# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

*Founded in 1885*

*"Flatlands, Brooklyn"*

1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234

www. stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

## Sunday, October 4 2026–Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

***PASTORAL STAFF***

***Pastor***

*Very Rev. Dwayne D. Davis, V.F.*

***Parochial Vicar***

*Fr. Stanley Shinkut*

*Fr. Paul Zwolak*

***Director of Religious Education***

*Mary-Cassandra Odenat*

**Director of Youth & Young Adult Evangelization**

*Abigail Philisma*

**Director of Retreat & Conference Center**

*Stephanie Sylvain*

***RECTORY OFFICE HOURS***

***Monday & Wednesday***

***9:00 am to 8:00 pm***

***Tuesday & Thursday***

***9:00 am to 5:00pm***

***Friday & Saturday***

***9:00am to 2:00pm***



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***Mass Schedule***

***Monday-Friday 12 Noon***

***Saturday– 8:30am Mass***

***Vigil Mass 5:30 pm***

***Sunday 8:00am, 11:30am & 5:30pm***

***Confession:***

***Wednesday's following the Noon Mass***

***Saturday's at 4:30 pm***

***We're continuing to livestream our Sunday 11:30am Mass on YouTube at: stabrooklyn***

***Facebook @ stabrooklyn or our website stthomasaquinasbroolyn.com.***

***We also livestream Our Noon weekday mass on Facebook and our website***

***Parish Mission Statement***

*We, the people of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Flatlands, Brooklyn, are a multicultural Community: invigorated to respond to the call of Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consistent with the tradition of the Catholic Church, we are:*

- *United in worshipping the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit by serving Him through serving one another.*
- *Devoted to unity with the Body of Christ, supporting and promoting one another to live the message of the Gospel through the celebration of the sacraments.*
- *Committed to the church community that fosters evangelism, service, hospitality, stewardship and a need for genuine unity and belonging.*

## We Welcome You To Pray With The Parish

**Divine Mercy-** Mondays following Noon Mass.
**Miraculous Medal Novena**– Saturday after the 8:30 Mass.
**Eucharistic Adoration**– Following the Noon Mass.
**Rosary**– Daily at 11:30am.
**Prayer Group**– Thursday 7:30pm in church.
**Bereavement/ Grief Share-**Every Wednesday from 6:30pm –8:00pm

## OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. Are you 17 years or older and are yearning to develop or strengthen your personal relationship with God?
Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you experiencing a longing to complete your sacraments to become a fully-initiated Catholic? The members of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas/Our Lady Help of Christians await your arrival to begin, or continue, your journey of spiritual enlightenment. We welcome:

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those who were baptized in another faith, but seek full communion in the Catholic faith.
- Baptized Catholics who wish to receive sacraments to become fully-initiated into the Catholic faith. Through prayer, discussion, and instruction, in a relaxed group setting you will explore Catholic Faith and the teachings of Christ Jesus.

## OCIC

Order of Christian Initiation for Children at St. Thomas Aquinas/Our Lady Help of Christians we also have an Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) pro-gram for youth 14 -16 years of age who wish to receive their sacraments to become fully-initiated into the Catholic Church.

For more information, please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Mary-Cassandra Odenat at 718-253-4404.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Join our parish family! New members can register easily by visiting the Welcome Ministry table at the back of the church during weekend Masses. You can also contact the parish office during regular business hours to get started.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms at our parish are celebrated on the last Sunday of the month, with the exception of December and January. Please contact the Parish office at least 1 month in advance to Schedule a required preparation appointment with a priest.

## WEDDINGS

If you need to schedule a wedding, please contact the rectory at least six months prior to the desired date, and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for 2026-2027 year is currently underway. Classes started Sunday, September 20th at 10:00am in the School.

All new students are welcome to register as well. The fee for the 2026-2027 School Year is $200 per student (additional students in the same immediate family is an additional $100 per student.)

