



Joy

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

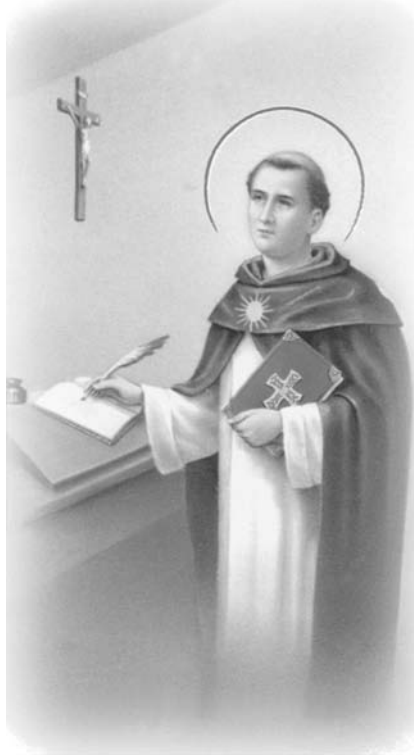
601 Bristol Pike
Croydon, PA 19021

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

1200 Park Ave.
Bensalem, PA 19020

PARISH OFFICE

121 Belmont Ave.
Croydon, PA 19021
215-788-2989
Fax: 215-788-7626
Email: sta712014@gmail.com
Website: www.staq.org

**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 December 12, 2016
8:30 AM Walter Rudzinski req by Carol Rodriguez & Fam

Tuesday December 13, 2016
8:30 AM Ida Davis req by Tom

Wednesday December 14, 2016
8:30 AM O'Byrne Family req by O'Byrne & Schulz Fams

Thursday December 15, 2016
8:30 AM Margaret Beck req by Betty & Kathleen

Friday December 16, 2016
8:30 AM Walter Nastala req by His Family

Saturday December 17, 2016
4:30 PM Rice & Wong Families req by Slater Family

Sunday December 18, 2016
9:00 AM Dec'd Members Pepe Family req by Pepe Fam
11:00 AM Ron McGuigan Sr req by The Family

Weekend Offerings

11/26	4:30 PM	\$1,845.00
11/27	9:00 AM	\$1,646.00
11/27	11:00 AM	\$1,497.00
Mail Ins		\$ 254.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 20.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 10.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 0.00
Candles		\$ 50.00
Poor Box		\$ 37.00
TOTAL for Parish for November 27, 2016		\$5,359.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$0.00

TOTAL for Block Collection as of Nov 29, 2016: \$13,461.00

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

Lectors

December 17, 2016
4:30 PM C Ryan & K Shafer

December 18, 2016
9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Gutherman
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & R Andrews

Extraordinary Ministers

December 17, 2016
4:30 PM D Shafer & T Litz

December 18, 2016
9:00 AM E Ryan & E Callery
11:00 AM D DiTommaso & A Scheck

Altar Servers

December 17, 2016
4:30 PM Mason McMahan, Effie McMahan,
Nicholas Freer

December 18, 2016
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

Sunday Scriptures December 18, 2016

Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Reading II: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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, Rich Brown, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Joe Cochran, Florence Colantuono, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, John Gilbert, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Andres Torres, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Eleanor Winstanley, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt, Cynthia Zeller and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Albert R Ward Jr and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.



**We will be decorating the Church
on the evening of Monday,
December 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
We invite and welcome all volunteers!**

**There will be no Benediction
in the Chapel on
Monday, December 26, 2016**

Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank Cynthia Dransfield,
The Partners of Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP,
and Barbara Mulholland for their donations
In Memory of Margaret Flannery

We would like to thank Eileen & Katie Lunny
for their donation

In Memory of Josephine Lunny



On Saturday, November 26, 2016, two girls received
the Sacrament of Baptism by which they were
incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Lydia Grace Colvin-Schuck
Zoe Elizabeth Ellershaw

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, two boys and three
girls received the Sacrament of Baptism by which they
were incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Ryan Christian Stuhlman
Isaac Nicolas Clymire
Crystal Rose Alexander
Kayla Rose Alexander
Autumn Rose Alexander



John Hueber and Amy Burns

Examination of the Conscience

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

4. Have I love and reverence for God's name? Have I offended him in blasphemy, swearing falsely, or taking his name in vain? Have I shown disrespect for the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints?
5. Do I keep Sundays and feast days holy by taking a full part, with attention and devotion, in the liturgy, and especially in the Mass? Have I fulfilled the precept of annual confession and of communion during the Easter season?
6. Are there false gods that I worship by giving them greater attention and deeper trust than I give to God: money, superstition, spiritism, or other occult practices?



2016 Christmas Schedule

Confessions During Advent

Saturday Confessions
3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 PM—7:30 PM

Christmas Eve
4:00 PM (SETON)
7:00 PM (St Thomas)

Christmas Day
10:00 AM (St Thomas)

New Year's Eve
4:30 PM (SETON)

New Year's Day
9:00 AM (SETON)
11:00 AM (St Thomas)

Examination of the Conscience

The Lord says:
“Love one another as I have loved you.”

