

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, March 31, 2014

NOON In Thanksgiving Beulah Theodore Family

TUESDAY, April 1, 2014

6:30am Souls in Purgatory

NOON In Thanksgiving to the Bazin Pierre Pierre Family

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 2014

6:30am Jerry Kastner (A)

NOON McDougall Family

THURSDAY, April 3, 2014

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON In Honor of the Blessed Mother

FRIDAY, April 4, 2014

NOON Thanksgiving to Richard Desmangels

SATURDAY, April 5, 2014

8:30am Antonine Beauvais

5:30pm Anthony Mainville (B)

SUNDAY, April 6, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial Society, Phyllis Patrizio

11:30am Kathleen C. Walsh

5:30pm Baby Anthony Pastoressa 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: Josephine Parente, Jean Willy Charles

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 & Wine -In memory of **Catherine J. Hayes** donated by Jim Hayes & Family

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 MEETING

The Holy Name Society, next meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 1st, 2014** and every first Tuesday of every month to Follow: Time: 7:00pm at the Aquinas Center. The Holy Name Society is open to all men in the parish who are over 18 years of age

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on **April 22, 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.

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

Lenten - Easter 2014 Resources

Please stop by in the vestibule of the Church and check out all our new Lenten-Easter Resources for your Inspirational and Devotional seasonal needs. Beginning Saturday, March 29th to Palm Sunday, April 13th 11:30 A.M. Mass.

Also, available is our Annual 50/50 Easter Raffle (with additional chances to win Easter Baskets!!!) - \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets. Winner need not be present during drawing on Palm Sunday, April 13th after the 11:30 A.M. Mass

All proceeds benefits the Students of our Religious Education Program.

Upcoming Sacramental Dates

First Penance - Saturday, April 5th 12:00 P.M. - Church. Arrival time is 11:15 A.M. - please have students check in with their teachers for attendance.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday, May 2nd 4:00 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.

Parents/Guardians are reminded that all applications and documents are now due. Without the proper applications and documents your child(ren) will not meet sacramental requirements.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for further information at 718-253-4404.

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FOLK LITURGY COMMITTEE

"SHADOWBOX" STATIONS of THE CROSS

**Monday, March 31, 2014
at 7:30 pm**

The recollection of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection is narrated and reflected upon through modern language and contemporary music while the participant focuses upon shadow-formed images relating to the particular station.

We welcome families with children of all ages. However, please be aware that, once the program begins, the room will be dark, with the exception of a stage light. The presentation will be approximately 90 minutes in length.

Please direct your questions to
STAFolkGroup@gmail.com
There is no admission fee.