

Embracing our New Parish



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2014



Final Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Christ the King November 23, 2014

5:00PM **Johanna M. Crosby**
Req. by: James Foley, Jr.

7:30AM **Francis & Dorothy Fishburn**
Req. by: Friends
Joseph Wojcik
Req. by: Cynthia & Marie

9:30 AM **Deceased Members
of the Malizia Family**
Req. by: Family

11:30AM **John Masko**
Req. by: Masko Family



Monday, November 17

6:30AM **Lance Reichert**
Req. by: Keri Donaghy

8:30AM **John Gibbs**
Req. by: Joseph & Elaine Gibbs

Tuesday, November 18

6:30AM **Joseph McCloskey** Birthday Remembrance
Req. by: Edna Thornhill

8:30AM **Edward Lang**
Req. by: Lois & Toni Cinkutis

Wednesday, November 19

6:30AM **Sabina Lachman**
Req. by: Julie Haines

8:30AM **Eugene Flanagan**
Req. by: Deacon Gallagher Family

Thursday, November 20

6:30AM **For the People**

8:30AM **Joseph Cinkutis** 21st Anniversary
Req. by: Toni & Lois Cinkutis

Friday, November 21

6:30AM **Joseph Graham**
Req. by: Winstanley Family

8:30M **Ethel Zito** 11th Anniversary
Req. by: Family

Saturday, November 23

6:30AM **Jack Thornhill** 7th Anniversary
Req. by: Edna Thornhill

8:30AM **James Dougherty**
Req. by: Joan Dougherty
Finnegan-Haviland Families
Req. by: Finnegan Family

5:00PM **Rick Toracinta**
Req. by: Jamie Roth
Michael D. Tommaso 20th Anniversary
Req. by: Family

7:30AM **Michael D. Tommaso** 20th Anniversary
Req. by: Family

9:30 AM **Fred Kurz, Sr.**
Req. by: SEAS

11:30AM **Philip Rothsching**
Req. by Family

Sunday Scriptures, November

Reading I: Ezekial 34:11-12, 15-17
Reading II: Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Lectors

Nov. 22 5PM J. Brogan & R. Fallon
Nov. 23 7:30AM S. Berna & A. Ditzler
Nov. 23 9:30AM K. Shafer & T. Marion
Nov. 23 11:30AM R. Kelly & M. Kelly

Extraordinary Minister

Nov. 22 5PM J. Wallover & C. Ryan
Nov. 23 7:30PM J. Jackson & J. Wrightson
Nov. 23 9:30AM C. McDermot & E. Callery
Nov. 23 11:30AM E. Marra & J.P. Alitieri

Prayer Vigil at the Croydon Train Station

*On Saturday evening, November 22nd
at 6PM,
there will be a prayer vigil honoring
the memory of Jessica Moscatel.
Everyone is welcome to attend.*

**Remember in your prayers.
OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE
MILITARY.**

Many of our parishioners have family members serving in dangerous assignments around the world, and for those returning veterans..may they have a loving and peaceful transition to civilian life.

Please keep them in your prayers.

FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

Firemen and women, police, and EMTs please pray for their safety and their families, who give so generously of themselves

For the sick and homebound of our parish

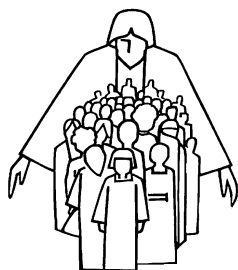
Especially, Jack Gallagher,
John Rocco, Margaret Keller, Ethel Rudy,
John Wallover, Joann Fodor, Marcellina Herc,
Marcella Ghost, Nancy Ciolla and
Georgetta Kelly.

For all those who have died, and for all those who have gone before us and have no one left to pray for them. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Collection by Mass

11/08	5:00PM	\$2948.96
11/09	7:30AM	\$1444.00
11/09	9:30AM	\$1822.00
11/09	11:30AM	\$1856.00

TOTAL for Weekend of November 8/9
\$8070.96



The Collection for November 1 and 2 included the All Saints/All Souls Envelopes which were received over the weekend at the Masses.

Parish Calendar



16. **TODAY ...**

Soup and Conversation

Sponsored by the Ladies of the Knights
12:30PM through 4:30PM in the Fr. Crehan Hall

17. 2015 Mass Book opens at 10AM
Eucharistic Adoration in the Daily Mass Chapel 9AM - 7PM
Benediction at 7:00PM
18. Pre-Jordan Class 7PM in the CARES Room at St. Thomas
22. **Community and Unity Holiday Dinner in the Crehan Hall**
See page 3 for more details
23. **Sunday Social after the 11:30AM Mass in the Church Hall**
Everyone is welcome. See page 4 for details

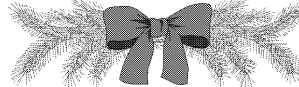
24. Eucharistic Adoration in the Daily Mass
Chapel 9AM - 7PM
Benediction at 7:00PM

27. **Thanksgiving Day 2014**
There is only
one Mass today.
It is at 9:00AM in the Church.
Parish Offices are closed.



