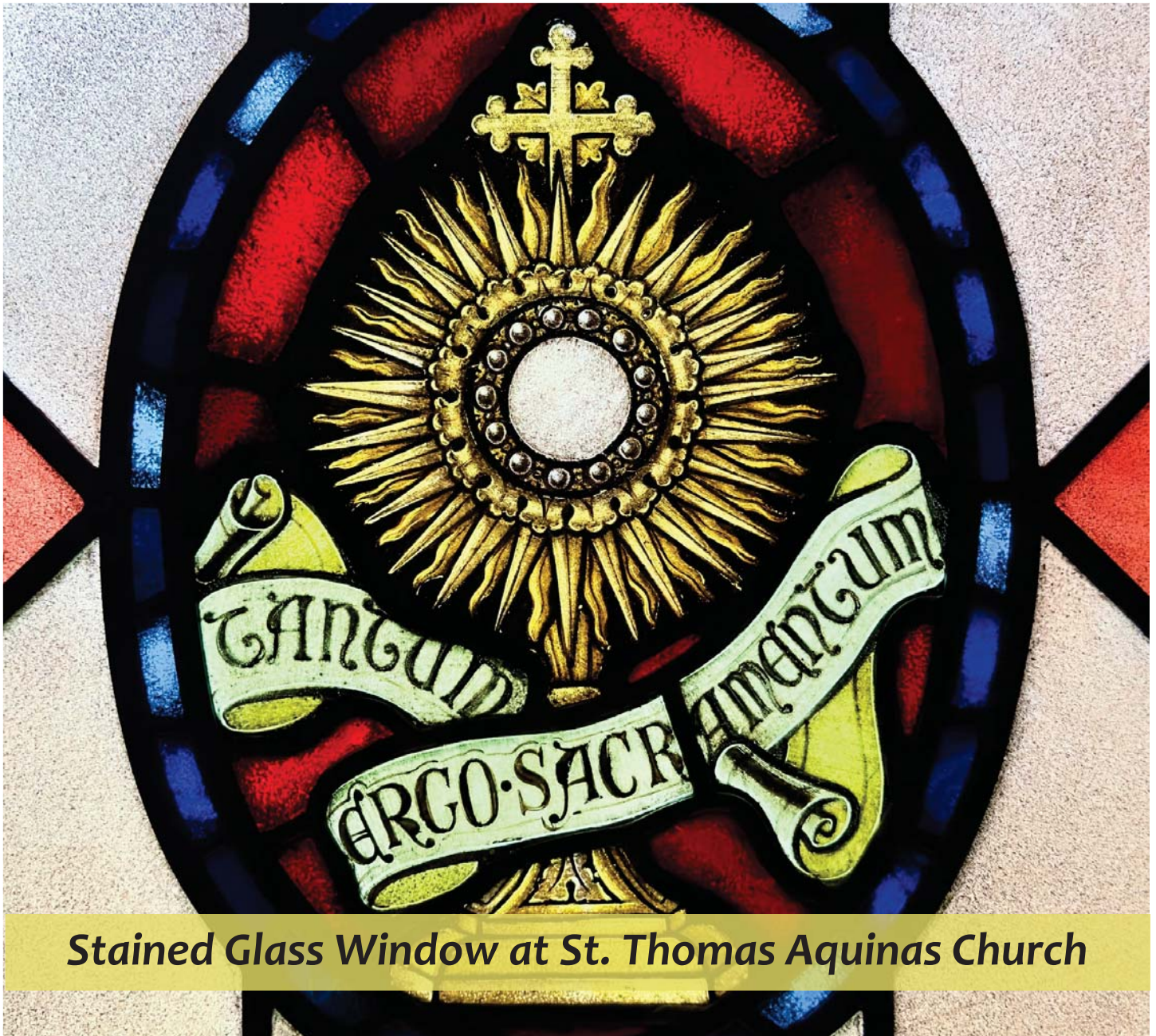


# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## JUNE 7, 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



As we prepare to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, our world and country face numerous divisions and challenges; challenges that cannot only be addressed politically, militarily or diplomatically. As in the past, we need God's help and intervention.

