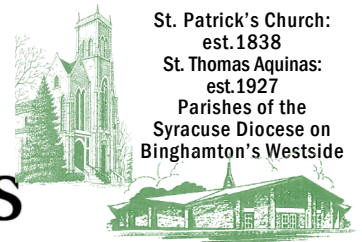


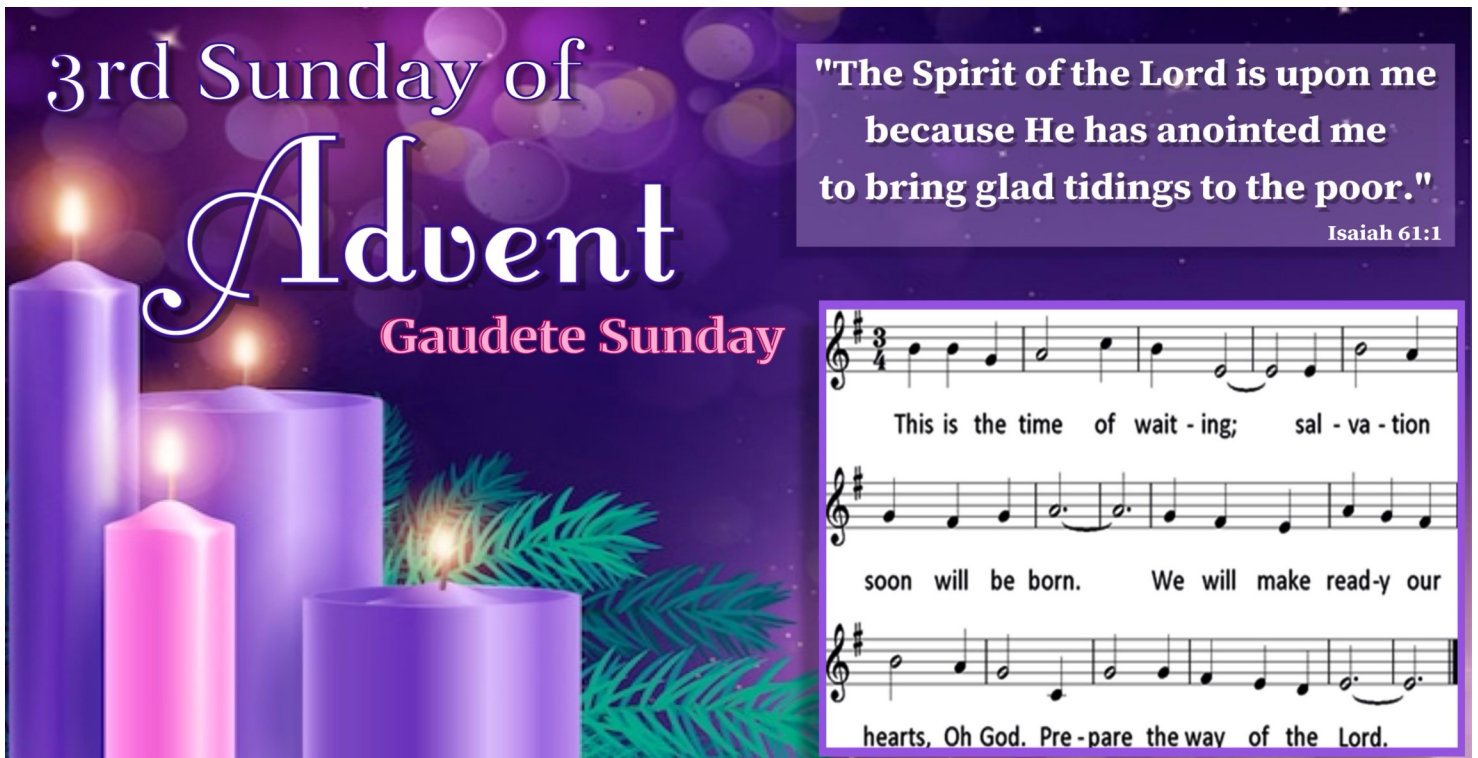
The Linked
Roman Catholic
Communities of

St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas



Sunday, December 17th, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

We welcome you to the linked Catholic community of St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas on Binghamton's Westside. We are glad you are here with us to celebrate Mass. If you have not registered with a parish, we invite you to do so. Please speak with the priest after Mass or contact the Parish Office.



