

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 2, 2013

NOON Roosevelt & Marlene Gervais (A)

TUESDAY, December 3, 2013

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Brenda Stein

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2013

6:30am The Belizaire & Christophe Family

NOON Francis and John Bertucelli

THURSDAY, December 5, 2013

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Eugene Tiernan

FRIDAY, December 6, 2013

NOON Ceres & Roland Joseph

SATURDAY, December 7, 2013

8:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Augustine
& St. Patrick

5:30pm Deceased of Malafronte &
Vigueras Family

SUNDAY, December 8, 2013

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the
Parish, Ann Caroline Corda (A)
Phyllis Patrizio, Lydia King (L)

11:30am Shawn Maynard

5:30pm Honor of the Immaculate Conception



HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **December 17, 2013** to **Showboat**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Bill or Dorothy at 1-718-377-4061. All are welcome.

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to **Showboat** in Atlantic City on **December 5, 2013**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Noreen at 718-253-7824. Please leave a message. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 25-April 3, 2014

Msgr. McGuirl, Msgr. Harrington,
Fr. Vassalotti, Fr. K Sweeney, Chaplains
For a brochure call: Lucille 1-800-228-4654
Ext. 208 lucille@groupist.com

REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



The Sick: Christine Walker, Stacy Lapenna, Ellen M. Lehane, , Edwin H. Walsh, Joseph F. Galli, Ed Morrissey, Baby Anthony DelRe, Baby John Richard Delfino, Marge Taunton, Angelo Sciannameo, Audrey Smith, Robert Clark

A Time to Die: Antonine Bauvais

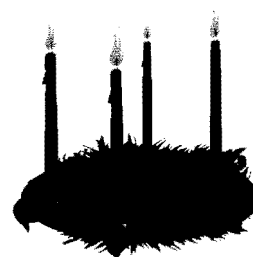
Those in the Armed Services—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Altar Bread and Wine— In memory of **Ismael Vasquez** donated by Morgana Martinez

Altar Candles— In memory of **Vanier Bain** donated by Marie Bain (wife)

Sanctuary Lamp— In memory of **Pierre Bain** donated by Marie Bain (mother)



FAITH FORMATION

St. Thomas Church will be starting a five week adult Faith Formation sessions based on Father Robert Barron's well known program on CATHOLICISM. All are invited. Catechists will be given credits towards their certification. Presentations will be held in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Adult Faith Formation sessions:

Your are invited to come and learn more about the Catholic Church and our Faith.

When? Monday, December 2, 9 and 16
7:00-8:30pm

Where? St. Thomas Aquinas Church

What? A deeper look into the beauty and truth of the Catholic Church.

Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about our Church and her teachings! Don't be left out! This journey will be guided by Msgr. John Brown, Father Dwayne Davis and Ms. Elizabeth Mathew.

For more information please call 718-253-4404 Ext. 30

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for the relief efforts of those affected by Typhoon Haiyan. If you have already sent in a donation it has been held and will be added to the collection this weekend.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group of Catholic lay people who dedicate themselves to Mary Immaculate and they bring the gospel into hearts yearning for Christ and our Blessed Mother. They meet on Monday's at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Come and see what God's blessings could bring to you in your life.

MISSALETTE DEDICATION

We are replacing the JOURNEYSONG hymnals with an updated Missalette each Missalette is valued at \$25.00, and you can fund as many Missalettes' as you like. Your generosity and commitment to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is vital so we can continue to provide the wonderful music ministry. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "New Missals" with your name, telephone number and the name of the person you wish to have inscribed in the Missalette. For those parishioners who already had a hymnal from last year memorialized, those name will be brought over to the new missalette. Any questions please call Mrs. Dawson 718-253-4404.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

In the spirit of Christmas sharing, Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Altar Servers and Youth Ministry invites the entire congregation to participate in our Christmas Giving Tree Project. Our goal is to light up the lives of those less fortunate. Again this year we will be collecting Christmas gifts for **HOOR CHILDREN**.

On the Christmas Tree there are gift tags from a wish list; please take a tag and help us make Hour Children have a Blessed Christmas. All gifts must be returned no later than the weekend of **December 14/15**. Please bring all gifts unwrapped with the gift tag attached.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

- **Christmas Flowers** - help us decorate the Church this Christmas through your generous donation to this collection. A complete list of all those who donate will be published in an upcoming bulletin.
- **Christmas Mass Remembrance** - your loved will and friends will be remembered in our Christmas Mass Remembrance this Christmas season.
- **Christmas Gift to the Parish** - this important annual collection helps us to meet the extraordinary expenses we face at this time of year. Please be as generous as your means permit.

LIGHTING OUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS

For the past few years we have lit our way to Christmas with the lighting of candles down the center aisle of the Church during the Christmas season. This year we would like to offer this opportunity again.

From Christmas Eve through the end of the Christmas season, candles will be lit in memory of or in honor of family members or friends; a donation of \$150.00 per candle is requested. Please place this donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Candles" and drop in the collection basket. A complete list will be placed in the Christmas bulletin.

