

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, January 4, 2016

NOON Joseph Boffa

### TUESDAY, January 5, 2016

6:30am Souls in Purgatory

NOON Theresa M. Forestal

### WEDNESDAY, January 6, 2016

6:30am Intentions of John Melo

NOON Alphonse Bazin

### THURSDAY, January 7, 2016

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Nativita Renee Bazin

### FRIDAY, January 8, 2016

NOON Andree Bazin

### SATURDAY, January 9, 2016

8:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

5:30pm Roccko Merola

### SUNDAY, January 10, 2016

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish

11:30am Katherine Walsh

5:30pm Stella & Metro Nazaruk Family

## REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Stacy Lapenna, Ellen M. Lehane, , Edwin H. Walsh, Joseph F. Galli, Isaac A. Galli, Ed Morrissey, Baby John Richard Delfino, Susan Olsen, Gail Monsegue Sarah DeProseeno, Marie Lenti, Luis Loperena, Ann Daroux, Diane Camacho, Sharon Morrissey, Susan & Kenneth McBride, Anthony Guida, Sandra Monkhouse, George Cetta, Elisa Saulino , Rosaline Peters, Thomas Brady, Paulette Hyppolite, Vickie Nixon, Joseph Barlanti, Susan McLaughlin, Tyler Collins, Maria Antoinette Trambasco

## For those who have died:

**Those in the Armed Services**—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world. May God bless them and keep them save not only during this holiday season but always.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume January 6th, 2016. Have

a Blessed New Year!!!!!!

## ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish runs a trip to **Resorts 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 \$25.00 bonus from the Casino. The next trip is scheduled for **Thursday, January 7, 2016** For further details or to sign up for the trip, please call Noreen at (718) 253-7824

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for volunteers to work the SUMMA gift shop at any one of the Masses. Please contact :

Joe Costello for details (718) 377-1293

## 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. Eliza-

beth 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.

### **ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Starting last year, volunteers have served as Adult Altar Servers at all Funeral Masses in our Parish. We are looking for more volunteers to carry on this Ministry. Anyone interested in being an Adult Alter Server, should contact Fr. Dwayne at the Rectory 718-253-4404.

### **BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS**

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 Monday of every month at 7:00pm at the Rectory office located at 1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn. Please inform us if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Any more information please call 718 253-4404 ext. 16.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

We are planning on taking some of our youth and Young adults to Word Youth Day in Poland in 2016. We are looking for sponsors who are willing to help sponsor or part-sponsor our youth. You can meet these candidate as their bio's and pictures are on our website. A tax deductible donations

can be made on our website and Facebook page. For more information please see Fr. Dwayne or contact him at the rectory

### **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

Like us on Facebook @ St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatland's and check out our website. [www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com](http://www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com)

### **YOUTH GROUP**

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 Gym. 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.

### **2015 CONTRIBUTIONS**

All contributions to your 2015 commitment to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish received by December 31st, 2015, will be recorded on your 2015 statement that you will be receiving no later than January 31st, 2016. Any contribution received after December 31st, 2015 will be credited to your contributions for 2016. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Please be advised that we can only send out letters to parishioners who use the envelopes, we are unable to substantiate cash placed in the collection basket. Throughout the year a few parishioners place checks in the collection basket instead of using their parish envelopes; please know that these checks have not been recorded in our parish data program and your end of the year statement will not reflect these contributions.

### **TAXES AND GIVING AT CHRISTMAS AND THE END OF THE YEAR**

Did you know that “charitable giving” is one of only a few tax provisions that was not greatly impacted by recent federal tax legislation. Many people enjoy using Christmas and year’s end as a special time to give to their parish or favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their federal and state income tax. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you the donor. All gifts, made on or before December 31st, are tax deductible for the tax year in which the gift is made.

- If you are an itemizer, your gift will lessen your tax liability for the tax year in which your gift is made.
- If you are not an itemizer, your Christmas gift may be just the right decision to allow you to itemize and lower your tax bill (check with you tax advisor).
- Most importantly, make a return to God for your blessings at Christmas and assist our Catholic institution attain its spiritual and programmatic goals - serving God’s people and His church here on earth.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Parishioners please do not put any envelopes into the collection basket for Catholic Charities., we cannot mail them to Catholic Charities especially if it is a cash donation. The address for Catholic Charities is:

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES BROOKLYN & QUEENS  
OFFICE OF DEVELOPEMENT  
191 JORALEMON STREET 12FL  
BROOKLYN NY 11201.**

Please send your donation to them directly. Thank you.