3rd Sunday of
Advent
Gaudete Sunday

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
because He has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
Isaiah 61:1

This is the time of wait - ing; sal - va - tion
soon will be born. We will make read-y our
hearts, Oh God. Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Temporary Mass Schedule during the Pandemic

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas
	5:15 pm	St. Patrick's
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Patrick's
	11:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas
Mon-Fri	4:00 pm	St. Patrick's
	7:00 am	St. Patrick's
Saturday Morning	10:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas
	8:00 am	St. Patrick's

ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon—Sun 7:30 am—9:00 pm
Please contact the parish office to register.

OPEN CHURCH AT ST. THOMAS

Thursday's 10:30am—4:30pm, after daily Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:30 am St. Patrick's
3:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas

Other times by appointment, please call the rectory.

DAILY ROSARY 25 minutes before the start of Mass

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS:

First Friday devotional prayers are offered after the 10am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

First Saturday devotion following the 8am Mass at St. Patrick's. *Rosary, Short Talk, Consecration & Confessions with the Mount St. Francis Hermitage Friars*

More information about the St. Thomas Aquinas double jubilee Plenary Indulgence is in the bulletin, special booklet available at the church.

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St. Thomas Aquinas | Aquinas St. Binghamton, NY 13905 | 607-797-4015 | stthomas@sta-sp.org
Visit us on the web at: www.sta-sp.org

Live-stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@sta-sp> or search on YouTube **St. Patrick's & Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton**
10am Monday—Friday & 11am Sunday's from St. Thomas Aquinas; First Sunday of each month—4:00 pm from St. Patrick's

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES – BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Saturday, December 16

- SP 8:00am** Kathleen Foley req. Jim & Donna Barron
- STA 4:00pm** Louis Augostini req. Family
- SP 5:15pm** 4th Anniv. Peggy McCormack req. Bill, Pat & Joe

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

- SP 9:00am** Memorial Donor Mass: Barbara York, Stuart Bumgardner, Rob Gardner, Louis Howell, Joseph Mayko, Christopher Makin, John Whiting, Charles Sauger, Adam App, Kathleen Foley
- STA 11:00am** Helen Miller 20th Anniv. req. Family
- SP 4:00pm** 1st Anniv. James Brundage req. Family

Monday, December 18

- SP 7:00am** For the People of St. Patrick's
- STA 10:00am** Memorial Mass for the Deceased members of the Donnelly, Pierson, Keane, Powers, and Ryan Families, Thomas & Hilda Ryan, Richard Ryan, and Sr. Anne Marie Ryan

Tuesday, December 19

- SP 7:00am** Lena Howard Garrison
- STA 10:00am** Living Intention Janet Schiavone req. Sr. Teresia LSOSF
- 2:00pm Bridgewater

Wednesday, December 20 International Human Solidarity Day

- SP 7:00am** 30 Day, Charles Sauger req. Family
- STA 10:00am** The Deceased members of the Mras & Hudcovich Families req. Margaret Halan

Thursday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

- SP 7:00am** 30 Day, Adam App req. Family
- STA 10:00am** Mary Ellen Burley & Kenneth Burley req. The Haley Family

Friday, December 22

- SP 7:00am** For All the Faithful Departed
- STA 10:00am** Patti Ann Grace req. Family

Saturday, December 23

- SP 8:00 am** John Whiting req. Family
- STA 4:00pm** William P. Grace req. Mary Beth Grace & Family
- SP 5:15pm** Brian Kozel req. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bucci

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent, & Christmas Eve

- SP 9:00am** Christine Meagher req. Family
- SP 4:00pm** **Christmas Vigil**—For the People of St. Patrick's
- STA 4:00pm** **Christmas Vigil**—For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas
- SP 12:00 Midnight** For the People of St. Patrick's

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

- SP 9:00am** For the People of the Parish
- STA 11:00am** For the People of the Parish



Let us remember and pray for all those who have died recently. May their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

The sanctuary lamp at St. Patrick's burns for: **All the Homeless** and at St. Thomas Aquinas they burn for: **Louis Augostini**



Stewardship Thought

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God.

Our Offering for Dec 3, 2023

	St. Patrick's	St. Thomas
Envelopes	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 3,454.00
Loose	\$ 1,674.00	\$ 340.00
Online	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 1,081.00
Total:	\$ 8,254.00	\$ 4,875.00

Please know that you may place your envelope in whatever parish Mass you attend and it will be matched with your proper parish.

