

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, May 25, 2015

9:00am Hermlyn Mark

TUESDAY, May 26, 2015

6:30am Kathleen Clermont

NOON Robert Zupitza Jr.

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2015

6:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

NOON Caridad Crisostomo Alfonsina

THURSDAY, May 28, 2015

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Rev. Patrick Cleary CSSP

FRIDAY, May 29, 2015

NOON Adolphe & Genevieve Rogus

SATURDAY, May 30, 2015

8:30am Vanier Bain

5:30pm Barbara Boyle

SUNDAY, May 31, 2015

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish

11:30am Estela Rangel

5:30pm Jane Stephen

REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The Sick: 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 Sarah DeProseeno, Marie Lenti, Luis Loperena, Ghislaine Augustin, Ann Daroux, Diane Camacho, Sharon Morrissey, Susan & Kenneth McBride, Anthony Guida, Sandra Monkhouse, George Cetta, Elisa Saulino , Rosaline Peters

For those who have died:: John Sciannameo

MEMORIALS

Altar Candles— In memory of **Vanier Bain** donated by Marie Bain

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 runs a bus trip to Atlantic City on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of every month, our next trip is **June 16, 2015** to **Bally's**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. **The cost for this trip is \$40.00**, which includes a bagel for breakfast and a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. For more information please call Mark Evans at 917-517-1903. All are welcome.

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish runs a trip to **Bally's Casino** in Atlantic City on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of every month. The bus leaves from in front of St. Thomas Aquinas Church (1550 Hendrickson St. between Flatlands Ave. and Ave. P.) at 8:30AM. The cost is **\$40.00**, which includes a bagel for breakfast and a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. The next trip is scheduled for **Thursday, June 4, 2015** For further details or to sign up for the trip, please call Noreen at (718) 253-7824

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**

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of every month. For more info call Fr. Dwayne at the rectory.

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. Ms. Mathew 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.

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 Mondays of every month at 7:00pm and on the 3rd Wednesdays 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. 16

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook @ St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatland's and check out our website. www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Please be aware that our Summer Mass schedule that will start on Wednesday July 6, 2015 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

XXV ANNIVERSARY OF KUJENGA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 24-26, 2015

At

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington NY

Early Bird Special Deadline May 30th- \$200.00

After deadline-\$250.00

Cost includes Transportation, Room, Meals Workshop Materials and 25th Anniversary Dinner in Douglaston.

Open to Age Groups:14-18Yrs.

For more information please call Elreta Fowler 718-774-3806

KUJENGA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Please join us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary on July 26, 2015 from 2:30-9:00pm with dinner and dance.

Tickets; \$60.00 per person

Rite of Passage and the Mass of Thanksgiving begins at 2:30pm

Followed by Cocktail at 5:00pm, Dinner & Dance

FORMAL ATTIRE

For more information call the VBCC office at 718-774-3806

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday June 27, 2015 we will be having our Corpus Christi procession which begins in the front of the church at 10am. The procession will be around the neighborhood. We invite all to come out as we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

GRACE INSTITUTE TUITION-FREE JOB TRAINING

Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. We teach the technical and professional skills that are in demand.

Attend an open house and learn more!
Please call or visit our website to register for an open house. 212-832-7605
Www.graceinstitute.org/
admissions@graceinstitute.org

A GATHERING OF GRIEF

Are you struggling with the death of a loved one? Please join us for a spiritual talk presented in English and Spanish on Saturday June, 13, 2015 from 1:00-3:00pm at :

Douglaston Immaculate Conception Center
7200 Douglaston Parkway
Queens NY 11362

for more information please go to
www.ccbq.org/events/bereavement or
call 718-722-6214

SAVE THE DATE

Health & Wellness Fair
Sunday June, 21st, 2015
9:00am– 2:00pm
Church of Saint Thomas Aquinas

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of good will of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

In observance of the civil holiday of Memorial Day in America, a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th to all business. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00am.

HELP KEEP YOUR PARISH UP TO DATE!

Summer is time for moving for many families. If you are new to our parish, please register at the Parish Office. If you have a new address or are moving from the parish, please contact the Parish Office as well. We would appreciate it!

DO YOU HAVE A 2015 GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY? LET US KNOW!

