

*St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
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*December 1, 2019*

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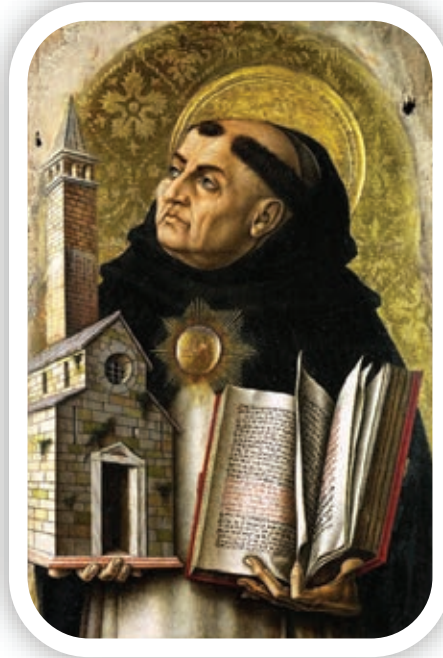
**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** Established July 1, 2014  
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**St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)**  
**& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sundays: 9:00 AM  
and 11:00 AM

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM  
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 Noon  
AND 7:00 PM



**PARISH OFFICE**

121 Belmont Ave.  
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**CONFESSION  
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:30—4:00 PM  
or by appointment

**Served By:**  
**Rev. David A. Fernandes, Pastor**  
**Deacon John J. Gallagher**

**Roseann Spear**  
Adm Asst

**Amanda Gentile**  
Music Director

**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) (June to October)  
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

## December 1, 2019



<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 2, 2019</b>
8:30 AM	Francisca Tirado req by Marta
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 3, 2019</b>
8:30 AM	Margaret & Raymond Beck req by Betty Wunsch & Kathleen Coya
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 4, 2019</b>
8:30 AM	Rev James Novakowski req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 5, 2019</b>
8:30 AM	James Wilson III req by Margaret Garcia
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 6, 2019</b>
8:30 AM	Eugene Rothenberg (L) req by Roseanne Rothenberg
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 7, 2019</b>
4:30 PM	Martha Geehring req by Albert Geehring
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 8, 2019</b>
9:00 AM	James Callery req by Edel Callery
11:00 AM	Anna Balla req by Joe Shirley

### *Weekend Offerings*

11/16	4:30 PM	\$ 1,539.00
11/17	9:00 AM	\$ 1,432.00
11/17	11:00 AM	\$ 1,792.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 743.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 45.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 40.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 0.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 40.00
Poor Box		\$ 49.00

TOTAL for Parish for November 17, 2019 \$5,705.00

TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$0.00

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

### *Lectors*

**December 7, 2019**

4:30 PM K Schafer & R Fallon

**December 8, 2019**

9:00 AM E Callery & C Del Puerto  
11:00 AM R Powell & J Kochuvelli

### *Extraordinary Ministers*

**December 7, 2019**

4:30 PM T Litz & E Brown

**December 8, 2019**

9:00 AM D Whelihan & R Daubert  
11:00 AM N Freer & C Mehaffey

### *Altar Servers*

**December 7, 2019**

4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan

**December 8, 2019**

9:00 AM Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto,  
Katherine Bitting  
11:00 AM Effie McMahon

### *Sunday Scriptures December 8, 2019*

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1—10 (4A)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Reading II: Romans 15:4—9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1—12

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, 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, Karen Gilbert, George Gilbert, Margaret Griffiths, Hunter Harris, Patsy Harris, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Therese McMahon, Maria Middleton, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Louise Pepe, Dawn Marie Rogers, Stephanie Rosenblatt, Eileen Ryan, Rex Russell, Jimmy Simon, Diane Taylor, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Veronica Vales, Kim Vickers, Mary Walker, John Wallover, 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 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM we will begin decorating the Church for Christmas We invite and welcome all volunteers!

The Knights of Columbus #4765 2020 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 2020 calendar year. Cards may be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or in the Parish Office.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Nov 20 to Nov 21 are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, Winners. Rows: Nov 20 (408, Heather Tunney), Nov 21 (790, Unsold Ticket)

Due to the early transmission of the Bulletin, all winners could not posted..

