St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Founded 1885

"Flatlands, Brooklyn"

1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234

www. stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com

Sunday, July 26th , 2026–Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor
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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 see 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) program 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

Thank you to all of our 2025-2026 Religious Education families for participating in our program and allowing our Catechists to make the Trinity known to our students, and to help them encounter Christ and grow in relationship with him.

If your student was in the Religious Education First to Seventh grades, our families are invited to re-register them for the next grade in our St. Thomas Aquinas/Our Lady Help of Christians Religious Education Program for the 2026-2027 School Year. This allows our students to continue their formal faith formation until they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 $50 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

Dear Parishioner

Today we celebrate the success of our parish campaign, Serving Him through Serving One Another. Because of the support of 183 parish families, we have raised $1.1 Million toward projects that will benefit our parish for generations to come, including a retreat and conference center and critical sound system upgrades. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to prayerfully consider participating.

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DECEASED

It's with great sadness, we are announcing the passing of::

Kevin Roye
Millicent Sylvester
Anibal Roman

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 27th
Noon Mass-Theresa (Terri) Sankey Requested by Deborah Sankey

Tuesday, July 28th
Noon Mass-Lillian Delorez Velez Requested Raymond & Irrma Fluentes.

Wednesday, July 29th
Noon Mass-In Thanksgiving to Our Lord Requested by Marie Noel.

Thursday, July 30th
Noon Mass-Mecene , Josette Vincent & Wily Brunache Requested by Jean Wislet Vincent.

Friday, July 31st
Noon Mass-John McCrea Requested by Kerry McDonald

Saturday, August 1st
8:30am-Catherine Smith Requested by Concepcion Dionson

5:30pm-Joanne Patchett Requested by Catherine & Jim Morrissey

Sunday, July 26th
8:00am Mass-Purgatorial Society, People of the Parish, Ann Davitt Requested by Sloan Family, Soul in Purgatory Requested by Mr. Estera Ulysse.

11:30am: Cathleen T. O'Brien Requested by Keri O'Brien & Family

5:30 pm: Louis Udeze Requested by Dominick Colasuonno

Memorial Gifts

Week of July 26th

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of The James Family
Donated by Gifta Evans
Altar Candle in Memory of Nneka Jade Rochester
Donated by Jackie DeBonis

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH
Doreen Jennings, Daryl Charles Winkler, Joseph Saccente, Ingrid Jennings, Maria Elba-Ruiz, Babetted Orlich, Thomas Shine, Golda Critchow, Greta Salcedo, Janice Robinson, Anna Dorazio, Joseph Rebis, , Theo Caufman, , Marie Schomber, Christine Scarlatto, Jack Lubin.

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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Guarding the Soul in Leisure

While summer provides a welcome, casual pace, Catholic spiritual tradition cautions us against the trap of spiritual drift. It is easy to take a vacation from our schedules, but we must never take a vacation from our faith. St. Thomas Aquinas and other saints warned that pure idleness can leave the intellect and will unguarded against distraction and vice.

Dear parishioners,

As you enjoy your summer vacations and travels, please remember that St. Thomas Aquinas still relies on your weekly offerings. Without your support we cannot accomplish our mission. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity to our parish. For eGiving visit our website https:stthomasaquinasbrooklyn.com , click the eGiving button and follow the directions.

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

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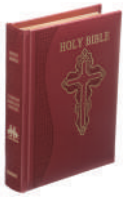

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