

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JUNE 21, 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Bill Devine, Pastor
frbilldevine@gmail.com

Fr. Rodrigo Martinez, Parochial Vicar
frrodrigo@sta-parish.org

Senior Deacon Leo Donoghue
donoghue.leo@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE

103 Center St., Bridgewater
Monday - Friday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
508.697.9528 | www.stthomasaquinas.com

Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations
pvitagliano@sta-parish.org

Tina Larson, Administrative Assistant
tlarson@sta-parish.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Paul Hoffman, Music Director
phoffman@sta-parish.org

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE STAFF

508.697.3652

Debbie Hill, Director
dhill@sta-parish.org

Maryann Ofstein, Secretary
faithformation@sta-parish.org

ST. BASIL, THE CATHOLIC CENTER

122 Park Ave., Bridgewater
Fr. Rodrigo Martinez, Campus Chaplain
frrodrigo@sta-parish.org

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

508-697-9528, then choose option 5

SUNDAY MASS

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
in the Lower Church or by appointment

A Note of Thanks...

This is Fr. Rodrigo's final weekend as parochial vicar in our parish. In these past three years, we've all seen the joy Fr. Rodrigo has for his priesthood, for the Lord, for the Church, and for the people he was called and ordained to serve and lead. Many, including myself, have learned from him, been inspired by him, and experienced the love of Christ shining through his smile, his prayers, and his priesthood.

Fr. Rodrigo has been both a friend and "father" to many of the college students. He has challenged them and helped them to recognize their talents and assume greater leadership and responsibilities. He has also supported and helped young adults, as well as middle, high school and Confirmation students to appreciate their faith. His ministry was not limited to the youth. Many, many adults of all ages have shared how much they enjoyed and learned from his sermons and benefited from his demeanor, his visits, and his counseling.

Just as his priesthood touched many lives, I believe that many lives have touched his life and priesthood. Through your openness, trust, prayers, encouraging words, strong faith, and love, Fr. Rodrigo's appreciation of priesthood has matured.

Archbishop Henning also recognizes Fr. Rodrigo's talents, and, for that reason, has asked him to serve with him at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. His gain is our loss. We know he will do well. I hope that everyone has, over the past month, had the opportunity to share your love and prayers for him.

New Arrivals

As Fr. Rodrigo leaves us, we look forward to our next newly ordained priest, **Fr. John Saniuk**, who will arrive here at the end of June. His first weekend in our parish will be July 4-5. We welcome him as we welcomed Fr. Rodrigo.

While we await Fr. John's arrival, this week we welcome **Seminarian Ryan Immerman**, who will be with us for six weeks this summer and six hours a week during the academic year. Ryan has just finished his first of seven years post graduate seminary training. In addition to academic training, the seminary provides them with the opportunity to apply what they are learning to actual pastoral situations in a parish and to observe and shadow parish priests in ministry.



Fr. Devine

Seminarian Ryan Immerman

Happy Father's Day...

Seem like only yesterday that we were celebrating Mother's Day. This weekend, fathers get equal time and acknowledgement.

There's a beautiful blessing given to the fathers at every baptism. *"May the Lord God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth bless the father of this child, so that, together with his wife they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child, in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



This blessing captures a father's responsibility and opportunity to share and witness his faith to his children. For many years, that responsibility was often, by default, assumed by the mother. Times have changed. I see more and more fathers making the effort to attend Mass with their children, attending Faith Formation Parent classes, and helping children with their faith formation prayers and lessons. The same fathers are often seen at the Bridgewater soccer, lacrosse and baseball fields or attending dance recitals, concerts, and teacher's conferences. While their presence at these places and events convey their genuine interest in and love for their children, their presence at church, in particular, and their engagement in the child's faith formation, indicates that faith is as important as, if not more than, all other activities. We can never underestimate the impact fathers have on their son/daughter when they are in church with their family.

Some fathers have a difficult time expressing love in words or even actions. While children experience the mother's love, nothing can replace the unique love, time, and interest that fathers take to be with their children.

Being a father is not easy. Many fathers (and mothers) are trying to balance work and time with their families. Others are the primary caretakers of the children. Some fathers, although divorced, are doing their best to share time and love with their children. Some fathers have died and their pictures remind their children of the dad that gave them life and loves them. Sometimes the role of father is assumed by a grandfather.

