

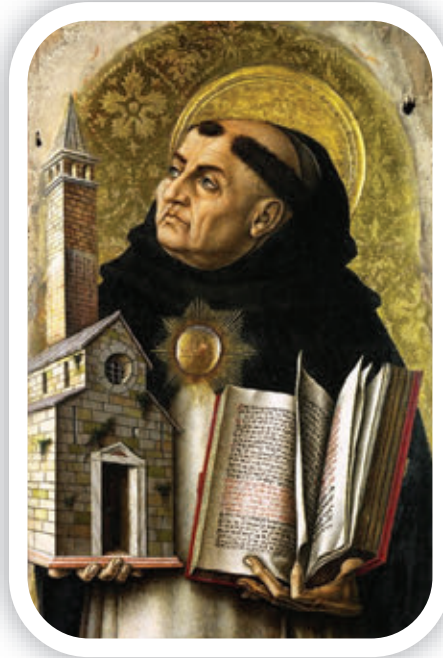
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**St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**

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Fax: 215-788-7626  
Email: sta712014@gmail.com  
Website: www.staq.org

**CONFESSION  
SCHEDULE**

Saturdays: 3:30 PM  
(in the School)  
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

*May 9, 2021*

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May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Before we move into the summer months, I want to express my gratitude to all those who have worked hard to enhance our Holy Week, Easter, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion liturgies as well as our St. Joseph Triduum. In addition, I am grateful to Tom and Charles Litz for repainting the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

As Covid-19 restrictions are gradually lifted and more people get vaccinated, we hope to resume more of our parish activities. Some events are possible under current social distancing guidelines: the Blessing of Animals, the Malvern Retreat House Speaker, the Parish Memorial Mass, the Parish Picnic, and even our Sunday Social. Other events require a further relaxation of the health rules: Soup and Conversation, Parish Breakfast, the Halloween Party, and the Christmas Bizarre. The Community and Unity Dinner will have to be postponed until all restrictions on indoor gatherings are lifted. I am attaching a brief survey to try to gauge the willingness of parishioners to participate in different activities. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it in the collection or by mail to the parish office.

Here is an update on the latest news:

- The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will offer the 11AM Mass on Sunday, May 1, 2022 as we give praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our church.
- We hope to hold the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>! Volunteers are needed. Last time we had the Picnic, Russell Andrews oversaw the event. Sadly, Russ and his family have moved to Massachusetts. If anyone is interested in taking a lead role in the Picnic, please let me know. We need and welcome new and younger faces to take on positions of leadership in our parish.
- As you may have guessed, our parish finances have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Collections are down about 15%. In an attempt to make up some lost ground, the Finance Council has agreed to join in a raffle hosted by St. Roch Parish in Greenwich, CT. The top prize is an American Express gift card worth \$30,000! Every family in the parish will receive these tickets in the mail.
- The 50/50 drawing is July 4<sup>nd</sup>. You have to play to win!
- As more and more people get vaccinated, Mass attendance is slowly bouncing back. I invite you to consider returning to the in-person celebration of the Eucharist as soon as you are able. Virtual reality is a poor substitute for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!
- Also, if you are aware of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass because of age or infirmity, please call the parish office so that the sacraments can be brought to him or her. Every so often I am saddened to learn of a practicing Catholic who was homebound for years without the benefit of the sacraments and the graces that they bestow!
- If you were married outside the Catholic Church, please consider having your marriage convalidated or "blessed in the Catholic Church." An invalid marriage is an impediment to receiving a Letter of Eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation and to the worthy reception of the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep in mind that for some years now the Archdiocese of Philadelphia hasn't been charging those who have applied for an annulment.
- The sale of the school has not yet been finalized. Habitat for Humanity is in the process of obtaining grants for the demolition of the building and the removal of any asbestos and the underground oil tank. Good things come to those who wait!
- The Pastoral Council unanimously recommended removing the art work that surrounds the crucifix behind the main altar. If you see any reason why this work should not proceed, please let me know as soon as possible.

Enjoy the summer. Take a rest from work and school. Never take a vacation from God! My friends, Google and Siri, know where the nearest Catholic Church is located. Don't forget that your parish still depends on your continued generosity—even when you are traveling.

God Bless,  
Fr. David

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Survey

How likely are you to attend the following events in 2021?

1. Definitely plan on attending
2. Will likely attend
3. Will likely not attend
4. Definitely will not attend

- The Parish Picnic—with both indoor and outdoor seating # \_\_\_\_\_
- A speaker from Malvern Retreat House on a Saturday morning in church # \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Social with light refreshments after the 11AM Mass in the Hall # \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Social with light refreshments after the 9AM Mass in the Hall # \_\_\_\_\_
- Halloween Party in the Hall # \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Bazaar in the Hall # \_\_\_\_\_
- Soup and Conversation in the Hall # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your feedback! Please return in the collection or by mail.



