St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Founded in 1885

"Flatlands, Brooklyn"

1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234

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Sunday, October 25 2026–Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Stanley Shinkut
Fr. Paul Zwolak

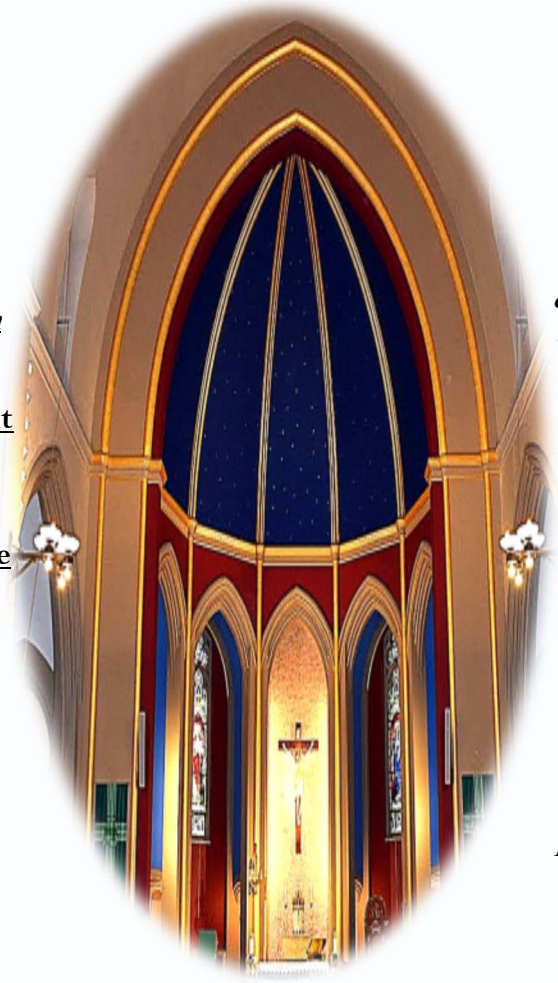
Director of Religious Education
Mary-Cassandra Odenat

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 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.

Fr. Paul

Father Paul Zwolak was raised in Middle Village Queens by his parents, who immigrated from Poland. He is one of three children, where he falls right in the middle. His family were members of Our Lady of Hope Parish. Father Paul was an active member of his parish, where he was an alter server and served as a sacristan. He wanted to participate in parish live because he felt that by putting himself in the center of Church life, it would help him to discern his vocation. Finally, after much prayer and contemplation, he received his answer. He attended the College Seminary in Douglaston, followed by St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. Father Paul was ordained on June 6th at St. James Cathedral. St. Thomas Aquinas is his first assignment, and he has shown himself to be very comfortable in his post. His responsibilities include the Vocation Ministry, the Youth Ministries and the Alter servers. In his spare time, he enjoys running, which stems from his high school days when he was on the Track team, where he ran the one-mile race and the steeple chase. He also enjoys biking and reading. We welcome Father Paul as he continues to grow in his vocation.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 26th
Noon Mass-Arturo Barrion Requested by Suzette Boiser

Tuesday, October 27th
Noon Mass-Lorette Guirand Requested by Marie Carmel Guirand

Wednesday, October 28th
Noon Mass-Nicola DeVito Requested by Dominick Colasuonno

Thursday, October 29th
Noon Mass-Jack & Irene DeMaria Requested by Dianne DeMaria

Friday, October 30th
Noon Mass-Bill Hughes Requested by Rosemary Hughes

Saturday, October 31st
8:30am-Marilyn Trabajo, Josephine Macaraya & Juliette Dagdayan Boiser Requested by Byandby

5:30pm-Isabelle Baiori Requested by Joseph Dawson

Sunday, November 01
8:00am Mass-Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Huguette Allen, Remi Tepox

11:30am: Ernest James Sr. Requested by Ellen McDonald

5:30pm: Micheal Christophe & Lourdes Labe Christophe Requested by Lourdes Christope.



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.

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.

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.



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.



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END OF OCTOBER

The end of October is a natural checkpoint to pause, recognize personal growth, and practice gratitude as autumn shifts into November. Instead of measuring the month only by unfinished goals, it honors resilience, emotional shifts, and quiet progress.

Key Themes of October Reflection

- Releasing the Old: Like falling autumn leaves, this time invites you to let go of habits, worries, or expectations that no longer serve you.
- Celebrating Small Wins: Progress is often quiet—value the lessons learned and consistency kept rather than just loud milestones.
- Preparing for November: Treat the close of the month as an open door to reset your mindset, renew your faith, and refocus your energy.

Announcement

Midwood Catholic Academy will host a Virtus training session for all parents and school volunteers on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 5:30pm, to register visit virtus.org.

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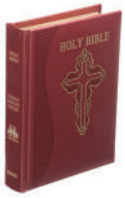
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