

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

53 Kennedy Avenue . Ogdensburg, New Jersey . 07439-1251

Saint Thomas of Aquin Annual Parish Family Picnic & Parish Raffle Drawing



Sunday, September 10th, 2017 beginning with
an outdoor Mass at 12 Noon

Cost: \$10.00 Per Person; \$30.00 for a Family

The picnic is being catered by Villa Capri II in Sparta. The menu includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue chicken, sausage and peppers, chips, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad and green garden salad. Beer, soda and water will be provided. If you wish, you may bring a dessert to share.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship.
We have new games and activities for children and adults.
Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and card/folding tables
with you on the day of the picnic for your comfort.

For Picnic reservations please print and fill-out the form below and forward it to:
Saint Thomas of Aquin R. C. Church
53 Kennedy Avenue
Ogdensburg, New Jersey 07439
or drop it in the collection basket at Church.
Any questions please call the Parish Office (973. 827. 3190)

Name of Adult(s) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Phone # _____

Family Name _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Number in Family: Adults: _____ Children: _____ Phone # _____

All picnic reservations must be received by August 27th, 2017



Masses for the Week 
August 19th - 27th, 2017

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Annette & Jack McGrath req. of Fred & Sue Reimer
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Foro Chaparro req. of daughter, Rosa
- 10:30 A.M. Stanley Barron req. of Don & Kathy Smythe
- 12 Noon Patricia Dolan req. of Al & Lucille DiSalvo
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Andrew Salerno req. of Mark & Ann Marie Hodges
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. For Peace in our world
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Cynthia Rabe Kurpiewski req. of Deacon Ed and Nancy Reading
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Ada Asala req. of Lynn & Ron Evans
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Alice Mora req. of Bob & Angie Lantz
- 10:30 A.M. Patricia & William Rowe - Wedding Anniversary
- 12 Noon Christopher Scovzen req. of Dad and 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. 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 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, Al DiSalvo, Mary Sanseverino, Kathi Mannion, Joan Stevens, John Bianco, Ralph Rojas

*"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 for **Esther Lorenzo Richer** donated by Joe & Rosemary Mora.



It is hard to believe that our "summer schedules" will soon be ending. Before you know it we will be back to our full schedules, with the beginning of school and parish activities starting up again. So, enjoy these final lazy-hazy days of summer! I would like to share with you, as this week's reflection, this beautiful message entitled "**Guidance.**"

Have a good week!
In is Love,

GUIDANCE

When I meditated on the word GUIDANCE, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE. When I saw "G," I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i." "God, "u" and "i" dance"! This statement is what guidance means to me. As I lowered my head, I become willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you and your family on this day and every day. May you abide in Him as He abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting Him to lead and to guide you through each season of your life.

This prayer is powerful and there is nothing attached. If God has done anything for you in your life, please share this message with someone else, for prayer is one of the best gifts we can receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards, so let's continue to pray for one another. I Hope You Dance!!!!



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Beginning the First Friday of September, our monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place **following the 7:30 AM Liturgy until 8:30 AM.** The decision to move this monthly devotion to First Friday morning is due to the fact that those who take advantage of it are those who faithfully attend Mass each morning.



There are only **3 weeks** left until our Annual Parish Raffle Drawing! Tickets are \$1.00 each; \$20.00 per family. Our goal is to sell 4000 tickets. This is an important fundraiser for our parish so we encourage everyone to participate. The drawing will be at our parish picnic at 3 PM on September 10th. To date we have collected **\$1,010.** Thank you for your support!



Around the Parish

- **Morning Liturgy** - Mon., Tues., & 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.

The August 13th Collection and Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection totals will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

2017-2018 Diocesan Assessment: \$16,957.00
 2017-2018 School Subsidy: \$3,447.00
 Total Diocesan Assessment for 2017-2018: \$20,404.00
 Collected to Date: \$2,252.50
 We need to collect \$18,151.50 by June 30th, 2018 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.



PARISH FAMILY PICNIC: Our Annual Parish Family Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 10th**, beginning with an outdoor Liturgy at 12 Noon. The Picnic will be held in conjunction with the drawing of our Annual Parish Raffle. Come and join your fellow parishioners for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and fun. The Parish Picnic also is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to gather and share some social time together. A reservation form is available on the front cover of this weekend's bulletin.



We have recently partnered with **Parish Giving** to offer Online Giving. This program is secure using the strongest encryption technology available. It is convenient. No more searching for your weekly envelope or checkbook on Sunday morning before coming to church. More information will be available in the coming weeks. If interested in this Parish Giving program, please contact Connie in the Parish Office and she will be happy to assist you.

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for the 2017/2018 School Year will begin for **Grades 5 to 8 on Monday evening, September 11th, from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.** at the Ogdensburg School and for **Grades 1 to 4 on Wednesday afternoon, September 13th, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** 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 on **Thursday evening, September 7th** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church for **ALL** the parents of our children in Grades 1 - 8, who are registered in our Religious Education Program.

Our **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** will begin on **Monday evening, September 11th** for **Grades 9 & 10 from 6:45 - 8:00 PM** the Ogdensburg School. Class schedules for Grades 9 and 10 will be emailed to all registered students.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be a Parent Meeting on **Wednesday evening, September 6th** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church for **ALL** the parents of our teens who are registered in the Confirmation Program.

For more information about our Religious Education Program (Grades 1-8) please feel free to call Ms. Brigette Hanley at 973.864.4441. For more information on our Confirmation Program (grades 9 & 10) please contact the Parish Office (973-827-3190). Thank you for your cooperation!



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"When we need help, let us turn to the Father who always looks on us with love and never abandons us."

