

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
Mr. Dominic Zampella, Permanent Deacon
Ms. Deborah Henegan, Coordinator of Religious Education
Ms. Joan Lucas, Director of Liturgical Music

Our Parish Family Celebrates

The Eucharist

On The Lord's Day
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12:00 Noon
Weekdays (Mon. Tues., Wed.) 7:30 AM
(Unless otherwise noted in the Bulletin)
Holy Days: 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM
National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Afternoon: 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Devotions

The Rosary is recited each weekday morning prior to the 7:30 AM Liturgy. The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Monday Morning following the 7:30 AM Liturgy. Eucharistic Adoration is held on the First Friday of the month following the 7:30 AM Liturgy until 8:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM or on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM. The family needs to be registered in the parish. Parents should schedule a Baptism by calling the Parish Office after the birth of the child.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated anytime with a person who is seriously ill, aged, infirmed or facing surgery. Please notify the Parish Office regarding parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized.

Sacrament of Matrimony

According to Diocesan regulations, Marriage preparation is to be made with the Church one year prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Religious Education & Confirmation Classes

Classes for Grades 1-10 are held weekly during the School Year. Contact the Parish Office for information.

Catholic Academy of Sussex County

28 Andover Road
Sparta, New Jersey
973.729.6125
www.sussexcountycatholicsschools.org
Reverend George A. Brown School
Grades Pre-K-4
Pope John XXIII Junior School
Grades 5-7
Pope John XXIII Regional High School
Grades 8-12

*We are a loving family of faith who gathers to give praise and thanks
to an all-loving God who directs and guides our days*



WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS OF AQUIN PARISH

Masses for the Week 
January 12th - 20th, 2019

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Michael Payton req. of Tom & Helen Cesare
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Barbara Auché req. of Jean Batty
- 10:30 A.M. Vicky Bautista req. of Joe & Rosemary Mora
- 12 Noon Eileen Reges req. of Nancy Heslin Reading
- Mon 7:30 A.M. Camille Galorenzo req. of Mark & Ann Marie Hodges
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Sal Gammara req. of Father John
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. For our Parish family
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Fran Berrigan req. of Joe & Rosemary Mora
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Stephen Macko req. of Richard Swiss
- 10:30 A.M. Linn Garcia Hartman req. of Dolores Rojas
- 12 Noon Angela Ford req. of Ed & Nancy Reading



Right from the start of His public ministry, Jesus received an affirmation from His Father: *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased..."*

One of the deepest needs of the human heart is the need to be appreciated. Every human being wants to be valued. We all need someone who will help us unfold. We need someone to believe in us, who will help us to be ourselves. We need someone who understands us, someone who can see the hidden self in us that is perhaps afraid to be exposed in the open.

Only such a person will help us to share all we are, making us believe in our own goodness, and awakening in us a desire to share it with others.

At our Baptism we too became "beloved" children of the Father, and we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will help us to unfold and grow, bringing His love to all of our sisters and brothers. As a result, our God will be able to say to us what He said of His Son Jesus: *"You are my beloved daughters and sons, with you I am well pleased..."*

Have a good week!
In His Love,



MASS INTENTIONS: The 2019 Mass intention scheduling book is available to schedule Mass intentions for your loved ones for 2019. The customary donation is \$10 and Mass Cards can be obtained by calling the Parish Office during business hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by filling out the Mass Intention envelopes that are available on the table at the entrance of the Church and dropping them into the collection basket.

Is anyone among you suffering They should summon presbyters of the church and they should pray over them.
(James 5:13,14)

Pray for those who are sick

Robert Devine, Joseph Squier, Barbara Cook, Katy Nicholson, Kennedy Thompson, Maryann Hughes, Kyle Sisson, Marie Squier, Karolee Destefano, Lynn Herndon, Judy Sugar, Vincent Lodato, Ann Keslo, John Ciser, Betty Washer, Joan Stevens, Al DiSalvo, Robyn Cammarata, John Bianco, Tim Sherlock, Betsy Sherlock, Gina Eliazio, Kaden Williams, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Carol Ando, Bill & Peggy Fitzgibbons, Janet Gustafson

"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."
(New Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)

Pray for those who have died

Pray for those buried in St. Thomas Cemetery and may God grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, and to their families' peace and consolation.



TO OUR FAITHFUL DAILY MORNING MASS FOLKS ...

