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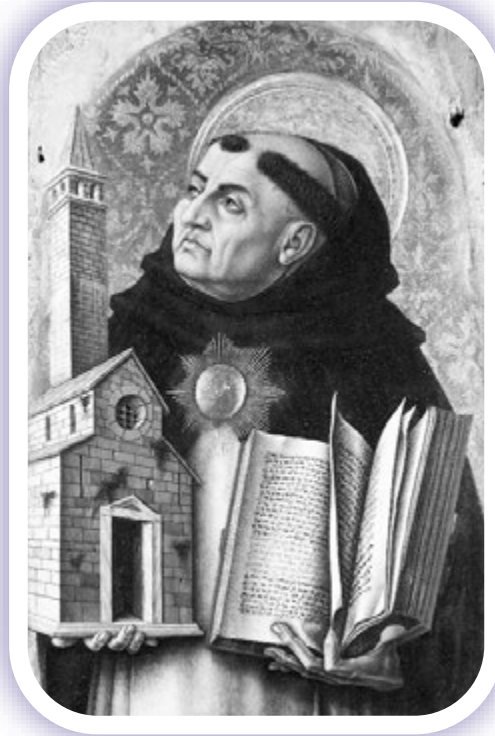
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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



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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 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)
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)
(October to May)

December 2, 2018



Monday December 3, 2018
8:30 AM Marcella Ghost req by Gert Kaelin

Tuesday December 4, 2018
8:30 AM James W Wilson III req by Margaret Garcia

Wednesday December 5, 2018
8:30 AM Edward J Rafalski req by Cheryl Rizzo

Thursday December 6, 2018
8:30 AM James Carmody req by Tom

Friday December 7, 2018
8:30 AM Marcella Ghost req by John & Helene Slakoper & Family
Immaculate Conception (Vigil Mass)
7:00 PM Andrew McCauley req by Fred & Colleen Costello

Saturday December 8, 2018
(Immaculate Conception)
9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
(Sunday Vigil Mass)
4:30 PM Celso Hao req by Cherry Del Puerto

Sunday December 9, 2018
9:00 AM Margaretta Lonergan req by Parish Office Staff
11:00 AM Michael Fratantaro req by The Family

Weekend Offerings

11/17	4:30 PM	\$ 2,344.00
11/18	9:00 AM	\$ 1,302.00
11/18	11:00 AM	\$ 1,868.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 914.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 60.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 71.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 7.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 2.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 20.00
Poor Box		\$ 46.00

TOTAL for Parish for November 18, 2018 \$6,632.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$2.00

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

Lectors

December 7, 2018
(Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass)
7:00 PM J Berna & M Kelly

December 8, 2018
(Immaculate Conception)
9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Daubert
(Sunday Vigil)
4:30 PM J Mundy & R Fallon

December 9, 2018
9:00 AM D Pierce-Bongart & T Berna
11:00 AM D DiTommaso & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

December 7, 2018
(Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass)
7:00 PM R Gutherman & T Litz

December 8, 2018
(Immaculate Conception)
9:00 AM M Bosco & B Balot
(Sunday Vigil)
4:30 PM C Ryan & L Mundy

December 9, 2018
9:00 AM M O'Flynn & T O'Flynn
11:00 AM W Freer & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

December 7, 2018
(Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass)
7:00 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon

December 8, 2018
(Immaculate Conception)
9:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer
(Sunday Vigil)
4:30 PM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

December 9, 2018
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
Chaston Gabriel

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: Anna Balla, Robin Beerhalter, Dave Beitz, Christine Blade, Francis Breuer, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Andrea Hychalk, Debbiy Hynes, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Jennifer Litz-Bard, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Richard & Marianne (Sis) Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Lino Silva, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, John Wallover, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Theresa Wilson and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The second collection this weekend, December 1st—2nd, is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Aging Religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your support.

Attention All Decorators

On Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM we will begin decorating the Church for Christmas.

We invite and welcome all volunteers!

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Nov 16th to Nov 27th are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists lottery results from Nov 16 to Nov 27, including winning numbers and names of winners or 'Unsold Ticket'.

St Thomas Aquinas



Monthly envelopes are being provided for our 50/50 Christmas Drawing. 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. Our first drawing will take place on December 30, 2018. To date, we have \$4,245.00 in the pot. You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.

Sunday Scriptures December 9, 2018

Reading I: Baruch 5:1—9 (6C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1—2, 2—3, 4—5, 6
Reading II: Philippians 1:4—6, 8—11
Gospel: Luke 3:1—6



The **Bucks County Scottish American Society** meets the first Sunday of every month at **2:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 2, 2018**. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

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, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their next General Meeting on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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, December 13, 2018**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018 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, December 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Rom. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

2018 Giving Tree News

We are so excited to share with you our "Hotline to Christmas Telephone Number."

