

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, June 2, 2014

NOON Edouard Pierre-Pierre

### TUESDAY, June 3, 2014

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Freyda Levy

### WEDNESDAY, June 4, 2014

6:30am Intentions of Timothy Haines

NOON John Carroll Jr.

### THURSDAY, June 5, 2014

6:30am Denise Granjean (L)

NOON In Honor of the Blessed Mother

### FRIDAY, June 6, 2014

NOON Helen & Dorothy Carroll &  
Rita Kelly

### SATURDAY, June 7, 2014

8:30am Antonine Beauvais

5:30pm Nancy Keating

### SUNDAY, June 8, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial  
Society, Phyllis Patrizio, In Honor  
of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:30am Jerry Dormody

5:30pm Betty & Jack Rahming

## REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Christine Walker, 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

## 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 **Carmen Ana Zambrano** donated by Aida Loperena-Padilla

## OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish are 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm (Aquinas Center) and 5pm-8:15pm (Rectory.) **The Parish office is closed from Noon-1:00 pm., so the parish staff can have lunch. As of Tuesday May 27th** office hours will resume at 2000 Flatbush Avenue (Aquinas Center). From the hours of 9:00am – 12pm & 1pm-5:00pm.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on **June 17, 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. All are welcome.

## ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to **Showboat** in Atlantic City on **June 5th, 2014**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Noreen at 917-991-8362. Please leave a message. All are welcome.

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Please be aware that our Summer Mass schedule that will start on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 will be as follows:

Monday—Friday 9:00am (**There will be no noon Mass**).

Saturday– 9:00 am

5:30 Vigil

Sunday– 8:00am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

## WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

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

## **XXIV KUJENGA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

July 25-27, 2014, 2014  
(Fri. Sat. Sun.)

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
Huntington, Long Island

Sponsored by the Vicariate of Black  
Catholic Concerns (VBCC)  
Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens

For information, please call Father Davis  
718-253-4404 or Email: blackcatholiccon-  
cern@diobrook.org

The Kujenga weekend is designed as an  
intensive experience of leadership training  
with a focus on evangelizing peers and em-  
phasize the importance of a Christ-centered  
life in moral and ethical development.

A Rite of Passage Ceremony will be held  
for the High School Graduates of 2014

Early Bird Special Deadline -  
June 30th- \$185.00

After deadline date- \$225.00

Cost includes Transportation, room, meals  
& workshop materials

**Final Deadline July 15, 2014**

Open to Age Groups: 14 - 18 Years A Tal-  
ent Show & BBQ

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS AS AN ADULT?**

It is never too late to prepare for Baptism,  
Eucharist and Confirmation. The "Rite of  
Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) is for  
adults who have never been baptized as  
well as baptized Christians who desire to  
receive First Eucharist and Confirmation.  
Now is an excellent time to inquire about  
the process. It is a journey of faith, tailored  
to the individual needs of each person. Get  
in touch now for information about becom-  
ing Catholic or supporting someone on the  
journey. Our next meetings are on Thurs-  
day June 12, at 7:00pm and Thursday  
June 19, at 7:pm in the rectory office.  
Please call the Parish Office (1-718-253-  
4404, extension 30) to leave your name,  
address and telephone number.

## **COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If you know of a parishioner who is unable  
to attend mass on the weekend, or are un-  
able to attend yourself, please contact Ms.  
Elizabeth Mathew at 1-718-253-4404, ex-  
tension 30. She will arrange a visit and  
then assign an Extraordinary Minister of  
Holy Communion to visit on a regular ba-  
sis. 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 min-  
istry 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 en-  
trance through the School yard. Need any  
information please call 718 253-4404 ext.  
30.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION**

### **Closing Mass and Awards**

Our Religious Education Year ends with  
our closing Mass (and Awards Ceremony)  
on Sunday, June 8th for all Students in  
Sunday, Wednesday, and Summer  
Programs. Following Mass all our Religious  
Education families are welcomed to our an-  
nual barbecue in the Aquinas Parking Lot.  
Please contact the Religious Education Of-  
fice for further information at  
718-253-4404.

## RELIGIOUS RETIRMENT FUND

The annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund will be taken up at all masses this weekend.

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn need our help. The stipend being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Brooklyn, for the past 29 years, has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

## 2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Why should I give to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal if I already give to my parish?

Each time we say the Creed we affirm the fact that we are members of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. Through these words we are emphasizing that every parish, every parishioner is responsible for not only his/her parish, but also for the universal well-being of the Church throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the world. Because of this declaration, and because we are a community of believers, each and every parishioner and all parish organizations are asked to participate in the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal.

### As of May 27, 2014:

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$57,716.00</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$61,730.00 (105.13%)</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$35,472.00 (57.46%)</b>
<b>Active Members</b>	<b>714</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>244</b>

If the remaining **470** individuals/households would respond to this annual appeal in the following ways we would reach our goal and surpass it:

- **\$100.00** per active member we could receive an additional **\$47,000.00** toward our assigned goal.
- **\$75.00** per active member we could receive an additional **\$35,250.00** toward our assigned goal.
- **\$50.00** per active member we could receive an additional **\$23,500.00** toward our assigned goal.
- **\$25.00** per active member we could receive an additional **\$11,750.00** toward our assigned goal.

Please visit our secure online giving page at: [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://www.rcdobdonate.org) to make a difference for the Diocese of Brooklyn and the people we serve. Please remember to indicate Saint Thomas Aquinas-Flatlands when donating online.

### **COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Next week our parish will take up a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Over 40 years ago the Saint Thomas Aquinas Folk Group started bringing a different kind of music to our parish, music that was just a little more upbeat, a little more unconventional and much more enjoyable. We looked forward to going to Mass on Sunday morning and so did our children. Figure that, a child who wants to go to mass. They knew all the words to all the songs; they clapped their hands and tapped their feet. As parents, we were delighted that we were bringing our children to such a warm and friendly place, church. As adults now, they attend mass with all these fond memories of their younger years. They bring their children to church, hoping that they will enjoy it as much as they did as adolescents.

Through the years, some have come and some have gone, but none of you were ever forgotten. Thank you for all that you have done for the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas and for the many years of beautiful music. There will always be a song in our heart for all of you.

God Bless,  
The Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas