St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Founded in 1885
"Flatlands, Brooklyn"
1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234
www. stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

Sunday, October 18, 2026–Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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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 the 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. However, it is not too late to register your child. We are still actively accepting late enrollments.

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



Calling all Dancers!

Join us on Saturday, October 24 for the World Youth Dance-a-Thon. Bring your energy, and your best moves for an unforgettable nigh of dancing. Whether you practice ballet, hip-hop, jazz, or just love to move, this event is for you. Spread the word, bring your friends, and let's dance the night away. Light refreshments will be provided to keep you fueled and moving.

Envelope Announcement

Our envelope company recently informed us that our upcoming envelope mailing will be delayed for this cycle. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience. In the meantime, please use any plain envelope for your donations, write your name or your envelope number on the envelope until your new packet arrives. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support.

Mass Book Opening: January-June 2027

The Mass Book for the first half of 2027 is officially open Mass Stipend: $20.00 per Mass intention. 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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19th
Noon Mass-Andrew Chukwuneta Requested by Eunice Ulasi

Tuesday, October 20th
Noon Mass-Roosevelt Jean-Francois Requested by Wislet Vincent

Wednesday, October 21th
Noon Mass-Nicky Docu Requested by Doborah Sankey

Thursday, October 22th
Noon Mass-Riccardo Colasuonno Requested by Dominick Colasuonno

Friday, October 23rd
Noon Mass-Carmelle Eveillard Requested by Marie Carmel Guirand

Saturday, October 24th
8:30am-Jose Beboy Belasoio Requested Suzette Boizer

5:30pm-Catherine & Patrick McNicholas Requested by MaryAnn Dean

Sunday, October 25th
8:00am Mass-Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Rogus & Wiese Family

11:30am: Eric & Fabienne Faublas Birthday Blessing Requested by Adriana Dorner & Nathalie Faublas

5:30pm: St. Thomas Aquinas List

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Altar Bread & Wine, In Memory of Anne & Jerry Dormody

Altar Candles in Memory of John Sloan

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Kenneth Dean Requested

Requested by Maureen Shields



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

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

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.

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 and keep them safe .

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.

Midwood Catholic Academy
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Midwood Catholic Academy located at 1501 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234-offers a faith filled environment and academic excellence. For more information on registration, please call 718-377-1800 or visit their website at www.midwoodcatholicacademy.org .



OCTOBER

As we reach the midpoint of October, the autumn season is in full bloom. The leaves change color and fall, the air grows crisper, and the days noticeably shorten. As we move through the season of the church, we find ourselves deeply rooted in Ordinary Time a season that invites us to discover the extraordinary grace of God within the routine of our daily lives.

Take a moment this week to pause. Step away from the noise and busyness. Sit with the Blessed Mother in quiet prayer, perhaps holding a rosary, and ask her to guide you closer to her Son. Let us thank God for His unwavering faithfulness, for the beauty of creation, and for the quiet moments of grace that sustain us each day.

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.

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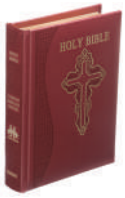
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