Have you considered giving your gift to your parish online? Hit the "Online Giving" button on the parish website: **Joint Parish website: www.sta-sp.org**

Mass Intention offering is \$15.00 and Sanctuary Lamp Intention suggested offering is \$5.00.
Please call or stop by the parish office to schedule.

Family Perspective

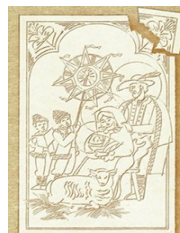
Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you don't recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks, and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

Prayer for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

God source of all love, Your providence has brought our couples together. As they have prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage we pray for your blessing. May they grow in respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love.

Please keep in your prayers:
Anne Rich & Marcus Spera

The tradition of Oplatki will be available in the sacristy



At both parishes on the weekend or at the rectories during the week. Donation of \$3.

A Polish custom, the Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family as well as symbolizing forgiveness and reconciliation.

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. THOMAS CALENDAR; PCA EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES – BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Very Sorry but the **Breakfast With Santa** is Cancelled

The parish offices will close for Christmas
Friday, December 22nd - Tuesday December 26th

Offices will be open on
Wednesday & Thursday December 27th & 28th.

Offices will be closed for New Year's
Friday, December 29th—January 1st

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Dec 17 **3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday**
Faith Formation—

Monday—Friday

Outreach Ministries 10am—1pm SCM Convent

Sandwich Ministry 11am—12:30pm at SP Hall rear door

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

CHOW Pantry 11am—1 pm St. Patrick's Oak St Entrance

Monday, Dec 18

The Light is on for You SP & STA 4:00pm—7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 20

SP Christmas Choir Rehearsals 6-7pm SP Church

Friday—Tuesday, Dec 22-26

Parish Offices are Closed

Sunday, Dec 24 **4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**

Vigil Mass at both SP and at STA 4:00pm

Midnight Mass at SP 12:00am

Monday, Dec 25th **Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord**

Mass at SP 9:00am

Mass at STA 11:00am

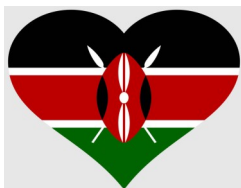
Save the Date:

St Thomas Aquinas Trivia Night

is being planned for January 13, 2024 at 7PM.

Get your teams together for a fun night!

Fundraiser



To aid the Holy Family
Orphanage
Nakuru Diocese, Kenya

Coupon Books useable within
Broome County.

Available at main entrance of the church after the
weekend Masses. Cost: \$25.00 per book.

The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light is On For You

4:00-7:00pm Monday, December 18

Confessions will be offered at both
St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Join us for an hour to *Encounter Jesus and Revive your Faith*

Adoration, Praise & Worship

at
Our Lady of Sorrows
801 Main St, Vestal

Sunday, December 17
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Live Music † Prayer † Scripture † Testimony

Church of the Holy Family Ladies Guild

is planning a trip to Lancaster, PA to see a new show **DAN-IEL** on May 8, 2024. The cost is **\$180**, which includes bus ride, ticket to the show, lunch after the show, and gratuities. This is a great holiday gift. Please call Ann at (607)754-8727 for questions and reservations.

Plenary Indulgence during this time of Eucharistic Revival and Jubilee celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas

One may make pilgrimage to a church or oratory under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas to obtain this indulgence. By making a visit during this special double jubilee period, continuing now through January 28th 2025. One may obtain a plenary indulgence each day for their own soul or for a soul in purgatory under the three usual conditions:

Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion,
and offering prayers for the pope's intentions.

Or by making pilgrimage / visit to St. Thomas Aquinas church and spend a considerable amount of time in prayer concluding with the Lords Prayer, The Creed and Invocation to the Blessed Mother and St. Thomas Aquinas.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES – BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 17, 2023



Say to the faint of heart:
Be Strong
and do not fear.
Behold,
our God will
come, and
He will save us.

**Come Lord
Jesus Come!**

Prayers for Seminarians

Let us pray for vocations and our seminarians. This week especially for Gianni Verginio. He is in Theology I, residing at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

Contact Fr. Jason Hage at
315-470-1468 or at
vocations@syrdio.org



World Marriage Day Celebration

41st Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 11th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50 anniversary in 2023.

If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary in 2024, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.