**Monday**      **May 10, 2021**  
8:30 AM Thomas J Lunny req by Ivy Lunny

**Tuesday**      **May 11, 2021**  
8:30 AM Jim Cassady req by Irene & Mark Kulick

**Wednesday**      **May 12, 2021**  
8:30 AM Henry Andres (L) req by Jet Jabla

**Thursday**      **May 13, 2021**  
8:30 AM Jim Vaughan req by Chris & Marisa Perkins

**Friday**      **May 14, 2021**  
8:30 AM Michelle Lee req by Myrna Viernes

**Saturday**      **May 15, 2021**  
4:30 PM Eleanor Cadar req by Eugene Damiano

**Sunday**      **May 16, 2021**  
9:00 AM Dorothy Aviles req by Her Children  
11:00 AM Harold, Jean & Jerry Colvin req by Bernadette

**Lectors**

**May 15, 2021**  
4:30 PM J Brogan & M Brogan

**May 16, 2021**  
9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Daubert  
11:00 AM R Dalessandro & S Berna

**Altar Servers**

**May 15, 2021**  
4:30 PM Effie McMahon, Connor Freer,  
Sophia Salmon

**May 16, 2021**  
9:00 AM Katherine Bitting, Emiley Le  
11:00 AM Chasity Gabriel, Chaston Gabriel

**Weekend Offerings**

Total for All Masses for 04/24 & 04/25	\$ 3,154.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving	\$ 1,848.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 220.00
Winter Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Other Collections (Parish)	\$ 116.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)	\$ 25.00
Candles/Shrine	\$ 34.00
Poor Box	\$ 140.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 25, 2021 \$5,547.00  
TOTAL for Archdiocesan Collections \$25.00

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

**Sunday Scriptures May 16, 2021**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 (60B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
Reading II: 1 John 4:11—16  
Gospel: John 17:11b—19

## 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, Marcie Belz, John Bossman, Joe Byers, Francis Breuer, Loretta Cameron, Bill Campanelli, Richard Campbell Jr, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, John Cichonki, Robert Cinkutis, Jennifer Clements, Paul Cooper, Derek DeBeaumont, Dolores DeBeaumont, Jim Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Rae Ann Edelman, Stephen Fabiny, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Helen Gergo, Theresa Gilbert, Karen Goudy, Margaret Griffiths, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Mike Heil, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Joseph Hueber, Jet Jabla, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Donald Jones Sr, Felicitas Jugos, Regina Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, James Martin, Ray Martindell, Mary McGovern, Margaret McGrory, Harry McGuire, Theresa McMahan, Cassidy Grace McVan, Carletta Minor, Joan Mundy, Karen Murphy, Louise Pepe, Stanley Poll, Chris Powell, Dan Reardon, Rick Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Arden Saenz, Jimmy Simon, Bill Snyder, John Snyder, Romilda Steacker, Amanda Tees, Veronica Vales, Joan VanSant, Kim Vickers, 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** will be distributing **Manna Bags** at all of our Masses on the weekend of **May 8th—9th**.

Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 15 or Sunday, May 16.

Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans

On the **weekend of May 8th—9th** our **Pro-Life Ministry** will have a **Mother's Day Rose Sale** after all Masses. Proceeds will benefit the work of the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition.

## St Thomas Aquinas 50/50

**Our July 50/50** started December 27th.

Remember you may enter as many times as you wish. Additional envelopes are available in the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Donation is \$5.00. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 4th after the 11 AM Mass.

**To date, we have \$2,115.00 in the pot.**



The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.



*Congratulations to the following  
PREP Students who received the  
Sacrament of the Eucharist on  
Sunday, May 2, 2021  
Please keep them in your prayers!*

*Christopher Kralle  
Getsemani Lara  
Yaretzi Lara  
Adrianna McCloskey  
Molly Raver  
Sophia Romer  
Liam Wylie*



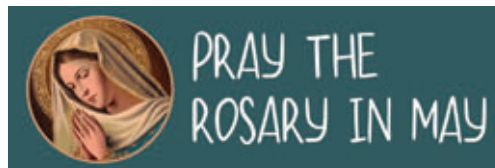
*to the following students who achieved  
Academic Honors for the Third Quarter*

**Conwell-Egan:**

*Andrew Kerr (First Honors)  
Jessica Ferry (First Honors)  
Madeline Tavernier (Second Honors)*

**Archbishop Ryan:**

*Kayla Gray (First Honors)  
Gina Crandall (Second Honors)*



*The Holy Father, through the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, has asked the universal Church to take up the Rosary during the month of May and to pray it daily for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia continues to pray the Rosary on Zoom, Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM for an end to the pandemic. During the month of May, join us anew as we storm Heaven with Mother Mary, St Joseph and all the saints! For details about how to log-in to the Rosary, visit [phillyevang.org/rosary](http://phillyevang.org/rosary)*

**The Miraculous Medal Shrine is hosting a May Marian Series: The Motherhood of Mary.** Our Blessed Mother has played a unique role in the Church history, and for centuries, devotees have looked to her for motherly guidance. Many rely on her graces and intercessions as they make their journey toward Christ, her Son. Learn more about Mary, our Blessed Mother, by joining us every Friday in May as we delve into the life and motherhood of Mary as presented by the sisters of the Daughters of Charity.

**Date: Every Friday in May**

Time: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Register at [miraculousmedal.org](http://miraculousmedal.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 June 30, 2021.** 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. Homeowners that have 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

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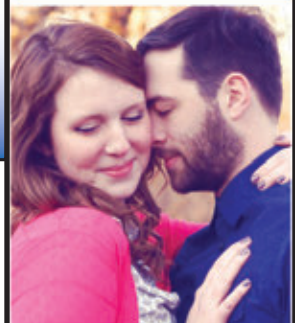
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