

Embracing our New Parish

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014



5:00PM **Robert McDermott**
Req. by: Mrs. Kate Schroeder & Family
Johanna M. Crosby
Req. by: James Foley

7:30AM **Joseph Cinkutis, Jr.**
Req. by: Mark Martin

9:30AM **Jack Thornhill** 7th Anniversary
Req. by: Edna

11:30AM **Jeanette T. Allen**
Req. by: Deacon & Mrs. Gallagher



5:00PM **Bill & Ellen Ott**
Req. by: Ed & Eleanor Clancy
Johanna M. Crosby
Req. by: James Foley, Jr.

7:30AM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Req. by: Parishioners & STA & SEAS

9:30AM **Phil Rothsching**
Req. by: Family

11:30AM **Francis & Dorothy Fishburn**
Req. by: Friends
Leroy Kronenbitter
Req. by: Friends



Second Sunday
of Advent
December 7, 2014

Monday, December 1

6:30AM

8:30AM **For the People**

Tuesday, December 2

6:30AM **Louis Balot III** 51st Birthday
Req. by: Lou & Bernadette

8:30AM **Beth Kane**
Req. by: A friend

Wednesday, December 3

6:30AM **Joanne Churnetski**
Req. by: McGuigan Family

8:30AM **James Gallery**
Req. by: Edel

Thursday, December 4

6:30AM

8:30AM **Jerome Cianfrini**
Req. by: B. & C. Jackson

Friday, December 5

6:30AM **Lynn Klauder**
Req. by: SEAS

8:30M **Joan Carmody**
Req. by: Tom

Saturday, December 6

8:30AM **Frank Strange** 1st Anniversary
Req. by: SEAS

2014 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood.

This year our Priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 1, for the 2014 Day of Sanctification for Priests.

Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen



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, and for those returning veterans..may they have a loving and peaceful transition to civilian life. Please keep them in your prayers.

FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

Firemen and women, police, and EMTs please pray for their safety and their families, who give so generously of themselves

For the sick and homebound of our parish

Especially, Jack Gallagher,
John Rocco, Margaret Keller, Ethel Rudy,
John Wallover, Joann Fodor, Marcellina Herc,
Marcella Ghost, Nancy Cirolla and
Georgetta Kelly.

For all those who have died, and for all those who have gone before us and have no one left to pray for them. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Sunday Scriptures, December 7

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Lectors

Dec. 6 5:00PM C. Ryan & R. Fallon
Dec. 7 7:30AM A. Ditzler & J. Berna
Dec. 7 9:30AM T. Marion & C. Del Puerto
Dec. 7 11:30AM J. Roth & M. McGovern

Extraordinary Minister

Dec. 6 5:00PM J. Kelly & M. Kelly
Dec. 7 7:30AM J. Vaughan & M. Martin
Dec. 7 9:30AM R. Brown & E. Brown
Dec. 7 11:30AM A. Scheck & R. Powers



TODAY

St. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Bazaar
Sunday

November 30th
in the
Fr. Crehan Hall
601 Bristol Pike
in Croydon.



Doors open at

9:00AM until 3:00PM

Over ___ vendors and Basket of Cheer chances, light refreshments and a Trumbolo Table!

We are still tasking donations for our Trumbolo table and you can drop off your donation at the Parish office.

Also, the chances for the "Basket of Christmas Cheer" are still available \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00



Offertory Collection

Due to early transmission of the bulletin for this weekend, the Offertory Collection will be in next weekend's bulletin.



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Dear Parishioners,



At the last Transitional Team meeting, the subject of the best time to have Benediction and the best time to celebrate the Vigil Mass came up for discussion. The current practice at St. Thomas Aquinas parish is to celebrate the Vigil Mass at 5PM and Benediction on Monday at 7PM. I do notice that many in our congregation are senior citizens and may have difficulty driving after sunset. I also realize that earlier times are more difficult for working people. With that in mind, I kindly ask you to fill out this brief survey and return it by way of the collection basket or through the mail as soon as possible. If you have not plans on attending either the Vigil Mass or Benediction, please leave the survey unanswered. Your input in this matter would be most appreciated and useful.

Also, it is my plan to discontinue Monday evening confessions after Christmas. The number of people coming has been small. I hope to resurrect the evening confessions on the Mondays of the Holy Season of Lent. If this would cause a hardship for anyone, please let me know. Confessions are still available every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30PM and any-time by appointment.

God Bless,
Fr. David

Best time for the Vigil Mass: Please circle one.

4PM 4:30PM 5PM

Best time for Benediction on Monday: Please circle one

7PM 3:30PM

Comments:

Name and phone number:

30. FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT!!!!

Today!!!!

Christmas Bazaar.

Doors open at 9AM until 3PM



1. Eucharistic Adoration in the Daily Mass Chapel, 9AM until 7PM

Also, December 1st is the 2014 Day of Sanctification for Priests.

- 6/7. Sr. Kathleen, IHM will speak at all weekend Masses for the Retired Religious Fund. Sister is presently at St. Ephrem leading the Bereavement Seminars.
NO Vigil Mass for the Holy Day
8. Holy Day of Obligation Masses are at 8:30AM and 12 Noon and 7:00PM. No Confessions tonight. There is No Adoration for Benediction because of the Holy Day

SAVE THE DATE!!

