

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, November 25, 2013

NOON Rimpel Family

TUESDAY, November 26, 2012

6:30am In Thanksgiving

NOON Thomas J. Toal

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2013

6:30am Anna Debonis

NOON Anthony and Joseph Boffa

THURSDAY, November 28, 2013

9:00am People of the Parish

FRIDAY, November 29, 2013

NOON Jacqueline Kernisant

SATURDAY, November 30, 2013

8:30am Antoine Guirand

5:30pm John, Irene & Michael Carroll

SUNDAY, December 1, 2013

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, In Thanksgiving to St. Nicholas & St. John Baptist

11:30am Metro & Stella Nazaruk

5:30pm Frank, Mildred & Frankie Vero



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend we will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded 41 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 41 year, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD collection.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **December 17, 2013** to **Showboat**. The bus leaves from in 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 **December 5, 2013**. 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.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 25-April 3, 2014

Msgr. McGuirl, Msgr. Harrington, Fr. Vassalotti, Fr. K Sweeney, Chaplains
For a brochure call: Lucille 1-800-228-4654 Ext. 208 lucille@groupist.com

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, ALTAR SERVERS NEED YOUR HELP!

For the last few years we have been using Albs here at St. Thomas Aquinas, most of the Albs are in need of replacement. Starting in December our Altar Servers will be moving to Cassocks & Surplices. In order to accomplish this goal we need your help. Please consider memorializing a Cassock and Surplice in honor of a friend or family member living or deceased. Each memorial Cassock & Surplice will be \$100 please make the check out to St. Thomas Aquinas, and include your name and who you are memorializing. For more information please see Fr. Dwayne.

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, Marge Taunton, Angelo Sciannameo, Audrey Smith,

Robert Clark

A Time to Die: Antonine Bauvais

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 and Wine—

In memory of **Catherine J. Hayes**
donated by Jim Hayes & Children

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS



Calling all men 18 & older. Are you a man searching for something greater? The St. Thomas Aquinas Holy Name men invite all men over 18 to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30pm in the Rectory meeting room.

The Holy Name Society is open to all men in the parish. Light refreshments will be served.

ALTAR SERVERS

For our younger altar servers the next meeting will be Sunday, November 24th, 2013 after the 11:30am Mass.

ROSARY SOCIETY

All members of Rosary Society are asked to attend the 11:30am Mass next Sunday and to please sit up front and wear your medal.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

In the spirit of Christmas sharing, Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Altar Servers and Youth Ministry invites the entire congregation to participate in our Christmas Giving Tree Project. Our goal is to light up the lives of those less fortunate. Again this year we will be collecting Christmas gifts for **HOOR CHILDREN**.

Next weekend on the Christmas Tree there will be gift tags from a wish list; please take a tag and help us make Hour Children have a Blessed Christmas. All gifts must be returned no later than the weekend of **December 14/15**. Please bring all gifts unwrapped with the gift tag attached.

FAITH FORMATION

St. Thomas Church will be starting a five weeks adult Faith Formation sessions based on Father Robert Barron's well known program on CATHOLICISM. All are invited. Catechists will be given credits towards their certification. Presentations will be held in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Adult Faith Formation sessions:

Your are invited to come and learn more about the Catholic Church and our Faith.

When? Monday, November 25

Monday, December 2, 9 and 16 7:00-8:30pm

Where? St. Thomas Aquinas Church

What? A deeper look into the beauty and truth of the Catholic Church.

Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about our Church and her teachings! Don't be left out! This journey will be guided by Msgr. John Brown, Father Dwayne Davis and Ms. Elizabeth Mathew.

For more information please call 718-253-4404 Ext. 30



Saturday December 14, 2013

10 AM - 11:30 AM

In the School cafeteria

(entrance through our parking lot)

Cost: \$5

All proceeds will benefit the Youth Group & the Religious Education Program

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

In observance of Thanksgiving Day the Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 27th, Thursday, November 28th** and **Friday, November 29th** There will be only one mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Noon Mass on Friday.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bishop DiMarzio has requested that a special collection be taken up for the relief efforts of those affected by Typhoon Haiyan, this collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 30th/ December 1st. If you have already sent in a donation it has been held and will be added to the collection that weekend.

Theology On Tap

Join Theology On Tap for a night of wine and cheese celebrating "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE" with Tim Haines and Wilson Orihuela, Hosts of VERICAST Show (www.vericast.net) as they discuss the Incarnation of the Lord. Saturday, December 7th 6:30pm at The Aquinas Center.

Free will offering and Raffles to benefit Religious Education. Must be 21 years of age/older to attend. For further information call Robert Ruggiero 718-253-4404.

1st Annual Christmas Fair at St. Thomas Aquinas

First Annual Christmas Fair - Saturday, December 14th 10am-4:00pm -

Find that perfect gift for Christmas - plus food, crafts, music, and fun!!!

Location: The Little Church of St. Thomas (Enter through main parking lot directly across from the main Church). For further information - 718-253-4404 or www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

Speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero - proceeds to benefit Religious Education.

