

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, April 27, 2015

NOON Pierina Lorenzoni

### TUESDAY, April 28, 2015

6:30am Ann & John Marino

NOON Paul Golando

### WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2015

6:30am Hazel & Ray Re

NOON Vincent Gatens

### THURSDAY, April 30, 2015

6:30am Wilbel Allen

NOON Rev. Patrick Cleary CSSP

### FRIDAY, May 1, 2015

NOON Guiliane Spigone

### SATURDAY, May 2, 2015

8:30am The Lawless Family

5:30pm Jane Stephen

### SUNDAY, May 3, 2015

8:00am People of the parish, Purgatorial Society

11:30am Kathleen Toal McKenzie

5:30pm Metro & Stella Nazaruk

## REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Stacy Lapenna, Ellen M. Lehane, , Edwin H. Walsh, Joseph F. Galli, Ed Morrissey, Baby John Richard Delfino, Angelo Sciannameo, Carl Nott, Susan Olsen, Gail Monsegue Sarah DeProseeno, Marie Lenti, Luis Loperena, Ghislaine Augustin, Ann Daroux, Diane Camacho, Sharon Morrissey, Susan & Kenneth McBride, Anthony Guida, Sandra Monkhouse, George Cetta, Elisa Saulino

### For those who have died::

**Those in the Armed Services**—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world

## MEMORIALS

**Altar Bread & Wine**— In memory of **Pedro Jose Baez** donated by Yolanda Sandoval Hernandez & Family

**Altar Candles**— In memory of **Maria Mercedes Baez Cruz** donated by Yolanda Sandoval Hernandez & Family

**Sanctuary Lamp**— In memory of **Rev. Patrick Cleary Cssp.** donated by Gerry & Suzette Toal

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society runs a bus trip to Atlantic City on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of every month, our next trip is **May 19, 2015** to **Bally's**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. **The cost for this trip is \$40.00**, which includes a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. For more information please call Mark Evans at 917-517-1903. All are welcome.

## ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish runs a trip to **Bally's Casino** in Atlantic City on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of every month. The bus leaves from in front of St. Thomas Aquinas Church ( 1550 Hendrickson St. between Flatlands Ave. and Ave. P.) at 8:30AM. The cost is **\$40.00**, which includes a bagel for breakfast and a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. The next trip is scheduled for **Thursday, May 7, 2015** For further details or to sign up for the trip, please call Noreen at (718) 253-7824

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

Please be advised that there is a new emergency number for those who need a Priest. This is an emergency number, so please **only use in an emergency**, a death or last rites all other calls please use the parish phone number. **Emergency # 917-732-3349**

## ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

All members of the Rosary Society are asked to attend the 11:30 Mass next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and to please **sit together and wear your medal**. The **Crowning of Blessed Mother** will take place at this Mass.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

**The Youth group meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of every month. For more info call Fr. Dwayne at the rectory.**

## **COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If you know of a parishioner who is unable to attend mass on the weekend, or are unable to attend yourself, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Mathew at 1-718-253-4404. Ms. Mathew will arrange a visit and then assign an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit on a regular basis. Homebound parishioners are very grateful to be able to receive communion in their homes. Please keep our homebound members in your prayers.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Grieving is the painful experience of loss of a loved one. One way or other many of us have experienced loss which is still fresh in our heart and mind. More times than often, we are expected to be strong, taking care of others who are grieving or suffering from illness, or other life situations. What about us? St. Thomas Aquinas bereavement ministry invite you to set aside an hour of your time for yourself. Sharing the suffering that accompanies grieving, usually assists us in realizing how typical our experience is and how much the support of others helps us in recovering from our losses. We meet on the 1st Mondays of every month at 7:00pm and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month at 2:30pm at Aquinas Center. 2000 Flatbush Avenue. Please use the entrance through the School yard.

Need any information please call 718 253-4404, Ext. 16

## **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

Like us on Facebook @ St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatland's and check out our website. [www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com](http://www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com)

## **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

Please be aware that our Summer Mass schedule that will start on Wednesday July 1, 2015 will be as follows:

Monday—Friday 9:00am (**There will be no noon Mass**).

Saturday— 9:00 am

5:30 Vigil

Sunday— 8:00am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

## **MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

According to an old tradition, Catholics may offer a contribution to the Church and request an intention for a particular Mass. This custom invites the faithful into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by uniting their sacrifice with that of Christ. It also helps to support the work of the Church. Because of this latter reason, the contribution is called a “stipend.” We encourage you to remember your deceased loved ones by making an offering. You may also make an offering for the living, especially the sick, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or for any particular intention.