28. *Friday after Thanksgiving* Parish Offices are closed.
In an emergency you can always call the rectory.
30. **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT!!!!**
Christmas Bazaar. Doors open at 9AM until 3PM.

December



1. Eucharistic Adoration
in the Daily Mass Chapel,
9AM until 7PM

**Also, December 1st is the 2014 Day of
Sanctification for Priests.**

- 6/7. Sr. Kathleen, IHM will speak at all weekend Masses for the Retired Religious Fund. Sister is presently at St. Ephrem leading the Bereavement Seminars.

SAVE THE DATE!!

December 13th 5:00PM Mass

Father David A. Fernandes
will be installed as the
Pastor of St Thomas Aquinas Parish
At the 5:00PM Mass

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Dear Parishioners,

At the last Transitional Team meeting, the subject of the best time to have Benediction and the best time to celebrate the Vigil Mass came up for discussion. The current practice at St. Thomas Aquinas parish is to celebrate the Vigil Mass at 5PM and Benediction on Monday at 7PM. I do notice that many in our congregation are senior citizens and may have difficulty driving after sunset. I also realize that earlier times are more difficult for working people. With that in mind, I kindly ask you to fill out this brief survey and return it by way of the collection basket or through the mail as soon as possible. If you have not plans on attending either the Vigil Mass or Benediction, please leave the survey unanswered. Your input in this matter would be most appreciated and useful.

Also, it is my plan to discontinue Monday evening confessions after Christmas. The number of people coming has been small. I hope to resurrect the evening confessions on the Mondays of the Holy Season of Lent. If this would cause a hardship for anyone, please let me know. Confessions are still available every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30PM and any-time by appointment.

God Bless,

Fr. David



Best time for the Vigil Mass: Please circle one.

4PM 4:30PM 5PM

Best time for Benediction on Monday: Please circle one

7PM 3:30PM

Comments:

Name and phone number:

TODAY!!!

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12:30pm-4:30pm

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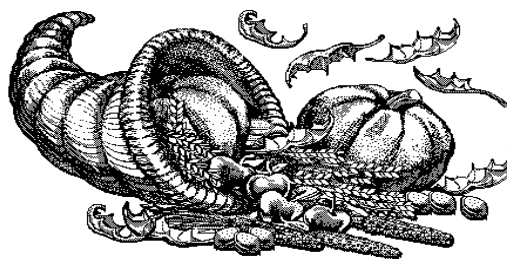
The Ladies of The Knights of Columbus

All you can eat of home made soups & desserts, salad, coffee, tea, water& juices. Adults \$8.00 children 10 & under \$5.00 please bring a non- perishable item also for our needy of the parish.

There will be live entertainment from a local band and some of our parishioners.

All proceeds will be used for our needy at Christmas.

Come Enjoy a Fun Afternoon for All Ages!
For more information or to donate a soup or dessert contact Marie Kelly (215)788-3331
mariekelly0623@msn.com



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Community & Unity

HOLIDAY DINNER

Free to All

Donations are Accepted

Saturday evening November 22

in the Fr. Crehan Hall

601 Bristol Pike,

Croydon, PA

6pm-9pm

Turkey Dinner

with Trimmings

EVERYONE is WELCOME!!!

For donations for the dinner...

Contact: 215.788-2989



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October count of Mass Attendance 2014 At St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

We have submitted the following for Saturday/
Sunday Mass attendance in October 2014:

Date	5PM	7:30AM	9:30AM	11:30AM	Totals
Oct 4/5	185	99	295	178	757
Oct 11/12	177	96	252	219	744
Oct 18/19	194	114	257	187	752
Oct 25/26	178	105	290	189	762
Avg.	184	104	274	193	947

The numbers at the bottom of the chart are the averages for the Mass. The last column is the total for the weekends, which averages out to 947 people a month attending Mass regularly.

The member count for our present parish is 3557 souls. This means only 27% of our parishioners are attending Mass on any given weekend.



Sunday Social The Sunday Social will be held in the Church Hall on **November 23, 2014 after the 11:30AM Mass**. If you would like to donate a baked good, please call Connie Lombardo at (215)781-2318.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Market Day

Order your Christmas Cookies!

Just place on a cookie sheet and bake.