Vendors Needed for 1st Annual Christmas Fair

If you are interested in selling your merchandise, please call 718-253-4404 to reserve a table for Saturday, December 14th 10am-4:00pm speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero. Table reservations are \$30.00.

Volunteers and Supplies Needed for 1st Annual Christmas Fair

We welcome your generous donations in: Christmas baking goods, candies, new decorations, etc. - If you would like to assist us during the Christmas Fair - please call us at 718-253-4404 speak with Mirlene Jean or Robert Ruggiero.

No Religion Classes On

Thanksgiving Recess: Wednesday, November 27th and Sunday, December 1st

No Religion Classes On

Christmas Recess: Wednesday, December 25th, Sunday, December 29th, and Wednesday, January 1st.

2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Last year 199 parishioners participated in the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. To date, **31.06%** of our parishioners have responded to the 2013 Appeal. Our assigned parish goal is **\$57,780.00**. As of November 18th, **205** out of **781** households have pledged **\$58,020.00** This represents 100.42% of our goal.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group of Catholic lay people who dedicate themselves to Mary Immaculate and they bring the gospel into hearts yearning for Christ and our Blessed Mother. They meet on Monday's at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Come and see what God's blessings could bring to you in your life.

MISSALETTE DEDICATION

We are replacing the JOURNEYSONG hymnals with an updated Missalette each Missalette is valued at \$25.00, and you can fund as many Missalettes' as you like. Your generosity and commitment to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is vital so we can continue to provide the wonderful music ministry. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "New Missals" with your name, telephone number and the name of the person you wish to have inscribed in the Missalette. For those parishioners who already had a hymnal from last year memorialized, those name will be brought over to the new missalette. Any questions please call Mrs. Dawson 718-253-4404.

MULTI-SENSORY INTERACTIVE ADVENT PRAYER EXPERIENCE

This is a new offering for our parish, one which will expand your ability to hear the Lord.

Because we are multi-sensory learners, God speaks to us through our senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. A prayer experience that brings all five of our human senses into play, therefore, can become an engaging prayer experience in which we take an active role in our encounter, communion, and connection to God. Working with this insight, the Advent Prayer Room incorporates traditional church symbols within a unique setting that enhances the prayer experience by providing participants with several options for their prayer time. This creates a personalized prayer time which allows participants to discover a connection to God through their senses, guiding them into a deep and meaningful dialogue with the living God.

Here's what you can expect in the Prayer Room. When you enter the prayer room, you will find a variety of prayer stations. You can spend as much or as little time at as you feel necessary at any one station, moving through each station at your own pace. There may be some stations that don't "touch your heart" or work for you, whereas others may help you feel a sense of connection to God's presence or grace. Candles, lights, incense, and meditative music help to create a reverent and quiet atmosphere which fosters opportunities to enter personally into communion with God. Some stations have items which are "hands on" while other stations may involve tasting or consuming a symbolic food to help enrich the prayer experience. As you move from station to station, you will encounter items to take with you as a symbolic reminder of your experience. This is your unique experience, your unique time with the Lord, your opportunity to know God and sense God's presence in new ways. Please join us on:

Friday December 13, from 10:30- 8:00pm

Saturday December 14, 10:30am-5pm and Sunday December 15, 9:00am-2:00pm
In the Aquinas Center (2000 Flatbush Avenue)

The prayer room also provides participants an opportunity to grow in faith and learn something new about themselves. It can be an experience that changes our perception of God and how God works in our lives.

We invite you, therefore, to renew your relationship with God by visiting the prayer room. Spend time to listen, wait, and experience the grace of the living God. Come and allow God to speak to your heart. Let the Holy Spirit ignite the fire of God's love and compassion deep within. Experience God's presence anew; see where God's grace is waiting to be poured out. Come and encounter the Story, the Spirit, the Scripture!

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE CANONIZATION OF POPES JOHN PAUL II & JOHN XXIII

*** ASSISI ***

Come and join St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in our pilgrimage to Rome for the occasion of the canonization of Pope John Paul II & Pope John XXIII. We will also visit Assisi.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FATHER DWAYNE DAVIS

Depart April 24th -Return May 1st, 2014

Trip Includes:

- *Round trip air fare including all taxes;
- *4 nights in a Hotel in Rome centrally located to Vatican
- *Breakfast buffet and Dinner daily (wine included at dinner & mineral water)
- *Tour of Eternal City including Coliseum, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum, etc. ;
- *Participation at the canonization, with tour guide escort
- *Tour of Vatican including Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum
- *2 Nights in Assisi- St Francis Basilica, St. Claire Basilica, Our Lady of Angels & Portiuncola
- *Round Trip transfer to and from hotel including luggage handling.
- *Including tour escort and First Class Coach



\$2990.00 Per Person based on double occupancy

For more information please call

Elizabeth Mathew 718-253-4404 ext. 30

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Due to limited seats \$300 deposit required by December 20th.