

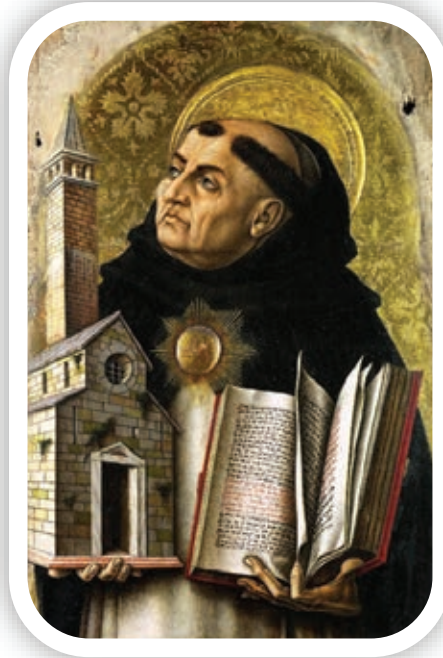
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

February 23, 2020



Monday	February 24, 2020
8:30 AM	Josephine Pellegrino
Tuesday	February 25, 2020
8:30 AM	Peter & Maria Hoa Le req by Thuan Hoa Le
Wednesday	February 26, 2020 (Ash Wednesday)
8:30 AM	Albert Maraini req by Andrea Cherenack
4:00 PM	Prayer Service with Ashes
7:00 PM	Theresa DiCicco req by Andrea Cherenack
Thursday	February 27, 2020
8:30 AM	Jack Keesler req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher
Friday	February 28, 2020
8:30 AM	Janet Krouse
Saturday	February 29, 2020
4:30 PM	Jim O'Donnell req by Pat O'Donnell
Sunday	March 1, 2020
9:00 AM	Jim O'Donnell req by Pat O'Donnell
11:00 AM	Margaret Litz req by Bernadette

Weekend Offerings

02/08	4:30 PM	\$ 2,110.00
02/09	9:00 AM	\$ 1,237.00
02/09	11:00 AM	\$ 1,752.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 588.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 111.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 742.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 41.00
Poor Box		\$ 58.00

TOTAL for Parish for February 9, 2020 \$6,639.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

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

Lectors

February 29, 2020

4:30 PM J Berna & P DeMichele

March 1, 2020

9:00 AM E Callery & R Daubert
11:00 AM A Scheck & D Ditommaso

Extraordinary Ministers

February 29, 2020

4:30 PM E Brown & E Schilling

March 1, 2020

9:00 AM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Altar Servers

February 29, 2020

4:30 PM Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto,
Emiley Lee

March 1, 2020

9:00 AM Effie McMahon, Katherine Bitting
11:00 AM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

Sunday Scriptures March 1, 2020

Reading I: Genesis 2:7—9; 3:1—7 (22A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Reading II: Romans 5:12—19 or 5:12, 17—19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1—11

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: 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, Patsy Harris, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Joseph Hueber, Rosemary Hynes, Jet Jabla, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Michael McGlinchey, Mary McGovern, Margaret McGrory, Harry McGuire, Therese McMahon, Cassidy Grace McVan, Maria Middleton, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Karen Murphy, Bernadette O'Brien, Joanne Pritchard, Dan Reardon, 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, 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:

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Feb 12 to Feb 18 are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Feb 12	692	Unsold Ticket
Feb 13	552	Unsold Ticket
Feb 14	970	Unsold Ticket
Feb 15	332	Unsold Ticket
Feb 16	797	Unsold Ticket
Feb 17	155	Unsold Ticket
Feb 18	885	Unsold Ticket

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. To date, we have \$1,060 in the pot.

Save the Date:

Designer Bag Bingo

Sponsored by the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Saturday, April 18, 2020 Father Crehan Hall Doors Open at 5:30 PM. Games Start at 7:00 PM \$25/per person (must be 18 or older) 15 Games, 5 Specials Raffles, 50/50, Door Prizes Light Refreshments Food Available for Purchase Tickets will be available after all Masses, in the Parish Office or online at www.lok4765.org



We hope you will join us for our
Sunday Social on
Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 12 Noon
in the Church Hall

The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting on **Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at *La Choza, 701 State Road, Croydon, PA*. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The *STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society* will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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, March 2, 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, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Al Scheck at (215) 499-1366.

SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc presents All Star Productions "*St Patrick's Fest*" at *Doolans* in Spring Lake, NJ on **Thursday, March 5, 2020**. Cost is \$110/per person and includes: Departure at 9:15 AM, Family Style Luncheon (Choice of three entrees), One Hour Open Bar (Beer & Wine), Matinee Performance at 11:00 AM, Depart for home at approximately 3:30 PM. For information, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

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, March 5, 2020**. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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

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

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Holy Land with Father David—Upcoming Meeting with sign-on Bonus. 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 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. Please consider joining us for this awesome pilgrimage on September 8—17, 2020. Cost is \$4,195 and includes daily breakfast and dinner, round trip airfare, 1st class hotel accommodations, premium beverage package, a fully escorted tour and so much more. There is an optional extension to Jordan and Petra. **To learn more, there will be a meeting on Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. **A sign-on bonus off your trip will be given on this day only with your \$500 Registration, Passport and Optional Travel Protection of \$331.** For information and a brochure, contact Helen Holroyd at (610) 213-4141 or Helenshorizons@gmail.com.



Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020

Our Mass schedule will be as follows:

8:30 AM

4:00 PM (Prayer Service w/Ashes)

7:00 PM

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2020

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays: 7:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Chapel)

Followed by Benediction at 3:30 PM

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Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

Sundays after the 11 AM Mass (Chapel)

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

Thursdays: 7:00 PM

(March 19, March 26, April 2)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

*On the weekend of February 29/March 1, 2020,
St Thomas Aquinas parishioners are
invited to help the **STA Conference of the
St Vincent de Paul Society** provide for those in
need by taking a **Lenten Container** and filling it
with cash donations and/or Shop Rite gift cards.
The containers will be available in the back of
Church and may be returned on Palm Sunday.*

"Amazing Grace". Experience God's *Amazing Grace* this Lent. God's grace is more powerful than anything we can imagine. Sign up today to hear men, women, and children share their personal stories about God's grace touching their lives. Join us daily on this journey of faith, and discover how you can experience God's *Amazing Grace*. The series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and goes until Easter Sunday. Sign up online at www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent

St Charles Borromeo School is having a Registration Night for the 2020-2021 School Year on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00—7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. SCB School is pleased to offer \$1,000 Tuition Grants to all new Kindergarten students. The registration fee is \$75/one child, \$150/two or more children. For information, visit www.stcharlesborromeoschool.com or call (215) 639-3456.

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. For additional information, contact Ms Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026. To register, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/PracticeTest

Man Up Philly 2020-Catholic Men's Conference: "No Greater Love-Sacrifice Over Self" on Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 7:30 AM—5:00 PM Man Up Philly invites the men of the Archdiocese of Phila to the 12th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference at Neumann University. Join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. This year's speakers include Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell* and survivor of the Rwandan genocide, Brent Celek, former tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Steve Bollman, founder of That Man is You. The day will include prayer, confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the Archbishop Nelson Perez. Registration Fee: \$50.00. For more information visit manupphilly.com

Invitation to a Lenten Evening of Prayer on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM at St Andrew Olde Church, 135 S. Sycamore St, Newtown, PA 18940. The Theme is *Prayer for your special intentions within the Stations of the Cross*. Invite someone whose life can be enriched through taking the journey of faith once again, or ask him/her to give you a prayer intention to be carried by the community gathered in prayer on March 11th. For planning purposes, please contact Sister Pat Kelly at skelly@stapn.org or (215) 968-2262 Ext 51 by March 6th if you are attending.

Father Judge High School:
7th Grade Visitation Day on Wednesday, March 11th and 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test on Saturday, April 18 or Sunday April 19, 2020. Visit our website at fatherjudge.com and click on the "Admissions" tab for more details regarding these events.

Archbishop Wood High School:
7th Grade Visitation Day on Wednesday, March 11th from 8:30 AM—2:00 PM and Spring Open House on Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. RSVP online at www.archwood.org or contact Melissa Nolan, Director of Admissions at (215) 672-5050 ext 268 or mnolan@archwood.org

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Villanova University Pastoral Musicians will provide the liturgical music. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. **All are Welcome**. To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at (215) 587-3530 with the number attending.

Mount St Joseph Academy, a Catholic Preparatory School for Girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to The 7th Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT) to be given on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to 8th grade applicants. *Registration is available online only*. Register at www.msacad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Brunch and Bingo hosted by Corpus Christi Parish, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Upper Gwynedd, Lansdale, PA on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Admission is \$25 (includes Brunch & Bingo). Cash prizes, Door Prizes and 50/50. For advanced sales and table reservations call Laurie Ponticello (610) 584-5694 or email geraldponticello@comcast.net

St Charles Borromeo CYO Spring Registration is open to St Thomas Aquinas children for 2020 Baseball and Softball (5th to 8th grade only), and 2020 Track and Field. Fees are as follows: Baseball/Softball \$90. Track and Field (all birth years before 2011) is \$65, Sub Novice (birth year 2011 to 2013) is \$45, and Track clinic for Pre-K3 to 1st grade is FREE. To register visit: <http://stcharlesborromeocyo.website.siplay.com> If you have any questions or concerns, please visit <http://stcharlesborromeoschool.com/cyo.html>.

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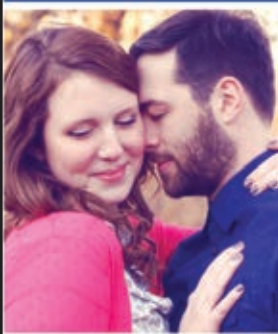
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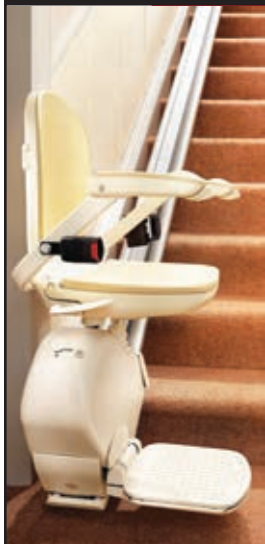
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