

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
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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

Roseann Spear
Adm Asst

Kathleen Gallagher
D.R.E.

Joseph Spear
Maintenance

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)
(During Lent)

May 5, 2019



Monday May 6, 2019
8:30 AM Francisca Tirado req by Marta

Tuesday May 7, 2019
8:30 AM Diane Butler req by Gerri McGuigan

Wednesday May 8, 2019
8:30 AM Dec'd Members/Schroeder Fam req by
Kate Schroeder & Family

Thursday May 9, 2019
8:30 AM Joseph Morrin Sr req by Gen Morrin

Friday May 10, 2019
8:30 AM Thomas Lunny req by Ivy Lunny

Saturday May 11, 2019
4:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 12, 2019
9:00 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta
11:00 AM Grace Gilbert req by Gilbert Family

Weekend Offerings

04/20	7:30 PM	\$ 3,044.00
04/21	9:00 AM	\$ 4,990.00
04/21	11:00 AM	\$ 4,569.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 636.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 56.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 720.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 377.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 22.00
Poor Box		\$ 29.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 21, 2019 \$14,066.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$377.00

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

Lectors

May 11, 2019
4:30 PM C Ryan & P DeMichele

May 12, 2019
9:00 AM A Ditzler & T O'Flynn
11:00 AM R Powell & D DiTommaso

Extraordinary Ministers

May 11, 2019
4:30 PM T Litz & E Brown

May 12, 2019
9:00 AM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis
11:00 AM R Powers & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

May 11, 2019
4:30 PM Effie McMahon

May 12, 2019
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

Sunday Scriptures May 12, 2019

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43—52 (51C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1—2, 3, 5
Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b—17
Gospel: John 10:27—30

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: Dave Beitz, Ryan Beitz, Christine Blade, Francis Breuer, Loretta Cameron, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Jennifer Clements, Richard Clements, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Therese McMahon, Maria Middleton, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Louise Pepe, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Rex Russell, Lino Silva, Jimmy Simon, Diane Taylor, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Mary Walker, John Wallover, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Rev Francis Gallagher and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The Reverend Francis Gallagher passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019. The Reception of the Body will be held at St Cecilia Church, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM, followed by a viewing. Archbishop Charles Chaput will celebrate a Funeral Mass for Father Gallagher at 11:00 AM.

The **second collection** this weekend, **May 4-5**, is for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, in the United States, who are unable to offer their people basic pastoral ministries.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for April 24th to April 30th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
April 24	896	Unsold Ticket
April 25	076	Unsold Ticket
April 26	567	Unsold Ticket
April 27	190	Unsold Ticket
April 28	204	Unsold Ticket
April 29	769	Unsold Ticket
April 30	399	Unsold Ticket

St Thomas Aquinas July 50/50

On January 1, 2019, we started our July 50/50. Remember, 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. The drawing will take place on July 7, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass. **To date, we have \$3,605.00 in the pot.**

The **Knights of Columbus #4765**, are sponsoring "**Nominate a Family for the Month**". The winner will receive a gift card and recognition at the Mass they attend. You do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus or have children. Please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket.

I (we) nominate the following family:



Congratulations to...

*Madeline Tavernier
who received First Honors for the Third Quarter
from Conwell-Egan High School.*

The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
for our PREP Students, and our
May Crowning will take place on
Sunday, May 5, 2018 at the **11:00 AM Mass.**

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,
May 5, 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. *This will be the last meeting until
September.*

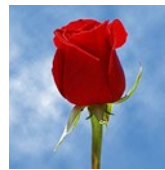
St Thomas Aquinas **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a
combination of prayers and knitting for the ministry of
others. We strive to bring God's love to folks in need,
through the comfort and warmth of our handmade
shawls. Our group will meet on **Monday, May 6, 2019
at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you know
of someone who is in need of a shawl or if you cannot
attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry,
please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

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

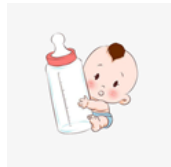
The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society**
will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 8,
2019 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For
more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Croydon Acres Civic Association is sponsoring a *Spring
Clean Up* at Croydon Acres Park on **Saturday, May 11th**
from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** We will provide gloves and trash
bags. Please help us get our park in shape for our summer
activities. For more information, contact Donna Cuttle at
(215) 788-7728.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will be distributing
Manna Bags at all Masses on the weekend of
May 11th and 12th. Kindly return your filled Manna
Bag on the weekend of May 18—19. Canned food
items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit,
vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans.



On the **weekend of May 11-12,** our
Pro-Life Ministry will have a **Mother's
Day Rose Sale** after all Masses. All
proceeds will benefit the work of the
Legacy of Life Foundation.



Our **Pro-Life Ministry** will sponsor
Baby Bottles for Life for the Legacy of
Life Foundation on the weekend of **May
11-12.** Please consider taking a bottle to
fill with your spare change and help
change a life! Please return your filled
bottle on May 18-19 and place it in the basket in the
back of Church. Your generosity is appreciated.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our
**Church Breakfast on Sunday, May 12, 2019 from
8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00
per person. *This will be the last breakfast until
September.*

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, May 16, 2019.** For
information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or
mariekelly0623@msn.com.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on
Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Fr Crehan Hall.
For information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday,
May 21, 2019 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.



