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July 4 - 12, 2026

- Sat. 5:00 P.M. Ken Szanyi req. of Rich Swiss
 Sun. 8:00 A.M. Joseph 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
 Mon. 8:00 A.M. Loretta Fitzgibbons - Birthday - req. of
 Fitzgibbons family
 Tues. 8:00 A.M. Kazimiera Wozniak
 Wed. 8:00 A.M. Special Intentions of Glenn Clark
 Thurs. 8:00 A.M. Wladyslaw Gawlik
 Fri. 8:00 A.M. Nestor delaTorre - Birthday - req. of Connie
 Sat. 5:00 P.M. John Gibson req. of Jeanne Gorman
 Sun. 8:00 A.M. Barbara & Richard Gordon req. of Lee Gordon
 10:30 A.M. Neri Marcano req. of Frank & Lorraine Horlacher
 12 Noon Joe Mora req. of Barry & Tawnie Scymanski

*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.

The Sanctuary Candle, a reminder of the
 Divine presence in the Eucharist, burns this week
 for the **Special Intentions of Glenn Clark.**



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.

THROUGH THE EYES OF LITTLE ONES

"... although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." Matthew 11: 25-30

If you've ever worked with children or with someone who is physically or mentally challenged, you know how they can change your attitude and perspective.

First-time parents quickly realize that their best teachers in how to parent are their children: their little ones help Mom and Dad realize the deep reservoir of love that they possess, love that enables them to give and teach and care for these young lives God has entrusted to them.

If you want to fully experience a zoo, the circus or a walk in the woods, take a child. Kids can make everything from petting a lamb to watching a star shooting across the sky an awesome experience. Children see things with a sense of wonder and enthusiasm that reveals the joy in the simplest things and the beauty in what we "old folks" overlook or take for granted.

Many who have cared for someone living with a terminal illness, a chronic medical condition, or some physical or mental challenge have experienced moments when the caregiver became the "cared for," when the courage, determination and wisdom of the person they were assisting gave the caregiver a new perspective: they came to realize that the true value and meaning of life are found in the virtues of humility, generosity, selflessness, and mercy when these care providers found a new purpose and gratitude for the love they received as well as gave.

Children and those society deem as "little ones" have an uncanny ability to get to the heart of the matter. They can ask questions that make you take a new look at what you thought was pretty clear and straightforward; they approach things with an honesty and simplicity that cuts through the rationalizations and justifications we adults devise. Faith is neither "childish" nor pretends the world is a perfect fairy tale where everyone lives happily ever after. "Child-like" faith is focused on people rather than things, seeks what is right and good above all other considerations, cuts through the complexities we invoke to justify our self-interest. May the "child-like" in our lives open our eyes to the grace of God we often overlook.

Jesus I trust in you,

Father Przemek

PILGRIMAGE: Accompany Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, along with Fr. David Wells (St. Martin of Tours), his brother, Kevin Wells and Fr. Ian Wintering on a 4 day pilgrimage to Mexico City, from Sept. 18 - 21, 2026. Experience the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, see the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego, go to Tepeyac Hill where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and attend Mass with the Bishop at the Basilica. Act Fast! For tour inquiries email: pilgrimages@worldvilages.org or Call: 1-800-662-6316. Register online by August 18, 2026 at: <https://worldvillages.org/events/sweeney-wells>



**The Spirit of God
 dwells in you**



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.

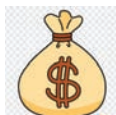
June 28th Collection: \$ 1,637
Online Giving: report delayed

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 412

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.



FINANCIAL EDUCATION: Seniors or Twenty years old, it doesn't matter, when you know the rules of the game, you can play to win. Learn how to Maximize your money's earnings so you can outlive your money and enjoy those years after you stop working. If you have already stopped working, we can still help! Come to a presentation on Sun., July 12, 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall (Approx. 30 min.) to listen and learn! Questions call Parish Office at 973-827-3190.

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

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue to care for our church and parish facilities, we would like to share with you information about an upcoming project that will benefit our whole parish community.

In the near future, we are planning to renovate the bathrooms located underneath the church, as well as repair and renew the floor in the Parish Hall downstairs. These spaces are used by many of our parishioners, families, children, guests, and parish groups, and we want them to be safe, welcoming, and comfortable for everyone.

We kindly ask for your prayerful and voluntary financial support to help make this project possible. The collection on the first Sunday of July and the first Sunday of August will be set aside for this purpose.

Every gift, no matter the amount, will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your continued commitment to the life of our parish.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Fr. Przemek Gawlik

MANNA HOUSE: We will be accepting 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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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



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