

# *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 7:00 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.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*



WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS OF AQUIN PARISH

Masses for the Week
May 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Robert Parmelee req. of Tom & Maryann Schwork
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Margaret Alfano req. of Jean Batty
10:30 A.M. Ralph Rojas req. of Joe & Rosemary Mora
12 Noon Tina Ciasullo - Anniversery - req. of family
Mon. 7:30 A.M. Stephen & Madeline Swiss req. of Swiss family
Tue. 7:30 A.M. Anita Tomchuk req. of Father John
Wed. 7:30 A.M. Arthur Heslin req. of Father John
Thurs. No Mass Today
Fri. No Mass Today
Sat. 5:00 P.M. Irene Dougherty req. of Fred & Sue Reimer
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Mike Nadeau req. of Peggy Cofrancesco
10:30 A.M. Larry LaFaso req. of Joe & Rosemary Mora
12:00 Noon Emily Weierstall req. of Weierstall 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.



As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which is the birthday of the Church, I would like to use the balloon to capture the essence of this Feast when our God poured out the Holy Spirit upon the very first church.

At first glance a balloon doesn't have much life. It doesn't bounce or float in the air, it needs something - it needs the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost our God breathed life into the Church by giving us the Holy Spirit. Before the people of the first Church received the Spirit - they were sad, afraid, they did not have much life - oh yes they believed in God - but something was missing.

Without breath a balloon is very sad - without breath it is not all that it can be. The Holy Spirit is like the breath that is in the balloon when we fill it with air - it allows a person to become fully alive to God and able to do and be all that he or she is meant to be.

On this feast of the Birthday of the Church, let us thank our God for giving life to the Church. Thank him for giving His Spirit to all of us who believe so that we can go out to the entire world and spread His good News.

Have a good week everyone!
In His Love,

Fr. John

"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, Kennedi Thompson, Maryann Hughes, Kyle Sisson, Marie Squier, Karolee Destefano, Jennifer Dinardo, Joseph Sugar, Judy Gruber, Judy Sugar, Ann Keslo, John Ciser, Lynn Herndon, Betty Washer, Robyn Cammarata, Vincent Lodato, Al DiSalvo, Joan Stevens, John Bianco, Laura Gruber, Tim Sherlock, Betsy Sherlock, Steve Macko, Gina Eliazo, Sal Gammaro

"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 the Special Intentions of the de la Torre family donated by Joe & Rosemary Mora.



We are in the process of updating our e-mail data base so that parish information can be emailed to you. This will save us on postage. So, if you would like parish information (contribution statements, ministry schedules, Faith Formation class information, parish events cancellations, etc.) e-mailed to you, please send an email to the Parish office at stthomasofaquin@embarqmail.com or fill-out the form below and place in an envelope marked "Email Address" and place it in the collection basket on the weekend. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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, is always ready to field any questions you may have with regard to Saint Thomas Cemetery and to handle all grave sales.



*Around the Parish*

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

May 13<sup>th</sup> Collection amounted to \$2,118.00  
Online Giving amounted to: \$150.00  
Total for May 13<sup>th</sup> - \$2,268.00  
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Diocesan Assessment & School Subsidy collection amounted to: \$1,068.00  
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: \$16,318.54  
We need to collect \$4,085.46 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to meet this parish financial obligation.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** To enroll, log on to our parish website, stthomasofaquin.org and click on the Online Giving Link. Once there, click again, on the Parish Giving Link to begin your registration.

**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.



**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** This weekend we are asked to contribute for the charitable works of our Holy Father Pope Francis in the Annual Peter's Pence Collection. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can use the envelope in your packet and place it in the basket that will be on the table at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

*Faith Formation*

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** Registrations are now open for our 2018/2019 Program. Information can be found on the Home Page Parish Website: www.stthomasofaquin.org. All returning students, as well as new students, must register for next year's classes, no student is automatically re-registered. For more information you may also contact our Director of Religious Education, Ms. Brigitte Hanley at 973.864.4441. The Registration Form for the 2018/2019 Confirmation Program has been emailed to the families of the candidates. The Registration Form can also be found on the Home Page of our parish website. For any questions concerning our Confirmation Program, please contact the Parish Office.



**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Liturgies. If you are interested in serving our parish family as a Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Server or Usher please contact the Parish Office (973.827.3190).



**COUPONS FOR THE COMMUNITY:** Donate your unwanted coupons for food, household and personal care items. Place your coupons in the basket that is on the table at the entrance of the church. THANK YOU for your continued support of this program.



Due to the unprecedented request for assistance from Catholic Charities' Food Pantries, and in order to fulfill our obligation to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has asked all parishes in the Diocese to participate again this year in the Annual Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive. Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish has been asked to collect **canned/boxed juices and bars of soap**. Cash donations will also be accepted. Please mark the weekend, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for the collection day in order to help those in need in our Diocesan community of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. Donations can be dropped off in the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



**TWEETS BY POPE FRANCIS**

*"The Word of God is the lamp with which we look to the future: its light allows us to read the signs of the times."*