*Are you in need of answers to prayers?
Do you desire more peace and unity in your family?
Do you want to become more devoted
to Our Blessed Mother?
Are you seeking a special grace
to help with life's latest challenge?
Are you looking for a way to thank Our Lady
for blessings already received?*

*If you answered "yes" to any of the above
questions, then please consider inviting
Our Blessed Mother to come stay at your
home for a week.*

*A traveling statue of Our Blessed Mother is
available for families to host in their home.*

*Special prayers to
be said each day will be supplied.
It is said that Our Lady has bestowed special
graces on the host families.*

***If you would like to host the
Blessed Mother in your home,
please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331***

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a pilgrimage to a sacred place where the Gospels come alive as we encounter Our Blessed Lord in the very places where He spent His earthly life. Fr. David Fernandes will lead us for 10 days as we **"Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus."** Our journey to Jerusalem will illuminate our understanding of the mysteries of our Catholic Faith: the Incarnation and the Nativity, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Baptism in the Jordan River, the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Decent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and—most importantly—the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. Along the way, we will also stop at places like Masada, Mt. Carmel, and Qumran.

Fr. David will celebrate daily Mass at some of the holiest Christian sites! Our days will include time for prayer, reflection, dining, and shopping. Please consider joining us **September 8-17, 2020!** Cost: \$4345 includes daily breakfast and dinner, round trip airfare from Newark, NJ, 1st class hotel accommodations, and a fully escorted tour. \$800 is due by September 1, 2019 to hold your reservation. *We will have a meet and greet at St. Thomas Aquinas - Father Crehan Hall in Croydon on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 PM.*

New Horizons is also offering a tour to Oberammergau Passion Play, Poland and Prague in July 2020. \$1000 due by June 15, 2019. A reduction of \$100 will be given to those pilgrims who sign up for the Holy Land pilgrimage by the due date stated above. Those who sign up for **both** pilgrimages by their respective due dates will receive a \$300 total reduction. Contact Helen for information and a brochure at 610-213-4141 or helenshorizons@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Calvary Bereavement Ministry Sessions are held in the rectory conference room (enter by way of steps on the church side of the rectory) from 7:00 PM to approx. 8:30 PM on the following **Wednesday evenings**. All are welcome!!

- May 8: Changed Forever
- May 15: Surviving Stress & Loneliness
- May 22: Feelings of Denial, Bargaining & Guilt
- May 29: Spiritual Elements of Grief & Healing
- June 6: The Value of Memories & Personal Bereavement Reflections

Conwell-Egan High School Annual Alumni Golf Classic on **Thursday, May 9, 2019** at Yardley Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30 AM. For more information, please visit www.conwell-egan.org.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia C.C.R. Holy Trinity Prayer Community presents **"The Life in the Spirit Seminars"** beginning **Tuesday, May 14th** from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and every Tuesday until June 25, 2019 in the Holy Trinity School Hall, Osborne and Stockham Aves, Morrisville, PA 19067. Come and experience the love and joy that the Holy Spirit will bring into your life. Come and join in the experience of a "Personal Pentecost." Come by yourself or bring a friend. For more information, contact Marie Guaragno at (215) 295-6283 or (215) 295-6900.

Flame of Love is having **A Special Healing Mass** with St Michael and The Angels on **Tuesday, May 14, 2019** at 6:00 PM at St Anastasia Church, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Father Jim Blount will be the Celebrant. For information, contact Ann Myers at (610) 322-1940 or email anbmyers2021@gmail.com.

St Gianna Beretta Molla 15th Canonization Anniversary Mass Celebration on **Thursday, May 16, 2019** at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA. Rosary at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM. First and Second Class Relic Veneration after Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the downstairs Church Hall. For additional information, please call (215) 657-3101 or email jcw@saintgianna.org.

St. Mark Home & School Annual Designer Bag Bingo on **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the door. BYOB & Food. Must be 21 or older to attend. 10 games, Raffle Baskets, Extra Game Packets & Special Game rounds will be available for purchase the night of the event. For information, call (215) 788-0973.

A Cash and Bag Bingo to benefit the Medical Mission Sisters Thrift Shop is being held at the Administration Bldg, 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111 on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. Doors open at 5:00 PM, games begin at 6:00 PM. Basket Raffles and 50/50. Desserts will be served. Beverages and outside food is permitted. Tickets are \$30.00. Reserved tables of 7 available. Tickets are available at the Thrift Shop. For more information, contact Kathy at (215) 742-1812.

Please join The Malvern Retreat House for the **11th Annual Spring Golf Classic** on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** at the fantastic Whitmarsh Valley CC in Lafayette Hill. Partial proceeds will benefit the area homeless through *Malvern Cares* program. Outing includes lunch, championship golf, reception, dinner, live/silent auctions and a golfer gift. Players/donors/sponsorship opportunities are still available! For more information, visit www.malvernretreat.com or contact Tara McCormick at tmccormick@malvernretreat.com.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites 7th Grade Girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Visitations will continue through May. All visits can be arranged online. Visit our website at www.msjacad.org for more information.

St Mark School, 1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol is accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. Rigorous Catholic Education, Middle States Accredited, Special classes including Technology, Art, Gym, Music & Spanish, Early start time & after care available, Free breakfast & lunch programs. For more information, contact the school at (215) 785-0973 or email msanson@stmarkmail.com.

Father Judge High School 5th & 6th Grade Junior Crusader Day on **Thursday, May 23, 2019** from 3:30 to 5:45 PM. Must pre-register at fatherjudge.com

Open Positions for After-School Program at St Ephrem School. The St Ephrem School CARES program provides before/after school care, supervision, recreation, and arts and crafts activities for children in grades Pre-K3 through 8. To meet the growing needs of our students, we will be hiring more qualified adults for the 2019-2020 school year. Employment hours are flexible, on a morning and/or afternoon basis, five days a week. Interested persons must have all necessary clearances as required by the state and the Archdiocese. If you are interested in applying, please email Mrs. Kochanski at gksaintephrem@gmail.com.