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June 27 - July 5, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M.	Joseph Mora req. of Sandy Geydoshek
Sun. 8:00 A.M.	Sandy Claus req. of Dave & Kathy Manning
10:30 A.M.	Ralph Rojas - Birthday- req. of Dolores
12 Noon	Armand & Helen Haber req. of McEnroe fam.
Mon. 8:00 A.M.	Annie Lute req. of Marjory Lute
Tues. 8:00 A.M.	Theodore & Adria Gibbons
Wed. 8:00 A.M.	Tadeusz Tancula req. of Ula
Thurs. 8:00 A.M.	Paul J. Berrigan -Anniversary- req. of family
Fri. 8:00 A.M.	For our Parish Family
Sat. 5:00 P.M.	Ken Szanyi req. of Rich Swiss
Sun. 8:00 A.M.	Joseph M. Mora req. of George Lott & family
10:30 A.M.	Veronica Pugh req. of Smythe family
	Ann & Joe Morris req. of brother, John
12 Noon	Janusz Gotkowski req. of wife, Ula

Is anyone among you suffering They should summon presbyters of the church and they should pray over them."
(James 5:13,14)

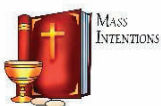
Pray for those who are sick

Maryann Hughes, Kyle Sisson, John Ciser, Karolee Destefano, Kaden Williams, Lucille DiSalvo, Karen Ganly, Chris Batty, Robyn Cammarata, Edward Green, Blake Riley, Sarah Santangelo, Peggy Fitzgibbons, Bill Connors, John Onder, Charles Fantasia, Jasper Gonzales, Patricia Matthews, Paul Koch, Peter Pensec, Eric Gonzales, Russell Priem, Harper Lynn Bevers, Glenn Clark Michaela Seville, Linda Winters, Lowell Christman, Amelia Grace, Ryan DelaTorre, Laura & Jim Gorman, Brian Cummins, Amanda Hoskins, Dennis Green, Bonnie Trachy, Margaret Presto, Rosemary Mora, MaryEllen Duggan, Kathy Dickson, Owen Winkler, Father Sal Panagia, Timothy Loughlin, Gene Mendez

"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."
(New Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)

Pray for those who have died

Pray for those buried in St. Thomas Cemetery and may God grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, and to their families' peace and consolation.



MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to schedule a Mass Intention for a deceased loved one or a Mass of Special Intentions, please contact Connie at the Parish Office. The customary donation is \$10.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me . . . Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward . . ."
Matthew 10: 37-42

Jesus reminds us that discipleship means taking up our crosses.

James Natchwey is one of the most respected photojournalists of our time. Over the last four decades, Natchwey has covered nearly every armed conflict in the world. He's risked his life to photograph the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement; his body is scarred from shrapnel and gunshots sustained in Afghanistan, the Middle East, Bosnia and Rwanda.

Now 75, Natchwey recently packed up his cameras and Kevlar vest and traveled to Ukraine where he photographed both the brutality of the war and the inspiring courage of the Ukrainian people.

Natchwey's photographs hauntingly capture moments of hate and heroism, senseless destruction and quiet acts of compassion. His photographs reveal the deepest and most disturbing depths of who we are and what we do to each other. His images are difficult to look at — but important not to ever forget.

Natchwey's work has appeared in media outlets around the world, including The New York Times and TIME Magazine. Natchwey sees his work as "fighting for peace or fighting against an injustice . . . by informing people about it, with the faith that people will want something done about it.

"Many of the people I photograph are marginalized by the powers that be, that they're silenced, they're made invisible. So when someone comes from another part of the world and he assumes risk to tell their story, I think people see us as a kind of messenger."

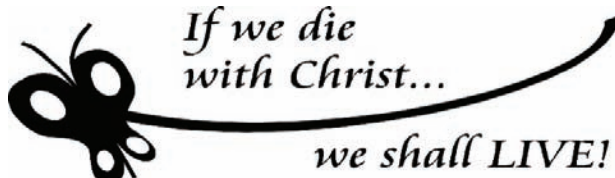
James Natchwey has paid a heavy price for his work: he fights depression and gets angry at the oppression and suffering around him — yet he sees reason to hope.

