

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, May 12, 2014

NOON Paul Mathew

TUESDAY, May 13, 2014

6:30am Mothers Day Remembrance

NOON Patrick Cahalan Jr.

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2014

6:30am Mothers Day Remembrance

NOON Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

THURSDAY, May 15, 2014

6:30am Mothers Day Remembrance

NOON Thomas Toal III

FRIDAY, May 16, 2014

NOON Rose Valva (B)

SATURDAY, May 17, 2014

8:30am Mothers Day Remembrance

5:30pm Jerry Kastner

SUNDAY, May 18, 2014

8:00am People of the Parish, Purgatorial
Society, Yvita Francois

11:30am Kathleen Walsh

5:30pm Ameer Brian Khan

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 Scianameo, Carmen Ana Zambrano, Carl Nott, Susan Olsen

For those who have died:: Delina Santangelo, Salvatore Rizzo

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 **May 20, 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.

MASS BOOK 2014

The Mass Book will be open on , Tuesday, May 13, 2014 beginning at 10:00am for the remaining months of the year (July-December) in the Rectory

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

**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 Talent Show & BBQ

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for St. Thomas Aquinas are
9am-5pm and 5pm-8:15pm. **The rectory is
closed from Noon-1:00 pm., so the par-
ish staff can have lunch.** Please conduct
any business during normal office hours. All
parish business will be conducted at the
Rectory until further notice.

**2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
WHY SHOULD PARISHIONERS HELP?**

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps us to
join hands with tens of thousands whose
generosity brings the love of Jesus to so
many in our Diocese. Supporting the An-
nual Catholic Appeal is the most effective
way to carry out the work of the Church
both within and beyond the boundaries of
Saint Thomas Aquinas. Our parish's sup-
port of the Appeal is not only crucial to con-
tinuing these ministries, but it is a testa-
ment to how we live our Catholic faith.

All parishioners are encouraged to make a
pledge/gift to the 2014 Annual Catholic Ap-
peal. Pledges help our parish in two pri-
mary ways: first, pledging will enable many
people to give a larger amount than they
may otherwise be able to make if they
make their donation all at once. Second, if
we can secure the early support of more
parishioners, we will be able to success-
fully closeout our campaign earlier. All
monies over the assigned parish goal will
be returned back to the parish.

As of May 5, 2014:

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| GOAL | \$57,716.00 |
| PLEGGED | \$56,810.00 (96.75%) |
| RECEIVED | \$30,853.00 (52.55%) |
| MEMEBERS | 719 |
| DONORS | 229 (31.85%) |

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 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 and on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:30pm at Aquinas Center 2000 Flatbush Avenue. Please use the entrance through the School yard.

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

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 May 16th in the Gym.** All are welcome to come, so please invite your friends.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DEPAUL GIVES BACK!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish schools share in the profits. For each car, truck, van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 1-718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

FOR ALL CATHOLIC COUPLES

Based on the book by John Bosio
**Happy Together:
The Catholic Blueprint for a Happy
Marriage**
Renew your Romance
Strengthen and Enrich Your Marriage!
Friday May, 9, 2014
7:30pm-9:45pm
Aquinas Center
2000 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11234
(Entrance through church parking lot)

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. Elizabeth Mathew at 1-718-253-4404, extension 30. She 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

First Communion for Grades 3-5

Rehearsal Date is Monday, May 12th 7:00 P.M. in Church.

Sunday, May 18th 11:30 A.M. - Arrival time for First Communicants is 10:45 A.M. in Church.

Sunday Classes

No Sunday Classes for May 11th, 18th, & 25th. Classes resumes on June 1st and ends June 8th.

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 annual barbecue in the Aquinas Parking Lot. Please contact the Religious Education Office for further information at 718-253-4404.

PARKING LOT

Over the past few weeks we have been having problems with parishioners moving barricades in order to park in the school yard for our Noon Mass. Those barricades are there to protect our Midwood Catholic Academy students and they are our first priority. **Under no circumstances are the barricades to be moved.** Also do not block the barricades, in the event a teacher must leave the school yard in an emergency, which has already taken place. This will be the last time that this is being addressed. If this happens again the parking lot will be locked and no-one will be able to park in there.