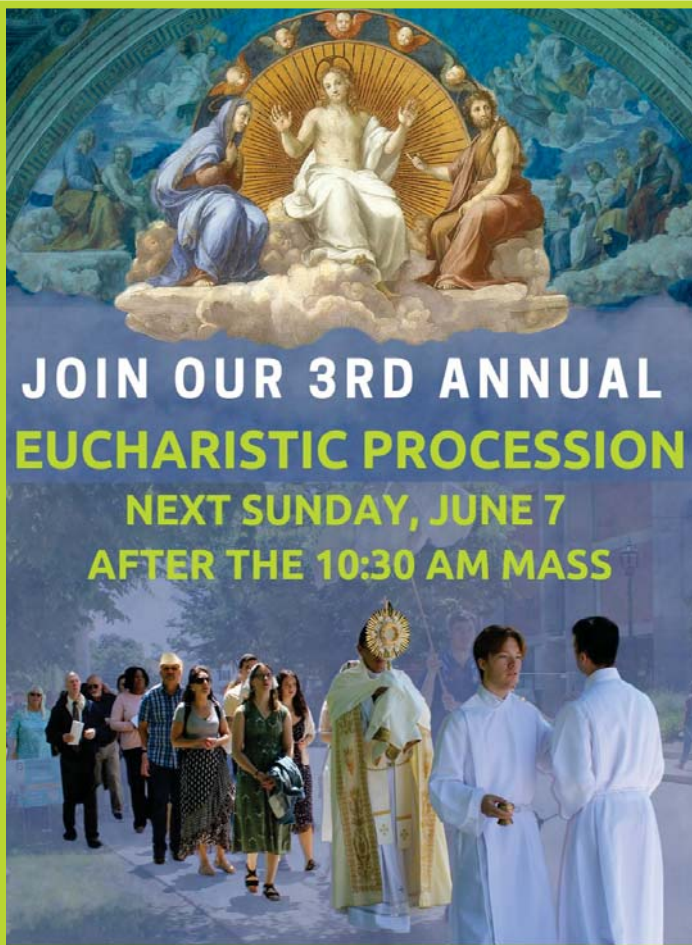
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 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.

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

PROCESSION MAP

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7
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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Outing and Auction Fundraiser

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

CONFIRMATION

On May 5 and May 20, Fr. Robert Connors, Episcopal Vicar of the South Region, confirmed 94 candidates. In his homily, Fr. Connors spoke of Fred Rogers, creator and host of the iconic children's television program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. One of Mr. Rogers' guests was the famous cellist Yoyo Ma, who told a story of instructing students to play the cello. On one occasion, he had a student whose frustration with learning a particular note was obvious. Yoyo Ma said to him, "No one will play that note the way you will." The same thought applies to each of the Confirmation candidates and to each person God creates. You were created for such a time as this. Fr. Connors ended his homily with a quote from poet Mary Oliver, "What will you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Include God in that plan and the results will be amazing.

- Debbie Hill, Director



ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

will open **THIS Monday, June 1**. Register early for your preferred day! Visit our website or scan this QR Code to register.



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Lower Church
Every other Tuesday
Beginning June 8
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

COME JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP (AGES 21-31)!

Our goal is to grow in fellowship, holiness, and virtue with young adults in the area as we explore and engage with our faith. Whether you are new to the faith, or have always been Catholic, all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

SCAN HERE TO JOIN THE GROUP-ME CHAT!





OUR AEDS HAVE ARRIVED!

As we all know, the AEDs at the church, chapel and parish center needed to be replaced. We had reached out to Bridgewater Emergency Services, the Fire Department and also the vendor who sold us our AEDs originally to get their recommendations on the best AEDs for our parish. After looking at many options, we selected new AEDs for the parish.

