

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, March 24, 2014

NOON Bridget Bownes

TUESDAY, March 25, 2014

6:30am Edward Monroe

NOON Marie Jacqueline Bazin
Pierre Pierre

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2014

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Serafina Scarda

THURSDAY, March 27, 2014

6:30am Olga Arthur (100th Birthday)

NOON Adolphe & Genevieve Rogus

FRIDAY, March 28, 2014

NOON Agnes & Martin Joseph

SATURDAY, March 29, 2014

8:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

5:30pm Monica Polakowski

SUNDAY, March 30, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial
Society

11:30am Catherine J. Hayes

5:30PM James M. McCarthy Jr.

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, Angelo Sciannameo, Carmen Ana Zambrano, Adeline Bowers, Carmela Cancellieri, Carl Nott

For those who have died: Alfred Flaherty

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Come join us on Saturday, April 12, 2014 for the Diocesan Holy Name Mass and communion Breakfast here at St. Thomas Aquinas. The Mass will begin at 10:30AM followed by Brunch in Msgr. King Hall. For more information or to purchase a ticket please see our Holy Name President Mr. Mark Evans or Mr. Tom Donahue. This event is open to all.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on **April 15, 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 **April 3, 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.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH GROUP

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.

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS

A prayerful and reflective journey with Jesus in His Passion and Death, presented by the Park Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 5th 2014.

\$75.00 per person** includes lunch, Round trip transportation and admittance to Show. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Mathew at 718-253-4404 ext 30

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**

MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

Please join Midwood Catholic Academy for their Annual Spring Fling Card Party on Friday April 11, 2014 in St. Thomas Aquinas/ Monsignor King Hall at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30). Tickets are \$20.00 per person. First come first served,(\$25.00 if purchased at door) limited tickets available at door. Refreshments—Coffee-cake-soda-water-ice cream-snacks and a goody bag, come join us for a fun filled evening. For ticket information please call 718-377-1800 (school office).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Sacramental Dates

First Penance - Saturday, April 5th 12:00 P.M. - Church of St. Thomas Aquinas

Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday, May 2nd 4:30 P.M. - Church of St. Thomas Aquinas

First Communion for Grade 2 - Sunday, May 4th 11:30 A.M. - Church of St. Thomas Aquinas

First Communion for Grades 3-5 - Sunday, May 18th 11:30 A.M. - Church of St. Thomas Aquinas

At this time all parents/guardians should have received a Sacramental Application for children receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you have not received an application, kindly contact the office. For further information, please contact Robert A. Ruggiero at 718-253-4404

BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought of God's plan for us? Are you looking to break open the word of God? Are you searching for something greater this lent? Join us on Monday nights at 7PM and Tuesday afternoons after the noon Mass during Lent in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Same Bible Study just two different times, don't miss the opportunity. The Bible Study will be led by Fr. Dwayne Davis. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Grieving is the painful experience of loss of a loved one. One way or the 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 invites you to set aside a few hours 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 and on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:30pm at Aquinas Center.

Monday evenings please use the entrance through the School yard.

Wednesday Afternoons use the 2000 Flatbush Avenue entrance.

Need any information please call Elizabeth Mathew at 718 253-4404 ext. 30.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Friday, April 4, 7:00pm, Prayer around the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper (Family Night, Sponsored by the Youth Group).

The prayer around the cross will be in the Church. Lenten soup supper will be in the school cafeteria, enter through the school glass doors. Tickets are being sold at the parish office during business hours (9am-5PM) or at the rectory during regular business hours (5:00pm-8:15pm) Donation \$5.00

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Registration for our Annual Diocesan Youth Day on **March 29, 2014**: "Called By Name" from 10am-4pm is due **THIS FRIDAY**. It will be held at The Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Parkway Douglaston, NY 11362. Please see Father Dwayne for Registration form.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- **Easter Gift to My Parish** - this annual collection helps with those unexpected bills that come at this time of year; your continued generosity to the parish is greatly appreciated.
- **Easter Flowers** - through your generosity we are able to decorate the Church at Easter and to provide plants to our homebound parishioners.
- **Easter Mass Remembrance** - we will remember all those enrolled in the Easter Mass Remembrance at masses throughout Easter Week and throughout the Easter Season.
- **Easter Offering for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn** - the upcoming second collection on Easter Sunday supports the retirement, medical care and financial needs of the retired priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn. We ask that you give generously to support the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

