In Memoriam

Sunday First

November 2019

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All Souls 2018 through 2019

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

We remember those who were laid to rest at St. Thomas this year and ask you to pray for the repose of their souls.

Your monthly guide to the activities, opportunities and growth in the Freeport Catholic communities.

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Zacchaeus was a man small in stature, just like each of us is in our own way. Not necessarily in our physical size, but in our darker moments, we realize how small we really are. Despite our position, status, degree, or annual income, we simply blend into the crowd of humanity. And yet, God cares for each of us devotedly. We are each called by name.

God loves very well everything he has created. And, the Son of Man has come to seek and to save us; bringing us salvation and peace. Christ wants to love the man’s goodness into existence. Are we bold enough to have the master of the universe over to dinner? This is exactly what we do at Mass, each and every Sunday. The Eucharist, a term which means Thanksgiving, is the great Amen of God towards creation.

Knowing this, we do not have to go climbing trees to see Jesus. To be sure he is in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, but also is in the Body of Christ - the Church. The Scriptures reveal the love of God, as do the ministries of the Church which carries on the work of Jesus. Jesus is very present when we share our story of faith with each other, and seek out those things which are, good, true, and beautiful.

Conversion and discipleship occurs as God enters into our smallness, sharing our humanity. And more so, God lifts us up, not to rest in trees, but to share in the eternal banquet table.

Father Ken
While many people see this bridge as a concrete structure to come to observe the beauty of nature, I see this 100-year-old bridge that has stood the test of time and it is a bridge that reaches out to connect people and bring them to joy. I say, ‘Be a bridge.’

Father Joel Lopez as quoted in the Journal Standard

**COMMUNITY**

The Aquin Lady DAWGS Basketball team will be serving you breakfast in the St. Thomas O’Neill Center on Sunday, November 3, from 8am-1pm. Included in your breakfast will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, applesauce, coffee and juice. Tickets are $7 for 7th grade through adults, $5 for children in 6th grade and younger, and children under 5 are free.

We thank you in advance for your support!

**BETHLEHEM GIFTS**

November 9-10
St. Thomas Lobby
after all Masses

Wonderful Gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation or Weddings!

Bethlehem Gifts, a long-standing holiday tradition at St. Thomas, returns as Nabil Rishmawi, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, will be here once again to sell beautiful olive woodcarvings from the Holy Land. (Woodcarving is the major source of living for the Christian community in Bethlehem as tourism is now limited. They sell their carvings in the U.S. to maintain their livelihood.)

The olive wood of the Holy Land is a symbol of Eternal Life. Purchase these unique, hand-carved items for meaningful gifts—or for yourself. Each purchase helps our brothers & sisters in this war-torn area of the world.

Cash, checks, debit & credit cards accepted.

**BLESSING OF THE BRIDGE**

Read the full story online at: https://tinyurl.com/y45pxoah

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
is a faith community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus through Word, Sacrament, and Service both to its parishioners and the broader community through worship, prayer and evangelization.
THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Do you have eyeglasses that you are no longer using? They can become a blessing and make a huge difference in the life of people who will never be able to afford them.

Lions International has a world-wide program that will match your glasses with someone who needs them. The Freeport Lions Club has placed a collection basket on the wall in the lobby near the church office. Just drop your used glasses there and your generosity will help others see. God bless you!

THE WAY OF THE CROSS OF THE UNBORN

Join us as we pray in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Tuesday, November 12 at noon and at noon on the 12th day of every month. This is an apostolate for the great Glory of God, through the intercessions of Mary, our pregnant Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn. The unborn speaks. We will pray the Stations of “The Way of the Cross” for the unborn and their mothers and fathers to restore peace, heal their conscience and promote a culture of life. At our Holy Mother’s request, the unborn child speaks their feelings during the stations.

Crocheters and knitters are all welcome. Volunteers make prayer shawls for the shut-ins, baptismal shawls for our newly baptized, and baby blankets and hats for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. If you have yarn you don’t need, we will be most happy to put it to good use. We are edified by this group’s compassionate hearts!
Students of the Month

Each month from October through April, Aquin recognizes three students who display the month’s quality of the shield. Students are nominated by staff and faculty at both campuses and then selected by Administration.

Knowledge is October’s shield and Aquin Schools are proud to announce their ‘Students of the Month’ for October:

**Elementary:**
Bode Peters

**Junior High:**
Amelia Wenzel

**Senior High:**
Emma Holder

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**November Schedule**

**November 10:**
- Faith Formation 9am

**November 17:**
- Faith Formation 9am

**November 24:**
- Family Faith Formation 9am

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**Tuesdays at 6**

MacMillan Room

November 5:
- No Class Tonight

November 12:
- Who is Jesus (part 1)

November 19:
- Who is Jesus (part 2)

November 26:
- The Paschal Mystery (part 1)

All are welcome!

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**Starting November 6**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**Carpool and**

**8th Gr - 12th Gr**

5:15 PM Meet at St. Thomas Parking Lot/Carpool to St. Mary’s (Freeport)

5:30 PM Fr. Barr explains his miraculous experiences in Italy while on pilgrimage!

6:30 PM Drive to Culver’s for Dinner and Discussion

7:30 PM Be back to St. Thomas!

RSVP to Jason 815-275-0895

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**You Asked... They’re Answering!**

**Tuesday Morning Faith Update**

with Father Joel

9am . O’Neill Center

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**2019 Youth Summit**

‘s’mall but mighty group from St. Thomas Aquinas’

photo opp with Bishop Malloy!
### Mass Times & Information November 4-10

#### Daily Rosary:
Before 8am Masses

#### Daily Chapel Services
- **MON 8am Mass**
  - In celebration of Ellen McCormick's 92nd Birthday
- **TUE 8am Mass**
  - For Ed Kovats
- **WED 8am Mass**
  - For Paula Kavran Shipman
- **THU 8am Mass**
  - For Bob Herrmann
- **FRI 8am Mass**
  - For Special Intentions
  - 3:30pm Mass
    - At Liberty Village
- **SAT 8am Mass**
  - For Tommy Mesch

#### Weekend Masses
- **SAT 4:30pm Mass**
  - For Joe Gillespie
- **SUN 8am Mass**
  - For deceased members of the Schardt & Hammer Families
- **SUN 10:30am Mass**
  - For the People of the Parish
- **SUN 1pm Mass**
  - Spanish Mass at St. Mary Parish

#### Our Parish Tithe
Our November 6.5% Tithe goes to the Salvation Army of Freeport who, through their Pathway of Hope Program, provides support to individuals and families with bills, childcare, employment, housing or any other barrier to self-sufficiency. The program is there to help set them on track to gain control of their lives again.

#### Attention Lectors
Your new Lector workbooks are in the Sacristy with your names on them for you to pick up. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!

#### October 26-27 Collections
- **Sunday Envelopes**: $6,395.00
- **Loose Offering**: $461.12
- **Total**: $6,856.12
- **Children's Collection**: $13.02
- **Online e-Giving**: $1,058.00

#### Holy Family Lights
**ATTENTION LECTORS**
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