

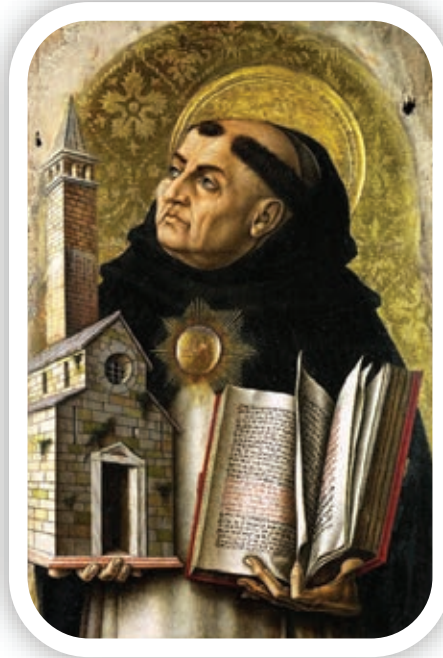
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

March 2019

Dear Parishioners:

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Archbishop Nelson Perez dispensed the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of the Latin Rite from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We will continue to follow our regular schedule of Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish until we are prohibited from doing so either by the archbishop or civil authority or until I myself get Covid-19. As you may imagine, we have seen a significant decline in Mass attendance and a proportionate decline in our collections. Please know that this parish cannot continue to exist without your continued generosity. If your income has not been negatively impacted by the pandemic, please consider mailing in your weekly contributions or consider signing up for e-giving.

Some dioceses have elected to cancel all Masses for a fixed period of time. Perhaps it will soon come to that in this archdiocese as well. Since essential service providers are encouraged to remain open, it seems best that we remain open for the spiritual benefit of those who can still join us for the celebration of the Eucharist. What could be more essential? People seem to realize their need for God most acutely in times of crisis. The Bible teaches us that God allows evil. The Bible also teaches us that God can also bring good out of evil. Hopefully this global crisis will refocus our attention on what is really important in life.

I encourage each of you to stay connected to your Catholic Faith even if you are prevented from being physically present in church:

- Watch the celebration of Holy Mass on TV or the internet: www.saintraymond.net
- Pray the Rosary or the Stations of the Cross or the Psalms for those who are sick and dying. Pray for the return of the many to the practice of their Catholic Faith.
- Persevere in your Lenten discipline: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. Put any money you save on not eating out into the white paper container you were given and return that container when you are able to come to Mass again.
- Follow the Sunday readings on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org
- Read the parish bulletin from our website: www.staq.org
- Find out what's going on in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: www.catholicphilly.com

Let us continue to pray for each other that a Lent of anxiety and suffering may give way to an Easter of hope and rejoicing.

God Bless,
Fr. David

Dear Parishioners:

Today, March 17th, the feast of St. Patrick, Archbishop Nelson Perez cancelled the public celebration of all Masses in the Latin Rite Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This directive will continue until further notice. In obedience to the Archbishop's wishes and out of concern for your spiritual well-being, I have decided to implement the following schedule:

- Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:30 PM until 4:00 PM and on March 19th, March 26th, and April 2nd from 7:00 PM until 7:30 PM. Fr. Kirk will help with the Thursday Confessions.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in church from 4:30 PM until 5:30 PM on Saturdays and from 9:00 AM-12 Noon on Sundays. I strongly encourage the various parish organizations to have one member present for all the hours of Exposition. There will be no Benediction. Please observe silence in church.
- Holy Communion will be distributed from 4:30 PM until 4:45 PM on Saturdays and between 9:00 AM and 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM and 11:15 AM on Sundays. There will be no Communion Service and nobody is permitted to receive Holy Communion more than once a day.
- Stations of the Cross will continue to be prayed in chapel on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled on Mondays because of the new Sunday schedule.
- Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings will continue to be celebrated as usual.
- Holy Communion to the sick is suspended until further notice.
- Adult Education will continue on Monday evenings for the next two weeks.
- I will continue to offer Mass privately in the chapel for your intentions.

God Bless,
Fr. David

March 22, 2020



In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the following events have been cancelled:

Monday **March 23, 2020**
8:30 AM Joseph Cochran

Tuesday **March 24, 2020**
8:30 AM Joseph Cochran

Wednesday **March 25, 2020**
8:30 AM Peter & Maria Hoa Le req by Thuan Hoa Le

Thursday **March 26, 2020**
8:30 AM Jerome George

Friday **March 27, 2020**
8:30 AM Joseph Cochran

Saturday **March 28, 2020**
4:30 PM Catherine Palsho req by M/M Stephen Pritchard Sr

Sunday **March 29, 2020**
9:00 AM For the People
11:00 AM Catherine Pritchard req by M/M Stephen Pritchard Sr

Sunday Social for March and April

Church Breakfast for April

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which was scheduled for April 25th

SETON Seniors have cancelled their Tuesday Meetings until further notice

Designer Bag Bingo

scheduled for April 18th

IF YOU PURCHASED A TICKET, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE KELLY AT (215) 788-3331 OR THE PARISH OFFICE AT (215) 788-2989 FOR A REFUND

Weekend Offerings

03/07	4:30 PM	\$ 1,647.00
03/08	9:00 AM	\$ 1,566.00
03/08	11:00 AM	\$ 1,235.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,667.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 368.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 497.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 1,066.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 34.00
Poor Box		\$ 47.00

TOTAL for Parish for March 8, 2020 \$7,086.00

TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$1,066.00

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

Sunday Scriptures March 29, 2020

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12—14 (34A)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Reading II: Romans 8:8—11

Gospel: John 11:1—45

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, 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.

Until directed otherwise,
The Parish Office will remain open
to assist you.

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 \$1,595 in the pot.

St Thomas Aquinas
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for March 11 to March 17 are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
March 11	759	Unsold Ticket
March 12	523	Unsold Ticket
March 13	538	Unsold Ticket
March 14	713	Cindy Salmon
March 15	491	Unsold Ticket
March 16	970	Unsold Ticket
March 17	858	Unsold Ticket



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays: 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

Thursdays: 7:00 PM

(March 19, March 26, April 2)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

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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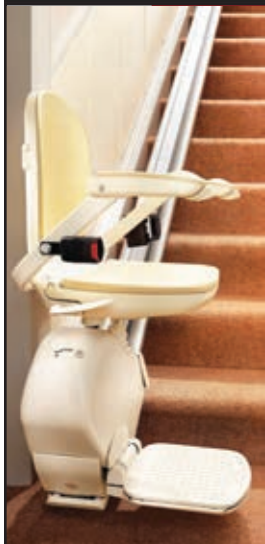


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