

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** Established July 1, 2014  
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**St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)**  
**& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)**

**ST. THOMAS**

601 Bristol Pike  
Croydon, PA 19021

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sundays: 9:00 AM (SETON)  
and 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM  
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 noon  
AND 7:00 PM  
(St. Thomas)



**SETON**

1200 Park Ave.  
Bensalem, PA 19020

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**CONFESSION  
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 PM  
(St. Thomas)

**Served By:**

**Rev. David A. Fernandes, Pastor**

**Rev. Michael J. Lonergan, Pastor Emeritus, (Former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)**

**Deacon John J. Gallagher**

**MARRIAGES**

By Diocesan policy, a six month advance notice is required to allow sufficient time for the necessary marriage paper work and preparation. Deacons are permitted to witness marriages which are not celebrated during Mass.

**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 Cares Meeting Room (enter by rear door) 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)  
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)  
(September to May)

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## The House of Representatives

### Citation

**Whereas**, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is always pleased to acknowledge those revered places of religious worship that contribute to the well-being of their communities and ultimately to all the people of this great Commonwealth; and

**Whereas**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church is celebrating the momentous occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the dedication of its church building on May 7, 2017; and

**Whereas**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church was established in 1922 by the Reverend Thomas Nolan to unify the communities of Croydon, Bristol and Bensalem. Presently following the spiritual guidance of the Reverend David A. Fernandes, the members of Saint Thomas Aquinas Church have enjoyed a long history of service to God and their fellow citizens. The church has been blessed with ministers and laypeople who strive to live in a manner that gives testimony to their spiritual beliefs. Their faith, determination, generosity and stewardship have enabled the church to become a vital and inspiring presence in their community.

**Now therefore**, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania heartily congratulates Saint Thomas Aquinas Church upon this joyous celebration; offers best wishes for a continued tradition of devoted service to God and humanity;

**And directs** that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Tina M. Davis on April 28, 2017, be transmitted to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, 601 Bristol Pike, Croydon, Pennsylvania 19021.

Handwritten signature of Tina M. Davis in cursive.

Tina M. Davis, Sponsor

Handwritten signature of Mike Turzai in cursive.

Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House

Attest:

Handwritten signature of David Reddecliff in cursive.

David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House



June 4, 2017

*Mass Intentions*  
  
*for the Week*

**Monday June 5, 2017**

8:30 AM No Mass

**Tuesday June 6, 2017**

8:30 AM No Mass

**Wednesday June 7, 2017**

8:30 AM No Mass

**Thursday June 8, 2017**

8:30 AM No Mass

**Saturday June 10, 2017**

9:00 AM No Intention

4:30 PM Gerard J Carmen req by Carmen Family

**Sunday June 11, 2017**

9:00 AM M/M Antonio Jabla req by Jet Jabla

11:00 AM Jenna Richards req by The Family

*Weekend Offerings*

05/20	4:30 PM	\$2,078.00
05/21	9:00 AM	\$1,994.00
05/21	11:00 AM	\$1,883.00
Mail Ins		\$ 823.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 323.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 70.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles		\$ 37.00
Poor Box		\$ 23.00

TOTAL for Parish for May 21, 2017 \$7,256.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

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

*Lectors*

**June 10, 2017**

4:30 PM C Ryan & R Fallon

**June 11, 2017**

9:00 AM C Del Puerto & A Ditzler

11:00 AM R Dalessandro & R Andrews

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**June 10, 2017**

4:30 PM D Shafer & K Shafer

**June 11, 2017**

9:00 AM R Daubert & E Callery

11:00 AM A Scheck & C Mehaffey

*Altar Servers*

**June 10, 2017**

4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,  
MaryRose Okwara

**June 11, 2017**

11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

**Sunday Scriptures June 11, 2017**

Reading I: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 (164A)  
Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55  
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Gospel: John 3:16-18

## 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:** Helen Amato, Lou Balot, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Caylonna, Lois Cinkutis, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, Tony DiTommaso, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Kathy Maddaloni, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

**Our Deceased:** Michael Amato, Marian Adams and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

### St Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts  
may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too,  
may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but  
what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all  
that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always  
may be holy.

Amen



Dear Parishioners,

When a diocese announces the closing of a parish, there usually follows much sorrow, anger, and a call for more time to address the issues that necessitated such a decision. Most recently, the Archdiocese of Hartford announced a forty percent downsizing in the number of its parishes! Rather than passively wait for the worst to happen, I have promoted various ways to help us get our finances in order. On the advice of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, we have begun an Increased Offertory Campaign and a Lottery. A parish bingo is in the planning stages. The response so far has been disappointing. The following is a summary of the feedback I have received:

- \* number who have volunteered to help with a monthly parish bingo: 3
- \* number who have volunteered to act as sellers of lottery tickets—apart from Pastoral Council and Finance Council members: 1
- \* number of lottery tickets sold: 190/1000
- \* percentage of active parishioners who have responded to the Increased Offertory Campaign: 18.9%
- \* total **annual** collection increase expected thus far: \$45,907.

I think the numbers speak for themselves. Please don't wait till it's too late!

God Bless,

Fr. David

## Parish Calendar of Events

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 next meeting will be on **Monday, June 5, 2017 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. *This will be the last meeting until the Fall.*

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

The **St Thomas Aquinas Women's Book/Bible Group** will be discussing a new book titled "*Resisting Happiness*" by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome to join us as we begin discussions on this book on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. All are welcome!

