

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

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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 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 March 27, 2017**
8:30 AM Virginia DiTommaso req by The Family
- Tuesday March 28, 2017**
8:30 AM Regina Smith req by The Gallagher Family
- Wednesday March 29, 2017**
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Henry & Marie Jensen
- Thursday March 30, 2017**
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Erica Schilling
- Friday March 31, 2017**
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Betty Wunsch
- Saturday April 1, 2017**
4:30 PM Bill & Ellen Ott req by Eleanor Clancy
- Sunday April 2, 2017**
9:00 AM Joseph Malizia req by Mary Ragucci
11:00 AM Michael Kouser req by Ethel Rogan

Weekend Offerings

03/11	4:30 PM	\$1,839.00
03/12	9:00 AM	\$1,595.00
03/12	11:00 AM	\$1,711.00
Mail Ins		\$ 945.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 300.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 65.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 965.00
Candles		\$ 24.00
Poor Box		\$ 31.00
TOTAL for Parish for March 12, 2017		\$6,555.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$965.00

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

Lectors

- April 1, 2017**
4:30 PM R Fallon & P DeMichele
- April 2, 2017**
9:00 AM R Gutherman & T Berna
11:00 AM A Scheck & R Dalessandro

Extraordinary Ministers

- April 1, 2017**
4:30 PM D Shafer & K Shafer
- April 2, 2017**
9:00 AM E Ryan & E Callery
11:00 AM R Kelly & M Kelly

Altar Servers

- April 1, 2017**
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Bailey McCormick
- April 2, 2017**
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures April 2, 2017

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Reading II: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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, Joe Cochran, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Raymond Kotlarek, Francis Clark and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Memorial Fund.....

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and Robert & Karen Hardy
for their donations

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Harry Heck Jr
for his donation

In Memory of Florence Bartal



We invite you to join us for our
40 Hours Devotion/Parish Mission
on
April 2nd, 3rd and 4th
at
7:00 PM

Our guest speaker will be
Father Christopher Walsh
Pastor
Saint Raymond Church

Sunday, April 2nd

Topic: God's Mercy
Benediction

Monday, April 3rd

Adoration until 7:00 PM
Topic: Forgiveness
Benediction

Tuesday, April 4th

Adoration until 7:00 PM
Topic: Kindness
Eucharistic Procession
Benediction

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays: 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM
(March 29, April 5, 12)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM (St Thomas)

Sunday: 9:00 AM (SETON)

11:00 AM (St Thomas)

HOLY THURSDAY

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

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

Passion of Christ (Via Dolorosa) - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

NO MORNING MASS

9:00 AM Morning Prayer &

Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM Mass (SETON)

11:00 AM Mass (St Thomas)

Parish Calendar of Events

Come join the Knights of the Columbus for the **Stations of the Cross**. Every Sunday during Lent, we host the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel after the **11:00 AM Mass**.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. Donation of baked goods is appreciated.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM** at Gabrielle's, 5301 Emilie Road, Levittown, PA 19057. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Passion of Jesus Christ. The Via Dolorosa Ministry will, once again, perform Christ's Passion on Good Friday evening. Our next rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017 after 7:00 PM Confessions in the Church**. For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (215) 458-8289. Thank you.

The St Thomas Aquinas Women's Group will be discussing a new book, beginning March 30th, titled "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. To place your order for the book, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331. The book is \$10.00.

All are welcome to join us as we begin discussions on this book on **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. We hope to see you there!

The **SETON Seniors** are offering the following trips:

Mohegan Sun March 30, 2017
Sight & Sound (Jonah) May 18, 2017

For reservations or information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

March 26, 2017

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, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 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 **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Saint Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace, the moving, live production performed by actor Sean Tivenan and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **Father Crehan Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Church** in Croydon on **Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 PM**. The event is sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus Pope Pius XII Council #4765*. This colorful, music-filled performance captures the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, whose message of peace, joy, and simplicity is so needed for our culture. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 60 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Admission is a free-will offering. For additional information, contact the Parish Office at 215-788-2989. Watch the trailer & learn more at www.FrancisDrama.com

Attention Military Families

Your Knights of Columbus, Council 4765, is interested in providing care packages to the family members of our parishioners who are serving in the military. Please send contact information to KoC4765@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989, if you would like to add your military family members to our database or if you would like to help with this project.



*St Thomas Aquinas Parish
cordially invites you
to the
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
on
Saturday, April 22, 2017
at 5:30 PM
Father Crehan Hall*

Dinner is BYOB

*Invitation is extended to volunteer
and a guest*

**Please RSVP on or before April 13, 2017
to Roseann
in the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989**

March 26, 2017

*You are cordially invited to
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*as we celebrate the
60th Anniversary of Her
Dedication*

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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with your RSVP information*

St Michael the Archangel Alumni and Friends Committee is hosting a **Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday, April 1, 2017** from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM at St Michael the Archangel Church Basement, 66 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA. Multiple Vendors, Endless Crafts, Music, Entertainment, Food. For additional information contact Ruth Bardsley at smaalumniandfriends@gmail.com

On **Saturday, April 7, 2017**, Archbishop Ryan High School will be hosting its annual **Taste of Philly** from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. The event features a sampling of food and drinks from the area's finest restaurants, bars and caterers. The entertainment will be provided by The Exceptions and DJ Bobby Sacco. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Register online at <http://bit.ly/RyanTasteofPhilly2017> or contact the Alumni Office at (215) 637-1800 Ext 221. Must be 21 to attend.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard **Retreat for Healing after Abortion on April 7-9, 2017**. This retreat will be held in Doylestown, PA. For more information call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752 or email at evelynwalsh59@gmail.com.

Would you consider giving of your time and talents to an organization that has helped thousands of women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy? **The Legacy of Life Foundation** is having a volunteer recruitment meeting, **March 27th** beginning at 2:00 PM in our Bucks County Office. If interested in learning about all the ways to volunteer please RSVP to Katie Hardwick at katie@legacyoflifefoundation.org or call (267) 838-4030. We are specifically looking for volunteers interested in assisting with our three year parenting program, hotline help, administrative duties, baby bottle drives, and more!

Host Families are desired for several Nacel Open Door international students from France and Spain visiting our area June 30th—July 21st. These B-2 visa students speak English, are fully insured and have their own spending money for personal expenses. Host Families provide room and board and receive a hosting stipend. For more information, please contact Lynn Merk at Nacel Open Door (215) 630-3590.

Volunteers Needed for Compassionate Care Hospice. We have opportunities for kind and caring individuals to provide support and friendship to patients and their families during this most challenging time through visits or phone calls. Office volunteers are very much welcomed. Training provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator (267) 885-7348.

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