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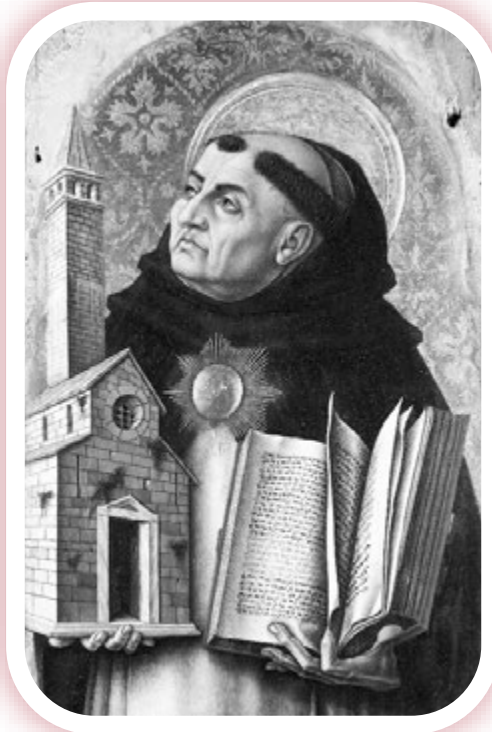
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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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 Parish Meeting Room 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 Saturday before 9:00 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)
(October to May)

December 16, 2018



Monday December 17, 2018
 8:30 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta

Tuesday December 18, 2018
 8:30 AM Francisca Tirado req by Marta

Wednesday December 19, 2018
 8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Thursday December 20, 2018
 8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

Friday December 21, 2018
 8:30 AM Regalado & Segundina Domingo Sr req by Myrna Viernes

Saturday December 22, 2018
 4:30 PM Rice & Wong Families req by The Slater Family

Sunday December 23, 2018
 9:00 AM Alice Sobusiak req by Adele
 11:00 AM Jenna M Richards req by The Family

Weekend Offerings

12/01	4:30 PM	\$ 2,005.00
12/02	9:00 AM	\$ 2,304.00
12/02	11:00 AM	\$ 1,307.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,116.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 795.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 35.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 67.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 1,026.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 24.00
Poor Box		\$ 30.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 2, 2018 \$7,683.00
 TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$1,026.00

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

Lectors

December 22, 2018
 4:30 PM K Schafer & J Berna

December 23, 2018
 9:00 AM R Gutherman & T O'Flynn
 11:00 AM R Powell & J Kochuvelli

December 24, 2018
 4:00 PM J Wallover & C DelPuerto
 7:00 PM C Brogan & J Brogan

December 25, 2018
 10:00 AM J Berna & T Berna

Extraordinary Ministers

December 22, 2018
 4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

December 23, 2018
 9:00 AM D Whelihan & J Shirley
 11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

December 24, 2018
 4:00 PM J Wallover & E Callery
 7:00 PM R Gutherman & T Litz

December 25, 2018
 10:00 AM E Marra & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

December 22, 2018
 4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
 Chaston Gabriel

December 23, 2018
 11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer, MaryRose
 Okwara

December 24, 2018
 4:00 PM Ella DelPuerto, Jason DelPuerto
 7:00 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
 Meghan Brogan, Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

December 25, 2018
 10:00 AM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

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: Anna Balla, Robin Beerhalter, Dave Beitz, Christine Blade, Francis Breuer, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Andrea Hychalk, Debbiy Hynes, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Jennifer Litz-Bard, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Richard & Marianne (Sis) Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Lino Silva, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, John Wallover, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Attention All Decorators

On **Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM** we will begin decorating the Church for Christmas.

We invite and welcome all volunteers!

Sunday Scriptures December 23, 2018

Reading I: Micah 5:1—4a (12C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2—3, 15—16, 18—19
Reading II: Hebrews 10:5—10
Gospel: Luke 1:39—45

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Dec 5th to Dec 11th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Dec 5	224	Sharon Musser
Dec 6	452	Unsold Ticket
Dec 7	944	Unsold Ticket
Dec 8	659	Unsold Ticket
Dec 9	090	Unsold Ticket
Dec 10	069	Mark Swift
Dec 11	028	Mary Kathryn Brennan

St Thomas Aquinas

50/50 FUNDRAISER

Monthly envelopes are being provided for our 50/50 Christmas Drawing. You may enter as many times as you wish. Additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and the back of Church. Donation is \$5.00. Our first drawing will take place on December 30, 2018. **To date, we have \$4,870.00 in the pot.** You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE CUT OFF DATE TO SUBMIT ENVELOPES FOR THE CHRISTMAS DRAWING WILL BE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. ANY ENVELOPES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE ENTERED FOR THE JULY 50/50.



The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018 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, December 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Rom. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME.**

The **Women's Bible Group** meets at **7:00 PM**, every other Thursday, in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 27, 2018**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as they host the **5th Sunday Rosary** to be held in the Church **following the 11:00 AM Mass on December 30, 2018**. Rosary Guides and Rings will be available. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their next General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Bucks County Scottish American Society** meets the first Sunday of every month at **2:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 6, 2019**. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

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 group will meet on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Knights of Columbus #4765 2019 Discount Cards

.....are now available for purchase. The cards are \$10.00 each. Many local and chain restaurants offer discounts or free appetizers. Cards may be used an unlimited number of times during the 2019 calendar year. Cards may be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or in the Parish Office.

Thank You....

On behalf of the St Thomas Aquinas Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to thank the Parish Community of St Thomas Aquinas for your generous support this past year.

With your donations, we were able to help 159 people for a total of \$12,600 in assistance for utilities, emergency food and rental assistance. We hope you will continue to support us in our efforts to help people in their time of need. Thank you!

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Before the Sacrament of Penance, Catholics have found it helpful to examine their consciences in light of the Ten Commandments. Penitents are encouraged to expand on them in their prayerful review of their conduct.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
- Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
- Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?
- Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?
- Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?
- Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?



Confessions During Advent

Saturday Confessions

St Thomas Aquinas
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Mass Schedule

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

10:00 AM (St Thomas)

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 Rebate Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,518 or a two-person household with the monthly income under \$2,058 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.

Property Tax Rebate. To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the PA State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. *This application must be filed by December 31, 2018.* To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline. For more information or an application call United Social Services, Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM at (215) 923-1900 and a staff member will assist you.

Attention Archbishop Ryan Family Members

On **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** at 7:00 PM the Archbishop Ryan School Family will be offering a **Memorial Mass** for **Father Carl J Graczyk, O.F.M.** Our beloved Father Carl passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Many remember Father fondly as he served the Ryan Community as a faculty member or as weekend help in area parishes. All are welcome to attend this Memorial Mass for Father Graczyk. For questions, please contact Fr. Jonathan Dalin, Campus Minister, at (215) 637-1800 Ext 249 or jdalin@archbishopryan.com

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