Theology On Tap

Join Theology On Tap for a night of wine and cheese celebrating "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE" with Tim Haines and Wilson Orihuela, Hosts of VERICAST Show (www.vericast.net) as they discuss the Incarnation of the Lord. Saturday, December 7th 6:30pm at The Aquinas Center.

Free will offering and Raffles to benefit Religious Education. Must be 21 years of age/older to attend. For further information call Robert Ruggiero 718-253-4404.

1st Annual Christmas Fair at St. Thomas Aquinas

First Annual Christmas Fair - Saturday, December 14th
10am-4:00pm -

Find that perfect gift for Christmas - plus food, crafts, music, and fun!!!

Location: The Little Church of St. Thomas (Enter through main parking lot directly across from the main Church). For further information - 718-253-4404 or www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero - proceeds to benefit Religious Education.

Vendors Needed for 1st Annual Christmas Fair

If you are interested in selling your merchandise, please call 718-253-4404

To reserve a table for Saturday, December 14, 2013 10am-4pm speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero. Table reservations are \$30.00.

Volunteers and Supplies Needed for 1st Annual Christmas Fair

We welcome your generous donations in: Christmas baking goods, candies, new decorations, etc. - If you would like to assist us during the Christmas Fair - please call us at 718-253-4404 speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero.

No Religion Classes On

Sunday, December 1st

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Christmas Recess: Wednesday, December 25th,
Sunday, December 29th, and Wednesday, January 1st.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The parish of St. Thomas Aquinas complies with all Safe Environment mandates set fourth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session please do so at www.virtus.org.

The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personal-priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call the Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The annual "Rosary Society Christmas Party/Brunch" will take place on Sunday, December 15th at 1:00pm at Buckley's Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a very enjoyable afternoon that will include good food, music and prizes. Tickets are \$45.00 and may be purchased by calling Connie at 718-376-6045

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact William Moloney General Agent, at 917-626-7861 or by e-mail: william.moloney@kofc.org

MULTISENSORY INTERACTIVE ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

This is a new offering for our parish, one which will expand your ability to hear the Lord.

Because we are multi-sensory learners, God speaks to us through our senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. A prayer experience that brings all five of our human senses into play, therefore, can become an engaging prayer experience in which we take an active role in our encounter, communion, and connection to God. Working with this insight, the Advent Prayer Room incorporates traditional church symbols within a unique setting that enhances the prayer experience by providing participants with several options for their prayer time. This creates a personalized prayer time which allows participants to discover a connection to God through their senses, guiding them into a deep and meaningful dialogue with the living God.

Here's what you can expect in the Prayer Room. When you enter the prayer room, you will find a variety of prayer stations. You can spend as much or as little time at as you feel necessary at any one station, moving through each station at your own pace. There may be some stations that don't "touch your heart" or work for you, whereas others may help you feel a sense of connection to God's presence or grace. Candles, lights, incense, and meditative music help to create a reverent and quiet atmosphere which fosters opportunities to enter personally into communion with God. Some stations have items which are "hands on" while other stations may involve tasting or consuming a symbolic food to help enrich the prayer experience. As you move from station to station, you will encounter items to take with you as a symbolic reminder of your experience. This is your unique experience, your unique time with the Lord, your opportunity to know God and sense God's presence in new ways. Please join us on:

Friday December 13, from 10:30– 8:00pm

Saturday December 14, 10:30am-5pm and Sunday December 15, 9:00am-2:00pm

In the Aquinas Center (2000 Flatbush Avenue)

The prayer room also provides participants an opportunity to grow in faith and learn something new about themselves. It can be an experience that changes our perception of God and how God works in our lives.

We invite you, therefore, to renew your relationship with God by visiting the prayer room. Spend time to listen, wait, and experience the grace of the living God. Come and allow God to speak to your heart. Let the Holy Spirit ignite the fire of God's love and compassion deep within. Experience God's presence anew; see where God's grace is waiting to be poured out. Come and encounter the Story, the Spirit, the Scripture!

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE CANONIZATION OF POPES JOHN PAUL II & JOHN XXIII

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Come and join St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in our pilgrimage to Rome for the occasion of the canonization of Pope John Paul II & Pope John XXIII. We will also visit Assisi.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FATHER DWAYNE DAVIS

Depart April 24th - Return May 1st, 2014

Trip Includes:

- *Round trip air fare including all taxes;
- *4 nights in a Hotel in Rome centrally located to Vatican
- *Breakfast buffet and Dinner daily (wine included at dinner & mineral water)
- *Tour of Eternal City including Coliseum, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum, etc. ;
- *Participation at the canonization, with tour guide escort
- *Tour of Vatican including Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum
- *2 Nights in Assisi- St Francis Basilica, St. Claire Basilica, Our Lady of Angels & Portiuncola
- *Round Trip transfer to and from hotel including luggage handling.
- *Including tour escort and First Class Coach



\$2990.00 Per Person based on double occupancy

For more information please call

Elizabeth Mathew 718-253-4404 ext. 30

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Due to limited seats \$300 deposit required by December 20th.