

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Established July 1, 2014
Joining The Parishes of
St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

ST. THOMAS

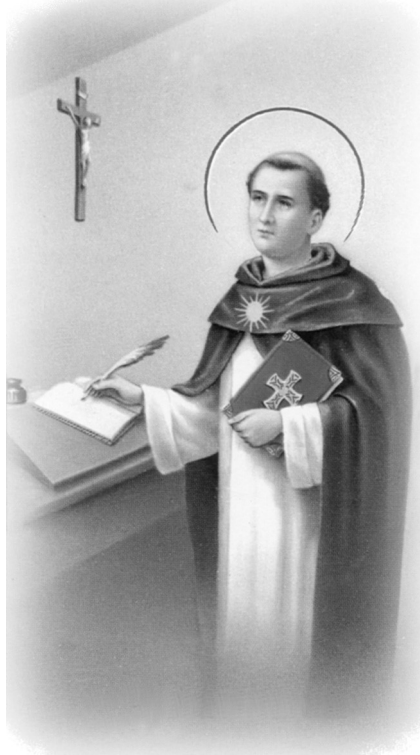
601 Bristol Pike
Croydon, PA 19021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 9:00 AM (SETON)
and 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 noon
AND 7:00 PM
(St. Thomas)



SETON

1200 Park Ave.
Bensalem, PA 19020

PARISH OFFICE

121 Belmont Ave.
Croydon, PA 19021
215-788-2989
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Website: www.staq.org

**CONFESSION
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 PM
(St. Thomas)

Served By:

Rev. David A. Fernandes, Pastor

Rev. Michael J. Lonergan, Pastor Emeritus, (Former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Deacon John J. Gallagher

MARRIAGES

By Diocesan policy, a six month advance notice is required to allow sufficient time for the necessary marriage paper work and preparation. Deacons are permitted to witness marriages which are not celebrated during Mass.

BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month after 11:00 AM Mass. Attendance at Pre-Jordan class, on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30PM, in the Cares Meeting Room (enter by rear door) at 121 Belmont Avenue, is a requirement. You must pre-register by calling the Parish Office at (215)788-2989.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony, and/or to receive a Letter of Eligibility to be a Godparent or Sponsor it is necessary for you to be registered in our parish and practice the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office as soon as you move into our parish to schedule a registration meeting. Please call the Parish Office if you move, or change your address or phone number.

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 9:00 AM Mass (Chapel)
Rosary: Weekdays before 8:30 AM Mass (Chapel) and Sundays before each Mass
Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Monday January 23, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday January 24, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Wednesday January 25, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Thursday January 26, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday January 27, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday January 28, 2017
4:30 PM For Our Parish Community

Sunday January 29, 2017
9:00 AM Louis & Ethel Cesarone Jr (L) req by
M/M Cesarone Jr
11:00 AM Archimedes Cruz Sr req by Edel Callery

Weekend Offerings

01/07	4:30 PM	\$ 545.00
01/08	9:00 AM	\$2,453.00
01/08	11:00 AM	\$1,268.00
Mail Ins		\$ 478.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 152.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 911.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 492.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles		\$ 36.00
Poor Box		\$ 69.00

TOTAL for Parish for January 8, 2017 \$6,404.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

*Thank you for your generosity.
May the Lord bless you.*

Lectors

January 28, 2017
4:30 PM R Fallon & S Colvin

January 29, 2017
9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Daubert
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & R Andrews

Extraordinary Ministers

January 28, 2017
4:30 PM T Litz & M Bosco

January 29, 2017
9:00 AM T Berna & B Gutherman
11:00 AM A Scheck & E Marra

Altar Servers

January 28, 2017
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
MaryRose Okwara

January 29, 2017
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures January 29, 2017

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (70A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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. **Please keep them in your prayers.**

Our Sick: Helen Amato, Lou Balot, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Francis Clark, Joe Cochran, Dot Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, John Gilbert, Barbara Golden, Ray Haag, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Eleanor Winstanley, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The **second collection** this weekend, **January 21st and 22nd** will be for **Catholic Relief Services**. This agency works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care.

January 23, 2017 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 3:30 PM in the Chapel.

Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank
Richard Labor and a Friend
for their donations

In Memory of Richard Brown

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for his donation

In Memory of Jenna Richards

We would like to thank
Karen Kousharenko and a Friend
for their donations

In Memory of Margaret Flannery

We would like to thank
a Friend
for their donation

In Memory of Margaret Feeley

Congratulations to Melissa Aykit for receiving Distinguished Honors and Elena Aleman for receiving Commended Honors for the Fall Semester from Nazareth Academy High School.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your 2016 contributions, you may contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office via the collection basket, US Mail or drop off at the Parish Office.