1. Have I a genuine love for my neighbors? Or do I use them for my own ends, or do to them what I would not want done to myself? Have I given grave scandal by my words or actions?
2. In my family life, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of the family by patience and genuine love? Have I been obedient to parents, showing them proper respect and giving them help in their spiritual and material needs? Have I been careful to give a Christian upbringing to my children, and to help them by good example and by exercising authority as a parent? Have I been faithful to my husband (wife) in my heart and in my relations with others?
3. Do I share my possessions with the less fortunate? Do I do my best to help the victims of oppression, misfortune, and poverty? Or do I look down on my neighbor, especially the poor, the sick, the elderly, strangers, and people of other races?
4. Does my life reflect the mission I received in confirmation? Do I share in the apostolic and charitable works of the Church and in the life of my parish? Have I helped to meet the needs of the Church and of the world and prayed for them: for unity in the Church, for the spread of the Gospel among the nations, for peace and justice, etc?
5. Am I concerned for the good and prosperity of the human community in which I live, or do I spend my life caring only for myself? Do I share to the best of my ability in the work of promoting justice, morality, harmony, and love in human relations? Have I done my duty as a citizen? Have I paid my taxes?
6. In my work or profession am I just, hard-working, honest, serving society out of love for others? Have I paid a fair wage to my employees? Have I been faithful to my promises and contracts?

Parish Calendar of Events

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The Seton Hall Seniors

will be sponsoring the following trips for 2016:

American Music Theater Dec 15
Christmas Show (Lunch)

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

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group **Pray and Play** on **Sunday, December 18, 2016, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Students in grades 6th-9th attend Mass, enjoy a pizza dinner, game night and service projects. For information, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

The **Sunday Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, December 18th 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.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 20th 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 **Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.



St Raphael Assembly is holding a **Calendar Lottery** for 2017. Tickets with a 3 digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and are good for all 365 days of 2017 (1/1/17 through 12/31/17). Each night the PA Daily Lottery drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. Payout is as follows:

- * Each time your number is drawn you will receive \$30.00 (there is no limit to the number of times you can win).
- * If your number is drawn on: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday or Independence Day you will receive \$50.00.
- * If your number is drawn on Thanksgiving Day, you will receive \$150.00.
- * If your number is drawn on Christmas Day, you will receive \$300.00.

These are great inexpensive gifts, stocking stuffers, Pollyanna gifts, etc. Checks to the winners will be mailed every Friday. Proceeds go 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

As you go about your Christmas shopping, stop by our Resource display to find a gift to nurture faith and devotion to Christ for all your family and friends. There are inspirational books, small booklets, and talks on CD on a wide variety of topics—something for everyone! Tuck something in with your Christmas card or present—this is an easy way to share your faith. All materials are offered for free; however, your generous donations help to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes and “feed hungry hearts”.

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

TOMLINSON FUNERAL HOME, P.C.

Robert M. Tomlinson, *Supervisor*

2207 Bristol Pike (at Simons Ave.) Bensalem, Pa.

• PRE-ARRANGED FUNERALS •



639-0422

Mat's Pharmacy and Medical Supply

701 Bristol Pike
(next door to Church)

*Full Service Pharmacy

*Medical Equipment
and Supplies

*Medication Management
(pill tray filling, blister packing)

*In House Rx Discount Card

*Delivery



215-785-3537

www.matspharmacy.com

for on-line refills

Smoke 'n Dudes BBQ Co.



For All Your Catering Needs

Communions • Baptisms • Holiday Parties • Weddings
Bridal Showers • Family Reunions • Etc.

866-901-3833

15% OFF

Any Full Service Catering Order
(valid for parties of 75 people or more)

Must mention coupon when ordering. Not valid with other offers.

Smoke'n Dudes 215.752.5500 • Expires 12/31/16

3400 Neshamiy Blvd., Bensalem, PA • smokendudesbbq.com

15% OFF
Carpet &
Upholstery
Cleaning

\$75 OFF
Tile & Grout
Cleaning
(200 sq ft min)

20% OFF
Air Duct &
Dryer Vent
Cleaning

25% OFF
Carpet
Stretching
& Repair

CLEANING SOLUTION INC.

✓ Air Duct Cleaning (*helps w/ allergies & sinus issues*)

✓ Carpet Cleaning, Stretching & Repair

✓ Tile & Grout Cleaning - Kitchen, Bath & Shower

Re-caulking, Re-grouting, Sealing, Tile Replace & Repair

✓ Dryer Vent Cleaning (*major fire hazard!*)

✓ Power Washing for Decks, Walkways, Patio & Siding



1.877.490.5599

SENIOR CITIZEN
DISCOUNT

Licensed & Insured

CHURCH MEMBER
DISCOUNT



PLUMBING, HEATING, DRAIN CLEANING
& AIR CONDITIONING

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT
FREE ESTIMATES

Ph: (215) 728-1482 8675 Torresdale Ave.
Fax: (215) 742-7098 Philadelphia, PA 19136

WWW.BILLFRUSCO.COM

GUTTER CLEANING

GUTTER DOCTOR
215-322-7400

Matthew K Sasse Agent



Sasse Insurance Agency, LLC
500 State Rd
Croydon, PA 19021

215.458.8782

msasse@farmersagent.com

www.farmersagent.com/msasse

Where Fritz's Bakery used to be

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

DOES YOUR ADVERTISING

- Establish a relationship?
- Build a friendship?
- Earn referrals?
- Generate a testimony?
- Capture repeat business?



