

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, December 8, 2014

NOON Ann Caroline Corda (A)

### TUESDAY, December 9, 2014

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Anthony & Joseph Boffa

### WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2014

6:30am Dean & Mc Nicholas Families

NOON Andre Forestal

### THURSDAY, December 11, 2014

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Eugene Reilly

### FRIDAY, December 12, 2014

NOON Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus  
Christ

### SATURDAY, December 13, 2014

8:30am Doris Tracy Driscoll (NYPD)

5:30pm Ursula Viscardi

### SUNDAY, December 14, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial  
Society  
Ciro Battista

11:30am James Barford

5:30pm Paul, Marie & Jean Desamour

## 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

**For those who have died::** Mary Haggerty

**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 **Christine Walker** donated by Joan Toal

**Altar Candles**— In memory of **Peter Anthony Mazzoli** donated by Louise Manna & Family

## 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 **December 16, 2014 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.

**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.

**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 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

#### **MASS BOOK—2015**

The weekday Mass Book for the months of January, February, March, April, May & June 2015 is open, in the Rectory, the following times are:

Monday at Noon  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at  
6:30am and Noon  
Friday at Noon  
Saturday at 8:30am

The masses for the weekends of January, February, March, April, May & June of 2015 will also be available, the following times are:

Saturday at 5:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am (a multi-intention Mass);  
11:30am and 5:30pm

The Mass Stipend for each Mass is \$15.00 and must be presented when making the arrangements. Please be aware that we cannot make arrangements for masses over the phone. For those who cannot come to the Rectory you can mail your request and donation to the Rectory Office and we will try to accommodate your request.

#### **ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

The annual “**Rosary Society Christmas Party Luncheon**” will take place on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. at Buckley’s Restaurant. ***Everyone is welcome*** to come 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.

#### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

All gifts must be returned no later than the weekend of **December 14/15**. Please bring all gifts **unwrapped** with the gift tag attached.

## **Multi-Sensory Interactive Advent Prayer Experience:**

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, especially during the hurried and harried season of Advent. 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.

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!

### **When?**

Thursday, December 11, 4:30pm-9:00pm

Friday, 10:00am-9:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, 9:00am-2:00pm

### **Where?**

Aquinas Center, 2000 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234

**Information:** Please call: 718 253-4404 ext.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

### **Hymnals**

The new hymnals and covers are in the pews for the new church year. Thanks to Fr. Dwayne and the Youth Group for putting the covers on, and for putting the hymnals in the pews.

Please note the special features. On the inside back cover are the prayers for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. On the inside front cover are the "Anima Christi" and "The Memorare" prayers. Also, the last three yellow pages in the back of the hymnal contain an additional selection of miscellaneous prayers. The rest of the yellow pages have the weekday Mass antiphons.

Finally, at the end of the Sunday Scripture section, there are prayers for Advent, Lent, a prayer to the Holy Family, the Act of Contrition, the Prayer before the Crucifix and two Marian prayers.

### **Sound System**

The sound system for the church has been upgraded. There are now choir microphones suspended from the ceiling in the music alcove for all the choirs.

### **Choirs**

The choirs are preparing for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Christmas Season. If anyone would like to join in singing for these special occasions, please see Mr. Jim Millen, Music Director after any of the weekend Masses.

## ***OUR FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING***

*Come join us for our First Annual Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting. The lighting ceremony will take place in front of the Parish Rectory on December 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 5:30 Mass. Light refreshments to be served in the gym after the ceremony.*

### **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 2ND ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS FAIR 2014**

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 7, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Msgr. King Hall (GYM), 1550 Hendrickson  
St. Brooklyn NY 11234

Between Avenue P & Flatlands Avenue  
Saturday, December 6th, 2014

Breakfast with Santa: 10AM-11:30AM in the  
School Cafeteria

Pictures with Santa: 11:30AM -1PM in the  
GYM

Sunday, December 7th, 2014

Advent Wreath Making for Kids: After the  
11:30AM Mass in the GYM

Christmas Tree Lighting: After the 5:30PM  
Mass in front of the rectory

Find the perfect gift for you and your family

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Monday December 8, 2014 is a Holy Day of Obligation Mass is as follows:  
6:30am and Noon.