

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Founded 1885

Flatlands, Brooklyn

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1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234

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Director of Faith Formation

Mr. Jeremy Laguerre
Music Director

Ms. Tatiana Jones

Youth Ministry

Aaron Mindanao

Digital Ministry



Mass Times

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday Noon

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 8:30 AM

5:30PM Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00AM, 11:30AM &
5:30PM

LIVE BROADCAST OF OUR MASSES

We are continuing to livestream our Sunday 11:30am Mass on YouTube at: [stabrooklyn](https://www.youtube.com/stabrooklyn), [facebook@stabrooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/stabrooklyn) or our website

stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com. also livestream our Noon weekday Mass on **Facebook** and our website.

Parish Office-Rectory

718-253-4404

718-253-4405

Fax 718-338-7757

Emergencies Only

917-732-3349

Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Saturday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

We welcome you to Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of the month, except for December and January. Please contact the parish Office for further information (at least one month in advance) to set an appointment with one of the priests.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is celebrated each Wednesday following the Noon Mass and on Saturdays from 4pm-5pm. There are also seasonal Penance Services.

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired date of your wedding.

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- 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month

Parish Membership

New members are graciously welcomed to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sports Program

Our mission here at Saint Thomas Aquinas is to provide for the children of our Parish and Community the opportunity to learn the skills of Basketball/Soccer in an enjoyable and safe environment. The history of youth sports associated with Saint Thomas Aquinas has always had a tremendous impact on the young boys and girls in this neighborhood. For more information please visit our website: stasports.org.

Midwood Catholic Academy- Located at 1501 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Midwood Catholic Academy offers a faith filled environment and academic excellence. For more information on registration please call 1-718-377-1800 or visit their website at www.midwoodcatholicacademy.org

Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Flatlands, Brooklyn, are a multicultural community: invigorate 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 within 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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 26, 2022

Noon Christmas Mass Remembrance

TUESDAY, December 27, 2022

Noon Christmas Mass Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2022

Noon Riccardo & Angela Colasuonno

Requested by Family

THURSDAY, December 29, 2022

Noon Virginia Desantis

Requested by Family

FRIDAY, December 30, 2022

Noon Jacqueline Destin-Birthday Blessing

SATURDAY, December 31, 2022

8:30am Christmas Mass Remembrance

5:30pm John Sloan

10pm Holy Hour

11pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Clarice Singh Requested by Monica O'Shea

11:30am Lena James, Nareem Nelson & Akeel Waldron– Gifta Evans

5:30pm - John Carol Sr., Frank Vero Jr. & Rita Kelly

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sick: Louis A. Loperena, Cynthia Carlson

DECEASED

With great sadness, we are announcing the passing of: **Pietro Russo, Steven De Lea**

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 here and abroad. May God bless them and keep them safe .



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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Are you a baptized Catholic who wishes to receive the

Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? Call the Rectory Office to speak with Fr. Dwayne, or Mary-Cassandra, The Director of Faith formation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-2023

Religious Education for the 2022-2023 year is currently underway. Please contact the Rectory for more information.

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.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MEMORIAL GIFTS

Each week you can memorialize someone with the gift of Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread & Wine & Altar Flowers.

This weeks memorial gifts are:

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of **Ann and John Cortese** Donated by Family

Altar Candles: In memory of **Jeff Altieri & Marjorie Boucher** Donated by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of **Elizabeth Boucher** Donated by her Family

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Go Tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born

Merry Christmas to one and all!

"Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.'" - Luke 2:8-11

"Go Tell it on the Mountain," indeed, just as the angel proclaimed the good news to the shepherds on that very first Christmas. "Go Tell it on the Mountain," for me, always captured the very essence of Christmas. With exuberant joy, the song proclaims the greatest love story in the history of humanity, the Incarnation. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."** - John 3:16

After centuries of humanity's waiting and wandering in the barren wilderness of sin, the Word had become flesh; God had become man to pay the debt of our sins and offer the opportunity for repentance and union with Him. He came to save us, and He would lay down His life on the cross to do it. *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13

Yes, "Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere." The Lord had kept His promise and the Messiah had come. As the angel said, this is good news of great joy for **all the people**. This message must go out to the entire world, and today, we are all called to be the messengers. In a world that is desperate for good news, you and I must Go Tell it on the Mountain through our words and actions, with Jesus' light shining through us to draw others back to the Church and back to Him. Only in Church can one receive the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and there can be no greater joy than receiving the real presence of Christ.

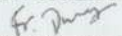
As we celebrate Christmas together, I and my brother priests at our parish would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make our parish and community brighter by sharing the light of Christ through your time, talent, and treasure. We are forever grateful to you, as you're the lifeline of our parish community.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I pray that you and your family are doing well and living with Joy and Hope in the Lord. Remember to always be ready to give a reason for your joy, for as Father Kieran once said in a homily, you might be the only Bible someone ever reads!

Go Tell it on the Mountain! Merry Christmas!

Your Brother in Christ


Father Dwayne

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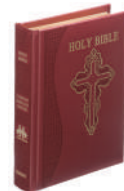
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