Pastoral Care is available for Homebound, Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation

Please inform the rectory if you have someone in the hospital or Nursing Home who would like a visit by our Pastoral Care Staff. Also, please let us know if you or someone you love is homebound so we can make contact. We are also happy to mail a copy of the bulletin upon request. If you would like to help, please call the parish office.

Low Gluten Hosts are available for anyone who is gluten intolerant. Please use the celebrant priest's communion line.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please stop in the sacristy before Mass to let us know.

Please pray for the sick, for God's peace and healing touch...

Violet App, Helen Asbury, Olivia Behanick, Linda Bosch, **Pam Campbell**, Mary Louise Campos, Judy Chandanais, Nick Chianese, Noralynn Collins, Carol Ann Conrad, Ellen Cook, Susan Corner, Daniel Correll, James Curley, Jacob Devries, Deacon Les Distin, Julia Dwyer, Samuel Edwards, Lincoln Elizabeth, Trish Ervay, Maria Evans, Patrick Fallin, Anita Finch, Karen Flynn, Eugenia Margarita Cubillan Florez, Brian Ford, Michele Giblin, Joyce M. Gilroy, Matt Grasgruber, Caroline Hall, **Bill Harendza**, John Harding, Pat Harnan, Fisher Harris, Debbie Hogan, Sharon Jakowski, Xavier Lake, Leah, **James Lee**, Tim Leonard, Peter M., Jared Mace, Christina McBrayer, Christine McCane-Gonyean, Michael McCormick, Hedy Martin, Stephanie Merenda, Donna Mooney, Goretti Mugambwa, Joseph Munson, Boniface Owino, Carolyn Pappas, Connor Peck, Kathleen Powers, Jeanette Raffa, Gabriele Reo, John Rush, Lois Rutter, Harry Silberberg, Teresa Slavetsky, Skylar Smith, Sally Starkweather, Sara Marie, Joyce Steed, Logan Stirr, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Dina Velasquez, Dr. Dan Walsh, Matt Walsh, **Maureen Walsh**, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick Weathersby, Yutain Jack Wang, Joe & Betty Zdimal.

New names are bolded when added to the list. To add or remove a person's name, please call the parish office.

2023 ADVENT EMBER DAYS FOR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Ember days are days of prayer and fasting that mark the changing of times and seasons in order to bring about deeper spiritual renewal; to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity as well as give thanks for the blessings received.

DECEMBER 20TH

PRAY a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament;
FAST from online activity / social media

DECEMBER 21ST

PRAY that all the faithful may believe and participate in the Eucharist ;
FAST by eating only one full meal (and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal)

DECEMBER 23RD

PRAY the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament; FAST from buying something not needed



Come let us adore Him!

Adoration Chapel - Hours for the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are as follows: **7:30am—9pm every day of the week**

All those who wish to come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament should register with the parish office. Please contact St. Patrick's by phone 722-1060 or email: stpatrick@sta-sp.org.

St. Patrick's 'Prayer Chain' - St. Patrick's Prayer Chain Members would be pleased to pray for your intentions or to welcome you as a prayer warrior. Contact Patricia Glazier at muzzyg@stny.rr.com or 607-722-6036 or call the rectory.

St. Thomas Aquinas 'Prayer Network' - We are privileged to pray for your need. To send in your prayer request or to join our prayer network, please email prayer@sta-sp.org or contact the parish office: 797-4015.

FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES -BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 17, 2023

*"Today a light will
shine upon us,
for the Lord is born
for us,
and he will be called
Wondrous God,
Prince of peace,
Father of future
ages.
and his reign will be
without end."*

- Isaiah 9:1,5; Luke 1:33

Come let us Adore Him

Christmas Mass Schedule for the PCA

Sunday, December 24– Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm

St. James (children's pageant)
St. Patrick (choral music 3:30pm)
St. Thomas Aquinas (choral music 3:30pm)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Midnight Mass

12:00am St. Patrick's & St. James
(choral music 11:30 pm at both SP & SJ)

Mass during the Day

8:45 am	Holy Trinity
9:00 am	St. Patrick
10:00 am	St. James
10:15 am	Sts. Cyril & Methodius
11:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas

Christ the Lord

December- month of The Divine Infancy

17th No classes;

Breakfast with Santa is cancelled

18th The "Light is On"- 4-7pm

24th No classes, Christmas break

31st No classes, Christmas break

January- Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

7th Faith Formation Classes resume

14th No classes MLK holiday weekend

20th Celebration of First Reconciliation

21st FF Classes

28th FF Classes

Attention all Faith Formation Parents-

Sitting in your car waiting for your child while they attend their faith formation class? Getting home after dropping your child off for faith formation only to turn right around and come back?

