

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JULY 19, 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

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

BLOCK PARTY

All are welcome!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH CENTER

Rain or Shine

\$5 PER PERSON INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!

*Purchase tickets at the block party
or purchase tickets in advance on our website
(this helps us for planning purposes).*

PONY RIDES 11:30 - 12:30

(SIGN-UP REQUIRED FOR PONY RIDES)

PETTING ZOO 12:30 - 1:30

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: 11:30 - 2:00

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11:00 - 2:00:

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**FR. RODRIGO
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PRAY FOR INPSIRE YOUTH GROUP!

Please keep our Inspire Youth Group in your prayers as 52 teens and adult chaperones who, along with Fr. John and our seminarian Ryan, departed this Saturday, July 18, for our annual Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip in New Jersey.

Throughout the week, our team will serve homeowners in need by painting, completing yard work, making repairs, and sharing the love of Christ through acts of service. They will also deepen their faith through daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, and fellowship as they live out Christ's call to serve others.

Be sure to follow our journey on the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Facebook page, where we'll be sharing photos and updates throughout the week!

Did you miss the bus? We'd love to have you join us! Applications for our Fall Inspire Bridgewater local mission weekend, during which these same students volunteer to assist and serve in the Bridgewater community, will be available in the coming weeks. More information about our Summer 2027 Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trip will be available soon.

Teens and adults interested in learning more can contact Jen Rosher at jenrosher@comcast.net. Come experience the joy of serving others while growing in your faith! - *Jen Rosher, Coordinator*

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation Teachers Needed!

When the topic of teaching in faith formation comes up, I often hear comments that remind me of struggles that have been faced since the beginning of time: I'm not ready. I don't know enough. I'm not a good speaker. Someone else would be better. Sound familiar?

- Moses had a speech problem.
- Gideon was afraid to lead the army into battle.
- Jeremiah was too young to be considered a prophet.
- Jonah ran from God because he didn't want to save the Ninevites.
- Naomi was a destitute widow who became an ancestor of Jesus.
- Peter denied Christ three times.
- Martha worried about everything.
- Zacchaeus was small and money hungry.
- The disciples fell asleep while praying.
- Paul persecuted Christians before becoming one.



We are not asking for perfection. We are asking for faithfulness — a willingness to show up, to share your faith, and to trust that God will work through you to reach our young people. If you've ever felt a nudge to serve, if you care about the next generation, if you simply want to be part of something that matters, this is your invitation.

**Come and see what teaching faith formation looks like.
Scan this QR Code to get started in a new opportunity!**



- *Debbie Hill, Director*

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28



FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

REGISTER NOW, AS CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY!

To register, visit www.stthomasaquinas.com
or scan this QR Code.



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. **Questions or interested in joining? Contact Tina Larson at tlarson@sta-parish.org.**

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. **Questions? Contact Debbie Hill at dhill@sta-parish.org.**

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 PM - 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.**

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 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.

Interested in joining the Young Adult Group?
Scan this QR Code to join the Group-Me Chat!



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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

	THURSDAY, JULY 23 6:30PM (ACTUAL FEAST DAY)	ENGLISH
	FRIDAY, JULY 24 6:30PM (ROMAN CATHOLIC FEAST DAY)	SPANISH

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FR. BILL'S/ MAINSPRING HOUSE!

We have added new volunteer dates through the end of the year for Fr. Bill's/ Mainspring House in Brockton. Please join us from 4:00 - 6:00 PM to serve food to those in need.



UPCOMING DATES ARE:

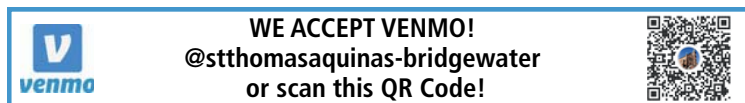
JULY 21, 27
AUGUST 5, 10, 18, 24
SEPTEMBER 2, 15, 29
OCTOBER 7, 12, 20, 26
NOVEMBER 4, 9, 17
DECEMBER 2, 7, 15, 21, 29

To register: Visit our website or contact Charlene at charlenern123@comcast.net

CLARIFICATION ON LAST WEEK'S HOLY FATHER COLLECTION

There was some confusion with last week's Holy Father/ Apostolic Works collection. The Archdiocese had changed the date of this collection to July, but many parishes were not notified or aware of the change. This collection is usually held in October and is still on our schedule for that month. If you have given this past week, you will not need to do anything further in October. Thank you for your support of the parish and diocese!

- Peter Vitagliano, Finance/ Operations Officer



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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

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

COLLECTION FOR VENEZUELA JULY 18 - 19
NO SECOND COLLECTION JULY 25 - 26

WEEKLY OFFERTORY 7/6 - 7/12	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,852
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 760
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,401
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,013
Capital Improvement (In-Pew)	\$ 3,451
Capital Improvement (WeShare)	\$ 97
SECOND COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 3,548

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 19,228

A COLLECTION TO SUPPORT VENEZUELA RELIEF EFFORTS *THIS WEEKEND JULY 18-19*

The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church "to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected." CRS reports that "Buildings collapsed, homes and essential infrastructure were damaged, and thousands of people have been left without safe shelter. Even as the full extent of the damage is still emerging, Catholic parishes have opened their doors to shelter displaced families and provide emergency assistance."

If you would like to donate, please make your checks payable to "St. Thomas Aquinas Parish" with "Venezuela Relief" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. William O'Donnell - 4th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 19

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Mary Edwards O'Keefe

9:00 a.m. Esther and Valentino Mortarelli

12:00 p.m. James Kearns

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Jose and John Coelho

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00 a.m. Anthony Amichetti

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00 a.m. Luigi and Lusie Resmini

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Louise Proffetty

SUNDAY, JULY 26

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Jean Revil - 2nd Anniversary

9:00 a.m. Manuel and Maria Amaral

12:00 p.m. Guido and Antonio Rea

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Evan Madigan - 1st Anniversary

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...

Nico Bresciani

A Time to Die....

Alvan Forrest

Gilbert Madrigale

Travis Sellstone

A Time to Heal....

Carolyn Allen	Marissa Lopes
Paul Battista	Lucie Lovell
Kathy Bennett	Anna Madigan
Jean-Marie Boustani	Riley McHardy
Sandra Cable	JoAnn Micalizzi
Mimi Conklin	Elisabeth Mikush
Michael Coscia	Kathy Monahan
Mary Cowan	Chris O'Leary
Jackie Davis	Peter O'Leary
Anthony DeSerpa	Sean O'Leary
Lourdes DeSerpa	Thomas O'Leary
Marcus DiSalvo	Lane Poche
Stephanie DiSalvo	Jerry Putney
Matteo Disalvo	Baby Carson Rosen
Evan Frye	Diane Russell
Joan Ward Fusco	Ruth Sandler
Brenda Gentili	Tony Scalfaro
Patricia Giovanniello	James Schneider
Thomas Groh	Deana Spingel
Gail Hatch	Jamison Spingel
Tom Joyce	Emily Stone
Carol Kelley	Erika White
Julie Landry	

A Time for Peace....

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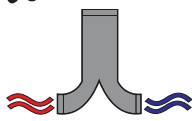
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