

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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Reverend Msgr. Joseph J. Goode, Weekend Assistant
Mr. Edward Reading, Permanent Deacon
Mr. Dominic Zampella, Permanent Deacon
Ms. Brigette 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 
March 10th - 18th, 2018

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Christopher Scovzen req. of Dad and family
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Ralph Rojas req. of Ed & Theresa Boscia
- 10:30 A.M. Alice Morris req. of Pat & Mary Fitzgibbons
- 12 Noon Tiny Shelton req. of Ed & Nancy Reading
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Stephen & Madeline Swiss req. of Swiss fam.
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Anna Williams req. of Marjory Lute
- Wed. 7:00 P.M. Tammy Lynn Ciolfi - Anniversary - req. of Mom & Dad
- Thurs. **No Mass Today**
- Fri. 7:30 A.M.
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Fitzgibbons family
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Margaret Alfano req. of St. Thomas Rosary Society
- 10:30 A.M. Rosemary Rutkowski req. of Pat & Mary Fitzgibbons
- 12 Noon Mary Carmody - Anniversary - req. of Caroline McConnell



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, Joan Stevens, John Bianco, Betsy Sherlock, Tim Sherlock, Laura Gruber, Steve Macko, Gina Eliazo, Les Stewart

*"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 **Eileen Lukich** - Birthday - donated by Dave & Kathy Manning.



Lent and Fasting

"Fast" is one of those peculiar English words with two very different meanings. There is the Lenten "fast" in which we do without something in hope of deepening our sense of union with God. This kind of "fast" goes against everything we tend to value in our society where our focus, most of the time, is on having more: more food, more possessions, more activities, more of anything that is possible to have more of.

The second "fast" simply means "quick". We are absolutely addicted to this kind of "fast". We drive five miles over the speed limit, no matter what the speed limit is. We invented "fast food". We will buy anything that promises us it will do the job "faster" and save us time. And the time we save we continue to fill with more activities, more possessions, more entertainment, more of everything Lent invites us to fast from. This Lent, we are invited to break the cycle.

Slow down. Fast from all the "fast" our society inspires. Instead of giving up goodies, give up rushing, even if it involves getting up ten minutes earlier in the morning. When we are unhurried, it is possible to speak more calmly, drive more cautiously, and walk through life more gently.

Have a blessed Fourth Week of Lent!
In His Love,

Fr. John



TO OUR FAITHFUL DAILY MORNING MASS FOLKS ...

This is just a reminder that -- in the event of inclement weather on Monday, Tuesday or Friday, and the Ogdensburg School is either **Closed** or has a **Delayed Opening** ... there will be No Morning Mass that morning. Tune in to Radio Station WSUS-FM 102.3 for Inclement Weather Closing Announcements. You can also log on to our parish website www.stthomasofaquin.org to check if Daily Mass is cancelled.



MANNA HOUSE THANK YOU:

Our Social Action Ministry would like to express their thanks to the members of our parish family for your support last weekend to their annual tradition of purchasing items needed by Manna House when their contributions are typically low. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, Manna House has a good supply of paper products and various other items needed to serve a midday meal.

God

is rich in mercy





Around the Parish

- **Mon., March 12th** - Religious Education classes for grades 5-8 and Confirmation Class for grades 9 & 10 from 6:45-8:00 PM at the Ogdensburg School
- **Wed., March 14th** Religious Education classes for grades 1-4 from 3-4 PM at the Ogdensburg School
- **Fri., March 16th** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM
- **Sat. March 17th** - Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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
March 4th Collection amounted to **\$3,090.00**
Online Giving amounted to **\$190.00**
Total for March 4th - **\$3,280.00**
Budgeted: **\$2,400.00**

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: **\$11,913.73**
We need to collect **\$8,490.27** 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.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: Each year, our **Easter Flower Collection** allows us to decorate our worship space for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and it also allows us to remember our loved ones, living or deceased, at Easter. Our second collection next weekend will be for our Easter Flower Memorials.



To help us on our 2018 Lenten Journey you are invited to participate in the following Lenten Offerings:

- Daily Morning Liturgy** - 7:30 AM (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday) **PLEASE NOTE:** The Eucharist will be celebrated on Friday morning's during the Lenten Season.
- Monday Evenings of Lent** (March 12th and 19th) Sacrament of Reconciliation from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.
- Wednesday Evening Lenten Liturgy** (March 14th and 21st) at 7:00 PM. Msgr. Francis Duffy will celebrate the Liturgy and speak on the Lenten Theme: *"Called by the Spirit to be faith-filled Witnesses."*
- Lenten Liturgy with of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** - Wednesday Evening, March 21st at 7:00 PM celebrated by Msgr. Francis Duffy
- Friday Evenings** - Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

Faith Formation

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** - Sunday, April 15th following the 12 noon Liturgy - Church Hall. **First Eucharist Retreat** - Saturday, April 21st from 1:00 - 3:30 PM at Camp Auxilium, Newton; **First Eucharist Banner Making** Sunday, April 22nd following the 12 noon Liturgy - Church Hall; **Sacrament of First Eucharist and May Crowning** - Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 AM. **Celebration of Confirmation** - Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 AM.



ANNUAL PARISH TRICKY TRAY: Our ANNUAL PARISH TRICKY TRAY is only 5 weeks away and is being held on Friday evening, April 13th at the Ogdensburg Firehouse beginning at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table at the entrance of the Church for those who wish to donate to our Tricky Tray. If you are a business owner or know someone who is interested in making a donation, please contact Sue Reimer at 973.209.4090 or Patti Ganz at 973.827.0360.



TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS

"May every person come to Christ, the light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace."



WELCOME WEDNESDAYS at Catholic Academy of Sussex County. Pope John XXIII Regional H.S. (grades 8-12) Pope John XXIII Middle School (grades 5-7) Rev. George A. Brown School (grades PreK-4). On **WEDNESDAYS**, each school is open for tours at 8:30 AM. See one school or all three! Information: Anne Kaiser, Admissions 973-729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.