**LENT AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Mass During Lent-will be celebrated:**

Mondays & Fridays at Noon
Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays at 6:30
and Noon

Saturdays at 8:30am and 5:30pm

Sundays at 8:00am, 11:30am and 5:30pm

Station of the Cross on Fridays at
7:30pm

Faith Sharing-

Join us on the Thursdays of Lent as we
reflect on the Sunday readings; we will
gather in the Aquinas Center at 7 :00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Lent is a special time to celebrate this Sac-
rament. Priests are available for the cele-
bration on Wednesday following the Noon
Mass; Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation-

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Brook-
lyn will have priests available to celebrate
the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mon-
day (Monday of Holy Week).

Eucharistic Adoration-

Is held each Friday following the Noon
Mass with Benediction at 1:30pm. Come
and spend quiet time in the presence of
the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY WEEK- 2014

Palm Sunday- April 13th Palm will be
blessed and distributed at the following
time:

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am; 11:30am and 5:30pm

The Easter Triduum

The Sacred Triduum "Three Days" begin-
ning on Holy Thursday evening and ending
on Easter Sunday evening. This year,
April, is the holiest time of the Church year.
These three days make up one ongoing
observance. The Three Days are both part
of Lent; they are a season set apart. The
Triduum is the focal point of the liturgical
year. Every Catholic should set time aside
during these days of prayer, fasting, alms-
giving and joining in the parish liturgical
celebration

Holy Thursday- on Holy Thursday we en-
ter into the Triduum with the celebration of
the institution of the Eucharist. The Mass
includes the washing of the feet, commem-
orating Jesus, washing the feet of his disci-
ples at the Last Supper. The liturgy ends
with the transferal of the Blessed Sacra-
ment for adoration and silent prayer.

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00pm Night prayer

Good Friday

On this day "When Christ became our Pas-
chal Sacrifice, the church reflects on the
passion and Death of the Lord, adores His
cross, and intercedes for the salvation of
the world. In accord with ancient tradition
Mass is not celebrated. The principal
liturgy is the Solemn Commemoration of
the Lord's Passion, celebrate at 3:00 pm.

9:00am Morning Prayer

2:00pm A prayerful and reflective walk
through the neighborhood with the Stations
of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's passion

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday is a day of profound silence
and reflection, as the Church rest with
Christ in the tomb.

9:00am Morning Prayer

**No Confessions schedule on Holy Sat-
urday and there is no 5:30pm Mass.**

9:00pm Easter Vigil

Our parish celebration of the great Three
Days culminates with the celebration of the
East Vigil, the heart of our worship as
Christians. The new fire and service of
light; the reading; the baptisms and confir-
mations, and the celebration of Eucharist
all proclaim that Christ is risen and we
share in his risen life.

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00am and 11:30am

No 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday even-
ing.

**2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**

The 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and here at Saint Thomas Aquinas. Our parish goal this year is **\$57,716.00**. Your support is needed to help us reach this goal.

The Annual Catholic Appeal focuses on encouraging vocations, to expand our ministries of service to the immigrant, the poor and marginalized members of our society and to educate and form the next generation of disciples through our schools, academies and religious education programs. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal provides funding for the various programs critical to the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Through the Appeal's parish sharing, all monies received over our assigned goal will be returned back to the parish.

We thank God for all of his blessings and recognize that as we look back in appreciation, we must look forward with a sense of responsibility to help those in need.

<u>Pledge</u>	<u>10 Monthly Payments</u>
\$2,500.00	\$250.00 per month
\$1,000.00	\$100.00 per month
\$ 750.00	\$ 75.00 per month
\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00 per month
\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00 per month
\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00 per month
\$ 150.00	\$ 15.00 per month
\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00 per month
\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00 per month

A gift by every household is important for the continued success of this effort, which supports diocesan programs as well as our parish need. Your gift in the form of a pledge payable over a 10 month period is important and will go a long way to helping us reach our assigned goal. Msgr. Brown is asking that if everyone made a small donation that we will reach our goal. Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support.