Today, however, is a day when we, their sons and daughters, need to recognize our fathers for their faithfulness, strength, compassion, and love. We appreciate the times our fathers have been behind the scenes, making sure our families are safe and secure. Although the role of the father continues to change, the love that fathers have for their spouse and children never changes.

Tell your dad today that you love him. He needs to hear it and we need to say it.

Fr. Devine

Daily Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with Infinite Love, broken by our ingratitude and pierced by our sins, yet loving us still, accept the consecration we make to You of all that we are and all we have.

Take every faculty of our souls and bodies, only day by day draw us nearer and nearer to Your Sacred Heart, and there, as we shall bear the lesson, teach us Your Holy Way. Amen.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Please join me in congratulating **Addyson Jackson** and **Braelyn Fernandes**, this year's recipients for the Catholic Women's Club of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Scholarships. We wish them well in college and future endeavors.

Helen Cleary, Scholarship Chairperson



GOLF TOURNAMENT / AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all those who supported a very successful Golf Tournament and Auction fundraiser! We raised over \$20,500 from golfers, sponsorships and auction bids! Thank you also to Golf and Social Committees for their hard work in coordinating the tournament, the online auction, and the dinner following the tournament!

NATIONAL

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

THE FATHER PEYTON CENTER
An Official Regional Host Site for New England area
CONVENIENT LOCATION | FREE PARKING

Monday, June 29, 2026
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Holy Mass with Most Reverend
Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River

Walking Eucharistic Procession

Rosary, Hymns, Prayers

Reception back at the Peyton Center



Family Rosary
HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES
518 Washington St.
North Easton, MA

For more information,
scan this QR Code or visit
hcfm.info/NEP



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

STEP-UP – NANTASKET STYLE!

Last Friday, we took our Bibles to Nantasket Beach to dive into Jesus' unshakable promise of salvation. The water was warmer than expected, the tide higher than ever, and the sunset did not disappoint! We are using YDisciple's Unshakable Bible study. Teens are discussing the promise of a real relationship with God that begins with a relationship with Jesus Christ. It helps them to appreciate that His presence is with them even when life feels unstable, and building up His Kingdom is our ultimate mission and goal. Share this promise with others! *Debbie Hill, Director*



JUNE 21 ~ TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings today speak of God's care and providence. Three times in the gospel we are reminded not to be afraid. Some days we need to hear that message repeatedly. It was not only the first disciples, but it is true for us as well to be reminded – that being a disciple of Christ requires a certain amount of courage and fearlessness. Let us set aside our fear and hold fast to the message Jesus speaks about God's love and providence, remembering that nothing can separate us from the love of God that has been poured out for us in Christ Jesus!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OPEN GYM!

Do you have middle schoolers?

Do you enjoy working with youth?

If so, this is for you!

We are in need of 5-6 **adult** volunteers that would be willing to **chaperone** our Junior Youth Group Open Gym Nights for grades 6-8, on a rotating basis, beginning in September. Open Gym Nights take place on Fridays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Tina in the parish office at 508-697-9528. We cannot continue this program if we do not have chaperones! Thank you for your help!



Follow us on Facebook! Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Bridgewater, Massachusetts



to our YouTube Channel!
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church,
Bridgewater, Massachusetts



WE ACCEPT VENMO!
@stthomasaquinas-bridgewater
or scan this QR Code!



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

JUNE 20-21

NO SECOND COLLECTION

JUNE 27-28

WEEKLY OFFERTORY 6/9 - 6/15	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,649
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 600
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,711
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,960

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR MAY = \$ 15,691

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week's second collection, *Promoting the Gospel*, 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. For more information about these organizations, please visit:

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

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, JUNE 20

9:00 a.m. Dawn R. Marraffino

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. Carlos Alberto Baganha

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 a.m. Angelina Andrade and Manuel Coelho

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 a.m. Joseph Barbour

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. Evangelina and Jose Sousa

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Mary A. Damiano

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Terry and David Santilli

12:00 p.m. Maria and Guilhermina Soares & Zelia Freeman

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Janet Madigan

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...

Savannah DeMolles

Luca Maciejewski

Maddox O'Leary

A Time to Die....

Eileen Edwards Cheryl Nersessian

Kathleen Flynn Melinda Rodrigues

Charles Micalizzi Edward Spillane

A Time to Heal....

