

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

December 8, 2019

## Second Sunday of Advent



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MASS

##### St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 7:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

##### St. Basil Chapel

Sunday | 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

#### DAILY MASS

##### St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Monday - Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

#### CONFESSION

##### St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday | 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Saturday | 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

or by appointment

### PARISH INFORMATION

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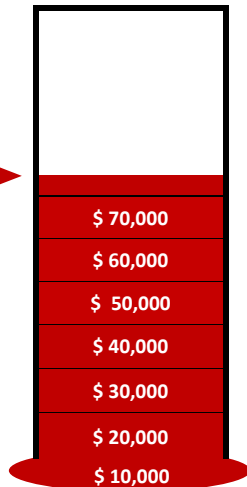
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## GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE...

As of November 27th,  
213 of our 3,150 parish families  
(6.76%) have pledged \$73,613.

\$ 73,613



**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GENEROSITY!**

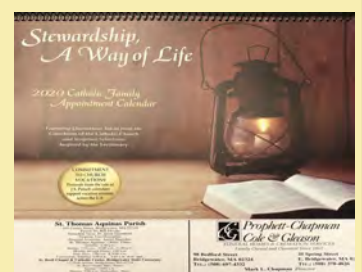
## CONFESSION DURING ADVENT

Advent is a period of time when the Church reminds us that we are waiting not only to celebrate Christmas and the Lord's birth, but we are also waiting for the Lord's Second Coming. In either case, we are encouraged to prepare ourselves for either by going to confession. All of us have seen the power and effects of evil in our world. Most, if not all of us, have experienced the power of sin in our lives. Our experience is similar to what St. Paul describes the inner conflict between good and evil in his letter to the Romans... "I cannot even understand my own actions. I do not do what I want to do but what I hate.... which indicates that sin resides in me. What happens is that I do not the good I will to do, but the evil I do not intend. Who will save me from this...Jesus Christ" (Romans 8:15-19). **Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the lower church or by appointment.**



## 2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE - THANK YOU TO PROPHETT-CHAPMAN, COLE AND GLEASON FUNERAL HOME

We received a delivery of beautiful 2020 calendars from Prophett - Chapman, Cole and Gleason Funeral Homes. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the entrances of the church and chapel. We offer our sincere thanks to them for thinking of us and providing these calendars for our parish!



## Welcome

To visitors of our Parish, and to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those comfortable and nourished here - **Welcome**. Regardless of your status in the Church, marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background, or sexual orientation, we hope that you will continue to worship with us each week.

## Our Mission

Our Mission is to be a welcoming community of believers continually growing in our faith and in our love of Jesus Christ through worship, education, evangelization and service within our local and broader community.



## DAILY MASS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will continue the policy this year that if **Bridgewater Schools are closed there will be no 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass**. In order to provide safe environment around our facilities, our maintenance crew needs time to plow and shovel. For your own safety, we encourage you to stay off the roads until they are totally cleared. Any intentioned Masses for that day will be rescheduled. **Mass cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page and at [www.stthomasquinas.com](http://www.stthomasquinas.com) by 8:00 a.m.** You may also watch any of the local news channels and look at the school cancellations. **If the Bridgewater-Raynham School District is listed as cancelled (not delayed), there is no daily Mass.**

## December 8 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

In today's first reading, Isaiah presents a hope-filled picture of the Kingdom that Christ came to establish. Pray the Our Father each day this week and as you do so, pray for the grace to notice the glimpses of the kingdom that are springing up around you – acts of welcome, of kindness, of mercy and love.

## TROOP/VA CHRISTMAS SUPPORT – THANK YOU!

There were **19 handmade stockings** donated by Helen Cleary and Connie Franciosi. **71 boxes will be sent to our troops**, and several bags of items are going to the VA Medical Center in Brockton. Postage for the boxes totaled **\$1387.00**, which was donated by several parishioners!