F. Nau  
Mrs. Charles Nelson  
Ms. Joyce Nelson  
M/M Jean Odenat  
Mona Olivier  
Mr. Michael O’Neil  
M/M Michael O’Shea  
Mrs. Diana Oquendo  
Gladys Pascal  
Miss Peggy Pascal  
Marie Lourdes Paul  
M/M Joseph Pasqua  
M/M William Pasterak  
Dr. Mario Patlingrao  
M/M Pablo Peralta  
M/M Anthony Quaranta  
Karen Rajbally  
Mrs. Margaret Rampersad



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

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY**

**FOOD**  **FESTIVAL**



**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**7:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

**Monsignor King Hall**

**between Avenue P & Flatlands Avenue in Brooklyn, NY**

**ADULTS: \$20.00    YOUTH UNDER 12 YEARS:  
\$5.00**

**\*\*\*All youth under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.\*\*\***

## 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. As of December 22, 2015

Marie Alicia Acosta  
M/M Joseph Allen  
Theresa Amass  
M/M Richard Ancona  
M/M Anthony Arrabito  
M/M Peter Barbarotta  
M/M Glen Bartholomew  
M/M Arthur W. Batson  
M/M James Behan  
Mr. Paul Blum  
Mrs. Maria Boffa  
M/M Du Bois  
Ms. Suzette Boiser  
M/M Parnel Boucher  
M/M Eugenio Bracero  
Msgr. John J. Brown  
Miss Joan V. Burke  
Mary Cahalan  
M/M Carmello Calamera  
Aida Calpito  
Mr. George Cetta, Jr.  
M/M Jean Raymond Chenet  
M/M Stanley Clements  
Gladys Compere  
M/M Joseph Corda  
Ms. Maureen Clifford  
M/M Davitt-Sweeney  
M/M Kenneth Dean  
Angela DeLessio  
Joseph Desmarat  
Ms. Gina Destin  
Jacqueline Destin  
Myriam 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  
Marie Edouards  
Debra Felix  
Ms. Dorothy Ferguson

Mrs. James Flynn  
Yolanda Francis  
Ms. Kathleen Galli  
Mrs. Rita Gatens  
Claudette Glen  
Harvey Greenidge  
Mrs. Joan Heaney  
M/M Tomas Hernandez  
M/M Stanley Henriquez  
Mr. Peter Hickey  
Austria Holmes  
Maria Paz Hontiveros  
M/M Melvin B. Hugo  
M/M Fred Iovino  
Sonia Jean-Baptiste  
M/M Presmy Jean-Louis  
Chantalle Jones  
Ms. Eileen Jordan  
M/M Frank Kancso  
Lydia King  
Mrs. Eva Krainchich  
Miss Julia Kubis  
Ms. Angelina Kubis  
Mrs. Ann Labisi  
Marie Langone  
Deborah Lee  
M/M Salvatore Leone  
M/M Ronald Lespinasse  
M/M Remy Louis  
Miss Catherine Liberatori  
M/M Isidro Loperena-Padilla  
M/M Michael Louie  
Mrs. Mona Louis  
M/M Anthony Maiorana  
M/M Vito Martino  
M/M Russel Marcellus  
Marie A. Matteis  
Mrs. Eleanor Marzano  
M/M Michael Mc Donald  
Mrs. John McGrath  
M/M Richard Mc'Grath  
M/M Patrick Mc Grath  
Maureen Mc Groarty  
M/M Jerome McKinney  
Mrs. Francis Mistretta  
Miss Marie Moise  
Bruno Moreau  
M/M James Morrissey  
Dominick Mottola

Mrs. Frances Rapisarda  
Angela Reed  
Ms. Lydia Reid  
M/M Humberto Rendon  
M/M Colin Roberts  
M/M Manuel Rodriguez  
Mrs. Lina Rodriguez  
Barbara Rogus  
M/M Ronald Russo  
Ms. Marie Aldine Samuel  
Ms. Ana Sanchez  
Miss Deborah Sankey  
Mrs. Mildred Sankey  
Mick Saint-Pierre  
Ronald Savarese  
M/M Michael Seidita  
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  
Mrs. Gertrude Steiger  
Mr. Christopher Suarez  
M/M James Tobin  
Carmencita Vega  
M/M Daniel Walsh  
M/M Matthew Williams  
Mr. Ronald Woodroffe  
M/M Wm. Woodroffe  
M/M William Young