

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

AUGUST 16, 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



ARCHBISHOP HENNING'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF BILL EXPANDING ABORTION

The passage and signing of a bill radically expanding abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a grave offense against the sanctity and dignity of every person. I realize that those who work to uphold and promote that dignity may feel discouraged in this moment. I encourage us to continue to proclaim the beauty and the miracle of life. The Word of God commands us, "*Choose life that you may live.*" (Deut 30:19) May that truth give us strength and hope." - Archbishop Richard Henning



- Are you someone who was baptized Catholic, but never received any other sacraments and wish to do so now?
- Are you someone who was raised in another faith tradition, Christian or otherwise, and are seeking conversion to the Catholic faith?
- Have you recently been asked to be a Godparent and need to be Confirmed?

We encourage you to explore our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. Speak to Fr. Devine or Fr. John after Mass, or contact Kevin Geraghty at (508) 954-8017 or Karen Geraghty at (508) 930-8280.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

This program is for those who were baptized Catholic, received First Holy Communion, and would like to receive Confirmation.

The preparation sessions will take place at **Holy Family Parish Center, Duxbury** from 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM on 5 consecutive Tuesdays from **September 15 through October 13.**

Interested? Please contact Jeanne Cregan, Pastoral Associate, at jcregan@holymfamilyduxbury.org or call 781-934-5055, ext. 114

The Fall Adult Confirmation ceremony will take place at Divine Mercy Parish in Quincy on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM.

MINISTRY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

EVAGELIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDER

August 17th - 6:30 PM

If you would like to share your faith and encourage others, we encourage you to join us at our next meeting **THIS 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.

- Jane Centrella, Evangelization Committee Co-Chair

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
TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS
STATIONS/ACTIVITIES**

2:00 PM UNTIL COMPLETE - CLEAN-UP

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



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR VOLUNTEER KICKOFF MEETING

August 29th - 10:00 AM

As the summer days wane, we have started counting the days until the Christmas Bazaar on November 21! Please join us as we kick off our planning. The first meeting will be on **Saturday, August 29th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center.** Please join us if you'd like to be part of this great event! **Want to be involved but can't join the meeting?** No worries! Contact me, Lisa Statkiewicz, at 508-345-1197 or ljstatk@gmail.com. There will be additional meetings in September and October. Thank you!

- Lisa Statkiewicz, Coordinator



HAS A LOVED ONE DIED RECENTLY?

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Bereavement Ministry is pleased to announce that our next series of support meetings will begin **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER.** This session runs for 9 weeks. All those grieving the loss of a loved one are encouraged to join. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION requested.** To register, please call Roberta at 774-240-0906 or Ginny at 508-697-7649.

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 6:00 PM - 7:30 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 a opportunity to complete a community service project for Confirmation. **Sign up today on our website at www.stthomasaquinas.com!**

INSPIRE BRIDGEWATER SERVICE WEEKEND

October 2 - 4, 2026

NEED A HELPING HAND?

Our Inspire Youth Group recently returned from Catholic Heart Workcamp inspired to continue serving others - right here in Bridgewater! We are looking for small service projects for seniors, veterans, young families, nonprofits, or anyone who could use a helping hand. Examples include yard clean-up, garage or basement organization, light landscaping, small outdoor projects, and general household help. Projects are completed by teams of 2 adults and 4-5 teens, and typically last 2-3 hours. Project Request Forms are available at the back of the church, the parish office and online.

VOLUNTEER & JOIN US - TEENS & ADULTS

Come experience a weekend of faith, friendship, and service as we help families throughout our community. **All volunteers ages 18 and over** must complete VIRTUS Training and a current CORI to volunteer (contact Tina in the parish office). Registration is available at www.stthomasaquinas.com. **The tentative schedule is:**

Friday, October 2

- Check-in beginning at 6:00 PM
- Sandwich-making for Mainspring House
- Games, gym time, fellowship & overnight at the Parish Center

Saturday, October 3

- Morning prayer & breakfast
- 2 shifts of work - service projects throughout Bridgewater
- Dinner together with residents we helped
- Outdoor Adoration & evening activities

Sunday, October 4

- Breakfast
- 8AM Mass at outdoor location
- Back to St. Thomas to clean up!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? 8TH GRADE THROUGH ADULT

COST: \$50 (INCLUDES MEALS, T-SHIRT, AND PROJECT SUPPLIES)

BUSY SCHEDULE? DON'T LET THAT HOLD YOU BACK!

