

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, March 3, 2014

NOON Marie Jacqueline Bazin Pierre
Pierre

TUESDAY, March 4, 2014

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant
NOON Lillian & Robert Ballantine

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant
NOON Cristino Galli

THURSDAY, March 6, 2014

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla
NOON Kathleen C. Walsh

FRIDAY, March 7, 2014

NOON In Thanksgiving to our Lord
Jesus Christ

SATURDAY, March 8, 2014

8:30am Sister Sheila Devlin RSHM
5:30pm Charles R. Nelson Jr.

SUNDAY, March 9, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial
Society, Vincenzo Mistretta
11:30am The Galligan Family
5:30pm Carmela Cancellieri

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: Margaret Sadowski

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 ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on **March 18, 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 **March 6, 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. PATRICKS & ST. JOSEPH DANCE

All ticket money and chance money for the dance was due to Joan Toal on March 1, 2014. If your tickets are not paid for, then **only cash** will be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE MARCH MADNESS EVENT

Come and join us on Saturday March 15, Between 3pm-8pm in Msgr. King Hall for a skills challenge between Brooklyn vs. Queens.

All members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Group pay \$5. Non members \$10. Sponsored by the VBCC Youth Leadership Ambassador Program. There will be a live DJ. & Basketball Game, For more information or to get a registration form please see one of our youth leaders, or you can pick up the form from the ushers on Sunday after all Masses or visit our website under the youth Group

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH STAY-A-WAKE-ATHON

Friday, March 21, 2014
6:00pm until -9:00am Saturday morning. In Msgr. King Hall.

Come in for a night of Friendship, Faith, Food and Fun. You must register by Friday March 14, 2014. For more information see our Youth Leaders or e-mail us at stayouthflatlands@gmail.com

In order to make this event a success we need your help, parishioners who would like to help sponsor a youth for the event can do so Starting the week of March 1, 2014. Pledges are .50 per minute or \$30 per hour. Set Amounts are also welcome. Know that your support of this event will aid the Youth Group in being able to conduct activities and carry out its ministry over the course of the year. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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. Our next meeting is March 7, in the Aquinas Center All are welcome to come, so please invite your friends.

SAVE THE DATE

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**

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Choir is getting ready for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Season. If you would like to join in and sing with the choir for these special Masses, please see Mr. Jim Millen, the Music Director, at the organ, after any of the weekend Masses.



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 Tuesday, March 4, 2014 after the 12noon Mass and at 7PM in the evening in St. Thomas Aquinas Church for an information session for our upcoming Bible Study Program which will be held on Monday nights and Tuesday afternoons in Lent. 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. Please join us on Monday, March 3rd, and Wednesday, March, 19th

Monday evenings please use the entrance through the School yard.

Wednesday Afternoons use the 2000 Flatbush entrance.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God" – Bl. John Paul II



The Monastery Church will be open from
6:15-8:00pm.

*Evening Prayer will be sung at 7:20, followed by
Eucharistic Benediction at 7:45pm.*

St. Edith Stein Community, SSVM
Precious Blood Monastery
5400 Fort Hamilton Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11219



2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop DiMarzio asking for a pledge to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Brooklyn, it also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here at Saint Thomas Aquinas. This year, the theme of the Appeal is ***When We Give We Share the Light Of Faith***. We are challenged as Catholics to build up God's kingdom here on earth. Your contribution to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal enables the diocese to uphold the Gospel message and build up the kingdom of God throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Please remember that God never forgets us. Even when we believe that our successes are self-made, it is the blessings that God has given to each of us that have helped us to get where we are. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and our diocese. The gifts that we give enable ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal for the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal is **\$57,716.00**. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. Please answer Bishop DiMarzio's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. 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.

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE BLACK BOOK? IF NOT, MAYBE WE CAN HELP!

Do you have six minutes a day? If so, then you have time to pray! As part of our parish Lenten program, we are offering the "Little Black Book" reflection book. (Please only take one per family so there is enough for everyone.) The little book has a short reflection for each day of Lent for us to meditate and pray over. And it only takes six minutes a day! You can use it: when you get up; on your break at work; as a family meal prayer; before you go to bed; waiting to pick up the kids; Anytime! Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to spend a "little" time with God this Lent! Your small donation for this book may be put into the Sunday collection.

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 Sacrament. Priests are available for the celebration on Wednesday following the Noon Mass; Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation-

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn will have priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday (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" beginning 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, almsgiving and joining in the parish liturgical celebration

Holy Thursday- on Holy Thursday we enter into the Triduum with the celebration of the institution of the Eucharist. The Mass includes the washing of the feet, commemorating Jesus, washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The liturgy ends with the transferal of the Blessed Sacrament 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 Paschal 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 Saturday 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 confirmations, 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 evening.