St Thomas Aquinas 50/50

Our December 50/50 started July 8th. 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 December 29, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass. To date, we have \$3,135.00 in the pot.

Due to the early transmission of the Bulletin, total could not be updated

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:

Three horizontal lines for writing a family name.





Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall  
Cost is \$5.00 per person.

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, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

**The Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Al Scheck at (215) 499-1366.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in Parish Meeting Room. For information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The **Christmas Bazaar Committee** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. For information, contact Pat Bercute at (215) 458-8355.

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 5, 2019**. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

**6th Annual Parish Christmas Dinner  
Saturday, December 7, 2019**

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Father Crehan Hall

*We are in need of donations, remember, we are feeding the multitudes! We could use hams and turkeys, as well as, homemade dishes and baked goods for dinner.*

**We are in need of volunteers on  
Friday, December 6 to peel potatoes  
and on Saturday, December 7  
to help with food preparations**

*Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997*

**St Thomas Aquinas Parish  
10th Annual Christmas Bazaar and  
Basket Raffle**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Father Crehan Hall

Craft Tables, Basket Raffle

50/50, Food

*Questions may be directed to  
Pat Bercute at (215) 458-8355*

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 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.

**Separated/Divorce Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

### Your Prayer Requests Worldwide!

Add your prayer needs to this new global website, **Prayers Unite the World**. Your prayer request is sent to religious orders, schools, seminaries, colleges and parishes "united in prayer" around the world joining you in prayer. We also email back to the petitioner, informing them of the communities praying for them, and providing them with links so that they may learn of the mission and charism of the specific communities praying for them.

If you think you are alone and no one cares

**THINK AGAIN**

<https://prayersunitetheworld.org/>

**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, 2019.* 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. Home-owners 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.

Please join Mother Boniface Spirituality Center's Sisters and Staff for our annual **Advent Tree Lighting and Open House** on **Friday, December 6, 2019** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. With time for fellowship, refreshments and a chance to browse our vendors, this evening is a celebration of the time of Advent as we prepare in hope for Christmas. All are invited to join us before or after the tree lighting which takes place at 7:30 PM with song and prayer. This is an event for all ages, no RSVP required. If you would like to help us prepare, let us know you'll be joining us! Send an email to [mcretreat@msbt.org](mailto:mcretreat@msbt.org) or call us at (267) 350-1831 so we can have plenty of hot cocoa and cookies ready!

**Christmas Bazaar** at St Mary of the Assumption, 212 Dayton St, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on **Saturday, December 7th**—1 PM to 8 PM and **Sunday, December 8th**—9 AM to 1 PM. Find your treasure in Granny's attic, win a Tombola prize and enjoy some great food,. Holiday Treasures, housewares, collectibles, Secret Santa and more!

Join Villa Joseph Maria High School for **Christmas at Villa on Sunday, December 8, 2019**. Vendor Fair: 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Brunch with Santa: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and A Maria Hall Christmas: 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Advance tickets are required for Brunch with Santa. Visit [www.vjmhs.org/christmas](http://www.vjmhs.org/christmas).

Please join Our Lady of Grace Parish as we welcome renowned Catholic speaker and Associate Director of *Anthem Philly*, Megan Mastroianni, for this special **Hearts of Fire Talk**, on **Monday, December 9th** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, 225 Bellevue Ave, Pennel, PA. Open to all ages.

**St Ephrem Senior Group** will be running the following trip: 5 Day "Denali Explorer" Alaska Land Tour and 7 Day Alaska Cruise "Voyage of the Glaciers" on the Royal Princess on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 to Saturday, May 30, 2020. For pricing, flyers and additional information, please call Ray at (215) 757-3473.

**St Charles Borromeo School** Pre-K 3/4 Class Lists for the 2020-2021 school year are now open. Reserve your spot today! Half Day and Full Day options and financial aid are available. To register call (215) 639-3456 or visit [www.stcharlesborromeoschool.com/pre-k-2020-class-list](http://www.stcharlesborromeoschool.com/pre-k-2020-class-list)

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