### TROOPS REPRESENTING THEIR UNITS WHO WILL RECEIVE AND SHARE OUR BOXES ARE:

- **LCpl Lon H. Aragon** – Marines – Kuwait - from California – Representing 28 males, 4 females
- **SSgt Travis E. Brown** - Marines – Afghanistan from Illinois – Representing 9 males
- **Andrew V. Burns** – Army – Afghanistan – Composite Unit – Representing 30 males, 5 females
- **Spc.Gavin Cadieux** – Army – Afghanistan – from Connecticut – Representing 20 males
- **Melissa Cloughy** - Army – Afghanistan – from Texas - Representing 12 males, and 5 females
- **SSG Andrew D. Hill** – Army – Iraq – from Texas - Representing 20 males, 2 females
- **EB Crystal Ingram/DFA** - Navy – Iraq – Composite Unit – Representing 48 males, 32 females
- **SSG Hans Morgan** – Army – Iraq – from Alaska – Representing 15 males
- **MSG Ionna Peterman** – Army – Afghanistan – from N. Carolina - Representing 12 males, 1 female
- **SSG Donovan R. Russell**– Marines – Kuwait – from California - Representing 160 males, 22 females
- **Maj Lloyd Sterling III** – Army – Afghanistan - from Texas – Representing 125 males, 50 females

These units represent a total of 479 men and 121 women. The troops who receive and share these gifts, and the veterans at the VA Medical Center in Brockton, are so very appreciative of your generosity and caring. Once again my heartfelt thanks to St. Thomas and St. Basil Parish Communities and to the many others who give to make this successful every year. This would not happen without you. God bless you and have a wonderful holiday season.

- Sally Stewart, Coordinator

### DID YOU LOSE A TELESCOPE?

If so, please call Tina in the parish office at 508-697-9528 to describe what you are missing. A telescope was found in the St. Thomas parking lot after the 4:00 p.m. Mass last Saturday. We would like to reunite it with its owner!



### USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED!

We are in need of additional ushers and greeters for the 10:00 Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please contact Aaron Durocher via email at [adurocher@sta-parish.org](mailto:adurocher@sta-parish.org) or call 508-531-1346 if you can assist. Thank you!



### GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE!

**December 14th-15th**

Girl Scout troop 75117 will be selling all your favorite Girl Scout cookies after all Masses **next weekend, December 14th and 15th**, at St. Thomas and St. Basil's. They are earning money to buy ingredients for making sandwiches for the homeless, take a sewing class, and go rock wall climbing. Thank you for your support!



### COFFEE AND DONUTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Coffee and Donuts is held on a weekly basis following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas. We need volunteers who are willing to pick up the donuts in the morning at Dunkin' Donuts, make the coffee and set up the Lower Church prior to the 10:00 Mass, host and welcome those who attend, and clean up when the gathering is over. **Visit our website [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) and click on the button on the home page to sign up.** Thank you in advance for your help!

# LAST CALL!

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TEEN MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER



### INSTANT WINE CELLAR

**1st Prize**

- 35 bottles of wine
- 2 glass sets
- marble chiller
- Brookstone bottle opener
- several accessories

**2nd Prize**

- 8 bottles of wine
- holiday glasses
- 3 holiday stoppers
- wine opener
- holiday coasters

**3rd Prize**

- 5 bottles of wine
- glass set
- wine tote
- wine tumbler set

\$10 per ticket. Ticket forms are available online at [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) or at the entrances to the church and chapel. Tickets and money may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Tickets must be returned by Thursday, December 12th. Winner will be drawn 12/15/19.**



## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**The Pageant begins after 4:00 Mass. All are invited!**

If your child (kindergarten - grade 6) is interested in being part of the pageant, please complete the permission slip your child brought home and return it to the Faith Formation Office or email [mmasaitis@sta-parish.org](mailto:mmasaitis@sta-parish.org). **Pageant practice will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 at the Parish Center.**



## SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED!

There are several elderly parishioners that are in need of snow shoveling services throughout the winter.

If you are interested, please contact Aaron Durocher at [adurocher@sta-parish.org](mailto:adurocher@sta-parish.org) or 508-531-1346. Please note that if you are under 18 years of age, you must be accompanied by a parent or an adult who has completed a 2019-2020 CORI.

## HELPING MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

My Brother's Keeper is a Christian ministry located in Easton and Dartmouth which reaches out to needy families and individuals throughout the year. They are offering the opportunity for individuals and families to wrap and/or deliver thousands of Christmas gifts within the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping them, call 774-305-4577 or visit their website [www.MyBrothersKeeper.org](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org) to schedule a day and time that is good for you and your family.

## YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

St. Thomas Aquinas continues to show their support for the homeless in our community. We are looking for volunteers to prepare 100 bagged lunches for Mainspring House in Brockton. Our service project is open to St. Thomas Youth Group and Confirmation students. All food and beverages will be provided for you to assemble the lunch bag. We are asking for a small contribution of \$5 for the cost of supplies.

**Date:** Sunday, December 15, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Thomas Parish Center

Visit the Youth Ministry page at [www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com) to sign up.