"I don't know if 'optimism' is exactly the right word, but in these horrible situations, we see everyday citizens doing remarkable things for each other. Mothers and fathers are my heroes: what they do for their children, how they protect them. Being in places where people have next to nothing and yet, anything they have, they offer to a stranger. Those are the things that we all have and that are displayed in the worst situations that makes me believe in humanity." [60 Minutes, CBS News, May 7, 2023.]

For James Natchwey, his camera is his "cross"; the impact his photos have on readers and viewers is his "prophet's reward." We tend to see our "crosses" as burdens or difficulties God gives us to fight through and conquer — but more often than we realize, our "crosses" are the abilities, skills and talents we possess that we can employ either for our own profit and satisfaction or for something greater, something transformative, something "prophetic." May we take up whatever "cross" God has entrusted to us and seek the grace to use that cross to bring the promise of resurrection to our broken world.

Jesus I trust in you,

Father Przemek





Around the Parish

- **Morning Liturgy** - Mon., Tues., Wed, Thurs and Fri at 8:00 AM
- **Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** - Monday following the 8:00 AM Liturgy

Weekly Collection

Thank you to all the members of our parish family who respond each week to the needs of our parish and who make their weekly offering a part of their budget. We know how difficult things are for families, so, too, is it to run a parish, as expenses are constantly rising. The parish depends on income from the Sunday collections. Your contributions are important to our parish. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

June 21st Collection: \$ 1,416
Online Giving: \$ 845

Seminary Education: \$406

ON-LINE GIVING: To enroll, log on to our Parish website, StThomasofAquin.org and click on the Online Giving Link. Once there, click again, on the Parish Giving Link to begin your registration or simply aim the camera on your phone at the QR code below to get started. You now have the option to cover the processing fees associated with your online donations. This new option allows you to ensure that the full amount of your intended gift directly supports our parish's mission and ministries.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to our parish family. As such, he/she is a registered parish member and is committed to Saint Thomas of Aquin Parish through participation in the life of the parish community - Spiritually, Socially and Financially. We request that you register at the Parish Office when you move into our community, so that we may be of service to you. In order for Baptisms and Marriages to be administered, Sponsor Certificates and recommendations to be issued the recipient must be a registered and active member of the Saint Thomas of Aquin family for at least one year. Please notify us of any changes of address, or if you are moving out of the parish.

THANK YOU for your generous support to the recent Diocesan Corpus Christi Food drive. St. Thomas collected over 275 cake/brownie/muffin mixes, as well as \$100 in cash donations. Thank you for helping to restock the Diocesan food pantries.



DEVOTIONALS: There is a basket on the table at the entrance of the church that contains various prayer cards, pamphlets, rosaries, booklets, and medals. Please feel free to browse through them and take items for yourself or pass them on to a friend.

FAITH FORMATION: Please return your registration form for the 2026/2027 year, along with the fee to the Parish Office by June 30. If you have any questions, please contact Maryann Schwork at 973-637-0334.



ANNUAL RAFFLE: Raffle tickets are currently being distributed for our annual 50/50 that will be held in September. Each family will be provided 25 raffle tickets. I would ask each family to sell or purchase the tickets. Your raffle contribution will greatly help us to meet our fundraising goal of \$4,000 and help us offset some of the expenses of our taking care of our Parish facility. If you have any questions regarding the raffle, please do not hesitate to contact Connie at the Parish Office.

MANNA HOUSE: We are collecting monetary donations for Manna House, the soup kitchen in Newton. Your monetary donations will be used to purchase items to assist in the preparation of the daily meal offered. The collection box will be on the table at the entrance of the church. If you are interested in volunteering with our group on the first Thursday of the month, please contact Christine Dabrowski or the Parish Office.

CARNIVAL

July 7th to July 11th

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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294 Sparta Avenue Sparta, NJ



There will be:

- ★ Rides for all ages
- ★ Games & prizes
- ★ Food & treats
- ★ Daily & Super 50/50 drawings
- ★ White Elephant Rummage Sale

Advanced sale of ride-wristbands, providing unlimited access to all rides for one evening are \$40.00 per person, (\$45 at the gate) and are available at the church office or on our website: www.ourladyofthelake.org

No admission fee. Please check our website for more detailed information. As always, it will be a fun night for the entire family.

Come join us !!

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