Recognizing the need for God, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, be dedicating month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The U.S. bishops believe that America's foundation was greatly influenced by what Jesus taught and that these ideals and values must be protected and exercised. The Sacred Heart of Jesus demonstrates the great love the Lord has for all people, a love that we are all called to emulate. Part of that consecration is also to recognize and make reparation for the offenses we, as a country, have made against the heart and love of Christ. Christ's Sacred Heart is waiting to soften our hearts of stone and beat again with compassion. This devotion exhorts us to keep our hearts open and our lives pouring out in love, a love that reaches to the least among us.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has its roots in the Middle Ages. In 2024, in his encyclical **Dilexit Nos** ("He loved us") Pope Francis asked that, given the times we are living and the challenges we are facing, that this devotion be revived.

In support of the bishop's desire to consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of June, we will display our banner in front of the church and in St. Basil's Chapel. May it be a reminder to all who pass by the Lord's love for us and our love for Him.

- Fr. Devine

### Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



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



## PROCESSION MAP



# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

THIS 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.

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AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE PARISH CENTER GYM AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND! PLEASE STOP BY AND BID!

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Baccalaureate Mass, May 31, 2026

## FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

### STEPUP Hawaiian Style!

Last week we held a Hawaiian Luau to launch a new year for our STEPUP youth group. The current students welcomed the newly confirmed students. They played group games, had pizza, and built community. Next, we will form two groups (boys and girls) who will meet and start a new year of building confidence in their faith life and connection with others who are working toward the same goal. Parents will be given content to help them connect with their child on a faith level. Faith and fun are the dynamic tandem working toward relational ministry. Please pray for our success! - *Debbie Hill, Director*



**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN! VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!**



## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS IN OUR PARISH

### Junior Youth Group Open Gym Nights (Grades 6-8)

This program is for students in grades 6-8. They meet in the parish center **one Friday a month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**, September to May (new dates to be posted) for a fun open gym night! Each month will have a different theme and activities, as well as gym games and snacks. Adult chaperones are present. We encourage students to bring their friends and build community! Monetary donations accepted but are not required.

### StepUp Post-Confirmation Program (Grades 9-12)

This program is for students in grades 9-12. They meet **every other week in the parish center from 4:00 - 6:00 PM** (dates to be posted). This Catholic youth ministry initiative emphasizes relational, small group discipleship. This happens during discussions on contemporary or theological topics that help them live the Christian life. Adult mentors are present. This StepUp initiative is part of a larger nationwide program called YDisciple. During our biweekly meetings with youth, we use various Bible studies to discuss and dive into faith topics; our latest being the Acts of the Apostles. We have had several outings including a hike and Mass at the Blue Hills, a trip to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, and a Bible study at Chick-Fil-A. At each gathering, the youth discuss their faith, how they perceive it, live it, and share it. Find out more about YDisciple at <https://youtu.be/Ft6NgIEngwo?si=a1JWbuMuvj-LEE61>.

### Inspire Mission Trip Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

This youth group is intended for students in grades 8-12 who are participating in or would like to participate in the annual Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip, or any other interested student. It meets **one Wednesday a month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM** in the parish center, September to June (dates to be posted). In addition to a Mission Trip Update, students will have the opportunity to participate in games and other activities. If you have questions, please contact Jen Rosher at [jenrosher@comcast.net](mailto:jenrosher@comcast.net).

