

The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Thomas of Aquin

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St. Thomas of Aquin

Cookie Walk

Saturday

December 15, 2018

(Snow Date - December 16th)

10:00am-1:00 pm

Parish Hall

53 Kennedy Ave

Ogdensburg, NJ





WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS OF AQUIN PARISH

Masses for the Week
December 1st - 9th, 2018

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Leo Miceli - 20th Ann. - req. of Rich Swiss
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Agnes Shelton req. of Ed & Theresa Boscia
10:30 A.M. Ralph Rojas req. of Irene Centinaro
12 Noon Katherine Armstrong req. of Father John
Mon. 7:30 A.M. Patricia Dolan req. of Tom & Leslie Dolan
Tues. 7:30 A.M. Josephine Kane req. of Margaret Heusser
Wed. 7:30 A.M. Jean Larson req. of Mary & Pat Fitzgibbons
Thurs. No Mass Today
Fri. 7:30 A.M. Mary King req. of Fred & Sue Reimer
Sat. 9:00 A.M. Alice Mora req. of Jo Ross
5:00 P.M. Paul & Elizabeth Chmarney req. of Pete & Karen Pensac
Sun. 8:00 A.M. Carl & Caroline Ando req. of Ando family
10:30 A.M. Peter McArdle req. of his children
12 Noon Louis Augostini req. of Reading family



Advent is a time to begin again as a community of faith. Advent is a season in the Church year of promise, preparation and anticipation; a time of growth, of expecting new life and of change.

The word Advent means "coming." This season is the time when we prepare for the celebration of God becoming human, and for His coming again at the end of time. As Christians we seek the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings to the world today, and look to the future when God's realm of peace will arrive in its fullness. The promise of Advent is that darkness and despair are overcome by Jesus, the Light of the World.

As Ancient Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah, we wait and prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Our Advent readings include the Prophets visions of the coming of peace and of the Birth of the Promised One, of John the Baptists' call to prepare for His coming through repentance, and the story of our Blessed Mother, Mary, a woman of great faith and love who said "yes" to God's will.

During these weeks of Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of God becoming one like us, will we, with all the "hustle and bustle" of this season, spiritually prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas and at the end of time?

Have a wonderful season of Advent everyone! In His Love,

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P.S. This coming Saturday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Eucharist will be celebrated at Saint Thomas on this Holy Day at 9:00 AM. As this feast occurs early in Advent, it is a perfect time to consider Mary and her important role in the celebration of Christmas.



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 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, Lynn Herndon, Judy Sugar, Vincent Lodato, Ann Keslo, John Ciser, Betty Washer, Joan Stevens, Al DiSalvo, Robyn Cammarata, John Bianco, Tim Sherlock, Betsy Sherlock, Sal Gammaro, Gina Eliazo, Kaden Williams, Sarah Santangelo, Joseph Faber, Edward Green, Philip Veli, Janet Gustafson

"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, especially Maryann VanOrden, mother of Michelle Marchionda, and to their families' peace and consolation.

The Sanctuary Candle, a reminder of the Divine presence in the Eucharist, burns this week for World Peace donated by St. Thomas Rosary Society.



The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available on the following Monday evenings of Advent: December 3rd, 10th & 17th from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. The Sacrament will also be available at the usual time; Saturday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30 PM. You are invited to experience the gracious mercy of God as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ at Christmas.



2019 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS: Calendars for the Year of Grace 2019 are available on the table at the Church entrance. We express our "thanks" to F. John Ramsey Funeral Home for their generous donation of these beautiful religious calendars each year.



COOKIE WALK: The Rosary Society's Annual Cookie Walk fundraiser will be held in the church hall on Sat., Dec. 15th, from 10:00 - 1:00 pm. (Snow date Dec. 16th) If anyone would like to bake cookies, there is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the Church. (Please note if your cookies contain nuts!) Baked items can be dropped off in the Church Hall from 9AM-10AM on Saturday morning, Dec. 15th.



Around the Parish 

- **Weekend of December 1st/2nd** - Donations are being accepted for the Retirement Fund for Religious
- **Mon., Dec. 3rd** - Religious Education Classes for Grades 5-8 & Confirmation Classes for Grades 9 & 10 from 6:45- 8:00 PM -Ogdensburg School/Confirmation Classes
- **Tues., Dec., 4th** - Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-4 from 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.

November 19th Collection Amounted to \$2,110.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$150.00
Total for November 19th - \$2,260.00

November 25th Collection amounted to \$2,491.00
Online Giving amounted to: \$230.00
Total for November 25th - \$2,721.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

2018-2019 Diocesan Assessment: \$19,096.00
2018-2019 School Subsidy: \$3,447.00
Total Diocesan Assessment for 2018-2019: \$22,543.00
Collected to Date: \$7,162.50
We need to collect \$15,380.50 by June 30th, 2019 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.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT & SCHOOL SUBSIDY: Our second collection next weekend will be for our Diocesan Assessment and School Subsidy. This collection will be taken immediately after the regular collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to this parish financial obligation to the Diocese.



'Tis the Season! Our **Christmas Giving Tree** has arrived and is decorated with gift tags with suggestions for the needy. Each year the Advent Season provides us with the opportunity to respond to the needs of others in the "Spirit of Christmas." Christmas has a special but different meaning at all stages of life. Many like to select gifts for children to make sure that Christmas is special for them. However, let us not forget the elderly, like the 100 residents at St. Joseph's home in Totowa, who would also appreciate being remembered with little gifts and basic necessities this Christmas as well. There are plenty of tags available on the tree for them. As a point of information: each child's wishes are on three tags on the Giving Tree, so please do not feel that you are the only gift giver for that child. We would ask that you please return your gift, with the tag attached, by the weekend of December 15th & 16th, at which time they will be sorted and distributed to the various families and organizations we assist each year. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those of all ages at this Christmas Season.



Our Rosary Society would like thank those from our parish family who supported their annual Christmas wreath and spray sale. Hopefully you are enjoying the wreaths and sprays. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and New Year!



FOURTH ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Join us Saturday evening January 26th, 2019 at the Ogdensburg Firehouse. Entertainment by Ray Sikora. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction. Dinner includes: Vegetable tray, penne pasta with meat sauce, Filet Mignon on French bread, French fries, dessert, wine, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. If you would like to reserve your tickets, please complete the form below, place it in an envelope with your payment marked "Beefsteak Dinner" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Total: \$ _____



As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2018appeal.org. If you are 70 1/2 or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.