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

SUMMARY 11/26- 12/2	ST. THOMAS	ST. BASIL	TOTAL
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,432	\$ 722	\$ 7,154
Online Giving (WeShare)	\$ 1,959	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,959
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,391</b>	<b>\$ 1,722</b>	<b>\$ 10,113</b>
Capital Improvement	\$ 3,063	\$ 697	\$ 3,760

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

THIS WEEK	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	DEC. 8 & 9
NEXT WEEK	NO SECOND COLLECTION	DEC. 15 & 16



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# GIVING TREE MINISTRY

## The Giving Trees at St. Thomas Aquinas

A big thank you to all those who picked up an ornament last weekend! There are still ornaments left which means that there are still families in need. As **this is the last weekend to select an ornament from the Giving Tree**, we would strongly encourage you to take a look at the remaining ornaments and consider supporting a family during this Christmas season. We are so grateful for your generosity and willingness to give. **Gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 15th.**

**If you are willing to assist with any last minute gift requests that come in, please contact Tina in the parish office at 508-697-9528.**

## The Giving Tree at St. Basil's Chapel

We thank all those who took ornaments to assist My Brother's Keeper this past weekend! **As there are still Bridgewater families in need, we have hung some of the St. Thomas Aquinas Giving Tree ornaments on the St. Basil Tree.** We want to ensure that all gift requests that we receive get filled. We would strongly encourage you to take a look at the new ornaments and consider supporting a family during this Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **GIFT SORT AND WRAP NIGHT - TUESDAY, DEC.17, 6:30 P.M.**

We will begin at 6:30 in the parish center gym and stay until all the gifts are sorted and wrapped! The more volunteers the better! We can't accomplish this without your help. **Please visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on our web site at or contact Aaron at 508-531-1346 or [adurocher@sta-parish.org](mailto:adurocher@sta-parish.org) to volunteer for this!**

**We are in need of the following supplies to make our wrap night a success:**

- ◆ Tape
- ◆ Wrapping paper
- ◆ Gift bags
- ◆ Tissue paper
- ◆ Scissors

Donations may be dropped off to the parish office Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for anything you can donate!

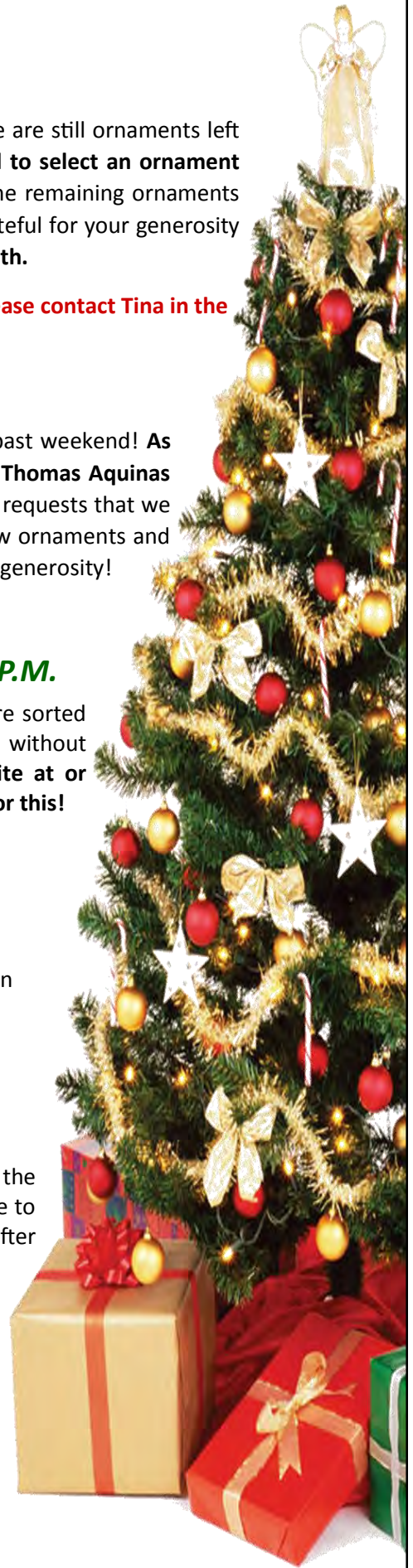


## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIGHT OUR ADVENT WREATH?**

Families, individuals, and ministry groups are invited to sign up to light the Advent Wreath at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Basil's Chapel. If you would like to participate, please call Tina in the parish office at 508-697-9528 or sign up after Mass on the clipboards at the entrances to the church and chapel.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

Every Christmas, the Altar Guild group decorates the altar with flowers in celebration of the holiday for all to enjoy. In the past, we have offered envelopes for those who are interested in making a donation towards these flowers in memory of a loved one. Once again, beginning this weekend, we have placed envelopes at the entrances of the church and the chapel for those of you that are interested in making a donation. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets.



