

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## JUNE 14, 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.

### 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

# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUNE 7, 2026



## FAITH FORMATION LEADER GATHERING

At the end of the year, the Archdiocesan Office of Lifelong Faith Formation & Parish Support hosts a gathering for faith formation leaders. This year, we met at St. Elizabeth's in Milton. The keynote speaker, Brother Joachim Sanderson of St. Benedict Abbey in Harvard, spoke on the theme of leisure. With schedules often filled with parish and family obligations, those working in a parish may have a hard time finding time for leisure. Even when we do carve out moments such as a work break, lunchtime, or vacation, they may not always feel truly restful. Leisure is not a matter of quantity. It is an attitude; a condition of the soul that allows us to see things differently. It is possible only when we are in harmony with who we are and where we are meant to be. In this way, leisure can be found even in our work and everyday tasks. The balance between the contemplative and active dimensions of life captured in the Benedictine motto *Ora et Labora* (Prayer and Work) depends on our openness and receptivity to God. When we allow too much noise into our lives, it clouds our vision and hinders our ability to receive faith, hope, and charity. Brother Joachim illustrated this beautifully with a boat analogy. We are all afloat on the sea of life. If the water remains outside the boat, we sail along peacefully. But when we allow the worries of the world to enter, we risk sinking. To build, create, and truly experience leisure, we must be mindful of what water we let into our boat.

- Debbie Hill, Director





## IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has been following two bills that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts. House Bill 2505 and Senate Bill 1486, “An Act relative to End-of-Life Options.” At present, HB2505 is in the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance and SB1486 is in Senate Ways and Means. However, the bills may come to the floor for a vote at any time.

Working together, we can join health care professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed and countless individuals in saying NO to assisted suicide and to stop the legislation from moving forward this session. Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- **A DEADLY PRESCRIPTION** - The bill would allow a physician to provide a lethal drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE: The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- **NO REAL SAFEGUARDS** - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to make the choice of PAS.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES** - The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying - particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

### Your voice matters! Please call today!

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. They represent you and should know your views on this topic. **Please see contact information below, visit [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org), or scan QR code below.** Follow the links to find contact information for your individual State Senator and State Representative via address and zip code link. Stay informed by signing up to receive alerts. For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for the contact information.

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# NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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## Monday, June 29, 2026

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

12:00pm	<b>Holy Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration</b> <i>Presider: Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River</i>
1:15pm	<b>Walking Eucharistic Procession begins</b> <i>Rosary, Hymns, Prayers, &amp; Litanies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus &amp; the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Approx. 2:30pm	<b>Arrive at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church</b> <i>Address: 193 Main St, North Easton, MA Exposition, Adoration, Benediction</i>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<b>Pilgrimage Concludes</b> <b>Open House &amp; Light Reception back at the Peyton Center</b> <i>FREE shuttle bus provided for return trip to the Peyton Center</i>

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## PORTUGUESE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY MASS

**NEXT Sunday, June 21 - 9:00 AM**

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society will have its annual Mass celebrating the Holy Ghost NEXT SUNDAY, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. After Mass, there will be a procession back to the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society grounds, 352 Broad St., Bridgewater, where various traditions take place, including the FREE serving of the Portuguese soup and bread. In addition, there will be concession stands with BBQ and sweet bread. All are welcome to join!

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**NO SECOND COLLECTION                      JUNE 13 - 14**  
**PROMOTING THE GOSPEL                      JUNE 20 - 21**

Collections Summary 6/1 - 6/8	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,235
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 1,185
Online (WeShare)	\$ 4,343
<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,763</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 4,725

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR APRIL = \$ 15,691**

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT

### WEEKEND - Promoting the Gospel

Next week's second collection supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community-based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.



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## 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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 19 IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH.**

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Church,  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 a.m. Bill Connell

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 a.m. Ann Carter Jameson

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 a.m. Maria Sousa Batista

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

9:00 a.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 a.m. Tony Lima

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Filippo Presti

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

#### St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Portuguese Holy Ghost Society Mass

12:00 p.m. Gregory Grillone

#### 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...

Eileen Edwards

Charles Micalizzi

Kathleen Flynn

Edward Spillane

### A Time to Heal...

Carolyn Allen

Lucie Lovell

Paul Battista

Riley McHardy

Kathy Bennett

JoAnn Micalizzi

Jean-Marie Boustani

Elisabeth Mikush

Sandra Cable

Kathy Monahan

Mimi Conklin

Chris O'Leary

Michael Coscia

Peter O'Leary

Mary Cowan

Sean O'Leary

Anthony DeSerpa

Thomas O'Leary

Lourdes DeSerpa

Jack Phaneuf

Marcus DiSalvo

Lane Poche

Stephanie DiSalvo

Jerry Putney

Matteo Disalvo

Melinda Rodrigues

Evan Frye

Baby Carson Rosen

Joan Ward Fusco

Diane Russell

Brenda Gentili

Ruth Sandler

Patricia Giovanniello

Tony Scalfaro

Thomas Groh

James Schneider

Gail Hatch

Deana Spingel

Tom Joyce

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Carol Kelley

Emily Stone

Julie Landry

Erika White

Marissa Lopes

### A Time for Peace...

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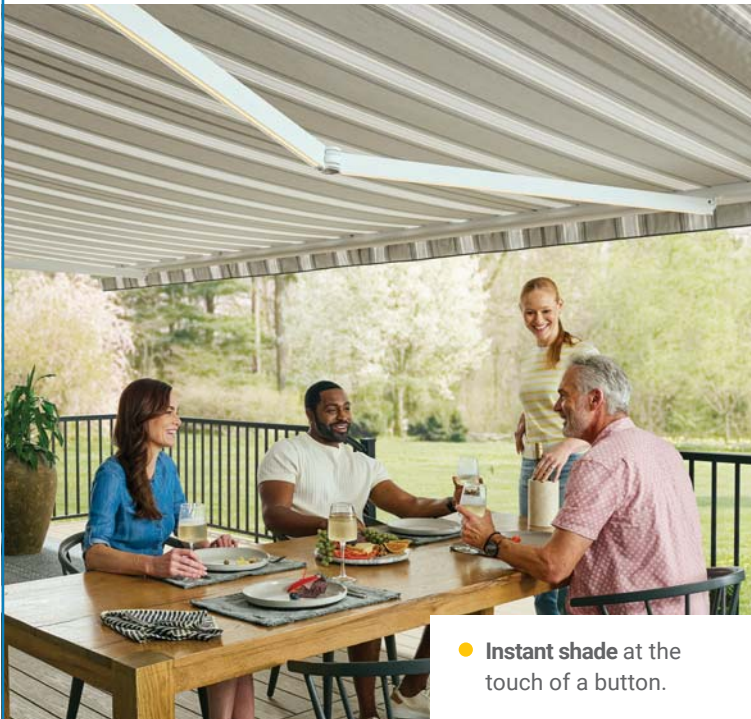
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