

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: 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)
and 9:00 AM (Seton)

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 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)

January 10, 2016

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Monday January 11, 2016
8:30 AM Linda Martin req by Jean & Joseph Cummings

Tuesday January 12, 2016
8:30 AM Linda Martin req by Betty Wunsch

Wednesday January 13, 2016
8:30 AM Angela Lerch req by Betty Wunsch

Thursday January 14, 2016
8:30 AM Elaine Hasson req by Bill & Candy Bowman

Friday January 15, 2016
8:30 AM Vincent Dooley req by Daughter Lillian

Saturday January 16, 2016
4:30 PM Linda Martin req by Rick & Marie Kelly

Sunday January 17, 2016
9:00 AM Linda Martin req by Terry Dooley
11:00 AM George Redner III req by Hynd Family

Weekend Offerings

12/26	4:30 PM	\$1,754.00
12/27	9:00 AM	\$2,029.00
12/27	11:00 AM	\$2,027.00
Mail Ins		\$ 170.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 216.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 315.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 20.00
Candles		\$ 42.00
Poor Box		\$ 20.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 27, 2015 \$6,573.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$20.00

TOTAL for Christmas \$17,489.00
TOTAL for Christmas Flowers \$1,803.00

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

Lectors

January 16, 2016

4:30 PM P DeMichelle & J Mundy

January 17, 2016

9:00 AM C Del Puerto & B Gutherman
11:00 AM R Andrews & W Scenna

Extraordinary Ministers

January 16, 2016

4:30 PM M Bosco & L Mundy

January 17, 2016

9:00 AM E Callery & J Vaughan
11:00 AM R Kelly & M Kelly

Altar Servers

January 16, 2016

4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon
Juliana Ricci

January 17, 2016

11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, MaryRose Okwara,
Kelly Moyer

Sunday Scriptures January 17, 2016

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

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: Jack Gallagher, Georgetta Kelly, Eileen Frommeyer, Tony DiTommaso, Helen Wolfgang, Agnes Meek, Elizabeth & Bill Kane, Eileen Brown, Marcella Ghost, Dan DiTommaso, Duncan Lewis, Robert Wyatt, Mark Buss, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kotlarek, Leila Jensen, John Gilbert, Joseph Clayton, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey, Lorraine Wojcilkowski, Rita Patterson, Eleanor Winstanley, Linda DeLuccia and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Margaret Beaudet and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Memorial Fund...

We would like to thank Rhonda King, Suzanne Brand and Maureen McDonald for their donations **In Memory of Marian Long.**

There will be **no**
Eucharistic Adoration or Benediction
on
Monday, January 18, 2016.

In observance of
Martin Luther King Jr Day
the Parish Office will be closed
on Monday, January 18, 2016

Parish Calendar of Events

The **SETON Hall Seniors** will resume their meetings on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome! For more information, contact Sue at (215) 264-7857.

The **St Thomas Aquinas Seniors** will resume their meetings on **Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome! For more information, contact Joe Cochran at (215) 788-1019.

Please join us on **Sunday, January 10, 2016** for our **Church Breakfast** in Father Crehan Hall from **8:00 to 11:30 AM**. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral and Finance Councils** on **Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall.

We will be removing the Christmas Decorations in the Church on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM**. *Volunteers and needed and welcome!* For information, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their General Meeting on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome! Please arrive at 6:30 PM for a brief orientation. For information, contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Women's Book & Bible Study. It is always exciting to share good news. All women are invited to come and see. We meet **every other Thursday at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory. You are welcome to join the study at any time. Contact Nancy Adams at (267) 987-4534 or Jaime Roth at (215) 817-2821 for more information and meeting dates.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 for any questions.

Calendar Lottery
Knights of Columbus
St. Raphael Assembly
Lower Bucks County, PA

St. Raphael Assembly is holding a calendar lottery for 2016. Tickets with a 3 digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and are good for all 366 days of 2016 (1/1/16 through 12/31/16). Each night the PA Daily Lottery drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. Payout is as follows:

1. Each time your number is drawn you will receive \$25.00 (there is no limit to the number of times that you can win).
2. If your number is drawn on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday or Independence Day, you will receive \$50.00.
3. If your number is drawn on Thanksgiving Day, you will receive \$150.00.
4. If your number is drawn on Christmas Day, you will receive \$300.00.

Numbers are completely random, meaning that you cannot chose your number. These are great inexpensive gifts, stocking stuffers, Pollyanna gifts, etc. Checks to the winners will be mailed every Friday. Proceeds will go to the St. Raphael Assembly Color Corps for uniforms and the start of the St. Raphael Assembly Scholarship Fund. For tickets or additional information, please call Jim Berna at (215) 788-7004.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 4765** will be hosting a **Rosary Prayer Time** on **January 31, 2016** and **May 29, 2016 after the 11:00 AM Mass**. For additional information, you may contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Seton Hall Seniors** will be sponsoring the following trip: *Sight & Sound (Samson)* **May 2016**
For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126.