We have a special option for you- The Parents Café

Offering assortment of coffee, teas and hot chocolate. Open during the faith formation class times. Corner room just inside the faith formation office. (The former K-1 grade faith formation room.) The K-1st grade faith formation class outgrew the space so we turned it into an opportunity for parents!

Please call the parish office with your Sacramental needs:

Baptisms: Parents should inform the parish of the birth of the child and to make arrangement for Baptism. Through the gift of our Baptism we begin to live a new life with God by becoming members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

RCIA or RCIC: Interested in becoming Catholic? Interested in having your children make their Sacraments? For inquiries regarding Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or for Children, please call the parish office.

Marriage: Couples should call the parish secretary at least six months in advance. The celebration of marriage is also a liturgical act, appropriately held in a public liturgy at church. Catholics are urged to celebrate their marriage within the Eucharistic Liturgy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATRICK'S & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES, BINGHAMTON, NY

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Advent Giving Tree at St. Thomas Aquinas

The Parish Life Committee will once again be sponsoring the giving Tree during Advent in conjunction with Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is asking for gift cards to be purchased in the denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20. Each ornament on the tree will designate the amount of the gift card to be purchased. They are asking for the gift cards to be from Wal-Mart, Oakdale Mall, Target or Boscov's. Please return in an envelope marked Giving Tree.



Christmas Gift Cards for Youth-

Community Empowerment Center Pantry and Mother Teresa's Cupboard will distribute gift cards to youth 11-17 and are in need of your donations. We are accepting gift cards in \$5 increments up to \$40. Walmart, Target, Burlington Coat Factory or any other youth/teen friendly store will help us meet the need. You may turn in gift card to the parish office or place in offertory basket.

Attention All Current & Potential Volunteers:

We are dedicated to providing a safe environment for all God's children, especially vulnerable persons.

All employees and regular volunteers are required to take the Safe Environment trainings. All parents are welcome and encouraged to take the training which is provided for free.

Safe Environment Recommendation:

Parents, it is best to accompany your child to public restrooms, even ones in familiar locations.

Additional Local Safe Environment Trainings will be announced in the new year



'MyParish' App is available for St. Patrick's or St. Thomas Aquinas. Wonderful Catholic content and parish information at your fingertips. Download for free today!

Hope Appeal 2023

We ask you to join in support of this year's HOPE Appeal. Our parish pledges / goals:

\$28,124 of \$32,749 goal or 85.8% for SP

\$35,857 of \$28,707 goal or 125%+ for STA

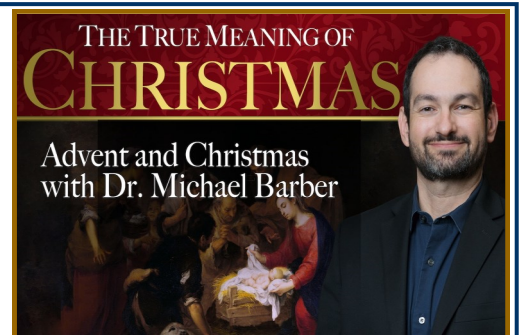
All gifts we receive above our goal will be returned directly to our parish. Thank you to everyone donating to HOPE Appeal! If you are still prayerfully considering your pledge, it's not too late to return your envelope. You may also donate **online at www.syrdio.org**.

Liturgical Ministries, An opportunity to express love for the Holy Eucharist & Community

In this special time of Eucharistic Revival, we extend a special invitation to all parishioners to consider serving any of the liturgical ministries: **Youth and Adult Altar Serving**, Usher, Lector, Greeter and Hospitality, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, Tech Booth, Music Ministry, Liturgical Environment, Liturgical Seasons Planning; to please call or email the parish office with your interest. You may serve at either or both parishes.

St. Patrick's: 722-1060 or stpatrick@sta-sp.org
St. Thomas Aquinas: 797-4015 or stthomas@sta-sp.org

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Register: name & email
Check email & click to begin

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STA Angel DeLap

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Music Ministry- Cantors

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STA Steven Nanni

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