

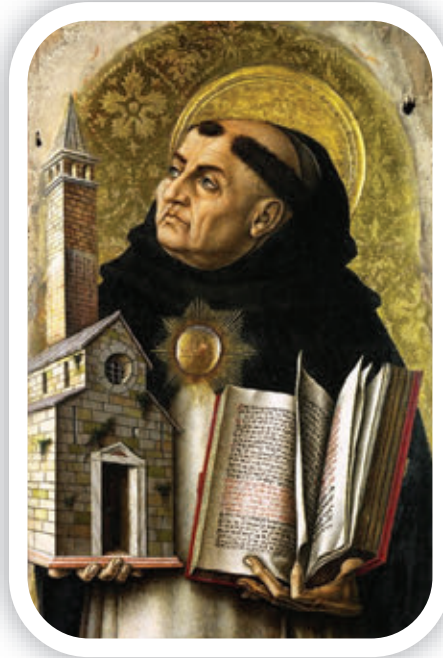
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sundays: 9:00 AM  
and 11:00 AM

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM  
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 Noon  
AND 7:00 PM



**PARISH OFFICE**

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**CONFESSION  
SCHEDULE**

Saturdays: 3:30 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

August/September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back from your summer vacation or staycation! Before I get to news and upcoming events, I want to express my gratitude to those who labored over the summer on behalf of the parish. I am grateful to those who helped maintain our parish gardens. I am happy to report that we had a bumper crop of tomatoes this year! Figs should be ripening soon! Bernadette Colvin continues to clean the church all by herself every week. Gerri McGuire faithfully changed the altar linens despite her husband's recent illness and eventual death. Our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Cantors, and Altar Society worked to enrich your summer Liturgies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society stayed open to respond to the needs of those affected by the pandemic and the recent flooding.

Speaking of the pandemic, the Delta Variant continues to spread. However, fully vaccinated people have a very small chance of becoming seriously ill or being hospitalized. In light of this, we want to restart some parish events:

- PREP—our Parish Religious Education Program for public and charter school students—opens on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas School.
- RCIA—the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—will begin again in late September. If you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic or hasn't received all their sacraments of initiation, please ask them to call the parish office. Unbaptized adults are fully initiated into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Others can be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during the Easter season.
- Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Many thanks to Mark Martin and Marie Kelly for co-chairing this event.
- Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Blessing of Animals at 12:30PM in front of the gazebo. Rain or shine!
- The Sunday Social will resume on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 11AM Mass.
- Designer Bag Bingo is Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Our Parish Memorial Mass will be offered on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. We will remember all those who have died over the past twelve months.
- Soup and Conversation is Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Shop till you drop!

Here is the latest news:

- Our Parish Survey indicates overwhelming support for removing the artwork that surrounds the crucifix behind the main altar. Surveys were mailed to all active households. 158 families responded. 252 people voted. 184 people or 73% voted to remove the artwork. 68 people or 27% voted to keep the artwork. The project will begin early next year.
- The Bristol Township Zoning Board voted down our proposal to build town houses where the school now stands. We are currently considering our options and preparing a response.
- Our Parish Lottery was a stunning success! We sold over 800 tickets and raised over \$10,000. Our top seller who wishes to remain anonymous sold 121 tickets!
- New windows were installed in the church sacristy. The previous windows were made of 65-year-old single-pane glass and were very drafty. Funds for this project came from your generous donations to our Annual Block Collection.
- On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> the Parish Office Building was broken into. It's not certain what, if anything, was stolen. Video of the break-in was saved by our security cameras. Police say that the suspect appeared high at the time of the incident. The next day a suspect was apprehended after he broke into the Croydon CVS. At this time, it appears that the same person will be charged with both crimes.
- The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11AM as we celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our church. Please spread the word to alumni and former parishioners. A catered lunch will follow in the parish hall. Tickets for that lunch will go on sale after Christmas.

Welcome back! Support your parish with your time, talent, and treasure, and pray for an end to the pandemic and a return of the majority to the practice of their Catholic Faith!

God Bless,  
Fr. David



**Monday**      **September 6, 2021 (Labor Day)**  
9:00 AM Michael Quynh Nguyen req by Mary & Joseph

**Tuesday**      **September 7, 2021**  
8:30 AM Kathleen Slane req by Kathy & Dennis Schafer

**Wednesday**      **September 8, 2021**  
8:30 AM Annette Hughes req by Kathy & Dennis Schafer

**Thursday**      **September 9, 2021**  
8:30 AM Veronica McIntyre req by Schroeder/France Fams

**Saturday**      **September 11, 2021**  
4:30 PM Ricardo Andres req by Jet Jabla & Family

**Sunday**      **September 12, 2021**  
9:00 AM Jane & Ralph Shirley req by Joe Shirley  
11:00 AM Derek deBeaumont req by Gerry Holdsworth & Joe Thompson

### *Weekend Offerings*

Total for All Masses for 08/21 & 08/22	\$ 3,064.75
Mail Ins/Parish Giving	\$ 1,053.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 61.00
Summer Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Parish)	\$ 89.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)	\$ 43.00
Candles/Shrine	\$ 38.00
Poor Box	\$ 11.00

TOTAL for Parish for August 22, 2021 \$4,361.75  
TOTAL for Archdiocesan Collections \$43.00

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

### *Lectors*

**September 11, 2021**  
4:30 PM M Kelly & R Kelly

**September 12, 2021**  
9:00 AM E Callery & R Gutherman  
11:00 AM W Scenna & R Powell

### *Extraordinary Ministers*

**September 11, 2021**  
4:30 PM E Schilling & P DeMichele

**September 12, 2021**  
9:00 AM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis  
11:00 AM G McGinley & C McGinley

