

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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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.sussexcountycatholicschools.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 
October 14th - 22nd, 2017



- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Doris Yankowski - Anniversary - req. of Gammaro family
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Eileen Lukich req. of Rosary Society
- 10:30 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Davis family
- 12 Noon Maria Gabriel req. of family
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Peggy McGovern req. of Mary & Pat Fitzgibbons
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Brenda Covert req. of Nancy Heslin Reading
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Robert & John Paul Boutineau req. of Fran & Rich Green
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. **No Mass Today**
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Edna Zidek req. of Bud & Geri Decker
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Michele Ando - Birthday - req. of Ando and Macko families
- 10:30 A.M. Wendy Langlinois req. of DePinto family
- 12 Noon Easter L. Rogerson req. of Reading 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, 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, Joan Stevens, John Bianco, 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 in Memory of **Manuel Pinho** donated by Maryann & Tom Schwork.

Imagine the scene, someone you know is or having a big party and you're sure you'll be invited. You can't wait for the event to take place, you've been looking forward to it - but no invitation arrives. You keep on waiting and hoping, but the invitation never arrives. You would feel very disappointed. You would feel even more disappointed if you discovered that all of your friends have been invited, except you. You would probably feel like never speaking to the party giver again. When it comes to our God, though, we need never be afraid of not being invited to the heavenly feast.

Our gospel for this weekend shows above all else that our God is a generous, warm God. He recognizes potential, finds good in everyone and welcomes all to His feast - the Eucharist. God's welcome isn't conditional. It isn't just offered to the "right" person but to everyone - young and old, female and male, rich and poor, the non-Christian and the Christian, the sinner and the virtuous.

We find God searching high and low, bringing in everyone, offering an indiscriminate welcome to the good, the bad and the ugly. God goes out of His way to bring people to his feast. All we have to do is accept his invitation.

Have a good week everyone!
In His Love,

Fr. John



BLIZZARD BOX COLLECTION: This weekend our Social Action Ministry is conducting the annual drive for the Meals on Wheels Emergency Food Box campaign. The boxes are prepared in advance of inclement weather so that the recipients will have

nonperishable foods available for those days when meals cannot be delivered. Please consider donating the following non-perishable foods (no glass containers and low sodium, sugar free if possible): canned fruit, fruit juices, potatoes, stews, soup and tuna in water. Crackers, low-fat peanut butter and raisins are also needed.



CEMETERY CARE COLLECTION: Next weekend our Second Collection will be for the care of our Parish Cemetery. This collection will be taken up immediately after the regular collection. Please be as generous as your means permit. Thank you!



In your September/October envelope packet there is an envelope for **All Souls Day**. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and/or friends on the envelope and place it in the collection basket on **any Sunday during the month of October**. The donations made for All Souls Day will be used for cemetery maintenance. The envelopes with the names of our beloved dead will then be placed on our Altar to be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.



Around the Parish 

- Sun., Oct. 15th - Mission Sunday
- Mon. Oct. 16th - Religious Education/Confirmation Classes - 6:45- 8:00 at the Ogdensburg School
- Wed., Oct. 18th - Religious Education classes - 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.

Through your generous donations the October 8th collection amounted to \$2,162.00
Online Giving amounted to \$55.00
Total for October 8th - \$2,217.00
Budgeted: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy Collection amounted to: \$1,085.50
Budgeted per collection: \$1,700.00

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: \$5,671.50
We need to collect \$14,732.50 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.



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ONLINE GIVING OPTION: Check our Parish Website: www.stthomasofaquin.org for more information on this option of supporting our



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 this coming **Tuesday, October 17, 2017.** Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



CHRISTMAS WREATH & SPRAY SALE: Our Rosary Society is sponsoring their *Annual Christmas Wreath & Spray Sale.* We all like to have a wreath or spray to decorate our homes for Christmas. On the weekends of Oct 21st/22nd & Oct. 28th/29th you can drop your pre-order form in the Christmas tin that will be available at the entrance of the Church. Additional order forms are also available. Any questions, contact Sue Reimer @ 973.209.4090. Thank you for supporting this annual Rosary Society project.

Can you help?

Willing workers need a leader! We are blessed to have experienced people volunteering to work on all aspects of our **Annual Parish Tricky Tray.** The only vacant spot remaining to be filled is the Chairperson (or persons). Qualifications: Good organizational skills; must be over 18 years of age; individuals or couples can volunteer. The exact date for the Tricky Tray is tentative but we are planning for April 2108. This is a major fundraiser for our parish and an opportunity to work with your fellow parishioners. If you can help us, please contact the Parish Office (973.827.3190) Thank you!



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"In the Cross our hope is reborn. Hope born of the Cross is different from that of the word, because it is born of the love of Jesus."



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: This weekend donations are being accepted for **World Mission Sunday.** Our prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday help to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is our chance to show our love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters who share our faith. If you wish to contribute, you can use the envelope in your packet for this collection and place it in the basket that will be on the table at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