Carolyn Allen

Paul Battista

Kathy Bennett

Jean-Marie Boustani

Sandra Cable

Mimi Conklin

Michael Coscia

Mary Cowan

Anthony DeSerpa

Lourdes DeSerpa

Marcus DiSalvo

Stephanie DiSalvo

Matteo Disalvo

Evan Frye

Joan Ward Fusco

Brenda Gentili

Patricia Giovanniello

Thomas Groh

Gail Hatch

Tom Joyce

Carol Kelley

Julie Landry

Marissa Lopes

Lucie Lovell

Riley McHardy

JoAnn Micalizzi

Elisabeth Mikush

Kathy Monahan

Chris O'Leary

Peter O'Leary

Sean O'Leary

Thomas O'Leary

Lane Poche

Jerry Putney

Baby Carson Rosen

Diane Russell

Ruth Sandler

Tony Scalfaro

James Schneider

Deana Spingel

Jamison Spingel

Emily Stone

Erika White

A Time for Peace....

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA

Warrant Officer 1 James Berrier, USA

CPL Connor Bresciani, USMC

SSG Joseph Cannistraro, USA

SRAMN Thomas J. Guzman, USAF

CAPT Jimmy Lysko, USMC

LT Theresa Lysko, USN

A1C Timothy O'Leary, USAF

2nd LT Jimmy Peterson, USA

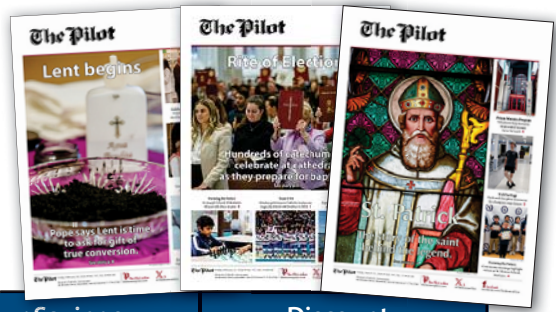
SSG Allison Rivera, USA

2nd LT Brian Rosher Jr., USA

GEN Eric Smith, USMC

The Pilot

Special Boston Archdiocesan Offer:
Subscribe Today and Save **49%***



Item	Special Discount Rate	Your Savings	Discount
1 year (49 issues)	\$24.95	\$24.05	49%

The Pilot is an important voice in the public square that brings you the Catholic perspective on current events.

Inspired by the vision of our publisher, Archbishop Richard Henning, The Pilot covers it all — from in-depth reporting on Pope Leo to the good works of Boston parishes.

Each week, The Pilot brings you the stories of Boston Catholics who bring the Works of Mercy to life on a daily basis.

We invite you to join The Pilot readership today for only **\$24.95**. This limited-time offer saves you **49%*** off the regular subscription rate. *Thank you for your support!*

*For new subscribers only

Mail along with payment to: The Pilot • Subscriptions • The Pilot, PO Box 425, Congers, NY 10920-0425

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check one: ☐ My \$24.95 check is enclosed payable to The Pilot

☐ Charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover



Account # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Email _____





RENEWAL
by **ANDERSEN**
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT

BUY 1, GET 1

40% OFF*

PLUS

\$200 OFF

Your Entire Purchase*

MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 4

OFFER ENDS JUNE 30

TOLL FREE 866-931-0908

Better Shelves. Custom Solutions.

Say goodbye to clutter and frustration—wherever it lives. From kitchens and pantries to bathrooms and laundry rooms, **ShelfGenie® custom pull-out shelves** bring smart, accessible storage to every space in your home.

FREE EXPERT
DESIGN CONSULTATION

A **\$250** VALUE

ShelfGenie®
EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH™
a neighborly company



Schedule Now by Calling
1-855-625-9032

© 2025 ShelfGenie SPC LLC. All rights reserved. Locally owned and operated franchise. Offer valid at participating locations only. Limit one offer per household. *Applies to Classic and Designer line. EXP 6/30/2026. HIC # 212231.

