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MASSES

**Daily at 8:30 am - No Mass on
Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm

Sunday: Bartow 10:30 am

Sacraments

Confessions: Half hour prior to masses.

Marriage preparation: Arrangements must be
made four months in advance.

Baptism: Last Sunday of the month.

Call Evelyn Rivera 863-370-4000
evecoulter@aol.com

Sick calls – Anytime

Communion for Sick and Home Bound
Call the Church Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Every
Sunday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Monday 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Thursday 7:00 pm

Religious Education Administrator

Jessica Whitmer 863-602-3837

Religious Formation – Every Sunday
Sept thru May

Preschool thru 8th - Sun 9 am to 10:15 am

High School Sunday 9:00 to 10:15 am
(1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.)

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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!
Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat Jun 28	5:00 pm	+Jean & George Tessier +Julio & Gustavo Rodriguez
Sun Jun 29	10:30 am	+Victor Espinosa By Martha & John Laurent
Mon Jun 30	8:30 am	For All Parishioners
Tue Jul 1	8:30 am	+Ozelle & +Missouri Johnson
Thu Jul 3	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 4	8:30 am	For Our Country
Sat Jul 5	8:30 am	
Sat Jul 5	5:00 pm	+Reane Brazell
Sun Jul 6	10:30 am	For All Parishioners

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Debbie Coffman, Alan English, Rachel Gohman, Dorothy Guptill, Delores Hart, Austin Heath, Zachary Heath, Ivette Hernandez, Jennifer Hoffer, Mark Jansen, Missy Jansen, Stuart Jones, Bill Kjerrumgaard, Leon LaClair, Sara Long, Aaron Mills, Adam Mills, Zachary Mills, Scott Mize, Kathleen Morris, Lacey Pate, , George Pizano, Karlee Severns, Richie Southwell, Chuck Spencer, Murphy Stidham, Rita Taylor, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

July 1, 2023	Rev. John (Stan) Murray
July 7, 1988	Rev. Arthur Dunnigan
July 10, 2005	Rev. Joseph Achilles Nolin
July 14, 2018	Msrgr. Valentine Sheedy
July 15, 2016	Rev. Frank Mutsko
July 18, 1992	Rev. Paul Couming
July 22, 2017	Rev. Felix Baños
July 26, 2022	Rev. Francis X.J. Smith

LECTORS	EMHC
6/28-5:00 pm	
Mike DeNeve Maureen Leckie	Susan DeNeve Doug Van Orsdale
6/29-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	Maria Davila Pattie Scott
7/5-5:00 pm	
Ruth Palmer Evelyn Rivera	Maureen Leckie Evelyn Rivera
7/6-10:30 am	
Barbara Woodard Oziemar Woodard	George Cherry Theresa Cherry

Saint Thomas Collection

6/15	Regular	\$2897.20
	Maintenance	324.00
	Father's Day	151.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

6/15	Regular	185.00
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SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father). This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

COME TO PRAY

July 3 First Thursday of the Month is dedicated to pray for new vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and the sanctity of life for those already called.

July 4 First Friday of the Month is dedicated to the Veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

July 5 First Saturday of the Month is dedicated to Veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prayers and benediction after Mass in monstrance.



THE SILENT HEROISM OF FATHER STANISLAW STREICH

In one of the first beatifications under Pope Leo XIV, the Church in Poland is celebrating the beatification of Father Stanislaw Streich, a humble parish priest murdered at the altar in 1938.

On May 24, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, presided over the ceremony in Poznan, recognizing Father Streich as a martyr killed “in hatred of the faith.”

Born in 1902, Father Streich studied classical philology and was known for his intellectual curiosity and gentle nature. Yet his mission led him not to academic halls, but to Lubon, a gritty industrial village near Poznan. It was there, in the church, whose construction he himself initiated, that he gave his life. He was ordained in 1925.

On Feb. 27, 1938, during a Sunday morning Mass for children, Father Streich was gunned down by a radical communist during the consecration of the Eucharist. The murder shocked the nation. Father Streich’s funeral drew approximately 20,000 mourners, reflecting the profound impact he had on his community. He had an amazing ability to bring people together, he worked with factory workers, the poor, the unemployed — he was building not only a church, but a community. He organized pastoral care in a simple, accessible way and managed to bring people together despite social divisions.

Breaking the silence

For decades, the story of Father Streich was passed down in secret in Lubon because Father Streich was killed by a communist activist before Poland experienced the horrors of World War II and subsequent communist rule that lasted until 1989. Despite half a century of communist persecution in the country that followed the war, Father Streich’s underground cult “was very lively”.

There was a silence around, but once the Iron Curtain fell, that silence was broken. After 1989, people began to speak. Families brought out hidden photos, letters, and oral accounts. The parish in Lubon became the grassroots center

of remembrance. The memory survived and became the starting point for the beatification process.

The cause formally began with the diocesan phase in 2017, but critical evidence — including testimonies from five living eyewitnesses — had already been gathered during the earlier “pre-process” phase. “By the time the diocesan phase closed in 2019, more than 3,500 pages of documentation had been collected, with 31 witnesses officially interviewed.”

A ‘sign of hope for the Church’

In May 2024, the Vatican confirmed that Father Streich was a martyr, killed “in hatred of the faith.” This ruling cleared the way for his beatification.

Retired Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki of Poznan called the beatification “an extraordinary sign of hope for the Church.” He likened Father Streich to Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity-era Polish priest murdered in 1984. “He remained faithful to his calling, even at the cost of his life.”

“We need saints who knew how to reconcile people. Father Streich had that spirit — he could unify very different social groups for a greater good. He could be the patron of reconciling people. Blessed Father Stanislaw Streich, will teach us compassion for others and the bravery to do what is right,” said Father Mueller.

SUMMER FUN WITH JESUS

WEDNESDAY'S 5:00-7:00 Pm

JUNE 11 - JULY 9

Pray, Play, Games, Helping Others, Crafts
-Food, Drinks, Snacks, Provided-

FREE
Ages 4-18

Matthew 19:14 “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”



Register in person
Any Questions Please Call
863-327-2607 - Martina

St. Thomas Aquinas Basilica

God Bless
AMERICA
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY