

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY, December 23, 2013**

NOON Adolphe & Genevieve Rogus

### **TUESDAY, December 24, 2013**

NOON Lucy & Michael Competiello

### **WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2013**

8:00am Christmas Mass Remembrance

NOON Christmas Mass Remembrance

### **THURSDAY, December 26, 2013**

6:30am Christmas Mass Remembrance

NOON William Bowens

### **FRIDAY, December 27, 2013**

NOON Christmas Mass Remembrance

### **SATURDAY, December 28, 2013**

8:30am Christmas Mass Remembrance

5:30pm Louis Lanzetta

### **SUNDAY, December 29, 2013**

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the  
Parish, Annie & Jimmy Cazeau,  
Joseph Tully

11:30am Anjelina & Frank J. Leone

5:30pm Christmas Mass Remembrance

## **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, Vincent Cioffi, Carl Nott, Deborah Alexandre, Gay Delvecchia

### **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.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**Altar Bread and Wine**— In memory of **Catherine J. Hayes** donated by Jim Hayes

**Sanctuary Lamp**— In memory of Eugene Tiernan donated by His Family

## **A CHRISTMAS WELCOME**

*We warmly welcome all who have come today to celebrate this glorious feast.*

*We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest!*

*We welcome our students home from college for a good winter's rest!*

*We welcome parishioners who moved far away, but who join us today as old friends and guests!*

*We welcome all who have not been active or late in their Catholic faith and hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again!*

*We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do!*

*Welcome to all! May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all one People of God - redeemed by the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light - together in love.*

*Christmas blessings!*

**Msgr. Rev. John J. Brown**  
**Msgr. Rev. Austin Bennett**  
**Fr. Dwayne Davis**  
**And Pastoral Staff**



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve Family Mass  
5.30 P.M.  
Midnight Mass at 12.00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Day  
8.00 A.M. & 11:30 A.M.

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve  
10.00-11:00 P.M. Holy Hour  
11.00PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
New Year's Day  
12 Noon

## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

The Folk Group is singing at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm.

The choir is singing at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be music before the Midnight Mass at 11:30 pm. The choir will also sing at the 11:30 Mass on Christmas Day and on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jim Millen, the Music Director, will speak at all the Masses this weekend to introduce and briefly speak about the new hymnals.



*"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds" – Psalm 98*

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Holy Name Society, Mini-Retreat, will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014. 8:30-12:30PM Are you a man searching for something greater? The St. Thomas Aquinas Holy Name Society invite all men of the parish that are 18yrs or older to our Mini- Retreat (Morning of Prayer) on Saturday, January 4, 2014. It begins with Mass at 8:30 in the Church and continues at the Aquinas Center. Breakfast will be served. The Holy Name Society is open to all men in the parish. Cost: **Free**  
For more information or to sign up please see Fr. Dwayne

### **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.

### **2014 CALENDARS**

Through the generosity of two of the local Funeral Homes - Marine Park and McManus - calendars will be available in the rear of the Church. Please thank them for their generosity and support to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

### **PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday December 24, through Wednesday January 1st, 2014. The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday January 2nd at 9:00am. All the Parish Offices will be closed, all activities in the Aquinas Center will be suspended while the offices are closed. This is done so that all members of the parish staff can enjoy the Christmas holidays with family and friends.

### **LIGHTING THE WAY FOR CHRIST**

We are grateful to all those who made the "Lighting the Way for Christ" possible and to those who sponsored a pew candle. Please remember them in your prayers:

In memory of **Catherine J. Hayes** donated by Jim Hayes & Family

In memory of **Vincent P. Gatens** donated by Rita Gatens

In memory of **Lucianna Quaranta** donated by Anthony Quaranta

In Honor of members of the **Dolisca Family** donated by Mr. & Mrs. Julien Dolisca

In memory of **Vincent-Marie & Vincent Lipani** donated by Joseph & Catherine La Barbera

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Christmas Flowers, Wreaths and decorations were donated through the generosity of many parishioners and friends of the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Thank you all for your continued generosity to the parish and for helping decorate our Church, Rectory, Parish Center and Convent for Christmas.