**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

*Daily Mass is held Monday-Saturday at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.*

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**

4:00 p.m. Jamie Braga and Maria DaLuz

**SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

7:45 a.m. Jack Voyer

10:00 a.m. Scott Christopher McCampbell

*St. Basil Chapel* 10:00 a.m. Katie Hill (living)

12:00 p.m. John and Nina Carbone

*St. Basil Chapel* 5:00 p.m. Patrick Fahey

**MONDAY, DEC. 9**

9:00 a.m. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**TUESDAY, DEC. 10**

9:00 a.m. Adele and Gene Matevia

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11**

9:00 a.m. Robert E. Bois

**THURSDAY, DEC. 12**

9:00 a.m. Manuel and Eleanor Amaral - 20th Anniv.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 13**

9:00 a.m. Cameron Bresciani (living)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14**

9:00 a.m. The Bresciani Family (living)

4:00 p.m. Joseph, Josephine and Joseph B. Leandres

**SUNDAY, DEC. 15**

7:45 a.m. Jose Coelho

10:00 a.m. Manuel DaSilva

*St. Basil Chapel* 10:00 a.m. John and Laurentina Vicente

12:00 p.m. Ralph Scopa

**If you would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine, please speak to the ushers prior to Mass.**

**SACRAMENTS**

If you are seeking more information about the Sacraments, or wish to schedule an appointment, please call the parish to speak with a priest at **508-697-9528**.

**BAPTISM**

If you wish to have your child Baptized, or to receive the Sacrament yourself, please call the parish office to request an appointment with a priest or deacon. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1:30 p.m. or during Sunday Mass. Dates are subject to change.

**Baptism Preparation Class is required.**

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

Monday, January 6, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center - Adults Only.

**MARRIAGE**

If you wish to be married in our parish, please call the parish office to request an appointment with a priest at least eight months in advance. **Marriage Preparation course is required.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you wish to receive the sacraments at home or in the hospital due to illness, handicap or age, please contact the parish office at **508-697-9528**.

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., lower church

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

1st Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m., lower church

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. -

***Please note: from Oct. 9 - Dec. 11, this will be held in the Upper Church.***

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY TO END ABORTION**

1st Friday of every month - 6:30 p.m. - lower church

***PRAYER LIST***

**“A time to be born...”**

Caroline Kyer Burns	Kennedy Kizelewicz
Nina Cademartori	Alexa Occean
Jordan Eldredge	Charlotte O’Neill
Anthony Fava	Edward Paze
Logan Mathew Gaudreau	Faith Reynolds
Evelyn Kave	Nicholas Shaughnessy
	Kennedy Suchorski

**“A time to die...”**

Edward Geppner	August Silverio
Kenneth Mattson	Bridget Vallen

**“A time to heal...”**

Edward Albert	Hunter Garis	Elaine Phaneuf
Carolyn Allen	Joseph Giombetti	Andrea Proffetty
Jean Andrade	Bruce Gordon	Mildred Ramalho
Jeffery Bean	Dr. Francis Gendreau	Camden Rivers
Jean-Marie Boustani	Gerry Gesner	Olivia Rivers
Danny Buckley	James Holt	Sandy Rosa
Ritesh Chandra	Jonathan Huckvale	Martha Rooney
Kathy Connelly	Deidre Keane	Dan Sante
Eric Costa	Thomas Keane	Mary Shea
Michael Crowley	Carol Kelley	Sarah Silvia
Paul Currie	Jim Lema	Betty Tarentino
Maria (Affuncao)	Nicholas Lovell	Jennifer Tosches
DeMoura	Kaleena McHardy	Anabela Vieira
Sue Dickow	Sean McHardy	Anna Vrana
Baby Everleigh	Steve McLaren	Jacqueline
Ellen Farrell	Mary McClay	Wuesterfeld
Peter Farrell	Ray Mouradian	Herbert Wolfer
Lisa Folloni	Bob O’Hare	Bob Zoino
Anita Fuller	Chris Perry	Alexis Zutaut
Lee Fuller	Edward F. Petras	Jason and Nicole
	Baby Peyton	Zutaut

**“A time for peace...”**

PFC Christopher Ahl, USA	2nd LT Hannah Malone, USMC
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