We know many teens have sports, work, family commitments, and other activities that weekend. You do not need to participate in the entire weekend. **Adults are welcome - even if you can't stay overnight!** Whether you can help for a few hours, Friday only or Saturday only, or the entire weekend, we'd love to have you. Overnight participation is not required for adult volunteers.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Rosher at JenRosher@comcast.net or 617-828-9147.



FAITH FORMATION

CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**REGISTER NOW!
CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY!**

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



ATTENTION Grades 9-12!
STEPUP and be INSPIRED!
Explore your faith & find your people

This year, STEPUP and INSPIRE are combining resources and energy to create an environment that answers the call to mission while meeting the needs of our youth who are seeking community, friendship, and a deeper relationship with God.

We encourage you to join us for real faith, fun, and community! **Our first meeting will be September 9th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.** Mission trips are entirely optional. You can be part of our youth community without committing to travel. Our Youth Group brings together Bible study, fun activities, and meaningful fellowship, all centered on growing closer to Christ and serving others. - *Debbie Hill and Jennifer Rosher*



BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

All are welcome!
Rain or Shine!




\$5 PER PERSON INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES! KIDS UNDER 3 GET IN FREE!

PONY RIDES 11:30 - 12:30 (SIGN-UP REQUIRED FOR PONY RIDES)

PETTING ZOO 12:30 - 1:30

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11:00 - 2:00:

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TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE BLOCK PARTY (CASH ONLY).



A MUCH NEEDED FACELIFT AT ST. BASIL CHAPEL!

After many years, we have made plans to completely renovate and redesign the landscaping at St. Basil Chapel. The grounds have been maintained, but some of the plantings have overgrown over time and some have dried out, making the overall look of the chapel old and worn. We have contracted Marc Rittersdorf to design and implement a total landscaping plan which will be completed over the next month or so. We are very excited to give the chapel a fresh, colorful, and vibrant look, similar to the church. Stay tuned for updates and photos as these changes progress! - *Peter Vitagliano, Finance/Operations Officer*

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:

NO SECOND COLLECTION

AUG. 15 - 16

NO SECOND COLLECTION

AUG. 22 - 23

WEEKLY OFFERTORY 8/4 - 8/10	St. Thomas / St. Basil
Weekly Collection (In-Pew)	\$ 6,102
Mail-in / Drop-Off	\$ 460
Online (WeShare)	\$ 2,780
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 9,342

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES FOR JULY = \$ 10,834



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Albert Ghelfi

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 a.m. Christopher O'Reilly

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m. Antonio Baganha and Evaristo Boleates

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m. Antonio Melchionda and Rosa Rutigliano

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 a.m. Ernest Fratalia

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m. John, Teresa, and Henry Dzialo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 a.m. Jean Grebe

4:00 p.m. Peggy Sotera

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23***St. Thomas***

7:30 a.m. Rosa, Joao, and Michael Pimentel

9:00 a.m. John Carbone

12:00 p.m. Gail Schnopp

St. Basil

10:30 a.m. Maria and Joe Roque

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....***

Avery Gillis

A Time to Die....

James Marshall

Suzanne Meinhold

Roland Rondeau, Sr.

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

Michael Mickiewicz

Michael Coscia

Elisabeth Mikush

Mary Cowan

Kathy Monahan

Jackie Davis

Chris O'Leary

Anthony DeSera

Peter O'Leary

Lourdes DeSera

Sean O'Leary

Marcus DiSalvo

Thomas O'Leary

Stephanie DiSalvo

Lane Poche

Matteo Disalvo

Jerry Putney

Evan Frye

Baby Carson Rosen

Joan Ward Fusco

Diane Russell

Brenda Gentili

Ruth Sandler

Patricia Giovanniello

Tony Scalfaro

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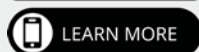
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