We have received generous donations from several individuals to pay for these AEDs and we cannot thank them enough! We want our parish to be safe and prepared for an emergency, and knowing the need, these individuals extended their great generosity to help their parish. The new AEDs are now in place at the church, chapel, and parish center, and are ready in case they are needed. I truly want to thank our parish family who continues to step up when we are in need. Your support and generosity is a source of great strength and faith for us all and shows how much we all love our parish. Thank you! - Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations Officer

A PARISH CENTER HVAC UPDATE

Over the past several months, with the help of the Parish Maintenance and Finance Councils, we have been prioritizing our parish's maintenance needs for the next 1-5 years. We can start to work them into the parish budgets each year and better control our funds. However, unforeseen things happen, and can undermine our best laid plans.

The HVAC in our parish center is failing. Two massive units run the cooling system and are both over 60 years old. One of the units is completely unrepairable. While the other still operates, with its age and similarity to the other unit, it could go at any time. We have actively been bringing in vendors to price out a new system, and the cost we have been given to install a new cooling (and heating) system is \$177,000. This is much higher than expected, and also not in our current budget plans. We have received 2 anonymous donations, totaling \$80,000, towards replacing the current system; amazing acts of generosity! Additionally, we anticipate a \$60,000 Energy Saver rebate, which means we still will need \$37,000 to complete the project.

We want our parish center to be open and available to our entire parish family throughout the year. Our parish center and gymnasium are being utilized more and more for events, meetings, and so many of our ministries. The new system is also intended to cool the upstairs rooms over the summer used by the Women's Club.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact me in the parish office. Thank you!

- Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations Officer

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION MAY 30 - 31
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT JUNE 6 - 7

Collections Summary 5/18 - 5/24	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,684
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 510
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,840
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,034

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



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Saint Thomas Aquinas Church,



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 a.m. Joseph L. Proulx

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 a.m. Maria Nazareth Borges

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 a.m. Tom McCarron

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 a.m. Dean Marcutullio

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 a.m. Rose Grillone

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 a.m. Neil Leonard

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Danny Buckley

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...

Cole Abernathy

Milo Ceballos

A Time to Die...

Gerhard Bottcher

Charles Heath

Carole Brunke

Cynthia Johnson

Mary Damiano

Mary Tartaglia

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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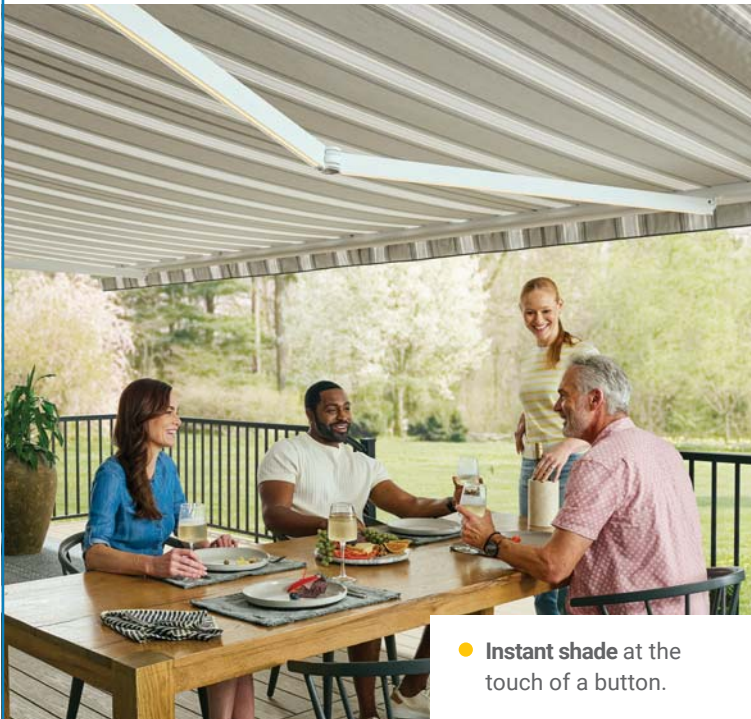
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