

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Reverend Sal J. Panagia, Weekend Assistant
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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: Vigil Liturgy: 7:00 PM
Morning of the Holyday - 7:30 AM
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 
September 14th - 22nd, 2019

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Fran Berrigan req. of Michael Berrigan
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Catherine O. Feuss req. of Feuss family
- 10:30 A.M. Elisa Avenatti req. of Micheline Gruber
Concetta Newton - Birthday - req. of
Seville family
- 12 Noon Sue Reimer req. of Rich & Fran Green
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. PJ Dolan req. of Rich Swiss
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Lynn Herndon req. of Amanda Smith & fam.
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Michael Baumgartner req. of
Mark & Ann Marie Hodges
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Patricia Dolan - Birthday - req. of
Fitzgibbons family
Joe Murray req. of Peggy Cofrancesco
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Stephen Macko req. of William & Kathryn Soldi
- 10:30 A.M. Cecilia Chaparro req. of Joe & Rosemary Mora
Robert Newton req of Smythe & Mattioni fam.
- 12 Noon Beverly Meisenhilder req. of Laurie & Linda



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

Joseph Squier, Barbara Cook, Katy Nicholson, Ann Keslo, Kennedy Thompson, Maryann Hughes, Kyle Sisson, Marie Squier, Karolee Destefano, Judy Sugar, Vincent Lodato, Kaden Williams, John Ciser, Betty Washer, Joan Stevens, Al DiSalvo, John Bianco Robyn Cammarata, Tim Sherlock, Betsy Sherlock, Gina Eliazio, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Carol Ando, Janet Gustafson, Eli Blahut, Peggy Fitzgibbons, Eduardo Meidunas, Ed Shelton, Charles Fantasia, Chris Batty, Jude Cofrancesco, Toni Schanstra

*“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 in memory of **Ann & Joe Morris** donated by brother, John.

2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson 

The 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal is officially kicking-off this weekend. The theme of this year’s Appeal is **“For I Was Hungry...”** It is a reminder that

what we do for our neighbors in need, we do for Christ himself. Your gift to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal funds the following ministries in the Diocese of Paterson: Catholic Charities, School Support for our Catholic Elementary Schools Fund, Seminarian Education and our Diocesan Priests Retirement Home, Nazareth Village located in Chester, NJ.

As you know one of the major buildings of our Diocesan Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, Straight and Narrow, operated by Catholic Charities, and the largest nonprofit rehabilitation center in the country, was totally destroyed by a fire on August 24th. The Diocese plans to rebuild the facility. 10% of all funds raised in the 2019 Annual Appeal over and above the usual allocation to Catholic Charities will help support this most important rebuilding effort.

A letter from Bishop Serratelli was mailed on Friday, September 13th to active supporters of previous Bishop Annual Appeals. On the weekend of October 19th and 20th there will be an *In-Pew Commitment Weekend* throughout the Diocese, giving all members of the parish an opportunity to consider making a pledge to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. This In-Pew Commitment Weekend has been most successful.

As a point of information, at the Bishop’s directive, a committee of pastors was formed to recommend a parish goal setting methodology for the Appeal that would be based on a percentage of a parish’s weekly offertory collections. Based on the recommendations of that committee, the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal goal was set at 5.5% of each parish’s 2017 offertory in order to set a \$2.9 million overall Appeal goal baseline.

Using this new criteria, that has been approved by Bishop Serratelli, our goal for 2019 Bishops’ Annual Appeal is \$9,559.00, 5.5% of our 2017 offertory collections. In the past our parish goal for the Appeal was \$15,675.00, with this new criteria our goal went down to \$6,116.00 (should we all cheer now!)

I believe that we will reach, and go over our goal for the Appeal this year. Remember that 50% of the amount received over our Parish Goal of \$9,559 will be returned to our parish for our own use. So, not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout the Diocese of Paterson, it will also assist in the good works of Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish.

As always, I again thank you for your continued generosity to our wonderful Parish, and I encourage you to support the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal that helps so many of our sisters and brothers in our Diocese.

Have a good week!
In His Love,



COME TO WEEKDAY MASS: The morning air is brisk and refreshing as autumn approaches, so 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.



Around the Parish

- **Mon. Sept. 16th** - Confirmation Program Parent Meeting - 7:00 PM - Church
- **Wed. Sept. 18th** - Religious Education Parent Meeting - 7:00 PM - Church

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.

September 8th Collection amounted to \$2,058.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$261.00
Total for September 8th - \$2,319.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection amounted to: \$650.00

2019-2020 Diocesan Assessment: \$19,096.00
2019-2020 School Subsidy: \$3,447.00
Total Diocesan Assessment for 2019-2020: \$22,543.00
Collected to Date: \$2,796.00
We need to collect \$19,747.00 by June 30th, 2020 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.



ENERGY NEEDS COLLECTION: Next weekend our Second Collection will be for our *Energy Needs*. This collection will be taken up immediately after the regular collection. Please be as generous as your means permit. Thank you!

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for the 2019/2020 School Year will begin for **Grades 5 to 8 on Monday evening, September 23rd, from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.** at the Ogdensburg School and for **Grades 1 to 4 on Tuesday afternoon, September 24th** at the Ogdensburg School. If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please do so as soon possible by returning the registration form to the parish office with the required fee.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be a Parent Meeting this coming **Wednesday evening, September 18th** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church for **ALL** the parents of our children in Grades 1 - 7, who are registered in our Religious Education Program. For more information about our Religious Education Program please feel free to call Ms. Deborah Henegan at 908.914.6656 or via e-mail at: stthomasfaithfrm@gmail.com
Our **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** will begin on **Monday evening, September 23rd** for **Grades 8, 9 & 10** from 6:45 - 8:00 PM the Ogdensburg School. Class schedules will be emailed to all registered students. There will be a Parent Meeting this coming **Monday evening, September 16th** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church for **ALL** the parents of those who are registered in the Confirmation Program. For more information on our Confirmation Program please contact the Parish Office (973-827-3190). Thank you for your cooperation!



Do you like to sing? Our choir will be resuming practice soon. Our group includes a nice mix of male and female singers and is open to high school students. We rehearse on Sundays after the 10:30 mass and sing about once a month at the 10:30 mass and for other special events and Feasts. Please call Joan at 973-729-9913 with any questions.



ST KATERI BLOOD DRIVE: Thank you to the 79 donors, who helped make our August drive an amazing success. A total of 83 units of blood was collected-many blessings to all. Blood costs nothing to give, yet is more valuable than any other resource on earth. Join us at our next St. Kateri Parish Blood Drive on **Sat., September 21st from 7:45 am to 1:45 pm.** Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. To schedule an appointment: Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS Sponsor Code 15978 Walk-ins are *always* welcome. Call Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191 for more information.

TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS



"Let us ask for the grace to remember each day that we are not forgotten by God, and that we are His beloved children, unique and irreplaceable. Calling this to mind gives us the strength not to surrender before the adversities of life."