

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 1, 2014

9.00am Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, September 2, 2014

6:30am In Thanksgiving

NOON Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2014

6:30am Carmelina Tafone

NOON Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY, September 4, 2014

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY, September 5, 2014

NOON Anna Walsh

SATURDAY, September 6, 2014

8:30am Betty Rahming

5:30pm Kathleen C. Walsh

SUNDAY, September 7, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial Society, Phyllis Patrizio

11:30am James McLaughlin

5:30pm John, Irene & Michael Carroll

REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The Sick: Christine Walker, 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

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS

As of September 2, all parish business will be done at the RECTORY

Hours are:

Monday-Thursday

9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

Evening 5pm-8:15pm

The Parish office is closed from Noon-1:00 pm., so the parish staff can have lunch.

9am-2pm Saturday & Sunday

The Parish office also will be open on Friday starting Sept. 5th 9am-12pm ONLY

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Mary Queen of Heaven will be conducting a Defensive Driving Course for Automobile Insurance Reduction/Point Removal.

Defensive Driving Course

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Mary Queen Of Heaven

10:00a.m.- \$50.00 per person

Call Andrea at 718-763-5533 for information and to register.

September 5th - Welcome Back & Ice
Cream Social

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Summer is half over. You've probably taken care of the kids, the yard work, and the air conditioning. Have you had time to take care of your marriage? Here's how you can enhance your marriage - experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Autumn is coming, so make plans now. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in our area is Sept. 12-14 2014. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwme.org or call (877) NYS-WWME.

Transportation can be arranged.
Meals and lodging included for a \$50 registration fee. If you mention St. Thomas Aquinas the \$50 registration fee will be waived.

YOUTH CORNER

All youth, junior high and high school teens. St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Group meets every first, and third Friday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Aquinas Center. In the world we are living today, there is a great need for teenagers to have a place where he or she can feel safe in expressing their faith as well as to have fun among other Catholic teens their age. All are welcome to come, so please invite your friends! For more information see Fr. Dwayne or any of our youth leaders.

Upcoming Youth Events and Calendar for the Summer

CARIBBEAN NIGHT

St. Thomas Aquinas Msgr. King Hall
Saturday, September 27, 2014
7:00 pm - Midnight
Donation: \$25.00

Come enjoy the sounds and tastes of the Caribbean
Tickets on sale in the Rectory Office and in the Church Vestibule after all weekend Masses
Proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Ministry

DONATIONS

The Caribbean Night Dinner Dance Committee is currently accepting donations for the Caribbean themed baskets that will be raffled on the night of the event. Please drop off your donations including Caribbean liquors, spices, candies, jewelry etc. at the Rectory Office, or at the ticket table in the church vestibule when the event tickets are being sold. Your contributions will be much appreciated.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Calling all Young Adults, 18- 30s.

We are opening our doors to Young Adults, who either reside in our Parish, or simply want to use this opportunity to connect, discuss, enrich themselves and spend some quality time. No, this is not a prayer group, although the issue of prayer, faith and morality will be touched upon many times. Young adults are people from 18 to 30's, married & single, who very seriously know the realities of life, yet still live out the joys of their youth. The meetings are not classes, where attendance is taken or sign-up is mandatory. Rather, it is a gathering of young people, friends if you will, very informal and laid back. Come as you are. You don't have to be Catholic in order to join. Be sure to become familiar with us both online and in person. We guarantee that these gatherings will be very fulfilling. You will not waste your time with us. Some of our possible activities will include: bowling, hiking, ice skating, soup kitchen, bike rides, Ski trip, retreats, movie nights, wine tasting, sports, visiting the museum, barbeque, Theology on Tap, Midnight Run, Catholic Underground, book club, and community service events. The Young Adult group will meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 5:30PM Mass

For more information please see Fr. Dwayne or any of the Young Adult Committee members.

Our First Young Adult gathering will be on Saturday, September 6th, Our Young Adult BBQ & Social in the Rectory Garden.

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to **Bally's** in Atlantic City on **September 4, 2014**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Noreen at 917-991-8362. Please leave a message. All are welcome

HOLY NAME NEWS

The next Holy Name Society meeting is on Tuesday September 2, 2014 at 7:00pm in the rectory.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook @ St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatland's and check out our new website.

www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

THE VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM PRAISE PRAYER BRUNCH

Theme:

***"If God Did it Before, God
Will Surely Do It Again!"***

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R

Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University

Praise Music: People of Praise

FROM 10AM-1PM

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

West Indian & American Food

This is an event you don't want to miss. Bring a Friend!!!

All Proceeds will go to the VBCC Youth Leadership Program

Buses are being provided from St. Gregory the Great in Brooklyn

for an additional fee please RSVP by September 5, 2014

Contact Elreta 718-774-3806

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation Ministry will begin a new class for adults who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Sessions will begin in October and are open to anyone sixteen years of age or older who have been baptized and received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Penance. Prior registration is necessary. Please call our Faith Formation Office. 718 253-4404. You need to have your Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates. Please remember one needs to be fully initiated to be a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for confirmation.

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. Non 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

- Non 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. 30.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God calls people in different and mysterious ways! Some to proclaim the Word, some to teach, some others to be companions on the journey. Would you Do you think God is calling you to be a companion with those on the journey? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parish is asking you to be a faith companion on an individual basis. Please call at Faith Formation Office. 718 253-4404 Ext. 30.

Our Faith Formation Program offers the opportunity for children from KG through Eight grade to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and grow in their relationship with God. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons and on Sunday Mornings and include Mass during the school year. We are in need of catechists who are willing to share their faith and work

with the young ones as Catechists, helpers and assistants to catechists. If you feel Jesus and His mission is calling you to this ministry, please call Faith Formation Office. 718 253-4404. You will be helped to get trained to do this ministry.

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**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Class Registration for 2014-2015

Registrations for the 2014-2015 Calendar Year is now being accepted. Please stop by the Aquinas Center (Mon - Thurs, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.) or Rectory Office (Mon - Thurs, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.) to pick up a registration form for either the Sunday or Wednesday Program. Or go to www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com and

Class Starts on Sunday, September 21st and Wednesday, September 24th. Please parents register your child as soon as possible so that we can prepare appropriate material for them.

download a copy. First time registrants, please bring a copy of your child(ren) baptismal certificate.

We will be having registration on Sunday September 7, 2014 after the 8:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Registration fee is \$100.00 per child and \$50.00 for each additional child.

Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons 4:00-5:30 pm and Sunday mornings 10:00am- 12:30 pm including 11:30

am Mass.

For additional information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 718-253-4404.

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 3rd 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.



October 11, 2014. You must be 21 or older in order to attend, more information to follow next week.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DEPAUL GIVES BACK!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish schools share in the profits. For each car, truck, van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 1-718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

Faith is the best gift one can share with others. Our parish is in need of those who are willing to spare two hours a week to share their faith with the young people of our parish. If you would like to be enriched in your faith by sharing it, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 718 253- 4404. Those who are involved in this ministry say "it is the most rewarding ministry!"

Wine Tasting

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adult group invites you and a friend to join us for a wine tasting event to remember on **Saturday**,

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