

# *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 A.M.

### *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](http://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*



WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS OF AQUIN PARISH

Masses for the Week  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Paul & Elizabeth Chmarney req. of Peter & Karen Pensec
- 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 Augustini req. of Reading family
- Mon. 7:30 A.M. Arthur Heslin req. of Mary & Pat Fitzgibbons
- Tues. 7:30 A.M. Sue Reimer req. of Father John
- Wed. 7:30 A.M. Rose & Joseph Cilurso
- Thurs. No Mass Today
- Fri. No Mass Today
- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Robert Dougherty req. of Fred & Sue Reimer
- Sun. 8:00 A.M. Lee Pensec req. of Peter & Karen Pensec
- 10:30 A.M. Agnes Shelton req. of brother, John
- 12 Noon Barbara Auché req. of Gibson family



As we journey through Advent, which can be hectic with the decorating, buying and wrapping gifts, writing and sending cards, and preparing for the Christmas meal, that we sometimes lose sight of what this season is truly about - spiritually preparing to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. With this in mind I like to share with you this Advent meditation to reflect on this week.

Happy Second Week of Advent!!  
In His Love,

*Fr. John*

*O Jesus, your voice sounds through the house of my world: Be on your guard! Stay awake! Yet I hardly hear you. Busy with so much, I go about the things I do like a servant trapped in household routine, hardly giving a thought to what my life is about. My spirit within has grown tired and you, my God, seem far away. How can I hear your voice today?*

*Speak to my heart during this season of preparing, waiting and hoping, as you spoke to your prophets and saints. Remind me again of the journey you call me to make and the work you would have me do. I am your servant, O Lord. Speak to me in this holy season and turn my eyes to watch for your coming.*

*O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.*



**MASS INTENTIONS:** The 2019 Mass intention scheduling book is now available to schedule Mass intentions for your loved ones for 2019. 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, Kennedy 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, Carol Ando

*“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 **Veronica Heslin**, mother of Nancy Reading, 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 Steve Macko** donated by Joe & Rosemary Mora.



The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be available on the following Monday evenings of Advent: December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** Gifts for our Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project are to be returned, with the tag attached to the wrapped gift, by **next weekend, December 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>** and placed under the Christmas tree in the Church so “Santa’s Elves” have time to make their deliveries. Thank you for your generosity to this annual Social Action Committee Christmas holiday parish project.



The Special Christmas Wafers, **Oplatki** are available again this year. You may pick them up from the table at the entrance of the Church.



Around the Parish 

- **Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Religious Education Classes for Grades 5-8 will met at the Church from 6:45 - 8:00 PM; Confirmation Classes for Grades 9 & 10 will meet at the Ogdensburg School from 6:45-8:00 PM
- **Tues., Dec., 11<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection amounted to \$2,337.00  
Online Giving amounted to: \$195.00  
Total for December 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2,532.00  
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2,400.00

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious Amounted to: \$516.00

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Christmas Altar Poinsettias

Each year, our **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS COLLECTION** allows us to decorate our worship space for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and it also allows us to remember our loved ones, living and deceased at Christmas. Our second collection next weekend will be for our Christmas Altar Flower Memorials.



**COOKIE WALK:** The Rosary Society's Annual Cookie Walk fundraiser will be held in the church hall this coming Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 - 1:00 pm. Stop in for a wide selection of homemade cookies. (Snow date Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>) Baked items can be dropped off in the Church Hall from 9AM-10AM on Saturday morning, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.



**ADVENT SERVICE OF HEALING & ANOINTING** will be celebrated on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. This Sacrament of healing, strength and hope celebrates the restoring and renewing presence of our Lord made manifest in the blessing with holy oil. Sacramental anointing and Eucharist nourish our faith, hope and love - offering strength to body, mind and spirit. We invite all members of our parish family to attend with a special invitation to those who are struggling with sickness or preparing for surgery.



2018 Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

**Weekend of December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Regular Weekend Liturgy Schedule

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**  
No Morning Liturgy. The Eucharist on Christmas Eve will be celebrated at 4:00 PM (Please note: The 4:00 is the most crowded Liturgy on Christmas Eve) & 8:00 PM. The Singing of Christmas Carols will begin at 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**  
The Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Weekend of December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular Weekend Liturgy Schedule

**Monday Morning, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve)**  
The Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation (New Year's Day)** the Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.



**FOURTH ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

Join us Saturday evening January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_