

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, September 26, 2011**

NOON Mary Velinskje Ferrante

**TUESDAY, September 27, 2011**

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Mary Stile (A)

**WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2011**

6:30am In Thanksgiving to St.

Thomas Aquinas

NOON Vincent Gatens

**THURSDAY, September 29, 2011**

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Antoinette Deluca

**FRIDAY, September 30, 2011**

NOON Adolphe & Genevieve Rogus

**SATURDAY, October 1, 2011**

8:30am Louise DeSantis

5:30pm Peter & Nancy DeLessio

**SUNDAY, October 2, 2011**

8:00am Purgatorial Society

11:30am Shawn Maynard

5:30pm People of the Parish



## SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, October 4th has been set aside as a Diocesan Day of Prayer to ask God's blessings and guidance as we move forward with the strategic planning process in order to strengthen and build up the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The Church will be open from 6:00am until 2:00pm, you are asked to set aside some time for prayer this day as the Diocese seeks God's guidance. With the assurance of God's help, we do not fear but live in hope. At the 6:30am and Noon Masses special prayers will be included at the Prayer of the Faithful.

On Friday, October 7th the Holy Hour will give us an additional opportunity to pray for the Diocese of Brooklyn.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During the summer months as parishioners enjoy summer vacation and trips to visit family and friends they attend Mass in other churches. As a result, collection amounts during July and August are usually lower than the rest of the year. However, our expenses remain the same and bills need to be paid. Add to this summer Hurricane Irene arrived on a Sunday; and we need your help!

So, please consider helping the parish to meet a number of outstanding expenses. If possible could you make up for any Sundays you were away from the parish? And maybe you could add a few dollars to your weekly offering.

Whatever you could do would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Guy Fury, Theresa Stokes, Rita Tamaro, Noreen Charles, Thomas Toal, Christine Walker, Stacy Lapenna, Carlos Salcedo, Faye O'Malley, Hyacinth Khaleel, John Collins, Gladys Santiago, Ellen M. Lehane, Arthur Leclair, Eileen Kiley, Margaret Healey, Kathy Fine, Noreen Reilly, Pfc Kevin Taunton, Marie Collins

### A Time to Die—

*Help us keep our sick list current; all names will remain on our list for three weeks unless notified otherwise. Please notify the Parish Office (1-718-253-4404) when changes occur. We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery.*

**Those in the Armed Services**—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world.

**STEWARDSHIP-A WAY OF LIFE  
HOW MUCH TIME  
DO YOU SPEND WITH GOD?**

Minutes! Minutes! Minutes! How many commercials do we hear every day advertising “free minutes” or “endless minutes?” While the cell phone companies are making us all aware of every minute that we spend talking or texting, do we keep track of the minutes that we spend with God?

As much as some companies might advertise “free minutes” the fact that the minutes of our day are actually a free gift from God alone. Every day God gives each of us, 1,440 minutes—no strings attached—no contract to sign. What do we do with those minutes? Do we give any of them back to God? Consider these options:

Can you spend 1 minute every morning thanking God for His blessings and asking Him how He wants you to use your gifts? Can you spend 10 minutes at the beginning or end of each day in quiet prayer, spiritual reading and reflection? Can you spend 30 minutes one day a week attending a weekday Mass? Can you commit to giving God 60 minutes every week for Sunday Mass?

Try this test for one week. Keep track of the time you spend with God and the time you spend talking, texting, surfing the internet and watching TV. Considering that God gives you 1,440 free minutes every day, is He getting His fair share back from you?

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

*“He humbled himself and became obedient...”* If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn at 1-718-827-2454 or write: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS  
TREASURES OF THE CHURCH**

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

## **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others before ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The homebound members of Saint Thomas Aquinas are visited by our Eucharistic Ministers who bring them communion and pray with them usually on a weekly basis. Sister Terry welcomes contacts from any parishioner who is no longer able to attend weekly mass, or from family members, friends or neighbors who are aware of the needs of our homebound. Please contact Sister Terry at 1-718-253-4404, ext. 30.

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

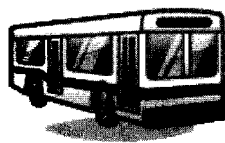
In September, the second meeting for our parish support group is on September 26th at 7:00pm in the Aquinas Center (2000 Flatbush Avenue). If you or someone you know is interested in this group, please contact Sister Terry at 1-718-253-4404, extension 30 to discuss participation in the bereavement group.

## **ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**



The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to Bally's Hotel in Atlantic City on **October 6, 2011**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Noreen at 718-253-7824. Please leave a message. All are welcome.

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**



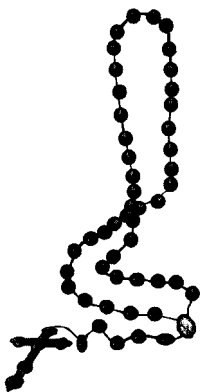
The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **October 18, 2011** to Showboat. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Bill or Dorothy at 1-718-377-4061. All are welcome.

## **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SPORTS NEWS**



In an effort to continue the tremendous history of the Youth Sports Association in our parish, St. Thomas Aquinas basketball program will be holding registration for elementary school boys and girls, ages 5-13 for it's fall clinic and winter intramural league. Registration will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm beginning September 21, 2011 thru October 19, 2011 in Monsignor King Hall.

## ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



All members of the Rosary Society are asked to attend the 11:30 Mass next Sunday and to please sit up front and wear your medal. Any ladies interested in joining our society may speak to any officer before Mass that morning. Everyone is welcome to join us and to become a member.

The Rosary Society will be sponsoring a "Luncheon" at Buckley's next Sunday, October 2, 2011 immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to join us for an enjoyable afternoon. Tickets are \$40.00 and may be obtained by calling Connie at 718-376-6045. Everyone is welcome.

### WE ARE GRATEFUL

The following parishioners also have contributed to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal, this list has been provided to the Parish by the Stewardship Office and represents the names as of September 18, 2011.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish and to the Diocese.

Mrs. Terezinha Arrabito  
Mr. Gerald J. Charles  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Chiarantano  
Mrs. Wendy Cruickshank  
Mrs. Ann Darroux  
Mr. & Mrs. Mickele De'Vito  
Ms. Della Doherty  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Emmanuel  
Mr. Jonathan Evans  
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Furlong  
Mrs. Rita Gatens  
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Hugo  
Knights of Columbus  
Mrs. Nick Lauriello  
Mrs. Merlin Lewis  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Linares  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter McGovern  
Ms. Mary Montemarano  
Mrs. Gweneth Munroe  
Ms. Marcia Murray  
Mr. Carroll Nott  
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel A. Rodriguez  
Mr. Vincent Saia  
Mr. Angelo John Sciannameo  
Ms. Luisa Torres  
Ms. Anne Watkins  
Ms. Lisa Zuercher