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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)



Parish Goal Achievement Certificate
THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
Saint Thomas Aquinas
Croydon

HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR SURPASSING THEIR 2015 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PARISH GOAL.


JAMES P. QUINLAN
PRESIDENT, CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL BOARD

December 31, 2015

DATE

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Charities Appeal!



Lectors

March 5, 2016

4:30 PM P DeMichelle & J Wallover

March 6, 2016

9:00 AM S Colvin & E Callery
11:00 AM W Scenna & J Kochuvelli

Monday February 29, 2016
8:30 AM Mr. Wilson req by Croydon Seniors

Tuesday March 1, 2016
8:30 AM Clara McClay req by Friend

Wednesday March 2, 2016
8:30 AM Robert Kiska req by David & Mary Ann Ennis

Thursday March 3, 2016
8:30 AM Elizabeth Carmody req by Tom

Friday March 4, 2016
8:30 AM Deacon Al George req by Gallagher Family

Saturday March 5, 2016
4:30 PM Johanna Crosby req by James Foley Jr

Sunday March 6, 2016
9:00 AM Lydia Cruz req by The Family
11:00 AM Linda Martin req by Donnelly Family

Extraordinary Ministers

March 5, 2016

4:30 PM J Berna & T Litz

March 6, 2016

9:00 AM E Ryan & B Gutherman
11:00 AM R Powers & E Marra

Altar Servers

March 5, 2016

4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, MaryRose Okwara
Bailey McCormick

March 6, 2016

11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Juliana Ricci

Weekend Offerings

02/13	4:30 PM	\$1,888.00
02/14	9:00 AM	\$1,315.00
02/14	11:00 AM	\$2,004.20
Mail Ins		\$ 155.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 120.00
Winter Maintenance		\$1,469.00
Other Collections (Parish) Ash Wed		\$1,199.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 0.00
Candles		\$ 56.00
Poor Box		\$ 33.00

TOTAL for Parish for February 14, 2016 \$8,239.20
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$0.00

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

Sunday Scriptures March 6, 2016

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (33C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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: Georgetta Kelly, Eileen Frommeyer, Helen Wolfgang, Elizabeth & Bill Kane, Eileen Brown, Marcella Ghost, Duncan Lewis, Robert Wyatt, Mark Buss, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kottlarek, John Gilbert, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey, Lorraine Wojcilchowski, Linda DeLuccia, Janet Jackson, Jermaine Williams and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Agnes Meek, Rita Patterson and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The 2016 Mass Book is now open for September weekday Masses.

The second collection on the weekend of March 5th and 6th is for Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Your generosity is appreciated.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus is present on the altar in the Chapel every Monday from 9:00 AM—3:30 PM. Individuals petition Our Lord for personal, parish and universal needs. We are looking for individuals who want to commit at least a half hour per week to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament reflecting in prayer and meditation. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket.

Yes, I want to commit a half hour to glorify Our Lord, Jesus!

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Time Available: _____

2016 Lenten Schedule

Mondays during Lent

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM
Adoration after the 8:30 AM Mass
Benediction at 3:30 PM in the Chapel
Adult Faith Formation at 7:00 PM
(Lead by Fr David Fernandes)

Tuesdays during Lent

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Chapel

Wednesdays during Lent

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Thursdays during Lent

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM
Confessions at 7:00 PM (March 3, 10, 17)

Fridays during Lent

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM
Day of Abstinence

Examination of the Conscience

The Lord says "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart."

- 1. Is my heart set on God, so that I really love him above all things and am faithful to his commandments, as a son loves his father? Or am I more concerned about the things of this world? Have I a right intention in what I do?
2. God spoke to us in his Son. Is my faith in God firm and secure? Am I wholehearted in accepting the Church's teaching? Have I been careful to grow in my understanding of the faith, to hear God's word, to listen to instructions on faith, to avoid dangers to faith? Have I been always strong and fearless in professing my faith in God and the Church? Have I been willing to be known as a Christian in private and public life?
3. Have I prayed morning and evening? When I pray, do I really raise my mind and heart to God or is it a matter of words only? Do I offer God my difficulties, my joys, and my sorrows? Do I turn to God in time of temptation?

Parish Calendar of Events

Come join the Knights of Columbus for the **Stations of the Cross**, in the Church, after the 11:00 AM Mass, every Sunday of Lent.

The **Discount Card**, brought to you by the *Knights of Columbus Council #4765*, is now available for purchase. Cards are \$10.00 each and we have some awesome sponsors. The cards are available in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Thank you for your support!

Jesus carried the cross for us. Simon of Cyrene, helped Jesus carry that cross. St Thomas Aquinas parishioners are invited to help the St Vincent de Paul Society provide for those in need by taking a container and filling it with cash donations and/or Shop Rite gift cards. Containers are available in the back of Church and may be returned on Palm Sunday.

