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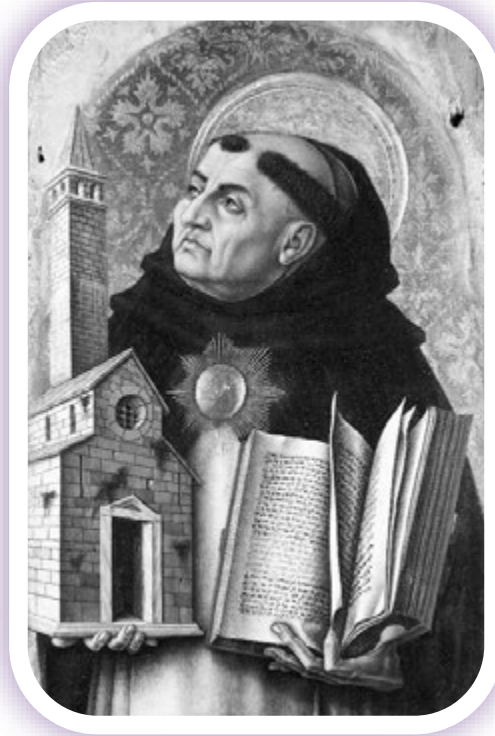
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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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 Parish Meeting Room 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)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday March 19, 2018
8:30 AM Francisca Tirado req by Marta

Tuesday March 20, 2018
8:30 AM Chris Jones req by Gert Kaelin

Wednesday March 21, 2018
8:30 AM Frances Currie req by Tom

Thursday March 22, 2018
8:30 AM Frances Currie req by Gangloff Family

Friday March 23, 2018
8:30 AM Marie Comitale req by Gert Kaelin

Saturday March 24, 2018
4:30 PM Robert Balla req by His Wife

Sunday March 25, 2018
9:00 AM Ernest Bouley req by Peg & Tony
11:00 AM Joann Demski req by Her Granddaughter

Weekend Offerings

03/03	4:30 PM	\$ 2,272.00
03/04	9:00 AM	\$ 2,053.00
03/04	11:00 AM	\$ 2,106.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 2,173.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,282.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 93.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 10.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 34.00
Candles		\$ 19.00
Poor Box		\$ 87.00

TOTAL for Parish for March 4, 2018 \$10,095.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$34.00

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

Lectors

March 24, 2018
4:30 PM R Fallon & J Brogan

March 25, 2018
9:00 AM E Callery & R Gutherman
11:00 AM R Andrews & J Howarth

Extraordinary Ministers

March 24, 2018
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

March 25, 2018
9:00 AM T O'Flynn & M O'Flynn
11:00 AM R Powers & A Scheck

Altar Servers

March 24, 2018
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
MaryRose Okwara

March 25, 2018
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

Sunday Scriptures March 25, 2018

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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: Francis Breuer, Stephanie Burris, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tom Carmody, 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, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Roseanne O'Donnell, George Stricker Sr and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

This weekend, the **second collection** is for the **Church in Africa**. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they face challenges due to poverty, food shortages, disease, and migration. This collection is an opportunity to stand with our brothers and sisters in Africa and support pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent.

We are looking for volunteers to participate at our Holy Thursday Service by having their feet washed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for March 6th to March 12th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
March 6	306	Donna Pierce-Bongart
March 7	383	Linda Mikos
March 8	674	Unsold Ticket
March 9	036	Barbara Moyer
March 10	402	Roseann Spear
March 11	851	Unsold Ticket
March 12	142	John Howarth
March 13	655	Unsold Ticket

Lenten Schedule 2018

Adult Faith Formation

Mondays: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Chapel)
Followed by Benediction at 3:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM (Chapel)

Confessions in Church

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

(March 14, 21, 28)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Holy Thursday (March 29, 2018)

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (March 30, 2018)

NO MORNING MASS

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM

Christ's Passion by the Via Dolorosa—7:30 PM

Holy Saturday (March 31, 2018)

NO MORNING MASS

9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Food

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Mass (SETON)

11:00 AM Mass (St Thomas)

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Before the Sacrament of Penance, Catholics have found it helpful to examine their consciences in light of the Ten Commandments. Penitents are encouraged to expand on them in their prayerful review of their conduct.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
- Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
- Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?
- Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?
- Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?
- Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

Parish Calendar of Events

The Knights of Columbus still have **Discount Cards** available for \$10.00. Many local and chain restaurants offer discounts or free appetizers and other businesses offer discount pricing. Cards may be used an unlimited number of times during the 2018 calendar year. Cards can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or at the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus will host the **Stations of the Cross** every Sunday during Lent **after the 11:00 AM Mass in the Chapel**. We hope you will join them during this Lenten Season.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, March 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.

Passion of Jesus Christ. The Via Dolorosa Ministry, performs the Passion of Jesus Christ at St Thomas Aquinas on Good Friday. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday in the Church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:15 PM.** For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (267) 616-8473.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 21, 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, March 22, 2018**. They have begun a new book entitled "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Saints and Legends of Ireland, September 5-15, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd, Join Fr David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd for a "**Meet & Greet**" at **St Thomas Aquinas Parish on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM**. Meeting will be held in **Fr Crehan Hall**, 121 Belmont Avenue, Croydon, PA (parking available in Church Parking Lot). We will be discussing and taking reservations for our Saints and Legends of Ireland Pilgrimage Tour, "*All Around Ireland in 11 Days*." This tour includes visits to the Guinness Center and the Jamerson Experience, round trip air fare, bus transportation to the airport, airline surcharges, accommodations in centrally located four-star hotels, daily Mass and breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet, an Irish evening with dinner and a show and so much more. Cost is \$3,849. *If you plan on signing up at this meeting, please bring a copy of your Passport and \$500 deposit for Registration.* Doors open at 6:45 PM. If you plan on attending, kindly give notification by calling (610) 213-4141.

The *Croydon Civic Association* will be hosting their **15th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, March 24th** at 1:00 PM at Croydon Acres Park. Rain date is Sunday, March 25th at 1 PM. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our local food bank. Great Raffle Basket too!

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc presents All Star Productions "**Best of Broadway**" on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. \$100.00 per person. *Payment in full due by March 20, 2018*. Trip includes: Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, Sit down luncheon, one hour open bar (beer & wine), and The Matinee Performance of "Best of Broadway" at Doolan's in Spring Lake, NJ at 11:00 AM, Depart for home approximately 3:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.



Hosted by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Games start at 7:00 PM
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For tickets or information contact

Pam Hynd (267) 770-1131 or

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St Thomas Aquinas Parish
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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

on

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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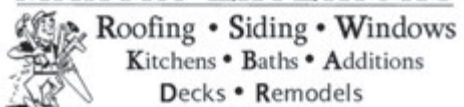
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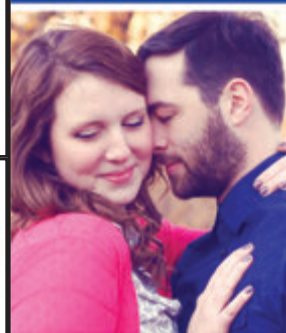


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