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**St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)**  
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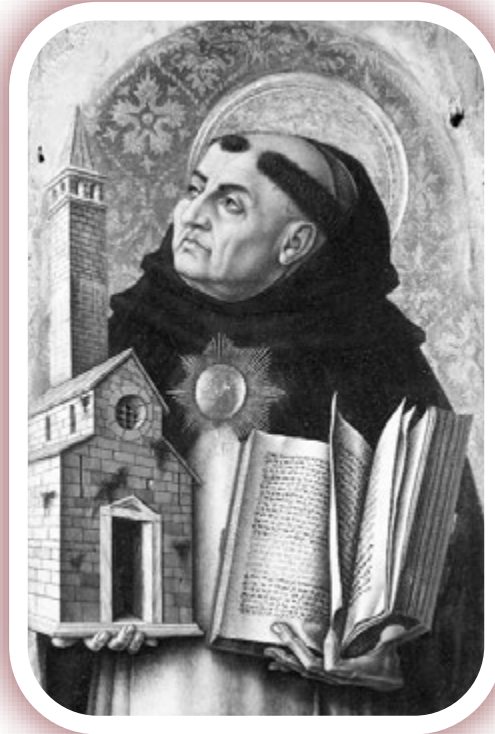
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**

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**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 Saturday before 9:00 AM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)  
(September to May)

January 21, 2018

*Come and Celebrate  
The Patronal Feast Day of Our Parish*



*Sunday, January 28, 2018  
The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
11:00 AM*

*The Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald  
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia*

*St Thomas Aquinas Church  
601 Bristol Pike  
Croydon, PA 19021*

*Light Refreshments to Follow*

January 21, 2018

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Monday January 22, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joanne Girard req by Gangloff Family

**Tuesday January 23, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joseph Cwenar req by His Family

**Wednesday January 24, 2018**  
8:30 AM Judy Litz req by Bob & Roseanne Baehser

**Thursday January 25, 2018**  
8:30 AM Danielle Hofman req by Susan Kaelin

**Friday January 26, 2018**  
8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

**Saturday January 27, 2018**  
4:30 PM Archimeden Cruz req by Edel Callery

**Sunday January 28, 2018**  
9:00 AM **NO MASS**  
11:00 AM Feast Day Mass

*Weekend Offerings*

01/06	4:30 PM	\$ 1,708.00
01/07	9:00 AM	\$ 1,826.00
01/07	11:00 AM	\$ 1,818.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 865.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,045.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 119.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 920.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 16.00
Candles		\$ 25.00
Poor Box		\$ 11.00

TOTAL for Parish for January 7, 2018 \$8,337.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$16.00

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

*Lectors*

**January 27, 2018**  
4:30 PM J Brogan & C Ryan

**January 28, 2018**  
9:00 AM NO MASS  
11:00 AM J Berna & T Berna

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**January 27, 2018**  
4:30 PM C Ryan & T Litz

**January 28, 2018**  
9:00 AM NO MASS  
11:00 AM Priests/Deacon to serve

*Altar Servers*

**January 27, 2018**  
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,  
MaryRose Okwara

**January 28, 2018**  
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Mason McMahon,  
Effie McMahon, Nicholas Freer,  
Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,  
Bailey McCormick

**Sunday Scriptures January 21, 2018**

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**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, Terry Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, William Sommerer, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

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

We are collecting your old palm.  
Please feel free to drop off your palm  
at the Parish Office  
during normal business hours.

The 2018 Mass Book is open  
to schedule Masses for June to December 2018

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry strives to bring God's love to folks in need through the comfort and warmth of their handmade shawls. If you know of someone who is sick or could just use the comfort and warmth of one of our handmade shawls, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

**St Thomas Aquinas  
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for Jan 10th to Jan 16th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Jan 10	183	Helen Slakoper
Jan 11	962	Christopher Sciara
Jan 12	991	Unsold Ticket
Jan 13	550	Ron Coffey
Jan 14	166	Unsold Ticket
Jan 15	759	Ruth Leighton
Jan 16	244	Tony Cinkutis

**Thank You from the 2018 Giving Tree**

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart". Anonymous

Special thank you to Holy Ghost Prep Fathers Assn, the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus and Mat's Pharmacy for their generosity this year. A big thank you to our parishioners who helped us give Christmas to 49 families. You gave from your hearts and filled our hearts with gratitude. Thank you so much!