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, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at Cesares. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 for any questions.

On **Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2:00 PM**, in the Church, *The Knights of Columbus Council 4765 and The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus* will be sponsoring an inspirational music and speaking event, **TAJCI CAMERON**. Please join us for this transformational event, featuring music from "*I Thirst*." Tajci shares a simple way to turn your Lenten journey into an opportunity to make a change and wake up to life with joy and purpose. Dinner will follow, in Father Crehan Hall, after the concert. *Admission is free. All are welcome!*

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 **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

Please note new online instructions

St Thomas Aquinas is happy to introduce our new fundraiser "**The Giving Grocer**". The Giving Grocer is our new Market Day Campaign. Brochures will be available at the doors of Church after all Masses and in the Parish Office. All orders are due by March 14, 2016 and Pick Up will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Father Crehan Hall. If you have any questions, please contact John Brochon at (215) 788-8370. Please read the following to order online and pay with a credit card:

1. Log onto www.givinggrocer.com
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6. Click on your item and change quantity
7. After all items are added, scroll to bottom of page
8. Click to view your shopping cart and check out

The Seton Hall Seniors

will be sponsoring the following trips for 2016:

<i>Resorts (Show & Lunch) (\$55.00)</i>	<i>March 16</i>
<i>Mohegan Sun</i>	<i>April 20</i>
<i>Sight & Sound (Samson)</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>9-11 Memorial (Lunch)</i>	<i>June 2</i>
<i>American Music Theater (Crooners)</i>	<i>July 13</i>
<i>Wildwood</i>	<i>Sept 5-9</i>
<i>American Music Theater</i>	<i>Dec 2016</i>
<i>Christmas Show (Lunch)</i>	

For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126

3rd Sunday in Lent

Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus instructs us to "fertilize" our souls in order to bear fruit for the kingdom. In the busy-ness of life, it is easy to forget this "fertilization" and then we wonder why we bear so little fruit. An easy way to nurture our faith is to pick up a CD/book/booklet from our Resource display each week. Give God this small amount of time and he will multiply it a hundred-fold! Thank you for your generous donations that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 49 people, providing \$775.00 in food and \$1,307.00 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



Divine Mercy Apostolate meets every Tuesday at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel. We say the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and litany for priests. We are a group of people devoted to Divine Mercy. Please join us for as long or as often as you can. This Apostolate has been on going for over 25 years. For additional information, please contact Marie Teot at (215) 245-7756.

The Knights of Columbus—St Michael the Archangel Council #14626 is hosting a Lenten Fish Dinner on **March 11th** from 5:00—8:00 PM in the Church Hall. Price is \$14.00 per person. \$7.00 for children 6-12 years old. Children under 6 are free. Take out or Dine-in.

St Ephrem Parish will begin their **Spring Bereavement Support Group Meetings** in March. The sessions run for eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning **February 24 thru April 20**. Marian Parish Center (1:00 PM-2:30PM) and Marian Parish Center (7:00 PM—8:30 PM). Please contact Sr. Kathleen at (215) 604-1002 or the rectory at (215) 245-1698. Registration is required to prepare folders for the participants.

The 8th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference—Saturday, March 12, 2016. Early bird registration now available. *Man Up Philly* presents *Transforming Men, Transforming Families*. Enrich your faith and the faith of your family through your participation in this year's conference. On **Saturday, March 12th** at **St Joseph University Hagan Arena**, the men of our parish are invited to join **Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese** for the 8th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. **Speakers include** *Curtis Martin, Rich Gannon, Father George Grima* and Camden's Chief of Police *J. Scott Tomson*. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered and the Conference will conclude with Mass. Students are being offered a reduced rate. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

Kindred at Home Hospice, formally Gentiva Hospice is in need of volunteers to assist in supporting our terminally ill patients and their families. We are looking for individuals who are compassionate towards people, have a desire to help others during their biggest time of need, and we also welcome those who are experienced in Holistic Therapy, Therapeutic animals, Music Therapy and Military Veterans. If you are interested in volunteering your time please contact Toni Murray, Volunteer Manager, at (215) 619-7710.

Employment Opportunities:

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, PA are looking for a person to work as an "on-call" Receptionist to fill in when needed. The hours are 8:30 AM—4:30 PM. If you are interested, please call Human Resources at (215) 244-9900 Ext 348.

Holy Family Home, a Catholic long-term care facility run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Philadelphia, is looking for a full time, experienced Grant Writer to solicit funds from foundations, corporations and major donors for the operating and capital needs of the Home. Please email resume to phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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