Envelope #: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish Calendar of Events

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as we once again participate in the **5th Sunday Rosary Program**. The program is open to all parish members and will be held in the Church **following the 11:00 AM Mass on January 29, 2017**. Rosary guides and Rosary rings will be available for beginners or those who don't have one. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. Any questions, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office during normal business hours or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

St Thomas Aquinas **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a combination of prayers and knitting for the ministry of others. We strive to bring God's love to folks in need, through the comfort and warmth of our handmade shawls. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. New members are welcome!

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

*The Knights of Columbus #4765 have **Discount Cards** available again this year. There are 13 businesses that are participating this year to help us save money. Local and chain restaurants are offering discounts/free appetizers when you present the card while visiting their establishment. Other businesses are also offering discount pricing. If you are interested, please ask a Knight or you may purchase them through the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 but the savings go beyond that.*



A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "...proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness."
Your gift to the Society of St Vincent de Paul proclaims the good news of Jesus to those who are suffering.

January 22, 2017

9th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance

Come Enjoy a Romantic Night of
Good Food and Dancing
on
February 11, 2017
From 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

For those married in the Catholic Church
Renewal of Vows will take place
at the 4:30 PM Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas
Father Crehan Hall
121 Belmont Avenue
Croydon, PA 19021

Includes
Deluxe Buffet
Dancing
Beer, Wine, Set Ups

BYOB is welcome

Door Prizes, Raffles, 50/50
\$25.00 Per Person

**For Tickets or Information, please contact
Parish Office at (215) 788-2989
or
Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331
mariekelly0623@msn.com**

**Hosted by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
Council 4765**

*You are cordially invited to
St Thomas Aquinas Church*

*601 Bristol Pike
Croydon, PA 19021*

*as we celebrate the
60th Anniversary of
Her Dedication*

*Sunday, May 7, 2017
The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
10:30 AM*

*The Most Reverend
Joseph F. Martino, D.D.,H.E.D.
Bishop Emeritus of Scranton*



Dinner and Dancing from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

*Pen Ryn Estate
1601 State Road
Bensalem, PA 19020*

**\$50.00 per Adult
\$25.00 per Child (Ages 5 – 12)**
Includes Dinner and Open Bar

For Questions or Tickets
Contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989

Christ the King Parish, Morrell Park, is offering its annual **Pre-Cana Program** for engaged couples of CTK and neighboring parishes for whom the winter dates may be helpful. Pre-Cana will be held in CTK Convent on the evening of **Friday, January 27, 2017** and all day **Saturday, January 28th**. For information, please email rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

Vendor Alert—St Hubert Catholic High School Indoor Flea Market on Saturday, **January 28, 2017**, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Spaces are \$20.00 (with table \$25.00). For reservation form or information, contact Terese Lewis at shfleamarket@gmail.com or call (215) 624-6840 Ext 243.

St Hubert Parent Association Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 2:00 PM—5:00 PM in the Cafeteria, featuring our own “Bambies on the Runway”. Tickets are Adults: \$15.00, Children/Students: \$7.00 (Lunch included). Tickets are available at school or contact Nyvette Gonzalez at (215) 520-0528.

On **Thursday, February 2, 2017**, at St Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, there will a Rosary at 6:00 PM and Holy Mass at 8:30 PM to celebrate the “*Feast of the Presentation to the Child Jesus and The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*” There will be two speakers, Father Robert Young and Father James Blunt. All are welcome!

The Fifth Annual “**19154 5K Race**” will run on **Saturday, February 4, 2017**. There will be a Kids’ Fun Run at 9:00 AM followed by the 5K Race/One-Mile Walk at 9:15 AM, starting and ending at St Anselm Church. Registration and more information are available at www.191545k.com. All proceeds from the 19154 5K will benefit the youth and young adult ministries of St Anselm Church. Questions: race@stanselparish.com or (215) 637-3525

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat—March 10-12, 2017. Rachel’s Vineyard in Malvern, PA has an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. For information call Geri at (610) 399-0890 or Priscilla at (215) 906-6337.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 10** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering the following program: **WOMEN’S RETREAT** on **February 17-19, 2017**. *Anne Trufant*, wife, mother, recording artist and dynamic, faith-filled retreat presenter will lead this weekend retreat. Hearts on Fire! What happens when heaven invades earth? Are you looking for more? Have you ever read Scriptures or heard testimonies that talk about knowing Jesus in a way that you have longed for? Many think the signs and wonders of the early church no longer exist. Come join us as we unpack that first Pentecost morning, and journey with the apostles, as we encounter that same power and presence of the risen Jesus who is still changing lives today. “The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power!” (1 Cor. 4:20) Fee: \$170 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit) Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or to register by February 7, 2017.

Registration is open for our **23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal** on **March 18, 2017** from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Sts Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you’re not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthefhome.org/events.html or call Deb MacKenzie (484-798-7368 dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com).