The offering or stipend for each Mass celebrated at Saint Thomas Aquinas is \$15.00 (this stipend is determined by the Diocese of Brooklyn). There is a multi-intention Mass on Sundays at 8:00am.

The mass book is open for the summer months . Masses are available from July 1st,– September 12th

### **YOUNG ADULT**

Our next Young Adult gathering will be our "Thank God It's Finally Spring" Barbecue on Saturday, May 2. Young Adults are invited to attend the 5:30PM Mass and then head onto the lawn behind the rectory

### **BOOK CLUB**

Join us on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 for our Rediscover Catholicism Book Club Reunion in the Aquinas Center. We will finish the final chapters of the book Pages 259-324 and how the book has impacted our lives for the better. Bring your favorite Finger Food to Share. Hope to see you there.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Our second collection this weekend is for Catholic Home Missions. Your generosity will provide catecheses, seminarian education, lay ministry training and other pastoral programs in needy diocese across the United States. Please be as generous as your means allow.

### **XXV ANNIVERSARY OF KUJENGA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**July 24-26, 2015**

At

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington NY

**Early Bird Special Deadline May 30th-\$200.00**

**After deadline-\$250.00**

Cost includes Transportation, Room, Meals Workshop Materials and 25th Anniversary Dinner in Douglaston.

Open to Age Groups:14-18Yrs.

For more information please call Elreta Fowler 718-774-3806

### **KUJENGA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Please join us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary on July 26, 2015 from 2:30-9:00pm with dinner and dance.

**Tickets; \$60.00 per person**

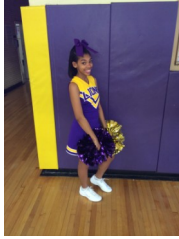
Rite of Passage and the Mass of Thanksgiving begins at 2:30pm

Followed by Cocktail at 5:00pm, Dinner & Dance

**FORMAL ATTIRE**

For more information call the VBCC office at 718-774-3806

## MEET OUR WORLD YOUTH CANDIDATES



**Shania Jones**

My name is Shania Jones. I am a 15 year old girl who attends Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. I like to dance and I am a part of the cheerleading team at my school. I enjoy different activities such as bike riding, swimming, and especially shopping. I am also really photogenic. On the weekend, I am an altar server, I am also a part of the youth ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas. I have been going to St. Thomas Aquinas church ever since I was a little girl.

My Religious life started from when I was a baby when I got baptized. Ever since then, I was a member of the church. Later on, in the second grade, I received Reconciliation. That was an exciting but scary day. I remember being happy because I had never done that before. It was also a scary experience because I wasn't too comfortable telling the priest the bad I had done. However, I felt so refreshed after. This then led to my Communion and that was one of the best days of my life. Not because of the party afterwards but because this was bringing my bond with God even closer.

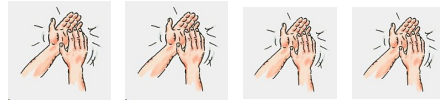
Then came my Confirmation, another amazing day. This was the day I was receiving the Holy Spirit. At first, I didn't understand it too well but as I learned more in school and from going on retreats, it made sense to me more. I started being more a part of my church in the 6th grade when I became an altar server. I enjoy doing this and it also brings me closer to my faith. Gradually, I participated more in church events. I even signed up for the youth group. Most people think

when I say I'm going to youth group that it's a boring thing where we sit around and pray for a whole two hours, but it's not. In youth group, we do fun activities or watch religious movies or talk about different topics. It is quite fun and I look forward to going there on Fridays. Youth group is a place where, regardless of what goes on in your life like drama or family issues, you can put that aside and just bond with kids your age that are there to escape from it all.

St. Thomas Aquinas is really a great church and the people in it participated in making me the young lady I am today

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at 11:30am Mass, 50 children from our parish will be receiving the First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and for their families.



On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 33 of our teens are to be confirmed by Bishop Ray Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, at St. Mark parish in Brooklyn. Today the candidates, their parents and Sponsors are with us, to ask our support and prayers as they approach one step closer to the celebration of the Sacraments Initiation. Please welcome them and pray for them.

### RCIA

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS.... OR RCIA** is a process by which people who are considering membership in the Catholic Church come together for weekly classes to experience Christian Community and share a journey of faith.

#### FOR WHOM IS IT INTENDED?

1. Un-baptized adults who wish to learn more about the faith and Christian life, with the possibility of being a Catholic Christian.
2. Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about, and possibly join, the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholic Christians who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

#### WHY NOT ME?- self check list

- un-baptized?
- without recent church involvement?
- searching for meaning in your life?
- curious about the Catholic Church?

If you checked one or more of the above, the Lord is inviting you to “come and see” what the RCIA process is like. For information, call at our Faith Formation Office: 718 253-4404 Ext. 16.