### *Altar Servers*

**September 11, 2021**  
4:30 PM Meghan Brogan, Connor Freer

**September 12, 2021**  
9:00 AM Katherine Bitting, Emiley Le  
11:00 AM Lily Gentile, Violet Gentile,  
Daisy Gentile

### Sunday Scriptures September 12, 2021

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4c—9a (131B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Reading II: James 2:14—18  
Gospel: Mark 8:27—35

## 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, Eva Braley, Francis Breuer, Brian Bucci, Loretta Cameron, Bill Campanelli, Richard Campbell Jr, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Robert Cinkutis, Jennifer Clements, Suzanne Cole, Paul Cooper, Dolores DeBeaumont, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Rae Ann Edelman, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Helen Gergo, Patricia Gibson-Decker, Theresa Gilbert, Karen Goudy, Margaret Griffiths, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Mike Heil, Bart Houck, Joseph Hueber, Jet Jabla, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Donald Jones Sr, Bobby Konyves, Ron Kimble, Regina Lang, Duncan Lewis, John Lynch, Debbie Lyons, Benjamin Mack, Kathy Maddaloni, James Martin, Ray Martindell, Mary McGovern, Margaret McGrory, Cassidy Grace McVan, Carletta Minor, Joan Mundy, Karen Murphy, Vince Pasciullo, Chris Powell, Dan Reardon, Eileen Ryan, Arden Saenz, Gregory Schafer, Tracy Schlude, Ken Serrano Jr, Logan Sierocinski, Jimmy Simon, Romilda Steacker, Amanda Tees, Veronica Vales, Kim Vickers, Ray Weidner, 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.



*In observance of Labor Day  
the Parish Office will be closed  
on Monday, September 6th*



## St Thomas Aquinas 50/50

**Our December 50/50 started July 4th.**

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, December 26 after the 11:00 AM Mass

## PREP REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021-2022

Registration Forms have been sent to all current families. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Office **no later than September 1, 2021.**

Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office, at the Church entrances, and on the website ([www.staq.org](http://www.staq.org)).

Any questions, please email Kathy Gallagher at [stadre43@gmail.com](mailto:stadre43@gmail.com)

We are making plans and preparations for our **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 12th from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM**

We hope you will plan on joining us for a day of good food, fun and conversation with family and friends.

Volunteers are needed for set up/clean up.

We are also looking for donations of homemade salads and/or desserts.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or Mark Martin at (215) 681-7253



*The Knights of Columbus #4765* will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM**. This meeting will be held on-site in Father Crehan Hall and on Zoom. 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, September 8, 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, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

*There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 18th at 1:00 PM in the Chapel for Penny Daniels who passed away on August 12th.*

Croydon Acres Civic Association is sponsoring a **Local Artisan Show and Sale on September 25th** from 1 PM to 5 PM (Rain Date: 09/26/21) at Croydon Acres Park. Refreshments for sale, Raffles, 50/50. Interested Artists/Crafters contact us for info at: facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/croydonacres> email: [croydonacresplayground@comcast.net](mailto:croydonacresplayground@comcast.net)

**Catholic Charities Night at Citizens Bank Park Friday, September 10th at 7:05 PM**

Support Catholic Charities Appeal and watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies at Citizens Bank Park. A portion of the proceeds from all tickets sold will directly benefit Catholic Charities Appeal programs which provide support to those experiencing homelessness, special needs students, food cupboards, afterschool programs and so much more. If 500 tickets are sold, Father Sean Bransfield, Vice Chancellor of the AOP, will throw out the first pitch of the game with Archbishop Perez. In addition, CCA will get to play a short video before the game begins. For more information/tickets visit: <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities>

**AbbeyFest: Faith, Family and Music Festival Saturday, September 18, 2021**

Join us for the area's largest Catholic music festival! Families, individuals, young adults, youth groups and more are all welcome. We look forward to welcoming His Excellency Archbishop Nelson J Perez! Musicians: Matt Maher, Firehill Worship, The Scally Brothers and more. Location: Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA. More information: <https://www.theabbeyfest.com>

**Archdiocesan Respect Life Month Opening Mass Sunday, September 26, 2021, 11:00 AM**

Join us we unite in prayer with Archbishop Perez to uphold the sanctity of life! Following Mass, all are invited to a brunch reception with the Sisters of Life. Please RSVP for brunch.

Location: Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul  
More information: [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org)

**Contemplative Prayer Retreat September 27th—30th**

Location: Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May point, NJ 08212 (609) 884—3829  
This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Mass. Cost: \$160/pp—all single rooms. Sign up online at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

**West Catholic Girls' High School Class of 1956**

There will a **65th Reunion** at Anthony's at The Lamb in Springfield on **Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Noon**. Please contact the following for more information: Cass Jarrett Coakley at (610) 353-1017 or [CassCoakley@verizon.net](mailto:CassCoakley@verizon.net) Betty Steuber Neville at (856) 783-1711 or [ElizNeville@gmail.com](mailto:ElizNeville@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you there!

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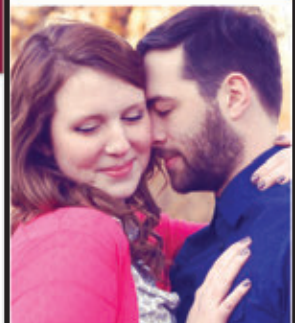
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