

# *The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin*

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## *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  
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   
May 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Fran Berrigan req. of Tom Berrigan
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Steve Macko req. of Gibson family
- 10:30 A.M. Veronica Bautista req. of Dolores Rojas
- 12 Noon Martin Saccente req. of Fran & Rich Green
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Michele Nazzaro req. of  
Chuck & Betty Anne Fantasia
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Julia & John Moyse & family req. of  
Aristidis & Janice Krasopoulos
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Maria Elena Garcia req. of  
Joe & Rosemary Mora
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Sue Reimer req. of Sandy Geydoshek
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Felix Mora req. of daughter, Connie
- 10:30 A.M. Sal Gamarro req. of Dion & Gail Derkach
- 12 Noon Edward Bode req. of Fran & Rich Green



**MASS INTENTIONS:** Mass intentions are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. 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, Judy Sugar, Vincent Lodato, Kaden Williams, Ann Keslo, John Ciser, Betty Washer, Joan Stevens, Al DiSalvo, Robyn Cammarata, John Bianco, Tim Sherlock, Betsy Sherlock, Gina Eliazo, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Carol Ando, Bill & Peggy Fitzgibbons, Eli Blahut, Janet Gustafson, Eduardo Meidunas, Ed Shelton

*“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.



Imagine That God Is Speaking To You

You do not have to be clever to please me; all you have to do is desire my love. Talk to me as you would a dear friend.

Are you afraid of anything? Trust your fears to me. I will not leave you. Whom do you want to pray for? I know your needs, but I want you to show your love for them and trust me to do what I know is best.

Tell me the things you feel guilty about and I will forgive you. Do not be ashamed of your past. There are many saints in heaven who had the same faults as you. They prayed and gradually their faults were corrected.

Has anyone caused you pain? Tell me about it and if you add that you will forgive them, I will send a special gift of healing.

Never hesitate to ask for a blessing for your body and mind; for health and success. I can give you everything you need. Remember to tell me of your love and gratitude.

Go along now with your work and play. Come back soon and bring me a devoted hearts. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you.

- Anonymous

Have a good week!  
In His Love,



**COME TO WEEKDAY MASS:** Please consider coming to our weekday Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 AM. The Mass brings special graces and it is a wonderful way to start your day.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE:** The Sanctuary Candle, located at the tabernacle, is the ultimate symbol of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. By having a weekly dedication for the Sanctuary Candle we can remember those closest to us who are in the most need of the Light of Christ in their lives. You as a parishioner play an important role in truly shedding the Light of Christ throughout the Church. You can use the envelopes available on the table at the entrance of the Church or call the Parish Office to arrange for this dedication. The donation for this devotional act is \$5.



**COUPONS FOR THE COMMUNITY:** Donate your unwanted coupons for food, household and personal care items. Place your coupons in the basket that is on the table at the entrance of the church. THANK YOU for your continued support of this program.



**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Liturgies. If you are interested in serving our parish family as a Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Server or Usher please contact the Parish Office (973.827.3190).



*Around the Parish*

- **Weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** - Donations will be accepted for the Annual Peter's Pence Collection
- **Morning Liturgy** - Mon., Tue., & Wed. at 7:30 AM
- **Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** - Monday's following the 7:30 AM Liturgy

*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.*

May 12<sup>th</sup> Collection amounted to \$1,952.00  
 Online Giving amounted to: \$200.00  
 Total for May 12<sup>th</sup> - \$2,152.00  
 Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection amounted to \$751.00

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: \$14,506.50  
 We need to collect \$8,036.50 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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*

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** All returning students, as well as new students, must register for next year's classes, no student is automatically re-registered. If you have not registered your daughter or son as of yet, please do so as soon as possible as we need to know the number of students attending next year so we can order textbooks and other materials for the classes. Registration information can be found on the Homepage our parish website: www.stthomasofaquin.org For more information you may also contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Ms. Deb Henegan at 908.914.6656.



Any girl or boy starting grade 3 in the fall, or is in grade 4 or higher, who would like to be an **Altar Server**, please see Fr. John after Mass so we can arrange a practice time with you as soon as possible. Thank You.



**SAINT THOMAS CEMETERY:** Just by way of a reminder or perhaps information: Our parish owns and operates an active cemetery. Our Cemetery Office is located in the Rectory and our Parish Office Administrator, Connie, is always ready to field any questions you may have with regard to Saint Thomas Cemetery and to handle all grave sales. It is always best to consider and take steps to provide for a resting place when we are at leisure and peaceful rather than in moments of crisis and sorrow. If we can be of any assistance in these matters, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the Parish Office. The work of the Cemetery is overseen by dedicated parishioners who attend to keeping our parish cemetery running and in mint condition. Next weekend our Second Collection will be for the upkeep and care of our Parish Cemetery. This collection will be taken up after the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity.



**TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS**

*"If we abandon the law of love, the law of the strongest over the weakest will be asserted..."*