### Young Adult Group (Ages 21-31)

This program is for young adults from ages 21-31. Young Adult Group meets in the Lower Church **every other Tuesday beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**. The goal of this group is to grow in fellowship, holiness, and virtue with other young adults from the area as they explore and engage with their faith and contemporary issues or concerns. Whether you are new to the faith, or have always been Catholic, all are welcome. **SCAN THIS QR CODE TO JOIN THE GROUP-ME CHAT!**



## 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

## June 7 ~ Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ ~ Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings today give us “food for thought” to savor and ponder, especially these words from the gospel, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” It is important for us to look beyond the physical to a deeper meaning, to see that Jesus gives himself as a sustaining presence of our spiritual life. When we receive communion, we commit ourselves to embody Christ by living in the Spirit. As we leave Mass today, let us strive to be life-giving bread in some small ways that witness to Christ’s love and presence

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS


### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	JUNE 6 - 7
NO SECOND COLLECTION	JUNE 13 - 14

Collections Summary 5/25 - 5/31	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 7,316
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 360
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,714
<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,390</b>

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR APRIL = \$ 19,325**

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## FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

**NEXT Saturday June 13th  
7:30 PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**SPEAKER:**  
**Fr. Robert Langone, SA  
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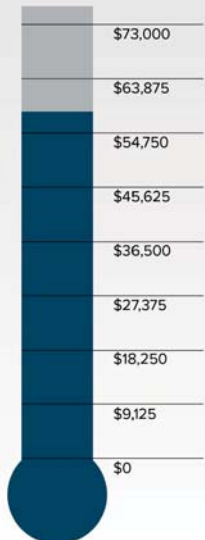
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CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

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AS OF MAY 18, 2026

PARISH GOAL	\$73,000
PLEGGED TO DATE	\$56,154 (76% OF GOAL)
NUMBER OF DONORS/FAMILIES	242
AVERAGE GIFT	\$232



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 a.m. Neil Leonard  
4:00 p.m. Cynthia Turpin

### 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.

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 a.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 a.m. Tina Lincoln

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m. William Owens

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 a.m. Robert Wallace

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Vacher Weill

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

#### St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Eda and Alec Santilli  
12:00 p.m. Timothy Costa

#### St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Francisco, Laurentina, and John Vicente

## 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
Paul Battista	Riley McHardy
Kathy Bennett	Charles Micalizzi
Jean-Marie Boustani	JoAnn Micalizzi
Sandra Cable	Elisabeth Mikush
Mimi Conklin	Kathy Monahan
Michael Coscia	Chris O'Leary
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Marcus DiSalvo	Jack Phaneuf
Stephanie DiSalvo	Lane Poche
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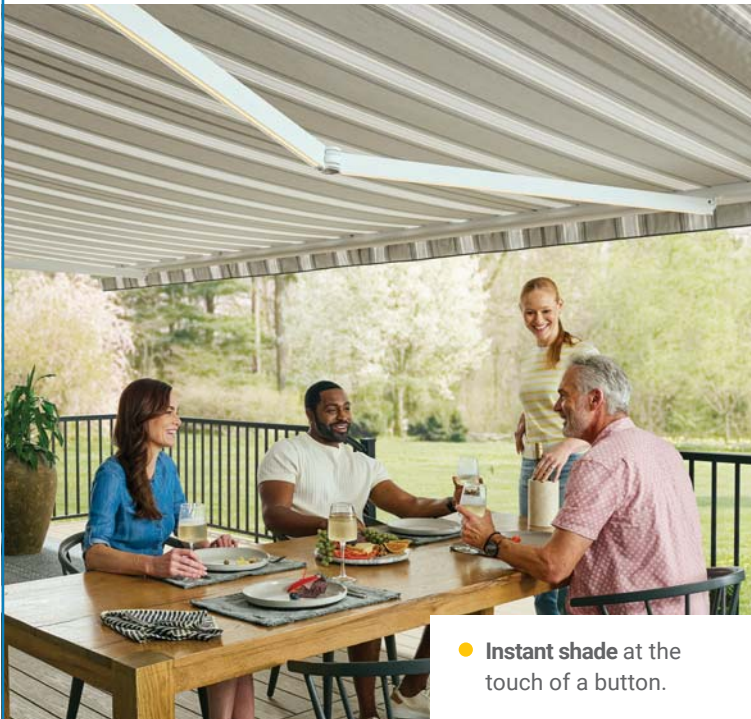
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