Buy 2 save \$2, buy 3 save \$5.

Remember to place your Market day orders. Internet orders may be placed until 11PM CST Monday 12/1, orders to the office must be in by Wednesday, November 26th. Pickup is Saturday, December 6th from 12:15PM to 1:15pm. If you haven't tried Market Day, pickup a brochure at the door of the Church.

Archbishop Ryan High School
11201 Academy Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Presents

SHREK

The Musical
On Stage!

Friday November 21st at 7:30PM

Saturday, November 22nd at 7:30PM

Sunday November 23rd at 1:00PM

Seniors & Children 13 and under \$8.00 * Adults \$12.00

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling

(215) 637-1800 Ext. 211



Shrek: the Musical Character Lunch

Bring your Camera!! Meet the Cast!!

When: November 23rd

At Archbishop Ryan South Cafeteria (rear of the building)

Time: 11:15AM - 12:30PM

Cost: ***\$6.00 per person - CASH ONLY!

Includes hot dog, chips, drink and a surprise!

Limited Seating Available. Advanced Reservations Only.

Please visit www.archbishopryan.com

***This price does not include admission to the 1:00PM matinee.

Tickets to this performance may be purchased separately following the lunch.

Celebrate the Reason for the Season! This Advent, let Mary teach you how to prepare to meet Jesus in the manger, on the cross, and in His glory! Based on the papal encyclical Redemptoris Mater and the book, Daughter Zion, by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, this half-day retreat will be held on December 13 at Fatima House in Bedminster. Hosted by the Catholic Life Institute and directed by Sharon Otto, a director of religious education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, time for Confession and Mass celebrated by Father Thomas Nasta. To register, visit www.freeandfaithful.com or call 610-223-4191.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

We meet every month and our meetings are advertised in the Parish bulletin. We hope to see you there!

This month the meeting will be on November 19th at 7PM in Father Crehan Hall.

Open forum: Experiencing grief from separation or Divorce? Attend our next support group.

Questions call Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

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Indoor Flea Market

Father Judge High School

3301 Solly Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19136

December 7, 2014

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Hosted by the Music Department

Vendors contact:

(215) 338-9494 ext. 1148

challahan@fatherjudge.com

CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

*The North Vicariate Prayer Communities will hold
a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service*

Friday, November 21st,

St. Martha Church,

11301 Academy Road

Philadelphia

Prayer and Praise: 6:45PM

Liturgy: 7:15PM

Celebrant: Rev. Benjamin Nwanonyi

*If you need any additional information
or directions*

Call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441

Wheelchair accessible

Preparing for the World Meeting of Families! Special Advent Mass

On the First Sunday of Advent, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap. will bless and distribute small replicas of the official World Meeting of Families Holy Family iconic painting to every household in attendance. Mass begins at 6:30PM and will be preceded by a Holy Hour for the Family and Confessions at 5:30PM. All families and households are invited! Sunday November 30, 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

For more information,
visit

PhillyEvang.org/wmof



Love is Our Mission ...THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE...

– Parish Prayer Meeting to prepare for the 2015 World Meeting of Families

In preparation for the 2015 *World Meeting of Families* and the visit of Pope Francis, St. Ignatius parish will hold a gathering, named after the 2015 theme for the world meeting, **to pray and praise God for the gift of family and life, and to gain understanding of the beautiful teachings gifted to us by the church of Philadelphia in order to prepare for the World Meeting of Families next September.**

This catechesis includes 10 topics such as, “*Created for Joy*”, “*The Mission of Love*”, “*Light in a Dark World*”, “*A Home for a Wounded Heart*”.... And many more beautiful topics that will be shared and experienced at bi monthly meetings all geared toward preparing people for the many graces coming to us next September especially with the Pope’s visit!

The meeting will include prayer, teaching, testimonies, reflection, praise and fellowship. ***If you are alive you are part of a family...All are welcome!*** This meeting is for everyone and any age group, youth, young adults, men, women, single, married or religious life...whether you feel you understand the faith or do not understand the faith, and for anyone who has been away from the faith to come home to a beautiful experience of community and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life because LIFE IS GOOD no matter what you are going through or think your family looks like!

The gathering will take place at 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the old rectory in the room above the adoration chapel on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening for each of the ten months leading up to September 2015 and beginning with November 10th. Each month will cover one of the ten topics. For more information please contact Marie Joseph 215-493-1058 or Sheila Gallagher 215-439-5298. ***If you are alive you are part of a family...All are welcome!***



Our Lady of Fatima Special Services

on Street Road will host a

FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day

from 11:00AM until 1:00PM

Families are Welcome!

Everyone is Welcome!

