

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, September 8, 2014**

NOON James Barford

**TUESDAY, September 9, 2014**

**6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant**

NOON Edna Mackiewicz

**WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2014**

**6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant**

NOON Julia Rapisarda

**THURSDAY, September 11, 2014**

**6:30am F.F. James Raymond Coyle**

NOON World Trade center Victims

**FRIDAY, September 12, 2014**

NOON William Hughes

**SATURDAY, September 13, 2014**

8:30am Maryann Blum

5:30pm Peggy Kelly

**SUNDAY, September 14, 2014**

8:00am Vincenzo Mistretta

11:30am Marie Gedeon

5:30pm Helen Dorothy Carroll & Rita  
Kelly

## 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

**For those who have died::**

**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 **Kathleen C. Walsh** donated by a friend

## 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**

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Summer is half over. You've probably taken care of the kids, the yard work, and the air conditioning. Have you had time to take care of your marriage? Here's how you can enhance your marriage - experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Autumn is coming, so make plans now. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in our area is Sept. 12-14 2014. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call (877) NYS-WWME.

Transportation can be arranged.

Meals and lodging included for a \$50 registration fee. If you mention St. Thomas Aquinas the \$50 registration fee will be waived.

## **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.

Upcoming Youth Events and Calendar for the Summer

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back & Ice Cream Social

## **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.

## 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. 30.

## 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](http://www.stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com) and download a copy. First time registrants, please bring a copy of your child(ren) baptismal certificate.

We will be having registration on Sunday September 7, 2014 after the 8:30 and 11:30 am Masses. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **WINE TASTING**

St. Thomas Aquinas Young Adult group invites you and a friend to join us for a wine tasting event to remember on **Saturday, October 11, 2014**. You must be 21 or older in order to attend, more information to follow next week.

### **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. 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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

*For the next two weekends, the parish will be having Music Ministry signup. Please see Mr. Jim Millen, the Music Director, at the organ, after any weekend Mass or take and fill out a sheet in the rear of the church. Thank you and God bless you.*



*“Sing to the Lord a new song” – Psalm 96*

## **S.T.A. SPORTS NEWS**

Basketball Registration will take place on Saturday's in September from 9:30am to 12pm for CYO travel, intramural and clinic play. Also the Monsignor King Basketball Tournament is making a comeback this December. For further information visit our website at [www.stasports.org](http://www.stasports.org)

## **TACHS PREPARATION PROGRAM**

A six week TACHS PREPARATION PROGRAM will be offered at Saint Saviour High School beginning Saturday September 20th. Parents of students who entering the 8th grade may call the following number for further information: 914-771-8577

## **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