

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 9, 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



A MESSAGE TO THE FAMILIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON IMPACTED BY TPS TERMINATION

Back in June, we received the news that Temporary Protected Status would end for hundreds of thousands of Haitian refugees and Syrians in the United States. At the time, I spoke to you and urged all people of goodwill to advocate for a more secure future for the individuals and the families affected.

Now we find ourselves at the point when these legal protections have ended, and I know that many of you must be devastated and fearful. You are a vital part of our Archdiocese and as your Archbishop, I feel called to remind you of the Word of God found in St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:8-12: "We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you."

The "death" of which Saint Paul speaks is the suffering and self-surrender that unites us with the crucified Christ. Even amid suffering, the risen life of Jesus is already at work - sustaining us, strengthening us, and bringing life to others through us.

The Haitian and Syrian people have proven resilient in the face of natural disaster and civil discord. You have endured much and kept the faith. May that faith now give you strength for the days ahead. The House of Representatives has passed legislation that would continue TPS protection for Haitians, but the Senate has not yet acted. I therefore renew my appeal to our elected leaders: act swiftly to protect these families and provide them with a secure and humane path forward.

To all our brothers and sisters, I say again that we desire to stand with you, placing our hope in Jesus Christ, whose life and love are stronger than suffering and death. With affection and prayers for all of you.

Yours in Christ, Archbishop Richard Henning

THANK YOU MAINSRING VOLUNTEERS!

We put out the call and you responded! We are so grateful that all of our August and September volunteer slots to serve meals at Mainspring House are filled! There are other available spots through the end of the year if you would still like to help with this important ministry!





EVANGELIZATION

What is the purpose of evangelizing? It is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It is to invite others into a relationship with God. It aims to deepen faith within the Church's community and reach out to those who have strayed from the Church or have not yet encountered the Gospel. Our Evangelization Ministry here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has been an active ministry for over a year now. During that time, we have engaged in the following activities:

- Hosted information tables in the Bridgewater community at AutumnFest and Christmas on the Common
- Set up welcome tables at our Parish Christmas Bazaar and Golf Tournament
- Staffed welcome and registration tables during Volunteer Weekends
- Distributed Parish brochures at the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance and the Rummage Sale
- Hosted a Family Movie Night featuring the movie "David"
- Handed out gift bags provided by the Baptism Committee to families of our newest members at Baptism
- Served as ushers at our three-day Lenten Mission and hosted a reception on the final evening.
- Contributed articles entitled *The Evangelization Corner* to the Parish bulletin periodically

It has been a busy year for us and we hope that our outreach activities have been helpful to those within and outside the Parish. We welcome your input as to how we can broaden our efforts!

If you would like to share your faith and encourage others, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, August 17th at 6:30 PM in the Lower Church. You are also welcome to join our ministry by signing up at the Volunteer Weekends in September.

In closing, we ask that you pray for us as we strive to do what Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."*

- Michele Giovannini, Evangelization Ministry member

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION SUPPORT ROLES

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to volunteer as teachers and assistants in the classroom! If you would like to help, but do not feel called to teach on a regular basis, we have other opportunities for you to be connected. We need caring individuals to serve as **hall monitors, substitute catechists when needed, and assist with collecting review game results by email and organizing the data into a spreadsheet.** These important tasks help create a safe, engaging, and efficient environment for our children to learn and grow in faith. If you are able to offer some time and support, please let us know by scanning the QR Code below or reaching out to us in the office at (508) 697-3652. Your generosity helps our community flourish in Christ!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

- Debbie Hill, Faith Formation Director



CAPUCHIN MOBILE MINISTRIES SERVICE PROJECT FOR INCOMING CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Incoming Confirmation Students are invited (but are not required) to join us on **Monday, August 31 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the parish center** for a fun and meaningful sandwich-making event!

Together, we will partner with Capuchin Mobile Ministries to **prepare fresh sandwiches that will be distributed to those experiencing food insecurity in the Boston area.**

Come make a difference and earn community service hours at the same time. This event counts as an opportunity to complete a community service project for Confirmation. **Sign up today on our website at www.stthomasaquinas.com!**



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Although not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we encourage you to pray with us.

