

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Reverend Msgr. Joseph J. Goode, Weekend Assistant
Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
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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 
March 16th - 24th, 2019

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Michael Payton - Birthday - req. of Tom & Helen Cesare
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Tom Dolan & family
- 10:30 A.M. Sue Reimer req. of Don & Kathy Smythe
- 12 Noon Robert Franco req. of Rich & Fran Green
- Mon 7:30 A.M. James Baldino req. of Dave & Kathy Manning
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Lucille Belniak req. of Chuck & BettyAnne Fantasia
- Wed 7:00 P.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Fitzgibbons family
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. 7:30 A.M. Andrew J. Lute req. of Marjory Lute
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Patricia Dolan 2nd Ann. req. of Tom Dolan
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Steve Macko req. of Bernie & Mary Donegan
- 10:30 A.M. Veronica Bautista req. of Rick Bautista
- 12 Noon Edward Garrow req. of Fran & Rich Green



Abstinence, Fasting, & Easter Duty

We are now into the second week of Lent; Easter is only five weeks away. As we journey together to the Celebration of His Passion, Death and Resurrection, I would like to remind you of the following Lenten precepts:

Abstinence: All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season, which this year is from First Sunday of Lent, March 10th, through the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity Sunday, June 16th. Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible, not only during Eastertide, but throughout the liturgical year. However, anyone conscious of a grave sin is strongly encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving communion.

Have a Blessed second week of Lent everyone!
In His Love,

P. John



LENTE RECONCILIATION: This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will again offer the opportunity for Confession every Monday evening from March 18th - April 8th between 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church in preparation for Easter.



To help us on our Lenten journey we will offer the following during the Season of Lent:

- Daily Morning Liturgy - 7:30 AM (Mon., Tues., and Fri.);
- Sacrament of Reconciliation from 7:00 to 8:00 PM; Monday Evenings of Lent (March 18th, 25th, April 1st & 8th);
- Wednesday Evening Lenten Liturgy - Msgr. Joseph Goode will speak on a Lenten theme each week;
- Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Wednesday evening, March 20th during the 7:00 PM Lenten Liturgy;
- Stations of the Cross - Friday Evenings - 7:00 PM;
- Living Stations - Friday March 29th - 7:00 PM.



MASS INTENTIONS: The 2019 Mass intention scheduling book is available to schedule Mass intentions for your loved ones. 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, Kennedi 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 Eliazo, Kaden Williams, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Carol Ando, Bill & Peggy Fitzgibbons, Janet Gustafson, Eduardo Meidunas, Eli Blahut

*“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.

The *Sanctuary Candle*, a reminder of the Divine presence in the Eucharist, burns this week for the Special Intentions of **Danielle Lyle** donated by Jeanne Gorman.



Around the Parish 

- **Mon., March 18th** -Religious Education Classes for grades 5-8 and Confirmation Classes for Grades 9 & 10 from 6:45-8:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School
- **Tues., March 19th** - Religious Education Classes for grades 1-4 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School
- **Wed. March 20th** - Wednesday Evening Lenten Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick - 7:00 PM
- **Fri., March 22nd** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

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.

March 10th Collection amounted to \$1,805.00
 Online Giving amounted to: \$220.00
 Total for March 3rd - \$2,025.00
 Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy amounted to: \$602.50

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: \$11,520.00
 We need to collect \$11,023.00 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.



Our **ANNUAL PARISH TRICKY TRAY** is only 3 weeks away, it will be held on Friday, April 5th at the Ogdensburg Firehouse beginning at 6:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the church for tray donations. Monetary contributions can be put in the collection basket (clearly marked as "Tricky Tray") through March 31st or if you have an item that could be combined with something else to make a tray, let us know. Help is always needed the day of the event so please also consider donating your valuable time to this important parish fundraiser! Any questions please call co-chairpersons Mary Fitzgibbons (973.827.6707) or Mary Donegan (973.827.5347). Thank you.

Faith Formation 

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: **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 4^h at 11:00 AM. **Celebration of Confirmation** - Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 AM.



MANNA HOUSE THANK YOU: Our Social Action Ministry would like to express their thanks to the members of our parish family for your support to their annual tradition of donating items needed by Manna House when their contributions are typically low. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, Manna House has a good supply of paper products and various other items needed to serve a midday meal.



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"Lent is a time for Christians to get their hearts in sync with the heart of Jesus."



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will be selling Palm Crosses to place on the grave of your loved one's for the Easter season. If you would like to reserve a Palm Cross, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket in an envelope by March 31st. The cost is \$10.00.

Name _____

Phone # _____ #of Palm Crosses _____

Orders are due by 3/31/2019. The Palm Crosses will be available for pick-up on the weekend of April 6th & 7th in the Church Hall following our Liturgies.

