

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
Mr. Dominic Zampella, Permanent Deacon
Ms. Brigitte Hanley, Director 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., Fri.) 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 7:00 PM Liturgy until 8:15 PM.

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
May 20th - 28th, 2017

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Sherlock family
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Robin Steer req. of Church family
10:30 A.M. Anthony Lamonaca req. of family
12 Noon George Riggio req. of Davis family
Mon. 7:30 A.M. Stephen & Madeline Swiss req. of Swiss family
Tues. 7:30 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of John & Diane Kibildis
Wed. No Mass Today
Ascension Thursday
Thurs. 7:30 A.M. Miss Patricia Dolan req. Father John
7:30 P.M. John F. Sherlock req. of Betsy & Sons
Fri. No Mass Today
Sat. 5:00 P.M. Emily Weierstall & Cordell Harris - Ann. req. of Weierstall & Harris family
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Felix & Alice Mora req. Gibson family
10:30 A.M. William M. Rowe req. of Rowe family
12:00 Noon Maria Gabriel req. of family



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.

“Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray... Is anyone among you sick? 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, Frank and Joan Traina, Jennifer Dinardo, Phyllis Veli, Joseph Sugar, Judy Gruber, Judy Sugar, Ann Keslo, Lynn Herndon, Robyn Cammarata, Vincent Lodato, John Ciser, Betty Washer, Margaret Alfano, George & Patricia Sabourin, Betsy & Tim Sherlock, Mary Sanseverino, Kathi Mannion, Al DiSalvo

“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 Patricia Dolan donated by Sister Pat, OSB.



Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady

O Mary, chosen by the Father from all eternity, you offer us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, the Word made flesh, the world's Redeemer. On the cross, your Son gave you, his own Mother, to be our Mother, entrusting us to your loving care.

By this act of consecration, we, like John the Apostle, wish to take you into our homes and lives. Most Holy Virgin, at the Annunciation, you became the first disciple, accepting Jesus into your life.

Be with us in trial and suffering, in joy and happiness, every moment of our lives and most especially, at the hour of our death. O Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, you know our sufferings and hopes.

Embrace, with the love of a mother each of us who entrust and consecrate ourselves to you. To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our life journey, so that, with you as guide, we may truly know and follow Christ, the light of the world and its only Savior.

Have a nice week everyone! In His Love,

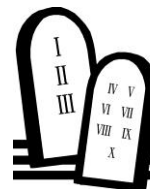
Fr. John



This Thursday, May 25th the Easter Season calls us to celebrate “going home.” Ascension Thursday is our annual commemoration of the triumphant reunion of the Father and the Son.



SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Beginning on Thursday, June 1st our Summer Weekday Mass schedule will be: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 AM UNLESS otherwise noted in the Weekly Parish Bulletin.



Those who love me keep my word



Around the Parish

- **Weekend of May 20th/21st** - Donations will be accepted for the Annual Peter's Pence Collection
- **Sun., May 21st** - Parish Breakfast - Church Hall 8:30 AM- Noon
- **Thurs., May 25th** - Feast of the Ascension - A holyday of Obligation; Liturgies at 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM
- **Weekend of May 27th/28th** - 2nd collection - Cemetery Maintenance

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.

Through your generous donations the
May 14th Collection amounted to \$2,744.00
Budgeted: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection
amounted to: \$1,052.00
Budgeted per collection: \$1,700.00

2016-2017 Diocesan Assessment: \$17,234.00
2016-2017 School Subsidy: \$3,447.00
Total Diocesan Assessment for 2016-2017: \$20,681.00
Collected to Date: \$17,961.50
We need to collect \$2,719.50 by June 30th, 2017
to meet this parish financial obligation.

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.



CEMETERY CARE COLLECTION: 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!

Faith Formation

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Registration forms for 2017/2018 are available on the Homepage of our website stthomasofaquin.org. Download and print the registration form and return the completed form with the fee to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend. Any questions please call our Director of Religious Education, Ms. Brigitte Hanley at 973.864.4441. Thank You!



Any girl or boy starting grade 3 in the fall, or is in grade 4 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 Gibson, 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!



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.



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

“Lord, bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.”