The 9:00 AM daily Mass will be held in the Upper Church.



BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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PETTING ZOO 12:30 - 1:30

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**REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED
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FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION



**This Thursday
August 13th
7:30 PM**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

SPEAKER:

Fr. Adrian Milik, Pastor
St. Bridget Church, Abington
Holy Ghost Church, Whitman



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR BLOCK PARTY!

**HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED FOR:**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

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

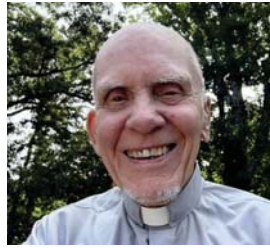
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM- SHIFTS AVAILABLE
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STATIONS/ACTIVITIES**

2:00 PM UNTIL COMPLETE - CLEAN-UP

**VISIT UPCOMING EVENTS AT
WWW.STTHOMASAQUINAS.COM TO SIGN UP!**



MARYKNOLL MISSION SOCIETY PRIEST TO SPEAK THIS WEEKEND



Fr. Gene Toland, a Boston native, is a priest of the Maryknoll Mission Society, ordained in 1964. His mission ministry experience includes some years among the Aymara indigenous people in the high plains of Bolivia, and on the team at the Maryknoll Mission Formation Center in Cochabamba, Bolivia. He served as a member of a Maryknoll video team that produced documentaries for US schools and TV on the cultural, social and religious life of Latin Americans.

Beyond his work in Bolivia, Fr. Toland has worked in faith formation and leadership programs among farming communities in a vineyard area of southern Chile, with refugees in southern Sudan during the civil war, and ministering to people with HIV/AIDS in a shanty town in Nairobi, Kenya. In the late 1990's, he represented the Maryknoll Communities in Latin America before the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission. He has served on the Society's governing board and as the Maryknoll Society's Regional Coordinator for Latin America. In July 2018, he entered senior missionary status and currently resides on Cape Cod, where he participates in local faith communities, encouraging and accompanying them as missionary disciples in a synodal missionary church.

On his 60th anniversary as a Maryknoll priest, Fr. Toland reflected, "I have been blessed and enriched in ways I never imagined. It has been a faith adventure discovering how God has been at work in a variety of cultures, and a journey of encouraging others as Jesus has led and encouraged me by his life and teaching. I have learned from very ordinary and simple people the true meaning of faith as they grow in their daily life as missionary disciples to serve God's mission to all creation."

Your generosity helps to recruit, train, send, and sustain lay missionaries who bring compassion and love to the poorest, most marginalized communities around the world. Today, Maryknoll Lay Missioners serve in nine countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, sharing the good news of the Gospel, and building a more just and peaceful world. Your support makes this possible. **If you would like to donate, please make your checks payable to the Propagation of the Faith, with "Maryknoll Mission" in the memo line.** Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

MARYKNOLL MISSION COLLECTION AUG. 8 - 9

NO SECOND COLLECTION AUG. 15 - 16

WEEKLY OFFERTORY 7/27 - 8/3	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 7,189
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 290
Online (WeShare)	\$ 3,915
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 11,394
Capital Improvement (In-Pew)	\$ 2,595
Capital Improvement (WeShare)	\$ 690
SECOND COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 3,285

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, AUGUST 8

9:00 a.m. Catherine Connolly
4:00 p.m. Richard Cipitelli - 2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Natalia and Eduardo Pimentel
9:00 a.m. Ines Carreiro and Ernesto Pacheco
12:00 p.m. Barbara Henault - 1st Anniversary

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Manuel Coelho and Angeline Andrade

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 a.m. Santa and Dorothy Pratti

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. Jason Gates

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 a.m. Sally Gates

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 a.m. Loretta and Edwin Peterson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 a.m. Maria do Carmo and Margarida Sousa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Stevens
9:00 a.m. Raymond Picard
12:00 p.m. Mary & Patrick Russell and Catherine Kane

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 Die....

Alvan Forrest	Christopher O'Reilly
Paul Handricken	Daniel Rumrill
Gilbert Madrigale	Travis Sellstone
Janice Sperrazza	

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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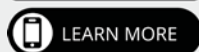
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