

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, May 4, 2015

NOON Loraine & Ralph Russo

TUESDAY, May 5, 2015

6:30am Padre Pio (B)

NOON In Thanksgiving to Our Lord
Jesus Christ

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015

6:30am Souls in Purgatory

NOON Ricardo Parayno

THURSDAY, May 7, 2015

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Thanksgiving to the Blessed
Mother

FRIDAY, May 8, 2015

NOON Thanks be to God

SATURDAY, May 9, 2015

8:30am F.F. James Coyle

5:30pm Anne Cortese

SUNDAY, May 10, 2015

8:00am Mothers Day Mass
Remembrance

11:30am Mothers Day Mass
Remembrance

5:30pm Mothers Day Mass
Remembrance

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

For those who have died: Roderick Hunt, Harry Graziano

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

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp— In memory of **Rev. Patrick Cleary Cssp.** donated by Joan Toal Idy

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 **May 19, 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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

The regular monthly meeting for all Holy Name Members will be held on Tuesday May 5th, 2015 at 7pm, in the basement of the Rectory. All men over the age of 18 are invited to this meeting. We will discuss future plans for the Society in the coming months. Our regular monthly Mass will be Sunday May 10, at 11:30am.

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, May 7, 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

MASS BOOK IS OPEN

According to an old tradition, Catholics may offer a contribution to the Church and request an intention for a particular Mass. This custom invites the faithful into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by uniting their sacrifice with that of Christ. It also helps to support the work of the Church. Because of this latter reason, the contribution is called a “stipend.” We encourage you to remember your deceased loved ones by making an offering. You may also make an offering for the living, especially the sick, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or for any particular intention.

The offering or stipend for each Mass celebrated at Saint Thomas Aquinas is \$15.00 (this stipend is determined by the Diocese of Brooklyn). There is a multi-intention Mass on Sundays at 8:00am.

The mass book is open for the summer months . Masses are available from July 1st,– September 12th

BOOK CLUB

Join us on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 for our Rediscover Catholicism Book Club Reunion in the Aquinas Center. We will finish the final chapters of the book Pages 259-324 and how the book has impacted our lives for the better. Bring your favorite Finger Food to Share. Hope to see you there.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services. In light of the Nepal Disaster, we are asking that you be as generous as you can. Catholic Relief Services is actively involved in helping the disaster site.

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

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK

Saint Thomas Aquinas should share in the profits. For each car, truck, or van, running or not. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will give back to our parish \$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 Saint Vincent de Paul at 1-718-491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

SAINT BRENDAN PARISH CARD PARTY

St. Brendan's Parish is having their annual card party on May 15, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 and includes food, coffee and cake. Please contact the rectory for further information 718-339-2828 or to purchase tickets.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Youth and Altar Servers end of the year trip will be on Saturday, May 30, 2015 to I Play America. For more information please see Fr. Dwayne or Mrs. Mary-Cassandra Odenat

MARIAN MORNING OF PRAYER

Join us on Saturday, May 23, 2014 from 8:30AM-1PM as we celebrate Mary our Mother. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM in the Church and continue at the Aquinas Center. Breakfast will be served. We will end the day with the Rosary in five languages at noon in the Church. This event is sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the Rosary Society. For more information please contact any of the members of these societies or contact the office.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE

Join us for our Third Sunday of the Month Sunday Afternoon movie on the lives of the Saints. Our next Sunday afternoon Movie will be on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 1:30PM in the Aquinas Center

2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal is well underway both here at Saint Thomas Aquinas and throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our parish and Diocese.

The funds raised for this most important appeal will support parishes, Catholic Charities, Education, Formation and Pastoral Outreach - please consider supporting this important initiative as it will help to continue to do the world of the Lord in Brooklyn and Queens.

PARISH SUMMARY REPORT

As of April 21, 2015:

Goal	\$58,716.00
Pledged to date	\$63,708.00 (108.50%)
Received to date	\$27,659.00 (47.00%)
Active Members	785
Donors to date	236 (30.06%)

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

As you read our weekly bulletin you can find a list of our bulletin advertisers on the outside back page. These are local businesses that support what we do here at Saint Thomas Aquinas and enable us to have a weekly bulletin. We invite you to please make use of these businesses by supporting them with our patronage as a thank you for what they are doing for us throughout the year.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

On Friday, May 22nd, 2015, 33 of our teens are to be confirmed by Bishop Ray Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, at St. Mark parish in Brooklyn. Today the candidates, their parents and Sponsors are with us, to ask our support and prayers as they approach one step closer to the celebration of the Sacraments Initiation. Please welcome them and pray for them.

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

- un-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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God calls people in different and mysterious ways! Some to proclaim the Word, some to teach, some others to be companions on the journey. Do you think God is calling you to be a companion with those on the journey? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parish is asking you to be a faith companion on an individual basis.

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 the **K- through Eight grades**.

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.



Our Faith Formation Program will begin a new class for adults who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Sessions will begin in September 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.

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 and Proof of Penance.

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