The Giving Tree Committee  
Father David Fernandes  
Janice Fratantaro  
Donna Pierce-Bongart

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you require a statement for your 2017 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 or drop off at the office.

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Calendar of Events

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The **Women's Bible Group** meets every other Thursday at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 25, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Bucks County Scottish American Society** meets the first Sunday of every month at **2:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 4, 2018**. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

**Croydon Boy Scout Troop #180 Annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale on Sunday, February 4, 2018**. American Hoagies are \$4.50/each or 3/\$12.00. All orders must be received and paid for by January 31st. Proceeds benefit Croydon Troop & Pack 180. Please contact Joanne McMahon at (215) 666-2825 to place your orders.

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 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents and Godparents must attend. For questions or to confirm your attendance please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

**Seton Seniors & Curran Travel Inc** presents **Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Thursday, March 22, 2018**. \$50.00 per person. Payment in full due by February 27th. Trip includes: Departure at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 9:00 AM, Arrive at Mohegan Sun at 11:30 AM and Receive \$25.00 in Slot Play & Luncheon Buffet at Timber's, Depart for home at 4:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Knights of Columbus 4765 Night of Bowling** at AMF Lanes Bristol Pike on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. \$10.00 per person (maximum of 6 people to a lane). If a private lane is desired (less than 6 people) the cost is \$50.00. Food and Drinks Extra. Names and payment are due by Friday, March 9th. For reservations, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423 or the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

**Saints and Legends of Ireland. September 5-15, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd.**

Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends that made Ireland great. We will travel all around Ireland, including Belfast in the North. Enjoy dinner in a Medieval Castle, Kissing the Blarney Stone, tasting Irish Whiskey at the Jameson Distillery, visiting the Cliffs of Moher, the Knock Shrine, the Country of St. Patrick (Downpatrick) and his tomb, St. Bridget's Well, the Rock of Cashel, Guinness Center, Kylemore Abbey, Wooden Mills, Celtic Crystal Factory and so much more. Different cities daily, including Galway, Knock, Adare, Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Ennis, Connemara, Burren, Cashel and the Dingle Peninsula. We get the best of both worlds with this tour, a little bit of the sacred and a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3845 includes all tours, round trip airfare from Philadelphia to Dublin or Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (four-star hotels), daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an Irish evening with dinner and a show. Meetings will commence soon. For more information or brochure contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or [Helenshorizons@gmail.com](mailto:Helenshorizons@gmail.com)

Christ the King Parish is offering the **Pre-Cana Program** on **Friday, January 26, 2018** and all day **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Engaged couples of neighboring parishes who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact [rgreen@christthekingparish.net](mailto:rgreen@christthekingparish.net)

**Our Lady of Grace School Open House** on **Sunday, January 28, 2018** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come tour our school and see what we have to offer. Middle States Accredited. CARES before and after school. Busing is available for Kindergarten to 8th grade. All students are accepted Catholic and Non Catholic. Please feel free to contact the school office with any questions at (215) 757-5287.

*Expectant Moms!* Catholic Social Services will be hosting an **Open House on Friday, February 2, 2018** from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at our Fatima Catholic Outreach Center located at 2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA. Come meet our Parent Educators and learn about Pregnancy and Parenting Programs. Light refreshments, Baby Bingo and fun Raffles. Please call (215) 945-2550 for more information.

**Flame of Love Event - Candlemas Day** on **Friday, February 2, 2018** at St Charles Seminary. Begins at 6:00 PM—Mass at 8:30 PM. Celebrant and Homilist is Father James Blount, SOLT.

**Charismatic Mass and Healing Service.** Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on **Friday, February 9, 2018** at St Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev Michael Davis. If you need additional information or directions, call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. Wheelchair accessible.

**Young Adult Retreat—February 9-11, 2018** at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost is \$130 per person (double occupancy). Some financial aid is available. Register at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call (609) 884-3829.

**Day of Recollection for Married Couples** on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** at 10:30 AM concluding with renewal of vows at 5:15 Mass. Sponsored by St Augustine Parish, 240 N. 4th Street (4th & Vine Sts) Philadelphia, PA 19106. The day, based on Pope Francis' Reflections on "Love in Marriage" will include reflections by married couples, opportunity for discussion and quality time with each other. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day (free will offering welcomed). For further information go to St Augustine's website at [www.augustinechurch.com](http://www.augustinechurch.com). Limited availability. Registration is required. To register email [pastorstaugustine@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstaugustine@gmail.com). Let the love of your life know you would do it all over again.

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