

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.) 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 AM.

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*



Masses for the Week 
September 16th - 24th, 2017

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Stanley C. Barron Sr. req. of Betsy Sherlock
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Steve & Eleanor Macko
- 10:30 A.M. Richard Pilkington req. of Rowe family
- 12 Noon Gestrudes Batista req. of family
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Edna Zidek req. of Ed & Theresa Boscia
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Thaddeus McHugh req. of Father John
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Mitzi Hingel req. of Nancy Heslin Reading
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Doris Yankowski - Birthday - req. of Rosemarie & Sal Gammaro
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Ando & Muldoon family
- 10:30 A.M. Joseph Ferdinand req. of Pat & Mary Fitzgibbons
- 12 Noon Louise Svarczkopf req. of Al & Lucille DiSalvo



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, Joseph Sugar, Judy Gruber, Judy Sugar, Ann Keslo, John Ciser, Lynn Herndon, Robyn Cammarata, Vincent Lodato, Al DiSalvo, Betty Washer, Margaret Alfano, George & Patricia Sabourin, Betsy & Tim Sherlock, Mary Sanseverino, Kathi Mannion, Joan Stevens, John Bianco, Ralph Rojas, Laura Gruber

*"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 **Patricia Dolan** donated by Jeanne Gorman.



Catechetical Sunday 2017

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

This weekend, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday and the theme for this year is: "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization."

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

What does the word "Catechetical" mean? The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the teachings of the Church. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or to resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. What is important to note is that catechesis is not just a ministry to those who are called from the community to be catechists; our parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith.

On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of our catechists: the Salesian Sisters and Novices, and Lay people in our parish, but we also commend our parents and guardians, encouraging them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

So, on this Catechetical Sunday let us pray in a special way for Ms. Brigitte Hanley as she directs our Religious Education Program, for our catechists: the Salesian Sisters and Novices, for our lay catechists and for our young folks, their parents and guardians as they begin a new year of being witnesses to the Gospel, of handing down and learning about our Catholic faith.

Have a good week!
In is Love,

PS: Last Sunday members of our parish family enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship, good food, drink and fun at our Annual Parish Family Picnic. I would like to express my thanks to Dion Derkach, Chairman of the picnic and his committee: Sue Reimer, Pattie Ganz, Maryann & Tom Schwork, Michael & Michelle Nardini for organizing the picnic and it events. To the caterer, Villa Capri II for the delicious food, to the many who donated the delicious deserts, to an anonymous donor for donating the ¼ keg of beer, to Dave Manning our Raffle Chairman and 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 \$3,340. Your support of this Annual Parish fundraiser is greatly appreciated! We congratulate the winners of the Raffle were:

- 1st Prize: Mr. & Mrs. George Sabourin
- 2nd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Nick DeSalvia
- 3rd Prize: J. Covell



Around the Parish 

- **Mon., Sept. 18th** - Religious Education classes for grades 5-8 and Confirmation classes for Grades 9 & 10 begin from 6:45-8:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School.
- **Wed., Sept. 20th** - Religious Education classes begin for Grades 1-4 from 3:00-4:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School.
- **Wknd of Sept. 23rd/24th** - Ministry Fair

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
 September 10th collection amounted to \$2,164.00
 Online Giving amounted to: \$30.00
 Total September 10th, 2017: \$2,194.00
 Budgeted: \$2,400.00
 Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy collection
 amounted to: \$1,024.00

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: \$4,361.50
 We need to collect \$16,042.50 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.



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!



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"We always need to rediscover God's love and mercy in order to develop our relationship with Him."



ON-LINE GIVING OPTION: Our parish website now has a link to sign up for On-line Giving. If you wish to take advantage of this option of supporting our parish, go to www.stthomasofaquin.org and you will find the link. Click on it and follow the instructions. As always, thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish.

Faith Formation 

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES for the 2017-2018 academic year are now underway. For information about our Religious Education Program (Gr. 1-8) please feel free to call Ms. Bridget Hanley at 973.864.4441. For information on our Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10) please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



COFFEE DRIVE: Catholic Family & Community Services Franklin Food Pantry is once again in need of coffee - regular or decaf, ground or instant (no K cups please). Our Social Action Ministry will be collecting coffee **NEXT WEEKEND** (September 23rd/24th). Donations can be dropped off in the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors.



SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson with Bishop Serratelli at a Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5, 2017** at 4:00pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson
... "In Giving We Receive..."

For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly appreciated! Every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal!



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY: Bishop Serratelli has requested that donations be accepted for those affected by the recent hurricane. Funds will go directly to Catholic Charities agencies already in place in the affected areas to assist those most in need. Special envelopes are available in this weekend's bulletin so your contributions can be recorded (just write your name on the envelope). Please drop the special envelope in the basket that will be on the table at the entrance of the Church on the weekend's of September 23rd/24th and September 30th/October 1st. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity for those who need our help at this time.