

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 21, 2014

NOON Felix Wiese

TUESDAY, December 23, 2014

6:30am Jocelyn & Jacob Felix-Pierre

Peace & Harmony

NOON Hipolitte Desamour

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 2014

Noon Christine Walker

5:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance

Midnight Christmas Mass Remembrance

THURSDAY, December 25, 2014

6:30am Christmas Mass Remembrance

NOON Christmas Mass Remembrance

FRIDAY, December 26, 2014

NOON Adolphe & Genevieve Rogus

SATURDAY, December 27, 2014

8:30am Christmas Mass Remembrance

5:30pm Paul Mathew

SUNDAY, December 28, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial Society, Guiliana Spisoue, John Salanitro

11:30am Ameer Brian Khan

5:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance

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, Louise Brennan, Ghislaine Augustin, Ann Daroux, Joan Hafford, Diane Camacho, Sharon Morrissey, Susan & Kenneth McBride, Anthony Guida, Sandra Monkhouse, George Cetta

For those who have died:: Salvatore Marchese

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 & Wine— In memory of **Eugene Tiernan** donated by His Family

Altar Candles— In memory of **Christine Walker** donated by the Dawson Family

Sanctuary Lamp— In memory of **Catherine J. Hayes** donated by Jim Hayes & Children

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**

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 **January 20, 2015 to Bally's**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. **The cost for this trip is \$40.00**. 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, January 8, 2015** For further details or to sign up for the trip, please call Noreen at (718) 253-7824

SPECIAL REQUEST

A parishioner here at St. Thomas Aquinas Diane Camacho is in need of a new kidney. If you would like to help, please call 718-284-0704.



We are once again planning on taking some of our youth to World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. In order to attend the youth must be at least 16 by July 2016 and must be an active member or interested in becoming an active member of one of our parish ministries. Those youth who are interested in participating in World Youth Day are asked to see Fr. Dwayne. We are also looking for sponsors who are willing to help sponsor or part-sponsor our youth. The Youth and Young Adults who are interested must be 16-35 by the July 2016

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio invites all to join him in this year's annual Catholic Charities collection. The collection takes place at all Christmas masses. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with your gift. If you did not receive a printed envelope, we ask you to use your own blank envelope and mark it for "Catholic Charities." Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year's Catholic Charities collection.

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 ones and friends will be included 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



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O Loving God, you have desired to come and dwell with us. You have given signs of your hidden presence in our world and in ourselves. Help us to recognize the unimaginable nearness of you and to bask in the immensity of your gracious love. O Emmanuel, desire of the nations, Savior of all people; come and set us free. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Family Mass
5.30 P.M.

Midnight Mass at 12.00 A.M.

Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Day
8.00 A.M. & 11:30 A.M.

Wednesday, December 31st, New Year's
Eve

10.00-11:00 P.M. Holy Hour
11.00PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 1st
New Year's Day
12 Noon

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday December 24, through Monday January 5th 2015. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday January 5th at 9:00am. This is done so that all members of the parish staff can enjoy the Christmas holidays with family and friends.

COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

As of January 1, 2015 we only will be passing the collection baskets once during Mass. Please put your first collection and second collection envelopes or money in that basket. Thank you for all that you do for the parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas. May you all have a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Eucharist, faith, prayer, song, unity & friendship

Saturday, January 10, 2015
Mass 10:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Malagrecia
Resurrection Church
2331 Gerritsen Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Pre-registration is required; \$10.00

Sponsored by: Charismatic Renewal DOB

**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 Bert Viguera @ bviguera@cruiseone.com .

Our Next Young Adult gathering will be our 2015 Kickstarter Winter Social on Saturday, January 17, 2015 after the 5:30PM Mass

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. Our next youth group meeting will be November 21, we gather for Thanksgiving and it is gym night.

Our next youth group meeting will be on Friday, January 16, 2015, It is our GYM Night.

SAVE THE DATE

**VBCC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Saturday, January 10, 2015

At Saint Bonaventure

Our key note speakers are Carlos Wallace
author of the book

'Life is not complicated You Are'

And Liz Faublas host our Net TV. Show
"Currents"

For more information please contact one of the Youth Group Core team members

THE KING IS BACK !!!!!

46th Annual

Msgr. King Basketball Tournament

1501 Hendrickson St. Bklyn, NY 11234 (Flatlands and Flatbush)

Friday, December 26, 2014

Bedford Academy vs James Madison H.S.....7:15
George Westinghouse H.S vs St. Edmund Prep.....9:00

Saturday, December 27, 2014

Mldwood H.S vs Samuel Tilden H.S.....7:15
Don Bosco Prep vs Adams Street Academy.....9:00

Monday, December 29, 2014

Consolation Game.....5:30
Semi-Final.....7:15
Semi-Final.....9:00

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Consolation Game.....3:45
Consolation Game.....5:30
Consolation Game.....7:15
CHAMPIONSHIP.....9:00

ADMISSION: \$10.00



Come celebrate
the
**FEAST OF
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**
with our

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FOOD FESTIVAL



Saturday, January 31, 2015

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Monsignor King Hall

between Avenue P & Flatlands Avenue in Brooklyn, NY

ADULTS: \$20.00 YOUTH UNDER 18 YEARS: \$5.00