Community support worthy of patronizing!

This happens for thousands every day
with church bulletin advertising!

The constant visual presence your business needs to succeed.



JOHN PATRICK
publishing company, inc.

FAMILIAR · TRUSTED
PROVEN EFFECTIVE
NOW THAT'S ADVERTISING!

800-333-3166 ext. 161

www.JPPC.net

CONWELL-EGAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Fall Open House

Sunday, October 9
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Scholarship/Entrance Exam

Saturday, October 29
Saturday, November 12

611 Wistar Road Fairless Hills, PA 19030 215-945-6200 www.conwell-egan.org

CatholicMatch Pennsylvania

CatholicMatch.com/datePA



Cornerstone Physical Therapy Associates

Preferred by patients who want the
most effective care and results

1338 Bristol Pike, Suite 203 (at Woodhaven Mall)

(215) 633-9080

cornerstonepta.com

Molden Funeral Chapel, Inc.

Serving your area since 1894

George Molden Jr., Supervisor

Christopher Molden • Thomas Dowling
Funeral Directors

133 Otter St., Bristol, PA 215-788-6612

www.moldenfuneralchapel.com

WILL HOPE & SON



CEMETERY MEMORIALS

(609) 386-0013

www.HopeMemorials.com

521 Washington Avenue
Burlington, NJ 08016

200+ Memorials In Stock
Fourth Generation Family Business

NAMI of Bucks County

IS HERE TO HELP

If you or someone you know struggles with
Depression, Bipolar Disorder, OCD, Anxiety, PTSD,
Schizophrenia, BPD, Co-occurring mental
illness and substance abuse...
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

- Attend Our Free Support Groups and/or Forums
- Take Our FREE Education Classes (Starting in the Fall)



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Bucks County Voice on Mental Illness • Call Our Helpline
1(866) 399-NAMI (6264) • www.namibucks.org

MARTIN EXTERIORS



Roofing • Siding • Windows
Kitchens • Baths • Additions
Decks • Remodels

• All Your Home Improvement Needs •

215-785-3419 215-681-7253



FIRST MONTH FREE!

YOU DESERVE THE BEST

Studio, 1, 2 & 3 BR
Apartments in
NE Philadelphia

www.MyRevere.com

215.676.5056

Dial Direct to Leasing

Welcome Home to
Revere Suburban
Realty Corp.



GENERAC

the BEST 2014



PA LIC: 22 • NJ LIC: 1000006900

215-788-4596 www.HarrisComfort.com

CONTROL YOUR POWER. YOUR LIFE. AUTOMATIC HOME
STANDBY GENERATORS

Heating • Air Conditioning • Fuel Oil • Propane • Gas • Generators

215-639-3130

Family owned & operated
Since 1898

Fluehr
FUNERAL HOME

864 Bristol Pike (Rt. 13)
Bensalem, PA 19020

Richard J. Fluehr,
Richard J. Fluehr, Jr.

Only location in Bucks County
Pre-arranged Funerals • Traditional Funerals
Cremation Specialist

Licensed in NJ

ISLAND VIEW
RIVERFRONT TOWNHOMES

NOW WITH
ROOFTOP DECKS
215-781-9800

Donate Plasma
Saves Lives
Earn up to \$300
per month.
CSL Plasma
107 Franklin Mills Blvd.
Phila. PA 19154
M-F 8-5 PM • Sat-Sun 9-3 PM
215-991-0213

MAYHEM IS EXPENSIVE.
ALLSTATE IS NOT.



Z. Stankiewicz
215-710-0409
945 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007
zstankiewicz@allstate.com



Allstate.

Subject to terms, conditions and availability. Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Co., Allstate Indemnity Co. © 2013 Allstate Insurance Co.

Award-Winning Insurance Agency

THANK YOU!

for voting us Best of Bucks
5 Years in a Row!



Parishioner Family
Owned & Operated
Representing Multiple
Carriers for:

Auto, Home, Business,
Renters, Motorcycle,
Watercraft, Flood,
Rental Properties & more!



Michael Pigott
Agency
INSURANCE

2008 State Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

215-245-7900

www.MichaelPigottAgency.com

Come Visit Us Today!



Goddess Spa

SKIN & BODY CARE
1st Visit - 50% Off
Massage, Facial or Body Healing
Gift Certificates Available
215-244-7734

2811 Bristol Pike, Bensalem
www.thegoddessspa.com

Serving PA, NJ & DE
Morgan 215-639-8500
basement waterproofing

SPECIALIZING IN
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
& MOLD REMEDIATION
SINCE 1984

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS • PUMPS • COATINGS
FOUNDATION REPAIR
OUTSIDE WATER MANAGEMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICE
FREE INSPECTIONS
LICENSED & INSURED

Follow us on:



Check out our reviews on:

Angie's list

www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com