This is just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and the Ogdensburg School is either closed or has a **delayed opening** ... the Morning Mass will be canceled. Please tune in to Radio Station WSUS-FM 102.3 for Inclement Weather Closing Announcements. You can also log on to our parish website: www.stthomasofaquin.org to check if Daily Mass is cancelled. On snowy mornings the church parking lot may not be plowed out in time for Mass. For your safety we also do not want folks to venture out in hazardous weather conditions.



REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

We would kindly ask that you would please remove all of your Christmas decorations from the graves of your loved one buried in our Cemetery by **January 15, 2019 (weather permitting)**. We also ask that you please check the Cemetery signs to make sure only allowed items are left of the graves. Thank you for your cooperation.





Around the Parish

- Sun. Jan. 13th - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting following the 12 Noon Liturgy - Church Hall
- Mon., Jan. 14th - Religious Education classes for Grades 5-8 and Confirmation Classes for Grades 9 & 10 from 6:45-8:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School Morning Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.; Parish Office closed
- Tues., Jan. 15th - Religious Education Classes for grades 1-4 from 3:00-4:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School

Weekly Collection

Thank you to all the members of our parish family who respond each week to the needs of our parish and who make their weekly offering a part of their budget. We know how difficult things are for families, so, too, is it to run a parish, as expenses continue to rise. The parish depends on income from the Sunday collections, which occasionally falls short of needed revenue. Your contributions are important to our parish. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

Christmas Collection amounted to: \$11,380.00
Online giving amounted to: \$50.00
Final Total for Christmas 2018 - \$11,430.00

December 30th Collection amounted to: \$2,251.00
Online giving amounted to: \$155.00
Total for December 30th - \$2,406.00

January 6th Collection amounted to \$2,567.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$595.00
Total for January 6th - \$3,162.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

2018-2019 Diocesan Assessment: \$19,096.00
2018-2019 School Subsidy: \$3,447.00
Total Diocesan Assessment for 2018-2019: \$22,543.00
Collected to Date: \$8,941.50
We need to collect \$13,601.50 by June 30th, 2019 to meet this parish financial obligation.

ON-LINE GIVING: To enroll, log on to our parish website, stthomasofaquin.org and click on the Online Giving Link. Once there, click again, on the Parish Giving Link to begin your registration.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to our parish family. As such, he/she is a registered parish member and is committed to Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish through participation in the life of the parish community - Spiritually, Socially and Financially. We request that you register at the Parish Office when you move into our community, so that we may be of service to you. In order for Baptisms and Marriages to be administered, Sponsor Certificates and recommendations to be issued the recipient must be a registered and active member of the Saint Thomas of Aquin family for a least one year. Please notify us of any changes of address, or if you are moving out of the parish.

Faith Formation

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting** - Sunday, January 13th following the 12 noon Liturgy - Church Hall. **First Reconciliation** - Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM. (Snow date, Tues. February 26th). **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** - Sunday, March 31st following the 12 noon Liturgy - Church Hall. **First Eucharist Retreat** - Sunday, April 7th from 1:00 - 3:30 PM at Camp Auxilium, Newton; **Sacrament of First Eucharist and May Crowning** - Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 AM. **Celebration of Confirmation** - Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 AM.



FOURTH ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Join us Saturday evening January 26th, 2019 at the Ogdensburg Firehouse. Entertainment by Ray Sikora. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction. Dinner includes: Vegetable tray, penne pasta with meat sauce, Filet Mignon on French bread, French fries, dessert, wine, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. If you would like to reserve your tickets, please complete the form below, place it in an envelope with your payment marked "Beefsteak Dinner" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Total: \$ _____



YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS: Each parishioner makes sacrificial offerings to the Church. Your goodness is a sign of your faith in God and truly returning to God a portion of what you have received. One important note on financial contributions: The IRS will no longer accept a taxpayer's personal record for cash contributions. They must all be properly acknowledged, in our case, by a statement from Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish. This is an essential reason to use the collection envelopes. Any cash that you put into the collection basket without using the collection envelopes will not be able to have a substantiated deduction. If you wish to receive an e-mail statement of your 2018 contributions to Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish, please contact Connie at the Parish Office or send an e-mail to stthomasofaquin@embarqmail.com requesting your statement. Otherwise, you may pick up your statement after our Liturgies on the weekend of January 26th & 27th. Thank you!



If you only keep *one* New Year resolution this year, let it be to **Give Blood**. Join St. Kateri Parish at their Blood Drive on **Jan. 19th from 7:45 AM to 1:45 PM**. To schedule an appt: Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS Sponsor Code 15978 Walk-ins are always welcome. Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information.



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"Bring God's tenderness and mercy to all those who are discarded by society."