All New Registration Forms must also include the student's birth certificate, baptism certificate, and if appropriate, First Holy Communion certificate. Please visit the St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory Office to obtain and complete a registration form or contact the Director of Faith Formation, Mary Cassandra Odenat at 718-253-4404/4405

## Announcement

### Mass Book Opening: January-June 2027

The Mass Book for the first half of 2027 will officially open on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Mass Stipend: $20.00 per Mass intention. How to Schedule: Please visit or contact the Rectory Office during regular business hours.

### New Parishioners!

New members are graciously welcome to Saint Thomas Aquinas! We are so blessed to have you worshiping with us. If you would like to officially join our parish community, you can register in any of the following ways:

- Visit our parish website to fill out the registration form at your convenience.
- Drop by the parish office during regular business hours to register in person.
- Stop by our welcoming table in the back of the church after any of the weekend Masses to register and ask questions.

*We look forward to meeting you and growing together in faith.*

### Stay Connected!

**The Rectory is the primary point of contact. Want to know more about what's happening in our parish community? Please contact the rectory office for information and on all upcoming events.**

## DECEASED

With deep sadness, we announce the passing, of Paul Liddell, Marlysha Myrthil Liddell and Leilani Liddell. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends during this difficult time. May their soul rest in eternal peace.

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS*

**Monday, September 28th**
Noon Mass-Francis Pasquince Requested by Walter Alexander

**Tuesday, September 29th**
Noon Mass-Teresa Messana Requested by Deborah Sankey

**Wednesday, September 30th**
Noon Mass-Rempel Family Requested by Lourdes Christopher

**Thursday, October 1st**
Noon Mass-Ann & John Cortese Requested by Cortese Family

**Friday, October 2nd**
Noon Mass-Elisabeth Boucher Requested by her Family

**Saturday, October 3rd**
8:30am-Rick Raspante Requested by Deborah Sankey

5:30pm-Jerry Dormody Requested by Maureen Shield

**Sunday, October 4th**
8:00am Mass-Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Juliet Boiser Requested by Myrn & Elmer Goopio, Emmanuel Ulasi Requested by Eunice Ulasi

11:30am: Ernest James Sr. Requested by Evans Family

5:30pm-Ajani & Abiola Falade Birthday Blessing Requested by Falade and the White Family



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Week of September 2th, 2026**

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp & Flowers, In Memory of Paul Liddell, Marlysha Myrthil Liddell and Leilani Liddell Donated by Ellen McDonald.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Babetted Orlich, Thomas Shine, Greta Salcedo, Janice Robinson, Anna Dorazio, Joseph Rebis, , Theo Cauf-man, Marie Schomber, Christine Scarlatto.

## GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop is open year around, stop by for all your religious items, grab a great book to read:

M-W-F: 11:45am -1:30pm
(closed during mass)
Sundays: 30 minutes before and after the 8:00am and 11:30am Mass.



*Those in the Armed Services-in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world. May God bless them*

***Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith. Remember Our Parish in Your Will when you next update your estate plan. Please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Thomas Aquinas.***

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND** If you know a parishioner who is unable to attend mass on the weekend, or are unable to attend yourself, please contact the rectory to arrange 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.



For years, the youth sports program at Saint Thomas Aquinas has had a tremendous impact on the boys and girls in our neighborhood. We are excited to continue that tradition. Our mission is simple: to provide the children of our parish and community the opportunity to learn the skills of basketball and soccer in an enjoyable and safe environment. Whether your child is picking up a ball for the first time or looking to sharpen their skills, there is a place for them here.

For schedules, registration, .and more information, please visit our website at stasports.org.



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## Hello October




Here comes October. As October unfolds, we slow down enough to notice the beauty around it and within it. Like the trees releasing their leaves, we need to let go of what weighs us down. I welcome change with grace, gratitude, and a renewed sense of purpose. This month, root yourself in what matters and make space for what is becoming. This aligns with October's symbolic lessons of release, renewal, and presence.



While May is widely recognized as Mary's Month for general devotions to the Blessed Mother, October focuses heavily on honoring Mary through her specific title as Our Lady of the Rosary.

Grief is a journey.
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Join fellow travelers:
In Grief Sharing
ON WEDNESDAYS
Of every month
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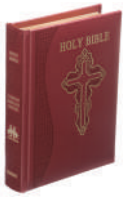
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