A direct line for help to our parish and community families who could use some. If you work at a company or your family would like to sponsor a family this Christmas, give us a call. In submitting names, please remember we have an obligation to our parishioners first, followed by our Parish shut ins and finally our Community. All names will be held strictly confidential! The Giving Tree will be decorated beginning November 3rd. We will not accept any names after December 2nd.

As always, we thank you for making holiday memories for our families to share!

The number to call is (267) 300—5855



**Saturday, December 8th, is the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*It is a Holy Day of Obligation
Our Mass Schedule will be:*

Friday, December 7th
7:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 8th
9:00 AM Mass

*All Masses will be celebrated
at St Thomas Aquinas*

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Confessions During Advent
St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday Confessions
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday Evenings
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
4:00 PM (SETON)
7:00 PM (St Thomas)

Christmas Day
10:00 AM (St Thomas)

New Year's Eve
4:30 PM (SETON)

New Year's Day
10:00 AM (St Thomas)

St Thomas Aquinas Seniors..... are a group of men and women 55 and older who meet for companionship, friendship and social activity. Our activities include bingo, cards, guest speakers and luncheons. We meet every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM in Father Crehan Hall. New members are always welcome. We hope you will consider joining our group. For more information, contact Joe Cochran at (215) 788-1019.

**The Knights of Columbus #4765
2019 Discount Cards**

.....are now available for purchase. The cards are \$10.00 each. Many local and chain restaurants offer discounts or free appetizers. Cards may be used an unlimited number of times during the 2019 calendar year. Cards may be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or in the Parish Office.

Thank You....

*We would like to thank the donors
for their donations for the Giving Tree*

**In Memory of Thelma Clee
and
In Memory of John Lawler**

The Committee for the Christmas Bazaar would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who were involved in the Christmas Bazaar/Basket Raffle. Your support was greatly appreciated and the event would not have been possible without your help.

New Horizons "Spirit Journey". **Jesus** at Sight and Sound Music Theater—**Thursday, December 6, 2018**. Private sit-down lunch & 2 hours of Christmas Shopping. \$135 includes transportation, choice of entrée (London Broil, Salmon or Chicken Parm) w/vegetables, salad, hot & cold beverages & dessert. Plus, fun games & entertainment. Last chance to see the show before its gone from the theater. For details, call Helen Holroyd at (610) 213-4141.

Wigilia Advent Social—St Mary's Hall (corner of Elm and Oak Sts in Conshohocken) on **Sunday, December 16th** at 12:30 PM (following the 11 AM Mass). This event is co-sponsored by St Mary's Quasi-Parish and St Mary Polish American Society and will feature some of the traditional foods enjoyed at a Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. There will also be a basket raffle, blessed oplatki wafers available to take home, and pre-ordered babka and pierogi available for pick up. Admission is \$15 and \$6 for children 18 or under. Family rate of \$45 for larger families. Pre-ordered cinnamon and cheese babka are available for \$15 each and frozen potato pierogi are available for \$9 dozen. To purchase tickets and order babkas and pierogi, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at (610) 630-0861.

Attention Archbishop Ryan Family Members

On **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** at 7:00 PM the Archbishop Ryan School Family will be offering a **Memorial Mass** for **Father Carl J Graczyk, O.F.M.** Our beloved Father Carl passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Many remember Father fondly as he served the Ryan Community as a faculty member or as weekend help in area parishes. All are welcome to attend this Memorial Mass for Father Graczyk. For questions, please contact Fr. Jonathan Dalin, Campus Minister, at (215) 637-1800 Ext 249 or jdalin@archbishopryan.com

Christ the King Parish offers the **Pre-Cana Program** at CTK Convent on Friday evening, **January 25, 2019** and Saturday, **January 26, 2019**. Engaged couples of nearby parishes, who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony next year, are most welcome. For information, please contact Rich Green, CTK Pre-Cana Coordinator, at rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

Catholic Social Services, Bucks County is appealing to you for your help in providing assistance to those in need at Christmas time and throughout the year. We invite you to participate in our **Community Christmas Program**. Perhaps your family or a team at work can come together and help make the season a little brighter for a local Bucks County family! Please call (215) 945-2550 and ask for the Community Christmas/Adopt a Family Program. You can also help by making a cash or gift card donation. These donations can be sent to 100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054. Gift cards from local grocery stores like Giant, Shop Rite, Wal-Mart, and Target allow us to assist families at Christmas and throughout the year. For those who prefer to shop, items such as diapers, wipes, infant blankets and clothing and baby toiletries are always in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to help our neighbors in need! May God continue to bless you and your families. For more information, please call (215) 945-2550.

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 December 31, 2018.* 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 \$35,000 or less and renters with 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 and a staff member will assist you.



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