

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, February 16, 2015

NOON Joseph, Arleen, & Frances Dilta

TUESDAY, February 17, 2015

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Yvita Francois

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2015

6:30am Souls in Purgatory

NOON Kathleen Kass

7:30pm Thomas T.J. Kelly

THURSDAY, February 19, 2015

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

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FRIDAY, February 20, 2015

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SATURDAY, February 21, 2015

8:30am Ralph Langone

5:30pm Ann L. Cortese

SUNDAY, February 22, 2015

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Anthony Mistretta

11:30am Pat Durkin

5:30pm Frank J. & Angelina Leone

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

For those who have died:: John P. Burns, Mary Schultz, Anne Mattera

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

MEMORIALS

Altar Bread & Wine— In memory of **Carmela Cancellieri** donated by Julia Diorio

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 **February 17, 2015 to Bally's**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. **The cost for this trip is \$40.00**, which includes a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. 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, March 5, 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.

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

In observance of Presidents Day the Parish Office of Saint Thomas Aquinas will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 9:00am.



We are once again planning on taking some of our youth and Young adults to World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. In order to attend youth must be between 16 and 35 by July 2016 and must be an active member of one of our parish ministries as well as meeting other parish and diocesan requirements. The cost for each youth and Young Adult to attend is \$4160. We are also looking into an group trip to Ireland which is not included in the price at this time. This will depend on monies donated and raised for this trip. We are looking for sponsors who are willing to help sponsor or part-sponsor our youth. In the coming weeks you will be able to meet these candidates as their bios and pictures will be placed on our website. For more information please see Fr. Dwayne or contact him at the rectory

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, barbecue, 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 .

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.

VOCATION RETREAT

Attention young men (ages 17-35): Have you ever considered the possibility that God may be calling you to be a priest? If so, please consider attending Bishop Di-Marzio's Annual Vocation Retreat from Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8. For more information or to register, contact the Vocation Office at vocations@diobrook.org or 718-827-2454 or visit our website: www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/bishops-vocation-retreat

CHURCH STORE HOURS

Week days (Mon.-Fri.)

11:30am-1:00pm

Saturday and Sunday

30 minutes after each Mass.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH STAY -A-WAKE-ATHON "Lock IN"

Come in for a night of Friendship, Faith, Food and Fun.

Spend a night with Youth from Our Parish and from Around the Brooklyn Diocese

FRIDAY, FEB. 27 - 28, 2015

@6:00 pm - 9:00 am

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas, Msgr. King Hall

1550 Hendrickson St. Brooklyn NY 11234

Space is Limited first come, first serve:

You must register by Sunday February 22, 2015

For more information please contact us at 718-253-4404

Or email us at stayouthflatlands@gmail.com

Highlights: Youth Rally with Live Band, Youth Bake Off,

Guest Speakers, Dinner, Games, Movie, Pancake Breakfast and much more.

Can you please help our youth group and sponsor them for the evening. Sponsorship is 50 cents a minute or \$30.00 an hour. You may also make any donation that you would like. Our Youth Group will be in the back of church starting Feb. 1st. Thank you in advance for all your continued support of our youth.

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

Have you been looking for a way to deepen your faith this Lenten? Come renew your faith. Join us as we rediscover Catholicism through faith sharing.

Come and read "*Rediscover Catholicism*" with Father Dwayne on Wednesdays during Lent starting at 7pm, in the Church.

Week One:

Wednesday, February 25, Pages 1-66

Week Two:

Wednesday, March 4, Pages 67-144

Week Three:

Wednesday, March 11, Pages 145-258

Week Four:

Wednesday, March 18, Pages 259-324

You can pick up a copy of the book at our parish gift shop for \$5.00.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Fair

Saturday March 28, 2015

10am-5pm

Monsignor King Hall

REMINDER

In the past on a National Holiday's we had only one Mass at 9:00am. As of January 1, 2015, all National Holiday masses will be moved to a Noon Mass. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

SAINT PATRICKS/SAINT JOSEPH DANCE

Tickets for this dance will be sold in the back of church starting February 14, 2014 after all Masses. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2015

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 18th, we will once again enter into the grace-filled season of Lent. Throughout our Lenten journey, in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, we are invited to enter into a more intense period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his Lenten message to the Universal Church, encourages all of us to enter fully into this time of spiritual and personal renewal by confronting what he terms the "globalization of indifference." God's love and interest in each one of us does not allow for indifference, therefore, we cannot be indifferent to those around us.

In order to assist the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn to take full advantage of the Lenten season, our Bishop, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, would like to remind us of the following:

ABSTINENCE – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

EASTER DUTY – After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (Feb. 22, 2015) to Trinity Sunday (May 31, 2015).

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: This year the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord falls on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Reconciliation Monday: This year our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on March 30, 2015, which is the Monday of Holy Week. As in the past, we hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing.

The following also should be noted:

The obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially the penitential days specified by the Church, is a serious one. Days of penance are not merely individual exercises — they are observed by the whole Church, as the Body of Christ.

After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

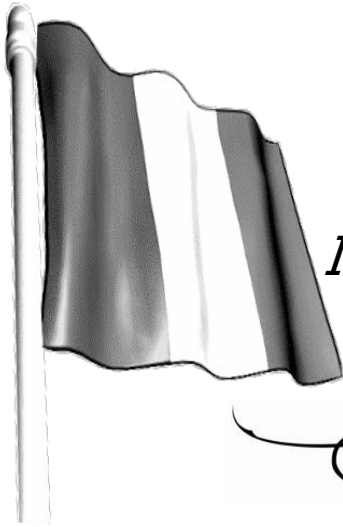
The faithful are encouraged to celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance frequently during the Lenten season. Reading the Scriptures, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, generosity toward the poor and the needy are additional means of becoming more involved in the Lenten season. Operation Rice Bowl is one example of a specific way to give alms.

Pastors and parents are responsible to see that young persons, who are not bound to the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

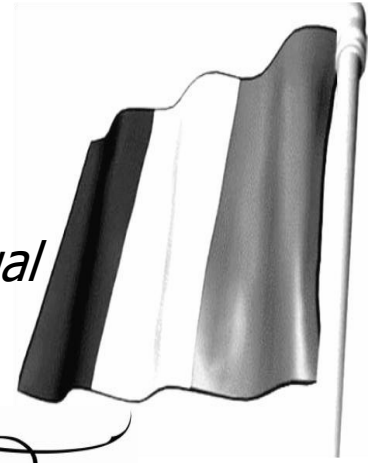
All other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Bishops of the United States have recommended abstinence from meat as a penance for all Fridays of the year, although each individual may substitute for that tradition some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. This may involve acts of mortification, prayer or charity.

In prayerful pilgrimage with the catechumens and candidates for full initiation, let us accompany our Lord on his way to the cross and to the empty tomb. May we use this time of Lent to be more closely united with Christ in His Death and Resurrection.

*Msgr. Anthony Hernandez, J.C.L.
Chancellor*



The Parish of
St. Thomas Aquinas



Invites You To Our Annual

ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S



DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2015

Starting at 7:00pm

Monsignor King Hall

Hendrickson St. & Flatlands Ave.

An evening of Good Food, Great Friends

And Dancing to the tunes of

Live Band: Celtic Justice

Raffle Baskets and 50/50

For more information please call the Rectory 718-253-4404

\$40 Per Person

includes

Sumptuous Irish and Italian Buffet, Beer, Soda, Set-ups
Coffee, Tea, Irish Coffee and Italian Cookies