We will be recognizing this year's High School, College & Graduate School graduates from the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas in an upcoming bulletin. Please send us your graduate's name, the name of the Institute from which they graduated and for college grads the degree they received. We will need names by June 15th, 2015 for inclusion in a July bulletin.



**Join us and help support the World
Youth Day Group at Saint Thomas
Aquinas
DANCE-A-Thon FUNDRAISER**

**Place: Msgr. King Hall
Date: June 27, 2015
Time: 7—11 PM
Price: \$10 per person
(\$5 for children ages 12 and under)**

Light refreshments will be provided

Line dancing

Zumba and more

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

On Friday, May 22nd, 2015, 30 of our teens were confirmed by Bishop Ray Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, at St. Marks parish in Brooklyn. As we congratulate them let us pray for their continued faithfulness to the Lord. They are all expected to attend the special celebration on the occasion of the "BODY and BLOOD of our Lord on Sunday, June 7th.

On Saturday, May 23rd, at 5:30pm Mass, Katherine Javier one adult member of our Parish has completed her Sacraments of Initiation by the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations to Katherine and her family. She is expected to attend the special celebration on the occasion of the "**BODY and BLOOD** of our Lord on Sunday, June 7th.

Faith Formation classes for next year, 2015-16, are forming now. Students who have been in our program have received their re-registration forms already. These are due back by June 7th.

Applications for new students are available in the Rectory Office during the office hours. MCA students must register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our **Faith Formation Program offers** the opportunity for children to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and grow in their relationship with God. Classes are held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Sunday Morning classes include Mass during the school year and the classes are offered for children from **K- through Eight grades**.

On **Wednesday afternoon classes are offered** for First through Eight grades.

Do you know or have a child with social needs and you would like the child to learn more about God and receive the Sacrament? We do have classes for them. Classes are held on Sundays. Please call our faith formation office 718 253-4404 ext.16.

New Registration & Re-registration for Religious Education Classes

for the School year beginning in the fall of 2015 is open. Please come to the rectory office between 9:30-11:30 am, 1:30-8:00pm.

Documents Required

Baptism Certificate: (even if child was baptized at St. Thomas)

Birth Certificate: (if child is not baptized)

Proof of attendance in another parish Religious Education program or Catholic School.

Certificate of First Holy Communion

Registration fee

If your child is 4/5 years old and older, you should register so that your child may receive the formal religious formation.

Did you baptize your child yet?

INFORMATION? Please call 253-4404 ext.16

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation Program will begin a new class for adults who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Sessions will begin in October and are open to anyone sixteen years of age or older who have been baptized and received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Penance. Prior registration is necessary. Please call our Faith Formation Office. **718 253-4404 Ext. 16**. You need to have your Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

We are in need of catechists who are willing to share their faith and work with the young ones as Catechists, helpers and assistants to catechists. If you feel Jesus and His mission is calling you to this ministry, please call Faith Formation Office. 718 253-4404 Ext. 16. You will be helped to get trained to do this ministry.

RCIA

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS.... OR RCIA is a process by which people who are considering membership in the Catholic Church come together for weekly classes to experience Christian Community and share a journey of faith.

FOR WHOM IS IT INTENDED?

1. Un-baptized adults who wish to learn more about the faith and Christian life, with the possibility of being a Catholic Christian.
2. Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about, and possibly join, the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholic Christians who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

WHY NOT ME?- self check list

- non-baptized?
- without recent church involvement?
- searching for meaning in your life?
- curious about the Catholic Church?

If you checked one or more of the above, the Lord is inviting you to “come and see” what the RCIA process is like. For information, call at our Faith Formation Office: 718 253-4404 Ext. 16.

2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to the gifts and pledges we have received from **257** out of 799 parishioners, we are at **118.32%** of goal with a total of **\$69,474.00** pledged and **\$33,924.00** received.

Once we have surpassed 100% of our goal, our parish will receive 100% of all monies over goal which is needed to fund our good works at Saint Thomas Aquinas.

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday June 20, 2015 at the 5:00pm Mass at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church located at 2055 East 69th St. Brooklyn, NY there will be a mass of Inclusion sponsored by Catholic Charities Services advocates. There will light refreshments to follow. All are welcome. For more info please contact Miss Joanna 1-646-474-0195

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Saint Bernard will be conducting a Defensive Driving Class on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Saint Bernard School (2055 East 69th Street) at 10:00am. The cost is 50.00 per person . For more information call Andrea 718-763-5533