Thank You from the "Giving Tree Committee" 2015

"Be bearers of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, **JOY**, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Galatians 5:22

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called for this year to be a Holy Year of Mercy!

This time of year is filled with so many emotions and feelings for all of us. We would like to share the feeling of **JOY** with you. The **JOY** we receive when our "Giving Tree" is received so well from all of you! You gave from your heart...*thank you*. The **JOY** our families shared with us when they were given your gift...*so appreciated*. So you see, by being kinder to others in need we are blessed with a **JOY** that only God can give.

A *special thank you* to the Father's Association and the Host Families of Holy Ghost Prep School, Joe Madnick Family Chiropractic, Mat's Pharmacy, Bill Flannery Automotive and the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Council 4765. May your New Year be a blessed one! .

To all of our parishioners we *thank you* for sharing **JOY** to 35 of our parish Christmas families and 28 of our parish homebound.

We wish you a Blessed New Year and may God bless you!

Father David
Janice Frantaro
Donna Pierce-Bongart

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia **Charismatic Renewal** presents *"The Growth in the Spirit Series"*. The Growth in the Spirit course is a series of eight talks designed to help individuals grow in Christian maturity. This series of teaching is specific and practical. It begins on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:30 to 9:00 PM** and continues every Tuesday through March 1, 2016. Sessions are held at Holy Trinity School Hall (cafeteria), Osbourne and Stockham Avenues, Morrisville, PA 19067. *Cost is Free.* To register, contact Marie Guaragno at (215) 295-6283 or (215) 295-6900. All are invited. Please come and bring a friend.

For Pro-Lifers who are unable to participate in the January 22nd March in Washington, DC there will be **A Memorial For The Inborn Innocents** on **January 22, 2016 at 12:00 Noon** at Planned Parenthood, 600 Louis Drive, Warminster, PA 18974.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering a Friday night/all day Saturday retreat **January 22nd-23rd** on **"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible."** Come join *Sarah Christmyer*, Editor of the Great Adventure Bible Study Program, who will facilitate this brand-new video program to help you get the "big picture" of the Bible story (the major people, places, and events in Scripture in your own life. Everyone will receive a full color Bible timeline chart and a workbook with detailed talk outlines and useful exercises, maps and charts to help you get started reading the Bible on your own. Fee is \$105.00 (includes a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit). Please call (267) 350-1830 for more information or regarding registration.

The Friends of Fertility Care in Philadelphia is a non-profit organization that promotes authentic pro life Catholic health care for women. They are sponsoring a **Mother-Daughter Tea**. This special program is for mothers and daughters to interact in a facilitated group setting while they learn about the gift of fertility and how to care for it. Talks will focus on the sacredness of human life, the physical changes in a girl's body, the importance of modesty and the development of healthy parent and peer relationships. This year's tea will be held **Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Registration is required for this event. www.fertilitycarefriends.org.

St Mark School's Advisory Committee is sponsoring the following trips in 2016: CIE's escorted *"Irish Adventure"*, June 22-30, 2016, \$3,524 pp double; and an *Eastern Caribbean Cruise* on the Queen Mary 2, Nov 26-Dec 8, 2016, starting at \$2,263 pp double. Call (215) 788-9408 for information.

Northeast Catholic High School Class of 1966 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Emerald Room, 14002 McNulty Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. For additional information, please contact the Alumni Office at (215) 543-1051 or e-mail at NECATHALUM@aol.com

St Ephrem Senior Group, Bensalem, PA, will be running the following bus trips in 2016:

Sands Casino—Bethlehem—February 23rd
Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival—May 9th-14th
Sight & Sound Theater—"Samson" - June 21st

For trip information, prices, etc, please contact Ray Ruczynski at (215) 757-3473.

The beauty of Vatican City is currently being hosted at The **Franklin Institute** with the once-in-a-lifetime exhibit, *Vatican Splendors*. From the sights and sounds of the grand Basilica to a touchable cast of Saint John Paul II's hand, embark on a journey through the ages of artistic expression and religious iconography. Many of the items have never been seen outside of Vatican City. The Franklin Institute is offering tickets that are discounted more than 28% off the box office price. Visit www.fi.edu or call (215) 448-1200 and use promo code **ARCHPHL** and organize your trip today! For additional savings on groups of 10 or more, and to speak about fundraising opportunities for the charity of your choice, call Owen Mullin at (215) 448-1207. Restrictions apply.

Fuel Assistance Program. The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,471, or a two person household with a monthly income under \$1,991 qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services at (215) 923-1900**, Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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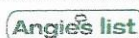
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