

Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish
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October 8th, 2017 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vision - A growing, joyful community of disciples engaged through personal relationship with Jesus Christ, inspired and sustained through the Holy Spirit, and focused on the transformation of our city and our world.

Mission - Through personal and community worship and prayer, faith development, vibrant and uplifting Liturgies, and engaged ministry leadership, we form missionary disciples to build the Kingdom of God.

<p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs, 1725 Oxford Street</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rev. Mark Cherry, Pastor frmark@bellaliant.com ➤ Rev. Owen Connolly, Assistant Priest, Part-Time owen885@ns.sympatico.ca ➤ Tracy Francis, Parish Secretary, office@bellaliant.com ➤ Deacon Dan Daley, Coordinator of Pastoral Life & Strategic Planning daleyd@bellaliant.com ➤ Mary Therese MacDonell, Director of Adult & Family Faith – familyministries@bellaliant.com ➤ Heather Orlando, Youth Coordinator- youth16@bellaliant.com ➤ Melanie Kennedy, Director of Sactus Choir, mkennedy@hrsbc.ca ➤ Tony Howard, Maintenance (Janitorial) ➤ George Reid, Janitorial Assistant 	<p style="text-align: center;">Daily Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday & Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. ➤ Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. <p style="text-align: center;">Weekend Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday at 4:30 pm ➤ Sunday at 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. <p style="text-align: center;">Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm</p>
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Mass Intentions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday, October 9th- ➤ Tuesday, October 10th - ➤ Wednesday, October 11th - ➤ Thursday, October 12th - ➤ Friday, October 13th - 	<p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Mass of Thanksgiving</p> <p>Evelyn Burke †</p> <p>Joe Gray †</p> <p>Eileen Corbett †</p> <p>Brian Knight †</p>

THANKSGIVING MASS



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. We wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th. Also, the time of Mass on Thanksgiving **Monday will be at 9 a.m.** instead of 7:30 a.m. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank for our offertory procession. (You may also bring your food donations to any of our weekend Masses) Please join us in celebration and gratitude.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF “THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN” AT FATIMA – 9:00 a.m. MASS ~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Friday October 13, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the “miracle of the sun” where seventy thousand people witnessed this extraordinary miracle, promised by Our Lady, to authenticate her appearances to the three children. On **Friday, October 13th**, please join us at the **9 a.m. Mass** as we commemorate the 100th anniversary. After the 9 a.m. Mass, we will have the opportunity to consecrate or re- consecrate ourselves to Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. An invitation is extended to all to attend this Mass and to hear the message of Fatima and how we are called to be part of Our Lady’s peace plan for the world. There will be a small reception following in the hall.

UPDATE ON FORMED

Over 40 people have indicated that they would like to subscribe to **FORMED**, the exciting online web-based digital formation series produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. In order for us to make this a reality, **we just need 20 more parishioners to sign up for Formed at \$35 annual subscription rate** which represents a **saving of 75%**, if you were to individually subscribe for a year. Simply place your envelope with payment of \$35 (cash or cheque payable to STACM) in the collection basket this week or drop it off at the office. If you require an envelope, you will find them on the tables at the back of the church. Formed offers content for all ages and can be accessed at home for families to grow in holiness together. If you are hearing about this for the first time, you may go onto <https://formed.org> for more information and to see what programs are available. You will learn through beautiful videos, music, and notable Catholic speakers, educators as well as be able to read further on the topics through online links. Access is available to our parishioners (wherever there is an internet connection) anywhere, anytime on computers, tablets, or phones. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Tracy at the parish office. (902) 423-3057.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION
Thank you

Last week there was a special collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The amount of **\$5,156⁰** was collected thus far. This Society does many wonderful works for the disadvantaged in our local community and works in a spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are in need. It does this through visits to individuals in their homes, as calls for assistance are received. If you have missed the collection last week, please submit your envelope into the collection. There are also envelopes available for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat Women’s Prayer Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Msgr. Leo Day Auditorium, St. Agnes Church, Mumford Rd. Halifax. Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women. Guest speaker is Lisa McNeil. Information is available in the brochure on the bulletin board at the back of the church. For tickets, please contact Krista Gamier, 902-461-1349 or Tracy Francis, 902-423-3057. Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be pre-purchased. They are available at the parish office.

HAND IN HAND COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

The Social Action Committee will be organizing a Hand in Hand collection of goods on **October 21st & 22nd**. The Hand in Hand is in need of household items, towels, bedding, gently used winter clothing, toys and Christmas decorations. Any parishioners, who would like to donate to this cause, can drop items off at the office or bring donations to the back of the church before or after Mass. Thank you for your donations. It is very much appreciated.

5th ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP’S DINNER AND AUCTION OCTOBER 11th

Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of the biggest Archbishop’s Dinner & Auction yet! Seats are still available and we would love to see them filled with you. Join Archbishop Mancini and the faithful from across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth as we gather to support the Ministry of Care and Companionship and hear from Mr. Wadih Fares about his life from Lebanon to Halifax.

- **When:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017
- **Where:** Cunard Centre, 961 Marginal Road, Halifax
- **What:** Reception & Auction 6:00pm & Dinner @ 7 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$125.00 per person (a tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.)
- **Tickets** can be purchased online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org or by phoning Lydia Hood at 902-429-9800 extension 401

COMMUNITY COLLECTION ~ OCTOBER 22ND (Formerly Archbishop’s Annual Appeal)

The Community Collection will take place on **October 22 & November 26**. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year’s collections. Funds raised will support the following areas:

- The Ministry of Care and Companionship;
- Chaplains (University, Hospital, and Prison);
- Catechetics;
- Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax;
- Assistance to Parishes

Please Note: The Community Collection replaces the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal and the Needs of the Canadian Church collections. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Community Collection.



Rooted Youth will continue to meet each **Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** We will be looking at why we should get to know the Saints and how they can help us to grow in our faith. If you have not yet registered, please pop in and do that as soon as possible.



Our **THRIVE** program is well underway as we are getting ready to host a formation retreat for high school students from around the metro area. Please keep our volunteers and workshop leaders in your prayers as we endeavor to form missionary disciples.

We are still in need of a male leader within our Jr. High program. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way.
Heather Orlando : youth16@bellaliant.com or 902-423-3057

FAMILY FORMATION



We are excited to announce our **new** family based Parish Program, *A Family of Faith*, for parents and children in Primary to Grade 6.

Community Gathering – Sunday, October 29th @ 2 p.m. Details to follow.
Family of Faith – Sunday, November 5th @ 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (for parents and children)

October Memory Verse: *Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen” Hebrews 11:1*

For more information, contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, Director of Family & Adult Faith Formation @ 902-423-3057 or familyministries@stacm.ca (Please note that one year in Level 1 is needed in our program before children receive the sacraments the following year).

FINANCIAL CORNER – Collections - Week of October 1st, 2017

	WEEKLY BUDGET	ACTUAL OFFERING	DIFFERENCE
PAO	\$3,231.	\$3,282.	\$51.
Envelopes	\$3,443.	2,533.	(\$910.)
Loose	\$436.	\$331.	(\$105.)
Total	\$7,110.	\$6,146.	(\$964.)

PEW ENVELOPES

Anyone using Pew Envelopes who would like a tax receipt, please fill in the information on the front of the envelope and include your name and address. Thank you.