Marie Alicia Acosta  
M/M Joseph Allen  
M/M Victor Amass  
M/M Richard Ancona  
Frank Asprea  
M/M Joseph Astarita  
M/M Peter Barbarotta  
Otilia Barthold  
M/M Arthur W. Batson  
M/M James Behan  
Miss L. Bellucci  
M/M Paul Blum  
Mrs. Maria Boffa  
Ms. Suzette Boiser  
Mrs. Margaret Boyle  
M/M Eugenio Bracero  
Msgr. John J. Brown  
Mrs. Claudette Brutus  
Mr. George Bruns  
Miss Joan V. Burke  
Mary Cahalan  
M/M Carmello Calamera  
M/M Mario Capuano  
Mr. George Cetta, Jr.  
Mrs. Lourdes Christophe  
Noreen Charles  
M/M Jean Raymond Chenet  
M/M Stanley Clements  
Ms. Maureen Clifford  
Mrs. Mary Colucci  
M/M Joseph Corda  
Ms. Michelle Darling  
M/M Davitt-Sweeney  
M/M Kenneth Dean  
Angela DeLessio  
Ms. Gina Destin  
Jacqueline Destin  
Nicola DeVito  
M/M Frank DiDio  
Ms. Julia Diorio  
M/M Julien Dolisca  
M/M Thomas F. Donahue

Mrs. Ann Dormody  
M/M Patrick Durkin  
Ernest Enayo  
Flora Espiroza  
Johnathan Evans  
Debra Felix  
Alfred Flaherty  
Mrs. James Flynn  
Nicole Fraser  
Yolanda Francis  
Mrs. Juliana Gali  
Ms. Kathleen Galli  
M/M Franck Garland  
M/M Vincent P. Gatens  
Ms. Nicolette George  
M/M Gabriel Gomez  
Ms. Marie Guirand  
Mrs. Joan Heaney  
M/M Stanley Henriquez  
Mr. Peter Hickey  
Maria Paz Hontiveros  
M/M Melvin B. Hugo  
Mrs. Rosemary Hughes  
M/M Dhani Indarjit  
M/M Fred Iovino  
Sonia Jean-Baptiste  
M/M Presmy Jean-Louis  
Ms. Eileen Jordan  
M/M Frank Kancso  
Lydia King  
Mr. Thomas Kmiotek  
Miss Julia Kubis  
Ms. Angelina Kubis  
Mrs. Ann Labisi  
Marie Langone  
Mrs. Mary Anne Latham  
Mrs. Nick Lauriello  
M/M John Ledwith  
M/M Salvatore Leone  
M/M Remy Louis  
Frances Lynch  
M/M James Mahaney  
Lisa Malcom  
M/M Vito Martino  
Mrs. Eleanor Marzano  
M/M Richard Mc'Grath  
M/M Patrick Mc Grath  
Maureen Mc Groarty  
Mrs. Helen McLaughlin  
M/M Jerome McKinney  
Myrtha Michel  
Mrs. Francis Mistretta

Miguel Morales  
M/M James Morrissey  
Dominick Mottola  
M/M Joseph Murphy  
F. Nau  
M/M Charles Nelson  
Ms. Joyce Nelson  
M/M Metro Nazaruk  
M/M Jean Odenat  
Mona Olivier  
M/M Brian O'Neill  
Mr. Michael O'Neill  
Mr. Thomas O'Neill  
M/M Michael O'Shea  
William Parris  
Gladys Pascal  
Miss Peggy Pascal  
M/M Joseph Pasqua  
M/M William Pasterak  
Dr. Mario Patlingrao  
M/M Anthony Patrizio  
M/M Jacques Pierre  
M/M Anthony Quaranta  
M/M Edward Quigley  
Mrs. Frances Rapisarda  
Angela Reed  
Ms. Lydia Reid  
M/M Humberto Rendon  
Mrs. Lina Rodriguez  
M/M Manuel Rodriguez  
Barbara Rogus  
Delia Roberts  
M/M Ronald Russo  
Ms. Ana Sanchez  
Miss Deborah Sankey  
Mrs. Mildred Sankey  
Mick Saint-Pierre  
Michael A. Serrone  
Miss Mildred Sikorski  
M/M John Sloan  
Ms. Maina Small  
Ms Sonia Small  
M/M Christopher Spinelli  
Ms. Marie Jules St. Fort  
Angel John Sciannameo  
M/M James Tobin  
Mrs. Elaine Tolentino  
Carmencita Vega  
M/M Daniel Walsh  
M/M Edwin Walsh  
M/M Matthew Williams  
Mr. Ronald Woodroffe

M/M Wm. Woodroffe  
M/M William Young

### **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.*

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on **January 21, 2014** to **Showboat**. The bus leaves from the front of the church at 8:30am. For more information please call Bill or Dorothy at 1-718-377-4061.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to **Showboat** in Atlantic City on **January 9, 2014**. 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  
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