

# Epiphany



*St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
601 Bristol Pike  
Croydon, PA 19021*

*January 5, 2020*



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*We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.*

*Matthew 2:2*

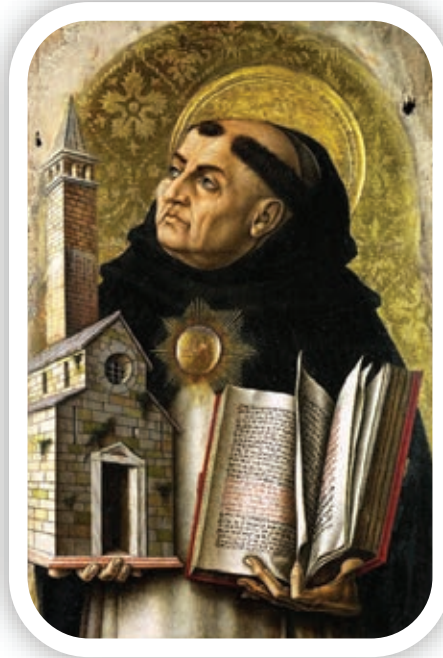
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**St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)**  
**& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)**  
**601 Bristol Pike, Croydon, PA 19021**

**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

*January 5, 2020*



**Monday**      **January 6, 2020**  
 8:30 AM    JoAnn Foder req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Tuesday**      **January 7, 2020**  
 8:30 AM    Debbie Shull req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Wednesday**      **January 8, 2020**  
 8:30 AM    Louis Balot req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Thursday**      **January 9, 2020**  
 8:30 AM    Joe Cochran req by Tom Carmody

**Friday**      **January 10, 2020**  
 8:30 AM    Fred Lang req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

**Saturday**      **January 11, 2020**  
 4:30 PM    Robert Gallagher req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Sunday**      **January 12, 2020**  
 9:00 AM    Gertrude Kaelin req by Susan Kaelin & Family  
 11:00 AM    Anna Balla req by Joe Shirley

***Weekend Offerings***

12/21	4:30 PM	\$ 1,723.50
12/22	9:00 AM	\$ 1,964.00
12/22	11:00 AM	\$ 1,267.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 827.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 40.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 60.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 1,264.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 16.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 40.00
Poor Box		\$ 119.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 22, 2019 \$7,304.50  
 TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$16.00

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

***Lectors***

**January 11, 2020**  
 4:30 PM    K Schafer & P DeMichele

**January 12, 2020**  
 9:00 AM    R Gutherman & R Daubert  
 11:00 AM    W Scenna & J Kochuvelli

***Extraordinary Ministers***

**January 11, 2020**  
 4:30 PM    E Brown & C Ryan

**January 12, 2020**  
 9:00 AM    M O'Flynn & T O'Flynn  
 11:00 AM    A Scheck & D DiTommaso

***Altar Servers***

**January 11, 2020**  
 4:30 PM    Effie McMahon, Emily Le

**January 12, 2020**  
 9:00 AM    Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto,  
 Katherine Bitting

11:00 AM    Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

***Sunday Scriptures January 12, 2020***

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1—4, 6—7 (21ABC)  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
 Reading II: Acts of the Apostles 10:34—38  
 Gospel: Matthew 3:13—17 (21A)

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, Joanne Pritchard, 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: William Albert Haag and 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 19 to Dec 25 are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. Rows include Dec 19 (337, Unsold Ticket), Dec 20 (375, Unsold Ticket), Dec 21 (710, Ida Pearsall), Dec 22 (194, Unsold Ticket), Dec 23 (549, Anna Altenbach), Dec 24 (896, Unsold Ticket), Dec 25 (247, Unsold Ticket).

\*\*Due to the early transmission of the bulletin all winners could not be posted\*\*

St Thomas Aquinas 50/50

Our July 50/50 started December 29th. 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 5, 2020 after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Due to the early transmission of the Bulletin during the Christmas Season, the winner of the Christmas 50/50 will be announced in next Bulletin.

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 name.





The **2020 Mass Book** will open on  
**Monday, January 13, 2020**

The Parish Office will take your request for  
Masses, on a first-come, first-served basis  
for the **period June to December 2020**

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 6, 2020 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, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Al Scheck at (215) 499-1366.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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, January 9, 2020**. We will be starting a new book entitled "*Nine Words: A Bible Study to Help You Become The-Best-Version-Of-Yourself*" by Allen Hunt. The cost of the book is \$5.95. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 to reserve your copy of the book.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, January 12, 2020** from 8:00 to 11:30 AM in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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.

We hope you will join us for our **Sunday Social** on **Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

**The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

**SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc** presents Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on **Thursday, January 30, 2020**. Trip includes: Departure at 9:30 AM, Arrive at Resorts at 11 AM and receive \$25.00 in Slot Play, Depart for home at 5 PM. Price per person is \$49.00. For information, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.



### **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/>

**Father Judge High School Mandatory 8th Grade Entry Exam on Sunday, January 12, 2020.** All students who did not take the 8th Grade Scholarship Test that are applying to Father Judge, must take this exam. Pre-register now on the homepage at [fatherjudge.com](http://fatherjudge.com)

**Retrouvaille** is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program begins the weekend of **February 21-23, 2020** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register, call (215) 766-3944 or (800) 470-2230 or visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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 Open House/Re-Registration Kickoff on Sunday, January 20, 2020** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Early bird Registration Fee Discount and a chance to enter our \$200 Tuition Grant Raffle. We offer \$1,500 Transfer Grants for Grades 2 to 7 (if you are coming from a public, charter or home school). Additionally, we offer a Kindergarten Welcome Grant of \$1,000 for all new kindergarten families. For more information, visit our website at [www.stcharlesborromeoschool.com](http://www.stcharlesborromeoschool.com).

**Archbishop Ryan 2nd Annual Bus Trip to New York "Ain't Too Proud: Life and Times of the Temptations" on Saturday, March 28, 2020** at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$140/per person and includes Coach Bus and Show Ticket (All Mezzanine Seating). For information, please call (215) 737-1800 Ext 7038.

**Fuel Assistance Program.** The cost of home heating will have a major impact of 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 Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,591 or a two-person household with a monthly income under \$2,113 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.

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