

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
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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

Reverend George A. Brown School

Grades Pre-K-4 ... 973.729.9174

www.revbrownschool.org/

Pope John XXIII Middle School

Grades 5-7 ... 973.729.1967

www.popejohnms.org/

Pope John XXIII Regional High School


Grades 8-12 ... 973.729.6125

www.popejohn.org/

*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 21st - 29th, 2019



There is no doubt that the so-called "good life" (money, comfort, success, pleasure) exercises an enormous pull on all of us. We wish to serve God but we do not want our service of God to interfere with our habits, our impulses, our way of life.

Our Gospel for this weekend teaches us that we "cannot serve both God and mammon." It has been said that where money is concerned there are only two measures: no money and not enough money. We have to use it, but it does not have to become our God.

One of the most urgent needs today is to remove the partition between religion and the rest of life. Too often we confine our religion to church only, and that is not enough! Someone once said to me: "I go to Mass without thinking and afterwards I do as I like." It does not have to be like this. We all have a choice. We can choose to be people of the light and be just as dedicated in the pursuit of goodness as the people of darkness are in their pursuit of evil.

I think the late American Trappist monk, writer and theologian Thomas Merton said it best: "If you do not know the difference between pleasure and spiritual joy you have not begun to live."

Have a good week!
In His Love,



PICNIC & RAFFLE REPORT: On Sunday afternoon, September 8th, members of our parish family gathered to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, good food, drink and fun at our Annual Parish Family Picnic. I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped organize the picnic and its events: Marianne and Tom Schwork and the members of the Holy Name Society, to Michael Nardini for the PA System, to our caterer, Bill Elig for the delicious food, to those who donated the deserts, to Connie Gibson for handling the financial end of the Raffle and to **ALL** those who helped in any way to make this annual event another great success!

Our **Annual Parish Raffle** was also a great success! We collected \$3,223. Your support of this Annual Parish fundraiser is greatly appreciated! We congratulate the winners of the Raffle:

- 1st Prize: Tom Miskovich
- 2nd Prize: John Danis
- 3rd Prize: Anna Lojek



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.



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, Kennedi 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 Eliazo, 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.



Around the Parish

- **Mon. Sept. 23rd** - Religious Education for Grades 4-7 and Confirmation Classes for Grades 8-10 from 6:45-8:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School
- **Tues. Sept. 24th** - Religious Education for Grades 1-3 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.

September 15 Collection amounted to \$2,178.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$221.00
Total for September 15th - \$2,399.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

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: \$2,950.00
We need to collect \$19,593.00 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.



DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: Next weekend our Second Collection will be for our Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy. September is one of the months this year where we have a fifth Sunday and have an extra collection for this parish financial obligation to the Diocese. This collection will be taken immediately after the regular collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for the 2019/2020 School Year will begin for **Grades 4-7 this Monday evening, September 23rd, from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.** at the Ogdensburg School and for **Grades 1 to 3 this Tuesday afternoon, September 24th, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Ogdensburg School.

Our **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will begin **this Monday evening, September 23rd for Grades 8, 9 & 10 from 6:45 - 8:00 PM** the Ogdensburg School.

For more information about our Religious Education Program (Grades 1-7) please feel free to call Ms. Deb Henegan at 908.914.6656 For more information on our Confirmation Program (grades 8, 9 & 10) please contact the Parish Office (973-827-3190). Thank you for your cooperation!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to our parish website www.stthomasofaquin.org and click on the "Donate to the Bishop's Annual Appeal" logo and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2019 Appeal today!



DIOCESAN SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 3rd, at 3:30 pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"In the midst of all those passing things in which we are so caught up, help us, Father, to seek what truly lasts: your presence and that of our brother or sister.."

