

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

JULY 26, 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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR OUR BLOCK PARTY!**

**HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - SET-UP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - SET-UP

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM- SHIFTS AVAILABLE
TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS STATIONS/ACTIVITIES**

2:00 PM UNTIL COMPLETE - CLEAN-UP

**PLEASE VISIT WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM
TO SIGN UP!**



July 26 ~

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our first reading we hear that God was pleased with Solomon's request for an understanding heart! Take note, Solomon does not ask for riches or a long life or even an untroubled life. His request may give us pause to consider what we put values on, what priorities we have, and what things we think are important. Would our answer be like that of Solomon? To help us be clearer about what is important, Jesus gives us two additional short parables: the pearl of great price and the hidden treasure. Do we consider our faith as a pearl of great price, or a treasure to seek? These readings give us much food for thought and prayer ~ about what we value, what we pursue, and who we want to be!

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

**ICE CREAM TRUCK TREATS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE: 12:30 - 1:00**

11:00 - 2:00:

**DJ - TRAIN RIDES - BOUNCY HOUSE
KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
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**REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED!
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Stay tuned for a Mission Trip Recap in next weekend's bulletin!



FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation Teachers Needed!

To be a catechist means...

The Greek word for catechist is katechein, meaning "to echo". To be a catechist is to be a living witness of Christ and to echo His message to others. A catechist is first a disciple or student, someone one who has encountered Jesus in the Eucharist, in prayer, in Scripture. They then allow this encounter to turn them into an apostle or one who is sent out to transform their own life and the lives of those they teach. They create a bridge showing young people that the Gospel is livable, that holiness is possible, and that a life with Christ brings peace the world cannot give.

If you have considered becoming a catechist, or if you are one and feeling weary, know that this work is transformative. You are forming the faith of our community, one person at a time. Pray for our catechists. Become one. Teach what you live.

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves, and they are able to revive it in others.

— Pope Francis

**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.



FR. RODRIGO CONTACT INFORMATION

For those who would like to get in touch with Fr. Rodrigo, you may reach him at martinezr.padre@gmail.com.
Fr. Rodrigo is currently assigned to The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118



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

There are still MANY open volunteer slots through the end of the year at Fr. Bill's/ Mainspring House in Brockton. Join us from 4:00 - 6:00 PM to serve food to those in need.



UPCOMING DATES ARE:

AUGUST 5, 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

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OPEN GYM!



Do you have middle schoolers?
Do you enjoy working with the youth?
If so, this is for you!

We are in need of 3 - 4 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 - 8:30 PM, once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Tina in the office at 508-697-9528. We cannot continue this program if we do not have chaperones! Thank you for your help!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

NO SECOND COLLECTION JULY 25 - 26
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUG. 1 - 2

WEEKLY OFFERTORY 7/13 - 7/19	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 5,268
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 455
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,409
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,132
VENEZUELA RELIEF	\$ 4,744
SECOND COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 4,744

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE = \$ 19,228



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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

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 a.m. Helena Ferreira (living)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 a.m. Salvatore Gaziano

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. Carlos Alberto Baganha

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 a.m. Robert Hopkins (living - healing)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Elizabeth and Lester Boyd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. David DaSilva

12:00 p.m. Franco Segnatelli

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Margarida Arruda

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	Christopher O'Reilly
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 DeSarpa	Sean O'Leary
Lourdes DeSarpa	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 Giovannello	James Schneider
Thomas Groh	Deana Spingel
Gail Hatch	Jamison Spingel
Tom Joyce	Emily Stone
Carol Kelley	Erika White
Julie Landry	

A Time for Peace....

SFC Kelly Berrier, USA
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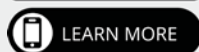
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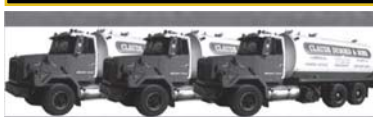
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