FUNERALS & CREMATIONS
CHAPMAN
(508) 697-4332
CHAPMANFUNERAL.COM


The Bridgewater Seamstress
Sewing & Alterations
General sewing • Contract sewing
Alterations • Garment construction
and more!
thebridgewaterseamstress@gmail.com
508-807-5138

 **PHYSICAL THERAPY U**
LEARN REHAB RECOVER
Physical Therapy • Sports Rehab • Massage
Now offering **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**
and personal training!
Call, email or find us on social!
@ptuclinic • 508-697-2000
FrontDesk@ptuclinic.com

JOHN E. McCLUSKEY, ESQ.
 **ATTORNEYS AT LAW**
ESTATE PLANNING, WILLS, TRUSTS,
ASSET PROTECTION, ELDER LAW
1325 Belmont St., Brockton, MA
www.mccluskeylaw.com
TEL: 508-583-2221

Headlines
FAMILY CUTS
Cathy Hellige
508-378-1359
Cell 508-326-1300
118 N. Bedford Street • East Bridgewater, MA 02333
Shop Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9-5 • Fri. 9-6 • Thurs. 9-6 • Sat. 8-2

Lori Paul
Caregiver • Homemaker • Companion
"Kindness, Compassion & Care"
Light housekeeping • Errands
Medication Reminders • Medical Appointments
Meal Prep • Transportation
774-503-1825
lorilpaul03@gmail.com

 **NICCOLI**
ENERGY
Our Family Fueling Yours
SAME DAY DELIVERY MASTER PLUMBER LIC. 15519
Oil & Gas Systems • Heat Pumps • Air Conditioning Systems
Oil Tank Replacement • Automatic Delivery and Budget Plans Available
www.NiccoliEnergy.com
568 Montello Street • Brockton • 508-588-0979
Serving the Greater Brockton Community Since 1946

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

DRIVEWAYS BY HEAP
Call for Estimates - 781.447.4336
www.drivewaysbyheap.com



Claude Dubord & Sons, Inc.
The oldest pumping company
in S.E. Massachusetts
(508) 697-2621
"Proud Supporter of St. Thomas Aquinas"

 **Bridgewater**
FARM SUPPLY CO., INC.
FARM • LANDSCAPE & PET PRODUCTS
• Hay • Straw • Sawdust • Bark Mulch • Wood Chips
• Bulk Grain & Freight Hauling • Colored Stone
1000 Plymouth St., Rte. 104, Bridgewater
508-697-1995
www.bridgewaterfarm.com

"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

EST. 1910
CONLEY RUSSELL PICA
FUNERAL HOME
Continued Excellence Since 1910

Conley Funeral Home
138 Belmont St.
Brockton, MA
(508) 586-0742

Conley, Russell & Pica
Funeral Home
165 Belmont St.
Brockton, MA
(508) 586-0254

 **Free Help for Families in Probate**
Andy Mahoney I work with Buyers, Sellers, Investors!
617-538-0206 Let's chat after Mass!
50 Center Street, Middleboro, MA 02346 • amahoney@mahoneyhometeam.com

 **BAYSTATE HVAC**
MINI-SPLITS HEAT-PUMPS
20+ YEARS IN THE BUSINESS
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
INSTANT MASS SAVE REBATES
781-858-7577 LICENSED & INSURED

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

Where should you go for local understanding of your insurance needs?
 **MORSE OF COURSE!**
morseins.com • 508-238-0056
Learn More!

Bloated? Low Energy? Not Yourself?
It's not "just normal!"
Gut health is the foundation of your health.
Let's help you support it!
Amy Morrison
Independent Partner
(508) 846-3044
BRAVENLY

S&B Mechanical
Over 50 Years of Experience
Your Neighborhood
Heating & Cooling Experts
Serving Bridgewater, MA
& the Surrounding Areas
508-279-0606
www.sbhvac.com

VOZZELLA GRANITE INDUSTRIES
In-Home Consultations
Serving all of New England
Fine Granite Monuments
Pet Monuments • Boulder Engraving
656 Wareham St., Middleboro
617-592-2209 • John@VozzellaGraniteIndustries.com

Jim Dorsey & Son Inc.
Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning
82 Ingell Street | PO Box 1198
Taunton, MA 02780
p: 508.822.6728 | f: 508.822.2751
jimdorseyandson.com

 **ADAM HELLIGE**
774-406-0987
adamhellige@comcast.net
With **PAVING SERVICES**
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
LICENSED & INSURED
FREE ESTIMATES
ROOFING DECKS
SITE WORK FRAMING
ADDITIONS GENERAL CONTRACTING
REMODELING
CUSTOM FINISH
NEW CONSTRUCTION
DRIVEWAYS
PAVING & SEAL COATING