

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
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Ms. Deborah Henegan, Coordinator of Religious Education
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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 
June 15th - 23rd, 2019



On this weekend dedicated to our fathers, I would like to wish a "Happy Father's Day" to all the fathers of our Parish Family. As you celebrate the gift of fatherhood I share with you this reflection.

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. For the Living and
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Deceased Fathers
- 10:30 A.M. of our
- 12 Noon Parish Family
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Msgr. Francis J. Bischoff
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Msgr. Stanislaus Durka
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Margaret & Arthur McLaughlin req. of Fitzgibbons family
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Frances Berrigan req. of Linda & Bill Fairweather
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Peter Cofrancesco req. of Mom
- 10:30 A.M. Clare Dennion and John Herron req. of Fitzgibbons family
- 12:00 Noon For our Parish family

Have a good week everyone!
In His Love,

From the time we were very young, we Catholic Christians pray the Lord's Prayer and say the words "Our Father..." With this background, is it any wonder that the image of God is formed by our experience with our own fathers? What a responsibility for the fathers of the earth to be the first picture of God their children see.

So we pray on this Father's Day: God our Father, how little we know. You are full of mystery, the great unanswered question of our lives. How can we begin to know and feel your presence all around us in the depths of our aching hearts?

How can we see you when you are spirit and not flesh and blood which alone moves our human eyes? How can we love what we do not see, unless you show us some picture of yourself that will fill our eyes and minds with understanding and our hearts with love? And so there are fathers in our world, millions of images of the vastness of God. Fathers are wise and so, too, is our image of God. Fathers are loyal and so we know that God is loyal too. Fathers are kind and so God must be kinder yet. Fathers are good and so God is good beyond all good. Today, God our Father, we pray for all human fathers who portray you in a generation of children. Without them, who could know your gentleness and the wisdom of your heart? Amen.



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.

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 Eliazio, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Peggy Fitzgibbons, Eli Blahut, Charles Fantasia, Carol Ando, Janet Gustafson, Eduardo Meidunas, Ed Shelton, Jude Cofrancesco

"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, especially **Bill Fitzgibbons and Ed Kidd**, and to their families' peace and consolation.

The *Sanctuary Candle*, a reminder of the Divine presence in the Eucharist, burns this week for all Fathers.



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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN-WIDE CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE: Next weekend, the Feast of Corpus Christi, our parish will participate in the Diocesan-wide food collection for the poor. This collection sponsored by Catholic Charities will help offer assistance to those in most need in our Diocesan communities of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. The entire Diocese has been asked by Bishop Serratelli to join together in this effort. Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish has been asked to collect **canned/boxed juices and bars of soap**. Cash donations will also be accepted. Donations can be dropped off in the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



... "Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.."



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"God does not reside in the greatness of that which we accomplish, but in the littleness of the poor persons that we meet"



Around the Parish

- **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
- **Weekend of June 22nd/23rd** - Annual Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive.

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.

June 9th Collection amounted to \$2,227.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$210.00
Total for June 9th - \$2,437.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection amounted to \$692.00

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: \$15,360.50
We need to collect \$7,182.50 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.



SAINT THOMAS NIGHT AT SKYLANDS STADIUM:

Join your fellow parishioners at Skylands Stadium on Saturday evening, July 13th, to watch the *Sussex County Miners* play the *Ottawa Champions*. Game time is 6:05 PM. Join us and enjoy a great fireworks display following the game. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Food vouchers are also available. Call Connie at the office to make your **reservations by Sunday, June 23.**

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 908.914.665 or at stthomasfaithform@gmail.com.



THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON'S STATEMENT REGARDING PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNeil at 973.879.1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973.777.8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973.777.8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in response to complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the Diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and signs of abuse .
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. Clear **Rules and Expectations**. consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. Adequate supervision of youth. team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is reported.



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