December 13th 5:00PM Mass

Father David A. Fernandes

will be installed as the

Pastor of St Thomas Aquinas Parish

At the 5:00PM Mass

There will be a reception in the Fr. Crehan Hall after this Mass. Come, worship, and

Flame of Love Advent Retreat - a Retreat on the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 8AM - 2:30PM at Archbishop Prendergast HS 401 Lansdowne Ave in Drexel Hill. Speakers will include Fr. Jim Otto, Tony Mullen, and others. There will also be Mass, Adoration, Rosary and song. There is no cost but Registration is required to know how many lunches to order. REGISTER BY PHONE (267) 353-5276 or REGISTER ON -LINE: <https://gfts.wufoo.com/forms/flame-of-love-retreat/>





FYI

Many times we hear things and put them in the back of our minds. Then when we need to put into action what we heard, we cannot always recall what we actually need to do. So occasionally we will print our parish and archdiocesan requirements for sacramental sponsorship, classes for Pre-Jordan or Pre-Cana and other important things needed for parish life.

Parish Registration

Am I a registered member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish? It has come to our attention that many people think they are registered members of the parish because they were baptized here, went to school here and live in the same home as when they were children. In addition, there is a presumption that their children are registered in the parish. It is important for every adult, age 21, for our registration purposes; to please register by completing a parish census form. **This will avoid any misinformation or misconceptions when requesting Sacraments and/or Letters of Eligibility to be a sponsor.** Please contact the Parish Office to verify your status. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



All are Welcome!

Jesus is present on the Altar in the STA chapel every Monday from 9:00 AM - 7:00PM. He is calling each one of us to spend some time with Him. Unfortunately, He is spending many hours alone.

We are looking to create a schedule of one-half hour intervals (or longer) with at least one committed visitor to spend time with Jesus, so He will not be alone. It is understood that life happens and no one can make every week.

Can you sign up to be with Jesus for a half-hour (or more)? If so, call Ro Fallon at (215) 781-1174 to discuss your availability. Also, call any time you may need a substitute.

THANK YOU!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Students

Achieve Honors

Archbishop Ryan High School

First Honors

Brooke Mahler	Class of '15
Sarah Marie Mooney	Class of '16
Sarah E. Hynd	Class of '17

Second Honors

Nicholas T. Winstanley	Class of '15
Russell H. Andrews	Class of '16
Izabelle C. Cammarata	Class of '17
Mario A. DiEgidio	Class of '17
Kierstin A. Knellinger	Class of '17
Gabriella Ann Stocklin	Class of '17

Father Judge High School

First Honors

Thomas J. Beaudet	Class of '18
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Our congratulations go out to the students and their families!

Market Day

Order your Christmas Cookies!

Just place on a cookie sheet and bake.

Buy 2 save \$2, buy 3 save \$5.

Remember to place your Market day orders.

Internet orders may be placed until 11PM CST

Monday 12/1.

Pickup is Saturday, December 6th from 12:15PM to 1:15pm.

If you haven't tried Market Day, pickup a brochure at the door of the Church.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

We meet every month and our meetings are advertised in the Parish bulletin. We hope to see you there!

Next month the meeting will be on December 17th at 7PM in Father Crehan Hall.

Open forum: Questions call Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Embracing our New Parish

“Meet Me In St. Louis”

a fabulous musical, will be presented at Archbishop Wood High School. This wonderful production is made possible by our talented Performing Arts Department

Venue: Archbishop Wood High School
Corner Street Rd. & York Rd., Warminster

Friday, December 5, at 7:30pm

Saturday, December 6, at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 7, at 2:00pm

Reserved seating \$12.00

General admission \$8.00

Group discounts [15 or more]

For tickets: abwtickets@gmail.com

Come & enjoy, something the whole family can do together!



The Giving Tree 2014

The “Giving Tree” continues to be available for all parishioners to take an ornament, (or Two) of their choosing. Please help us make another family’s Christmas brighter! Especially the children of our Parish, **YOU** do make a difference!

THANK YOU for that. If you know of a family or someone who is in need of some help this holiday, please put their name and telephone number in a sealed envelope, Label it “**Christmas Confidential**” and place into the collection basket.

Our parishioner families are our first consideration. We love working with you, YOU are the best!

Blessings,

Janice Fratantaro, Donna Pierce-Bongart
and Father David

Prayer for the World Meeting of Families

Archbishop Chaput has asked that we pray “with intensity and fervor for the World Meeting of Families.” We will pray the official prayer before each parish Mass and before each PREP class. We ask our home bound parishioners to pray as well. This time of prayer continues through **September 27th**, the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families.

Archbishop Ryan High School

The Swim Team is hosting a

Lunch with Santa Claus

Saturday, December 6, at 12 noon until 2A:30PM. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Children under 1 year are free.

Lunch*Treats*Games*Face Painting*Gifts for kids*. Special appearance by

Queen Elsa. For more information call: (215) 824-1190



Preparing for the World Meeting of Families! Special Advent Mass

On the First Sunday of Advent, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap. will bless and distribute small replicas of the official World Meeting of Families Holy Family iconic painting to every household in attendance. Mass begins at 6:30PM and will be preceded by a Holy Hour for the Family and Confessions at 5:30PM. All families and households are invited! Sunday, November 30, 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

For more information, visit PhillyEvang.org/wmof



Celebrate the Reason for the Season! This Advent, let Mary teach you how to prepare to meet Jesus in the manger, on the cross, and in His glory! Based on the papal encyclical Redemptoris Mater and the book, Daughter Zion, by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, this half-day retreat will be held on December 13 at Fatima House in Bedminster. Hosted by the Catholic Life Institute and directed by Sharon Otto, a director of religious education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, time for Confession and Mass celebrated by Father Thomas Nasta. To register, visit www.freeandfaithful.com or call 610-223-4191.