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017 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.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **SETON Seniors** are offering the following trips:

<b>Resorts</b>	<b>June 29, 2017</b>
<b>Mohegan Sun</b>	<b>Sept 28, 2017</b>

For reservations or information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

The **SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc** present: **Autumn Mountain Escape, Asheville, North Carolina. Monday, October 23rd to Friday, October 27, 2017**. Cost per person, for double occupancy, is \$785.00. A \$50.00 per person deposit is required to make your reservation. Final payment is due by September 1, 2017. For reservations & information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.



Our very own **Knights of Columbus #4765** are selling tickets to see the **Trenton Thunder on June 17th** (Father's Day Weekend). There will be a **DOUBLE-HEADER** that day so **ONE** ticket gets to see **TWO** "7-inning" games and enjoy fireworks afterwards. Gates open at 4:00 PM with the 1st game starting at 5:30 PM. Tickets are only \$10 per seat and will be sold in the Parish Office and in the back of Church after all Masses. Come get them before they sell out. Thank you.

**St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**  
Tickets are \$25.00 and are available after all Masses and in the Parish Office. Tickets have a three-digit number and each night, beginning July 1st, the PA Daily Evening Lottery Drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. Checks will be mailed to the winners weekly. There is no limit to the number of times you can win. Tickets are good for one year. Payout will be as follows: (1) *Each time your number is drawn (Monday to Saturday) you will receive \$35.00.* (2) *If your number is drawn on a Sunday, you will receive \$50.00.* **We are also looking for anyone who may be interested in selling tickets to friends, relatives and/or co-workers. Interested sellers should contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.**

Father David Fernandes and Deacon John Gallagher will be on retreat from **June 5th to June 9th**. Daily Mass will not be celebrated during their absence. For your convenience, we have listed below the Mass schedules for surrounding parishes:

**St Mark**

Bristol, PA

8:00 AM Mass (Monday to Friday)

**St. Ephrem**

Bensalem, PA

7:00 AM Mass (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM Mass (Monday to Saturday)

**St. Charles Borromeo**

Bensalem, PA

6:45 AM Mass (Monday to Friday)

**Queen of the Universe**

Levittown, PA

8:30 AM Mass (Monday to Saturday)

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center**, 3501 Solly Avenue in northeast Philadelphia is offering a weekend retreat "Mountain Climbing with Mystics" on **June 16-18, 2017**, beginning Friday evening at 7:00 PM and concluding with Noon Dinner on Sunday. With Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola and others as guides, come scale the heights of prayer and view the landscape of your soul with the Bridegroom. Then prepare for the descent, for not even the mystics remain on the mountaintop. But fear not. You will leave this silent retreat equipped with a roadmap for the journey home. The presenter is Barbara Hughes and the fee is \$175.00. Please call (267) 350-1830 for more information or registration.

*Flame of Love Movement* celebrates **Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 17, 2017** at Corpus Christi Church, Lansdale, PA. Begins with 8:30 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 2:00 PM. Speakers will be Fr. William Gaffney, CSsR Redemptorist and Gloria Anson. Handicap accessible and ample parking. Bring your own lunch. Free of Charge. This retreat will touch the hearts of every person and every family — young and old alike.

The **Second Annual Padre Pio Festival** at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland, PA, is being held on the weekend of **June 23, 24, 25, 2017**.

\* Friday evening: Youth & Young Adult Night

Holy Hour, Exposition, Confessions followed by live entertainment, food trucks.

\* Saturday: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass (blessing with relics)

\* Sunday: 12:30 PM Solemn Mass, followed by street procession. 2:30 PM Healing Service (blessing with relics/confession)

Saturday & Sunday afternoon & evening outdoor festival, with several food/beverage vendors, craft vendors, inflatable children's amusements, and live entertainment. Visit [www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com).

*Nazareth Academy High School* is proud to offer a **Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program** for girls who will be entering 8th grade in Fall 2017. These programs are Monday through Thursday, from **June 26th until July 20th**, from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. We also offer Academic Summer Camps (Art, Math, Science and Glee) as well as Athletic Summer Camps. For more information or to register contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring **Understanding Opioids and Narcan on June 29, 2017** from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St Francis-St Joseph Auditorium, 3400 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA. Call (215) 642-3070 to register.

Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ is offering a unique week long **Summer Family Retreat**. Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 29th through the end of August. Cost for the week: \$215/pp ages 8 and up, \$140/pp ages 2-7, under 2 free. Financial Aid is available. Join together with several other families to form a Christ-centered community for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities. Scheduled recreation and free time daily with ocean swimming is a part of all family retreats. To sign up or for more information call (609) 884-3829 or visit [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

**100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje**. 12 Days, **October 7-18, 2017**. Consider joining Helen Holroyd and Rev Augustine Esposito, O.S.A. on this Marian journey and gain a plenary indulgence as decreed by Pope Francis. Join us for a "Meet and Greet" with prospective pilgrims like yourself on *Wednesday, June 7th* at 7:30 PM at St Gabriel Rectory, 233 Mohawk Avenue, Norwood, PA 19074. For more information, contact Helen Holroyd at (610) 213-4141 or [Helenshorizons@gmail.com](mailto:Helenshorizons@gmail.com) for an itinerary.



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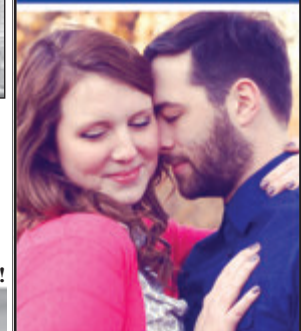
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