

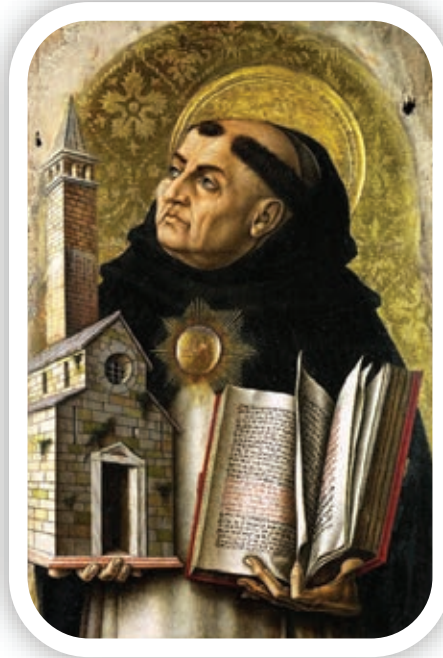
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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



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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 15, 2019*

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I spoke at all the Masses about the necessity to taking up our parish collections in a secure manner. It was brought to my attention by one of the ushers that three envelopes were discovered in the ushers' closet. The three envelopes were empty temporary envelopes with names and amounts written on them. It is impossible to determine how long they had been in the closet. In telling you this, I never accused any particular person of stealing the money, nor did I assign blame to a whole group of people. Those who bear no blame should not take offense.

Obviously, the money was taken before it got to the altar. Two facts further complicate this case. First, some people have a habit of dropping money in collection bags and baskets as they enter the church. Also, because of a shortage of regular ushers, sometimes other people are asked to help take up the collection.

I think we need to do the following commonsense things to ensure good order:

- Please deposit your donations in the collection baskets **only during Mass** when the ushers come around with the baskets.
- After the collection is taken up, all the ushers should remain in the back until the collection is bagged and one of the ushers proceeds down the aisle with the collection bag in his hand.
- The first collection should be brought to the altar with the offertory gifts and the second collection should be brought to the altar **as soon as** it is bagged and should never be put into the ushers' closet or held in the pew.
- Since it is your generous donations that support our parish, **if you see something suspicious, say something.**
- Once the money arrives at the altar only the counters should touch it. At the 9 AM Mass, Deacon John and I put it in the rectory safe.

God knows we can't change the past, but we can learn from our mistakes. My thanks to all of you for your hard earned, generous donations and to our ushers for their dedication to this important ministry of hospitality!

God Bless,

Fr. David

## December 15, 2019



**Monday**      **December 16, 2019**  
8:30 AM    Enrique Carrillo req by Marta

**Tuesday**      **December 17, 2019**  
8:30 AM    Karl Schroeder req by Kate Schroeder & Family

**Wednesday**      **December 18, 2019**  
8:30 AM    Joan Carmody req by Tom

**Thursday**      **December 19, 2019**  
8:30 AM    Regalado & Segundina Domingo Sr req by Myrna Viernes

**Friday**      **December 20, 2019**  
8:30 AM    James Wilson Jr req by Margaret Garcia

**Saturday**      **December 21, 2019**  
4:30 PM    Rice & Wong Families req by Slater Family

**Sunday**      **December 22, 2019**  
9:00 AM    Msgr Sabino Vengco Jr req by Edel Callery  
11:00 AM    Dec'd Members/Malizia Family req by Pepe Fam

### *Weekend Offerings*

11/30	4:30 PM	\$ 2,594.00
12/01	9:00 AM	\$ 1,643.00
12/01	11:00 AM	\$ 1,234.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,065.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,005.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 30.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 231.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 33.00
Poor Box		\$ 41.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 1, 2019 \$7,876.00

TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

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

### *Lectors*

**December 21, 2019**

4:30 PM    C Ryan & P DeMichele

**December 22, 2019**

9:00 AM    A Ditzler & R Andrews  
11:00 AM    A Scheck & J Kochuvelli

### *Extraordinary Ministers*

**December 21, 2019**

4:30 PM    K Schafer & D Schafer

**December 22, 2019**

9:00 AM    R Daubert & E Callery  
11:00 AM    E Marra & D DiTommaso

### *Altar Servers*

**December 21, 2019**

4:30 PM    Effie McMahon

**December 22, 2019**

9:00 AM    Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto,  
Katherine Bitting

11:00 AM    Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan

### *Sunday Scriptures December 22, 2019*

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: Dave Beitz, Ryan Beitz, Francis Breuer, Loretta Cameron, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Jennifer 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, Jet Jabla, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Cassidy Grace McVan, Margaret McGrory, Therese McMahon, Maria Middleton, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Dawn Marie Rogers, Stephanie Rosenblatt, Eileen Ryan, Arden Saenz, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Veronica Vales, Kim Vickers, John Wallover, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, John Yankanich and all their relatives and friends.

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

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 Dec 4 to Dec 10 are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists results for dates Dec 4 through Dec 10, including winning numbers and winners like 'Unsold Ticket', 'Stanley Poll', and 'R. Spear'.

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 \$4,000.00 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:

Three horizontal lines provided for writing a family name.



**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!

### Confessions During Advent

**Saturday Confessions**  
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

**Tuesday Evening**  
(December 17th)  
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

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.

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 19, 2019**. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

**The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, December 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

### **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/>

### **Monthly Community Luncheon**

Do you need some time off your busy schedule this Christmas? Maybe you need a day to sit back and not worry about "what shall we have for lunch today". Join us at our Monthly Community Luncheon on **Thursday, December 19, 2019** at Our Lady of Fatima, Catholic Outreach Center, Reception Room from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM. Enjoy some free food and good company and bring along a friend or two. Sponsored by Catholic Social Services and LACE Women's Group.

### **Employment Opportunity:**

St Mary of the Assumption Parish in Phoenixville, PA is looking for a multi-skilled experienced handy man for part time work. Will be responsible for a wide variety of building maintenance tasks, general cleanliness of properties, grass cutting, landscaping and snow removal for multiple properties. Please contact Father John Hutter at (610) 933-2526 or parishoffice@stmaryassumption.org

## 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?

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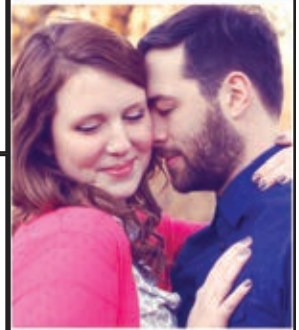


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