

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 22, 2014

NOON Kenneth Connelly

TUESDAY, September 23, 2014

6:30am Frances Lawless

NOON William Bownes

WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2014

6:30am Everest Alexander

NOON Vincent Gatens

THURSDAY, September 25, 2014

6:30am Inez Donovan

NOON Frank, Mildred & Frank Jr. Vero

FRIDAY, September 26, 2014

NOON Lois Mc Andrews

SATURDAY, September 27, 2014

8:30am Almand Cassis & Christine
Gilot

5:30pm Paul Mathew

SUNDAY, September 28, 2014

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the
Parish, Mary Ann Blum, Matteo Capaccio
& William Walsh

11:30am Ameer Brian Khan

5:30pm Anna Walsh

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 Sciannameo, Carl Nott, Susan Olsen, Gail Monsegue Sarah DeProseeno, Marie Lenti, Luis Loperena, Louise Brennan, Ghislaine Augustin, Ann Daroux

For those who have died: Frances Lawless, Dolores Siena

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 **Mary Ann Blum** donated by Paul her husband

NEW OFFICE HOURS

As of September 2, all parish business will be done at the **RECTORY**

Hours are:

Monday-Thursday

9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

Evening 5pm-8:15pm

The Parish office is closed from Noon-1:00 pm., so the parish staff can have lunch.

9am-2pm Saturday & Sunday

The Parish office also will be open on Friday starting Sept. 5th 9am-12pm ONLY

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**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **October 21, 2014** to **Bally's** 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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in the Rectory

YOUTH CORNER

All youth, junior high and high school teens. 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. All are welcome to come, so please invite your friends! For more information see Fr. Dwayne or any of our youth leaders. Our next youth group meeting will be October 3, at the Aquinas Center.

CARIBBEAN NIGHT

St. Thomas Aquinas Msgr. King Hall
Saturday, September 27, 2014
7:00 pm - Midnight
Donation: \$25.00

Come enjoy the sounds and tastes of the Caribbean

Tickets on sale in the Rectory Office and in the Church Vestibule after all weekend Masses
Proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Ministry

DONATIONS

The Caribbean Night Dinner Dance Committee is currently accepting donations for the Caribbean themed baskets that will be raffled on the night of the event. Please drop off your donations including Caribbean liquors, spices, candies, jewelry etc. at the Rectory Office, or at the ticket table in the church vestibule when the event tickets are being sold. Your contributions will be much appreciated.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Calling all Young Adults, 18- 30s.

We are opening our doors to Young Adults, who either reside in our Parish, or simply want to use this opportunity to connect, discuss, enrich themselves and spend some quality time. No, this is not a prayer group, although the issue of prayer, faith and morality will be touched upon many times.

Young adults are people from 18 to 30's, married & single, who very seriously know the realities of life, yet still live out the joys of their youth. The meetings are not classes, where attendance is taken or sign-up is mandatory. Rather, it is a gathering of young people, friends if you will, very informal and laid back. Come as you are. You don't have to be Catholic in order to join. Be sure to become familiar with us both online and in person. We guarantee that these gatherings will be very fulfilling. You will not waste your time with us. Some of our possible activities will include: bowling, hiking, ice skating, soup kitchen, bike rides, Ski trip, retreats, movie nights, wine tasting, sports, visiting the museum, barbeque, Theology on Tap, Midnight Run, Catholic Underground, book club, and community service events. The Young Adult group will meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 5:30PM Mass

For more information please see Fr.

Dwayne or any of the Young Adult Committee members.

Our next Young Adult Night will be on Saturday, October 4th after the 5:30PM Mass. It will be our game night

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation Ministry 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. You need to have your Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates. Please remember one needs to be fully initiated to be a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for confirmation.

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. Non 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Class Registration for 2014-2015

Registrations for the 2014-2015 Calendar Year is now being accepted. Please stop by the Aquinas Center (Mon - Thurs, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.) or Rectory Office (Mon - Thurs, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.) to pick up a registration form for either the Sunday or Wednesday Program. Or go to www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com and download a copy. First time registrants, please bring a copy of your child(ren) baptismal certificate.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per child and \$50.00 for each additional child. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons 4:00-5:30 pm and Sunday mornings 10:00am- 12:30 pm including 11:30 am Mass.

Our Faith Formation Program offers the opportunity for children from KG through Eight grade to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and grow in their relationship with God. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons and on Sunday Mornings and include Mass during the school year. 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. You will be helped to get trained to do this ministry.

Class Starts on Sunday, September 21st and Wednesday, September 24th. Please parents register your child as soon as possible so that we can prepare appropriate material for them.

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

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Monday, October 20, 2014-7:30P.M.
Rosary for Life , Inc invites you to join them for their Annual Anniversary con-celebrated Mass at Good Shepherd Church, 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, CT will be the main Celebrant & Homilist. The Rosary will proceed the Mass at 7:00 P.M. and enrollment in the Brown Scapular will follow. Parking available. For more information, call Rosary For Life, Inc at 718-377-6920

TRIDUUM

There will be a Triduum In Honor of St. Padre Pio at St. Edmunds Church, 1902 Avenue T September 21st , 22nd and 23rd at 7:30pm. For more information call-718-743-0102

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 Fall? Join us on Tuesday nights during September and October at 7PM in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The Bible Study will be led by Fr. Dwayne Davis. All are welcome , so invite a friend and bring your Bible. We are reading the Gospel of Luke. Please note that Bible Study is offered only once on Tuesday nights only.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society will be sponsoring a "Luncheon " at "**China New Star**" on Flatbush Avenue & Avenue R on Sunday, October 5th at **1:15 PM**. (please note restaurant **does not open until 1PM**). All are invited to join us for an enjoyable afternoon. Tickets are \$30.00 and may be obtained by calling Connie at 718-376-6045. Everyone is welcome.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

Faith is the best gift one can share with others. Our parish is in need of those who are willing to spare two hours a week to share their faith with the young people of our parish. If you would like to be enriched in your faith by sharing it, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 718 253-4404. Ext. 16 Those who are involved in this ministry say "it is the most rewarding ministry!"

Our program offers the opportunity for children from KG-8th Grade to know God and deepen their relationship with God. We are in need of Catechists, and helpers and assistants in this ministry.

OPEN HOUSES

Bishop Kearney— Located at 60th Street and Bay Parkway., will hold it's annual Open House for sixth, seventh and eight grade girls and their parents on Thursday, October 23, from 6:00-7:00pm and again on Sunday, October 26, from 1:00-3:00pm.

Xaverian—Located at 7100 Shore Road, Brooklyn, NY 11209 will hold its Open House for all those interested in learning about unique benefits of a Xaverian education on Sunday, October, 19th, from 10:00am-2:00pm. There will be special tours for Sons of Alumni beginning at 9:00am.

Regis High School/Manhattan -Located at 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028 will be holding an Open House on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2014 from 1:00-4:00pm. For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions. 212-288-1100 Ext.2057

Saint Saviour High School— Located at 588 6th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215 will be hosting their Open House on Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 6:30-8:00pm and Sunday, October 26th from 12:30pm—3:30pm

Saint Frances Preparatory School— Located 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd. Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 will be hosting their Open House on Saturday October 18th, from 12-4:30pm Auditorium Presentations: 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, and 3:30.