

# Palm



*St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
601 Bristol Pike  
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# Sunday

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** Established July 1, 2014  
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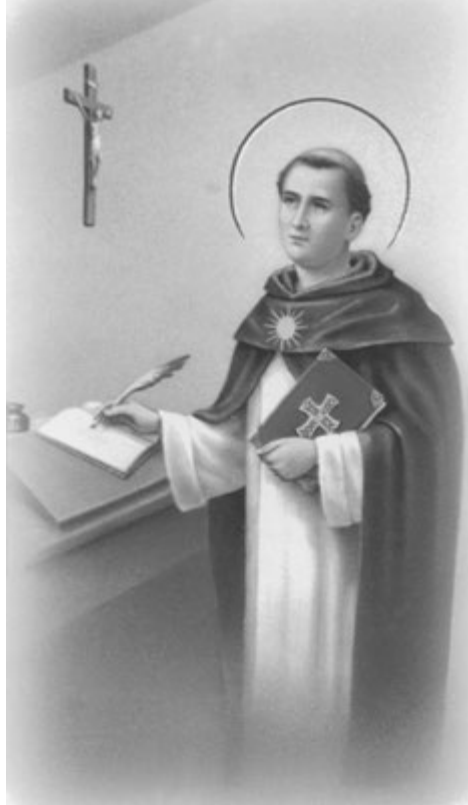
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**

1200 Park Ave.  
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**PARISH OFFICE**

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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)



Lectors

**April 13, 2017 (Holy Thursday)**

7:00 PM J Brogan & R Fallon

**April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)**

3:00 PM A Ditzler & P DeMichele

**April 15, 2017**

8:00 PM J Brogan, J Wallover  
J Mundy, R Fallon

**April 16, 2017**

9:00 AM E Callery & C Del Puerto  
11:00 AM R Andrews & S Berna

Extraordinary Ministers

**April 13, 2017 (Holy Thursday)**

7:00 PM J Berna, A Scheck  
B Gutherman, T Litz

**April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)**

3:00 PM E Callery & R Powers

**April 15, 2017**

8:00 PM M Kelly & L Mundy

**April 16, 2017**

9:00 AM E Ryan & J Shirley  
11:00 AM J Berna & T Berna

Altar Servers

**April 13, 2017 (Holy Thursday)**

7:00 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan  
Nicholas Freer, Bailey McCormick

**April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)**

3:00 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Mason McMahon,  
Effie McMahon

**April 15, 2017**

8:00 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,  
Bailey McCormick, MaryRose Okwara

**April 16, 2017**

11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon  
Nicholas Freer

**Monday April 10, 2017**  
8:30 AM Dec'd Members of the Schroeder Family  
req by Mrs. Kate Schroeder & Family

**Tuesday April 11, 2017**  
8:30 AM Dorothy O'Brien req by The Family

**Wednesday April 12, 2017**  
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

**Thursday April 13, 2017 (Holy Thursday)**  
NO MORNING MASS  
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)**  
NO MORNING MASS  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday April 15, 2017 (Holy Saturday)**  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Food  
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**Sunday April 16, 2017 (Easter)**  
9:00 AM No Intention  
11:00 AM No Intention

*Weekend Offerings*

03/25	4:30 PM	\$1,545.00
03/26	9:00 AM	\$2,055.00
03/26	11:00 AM	\$1,841.00
Mail Ins		\$1,061.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 183.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 463.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 222.00
Candles		\$ 18.00
Poor Box		\$ 64.00

TOTAL for Parish for March 26, 2017 \$7,275.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$222.00

April 9, 2017

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## 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, Alicia Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Mark Buss, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, 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, 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:** Mary Natale and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

## Thank You.....

We would like to thank  
Harry Heck Jr.  
for his donation of the Palm Trees  
**In Memory of**  
**Cecelia and Harry Heck Sr**  
**and**  
**Karen Heck-Rowlands**

## Sunday Scriptures April 16, 2017

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 (42ABC)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9



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**

## ***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**

### **Good Friday Passion Play**

*The Via Dolorosa Ministry will, once again,  
present the live performance of*

***"The Passion of Jesus Christ"***

***on Good Friday, April 14th at 7:30 PM at  
St Thomas Aquinas Church***

*We ask that you arrive a few minutes early  
for seating purposes. Special effects during the  
performance may frighten younger children.*

*For questions, please contact*

*Maureen Fenton at (215) 458-8289*

*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 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.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday,  
April 18, 2017 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.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan  
Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at  
(215) 788-1947. Please note new meeting day.

**Women's Group Book & Bible Study.** It is always exciting to share good news. We invite all women to join us for book discussions, prayer, conversation and refreshments. We are currently discussing the book "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. You are welcome to join us at any time. We meet every other Thursday at **7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room.** **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20th.** For information, you may contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Please plan on joining us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, April 23, 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.

**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](http://www.FrancisDrama.com)

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The *SETON Seniors* are offering the following trips:

<b>Sight &amp; Sound (Jonah)</b>	<b>May 18, 2017</b>
<b>Resorts</b>	<b>June 29, 2017</b>
<b>Mohegan Sun</b>	<b>Sept 28, 2017</b>

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

### **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](mailto: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.



### **Are You Called to Be a Deacon? Archdiocese of Philadelphia Minister of the Word · Minister at the Altar · Minister of Charity**

While all of the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church. **A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.** Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon. **Learn More...2017 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**, Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Vianney Auditorium, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** To register or for more information, email Laura Nimmons at [Lnimmons@archphila.org](mailto:Lnimmons@archphila.org)

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.

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