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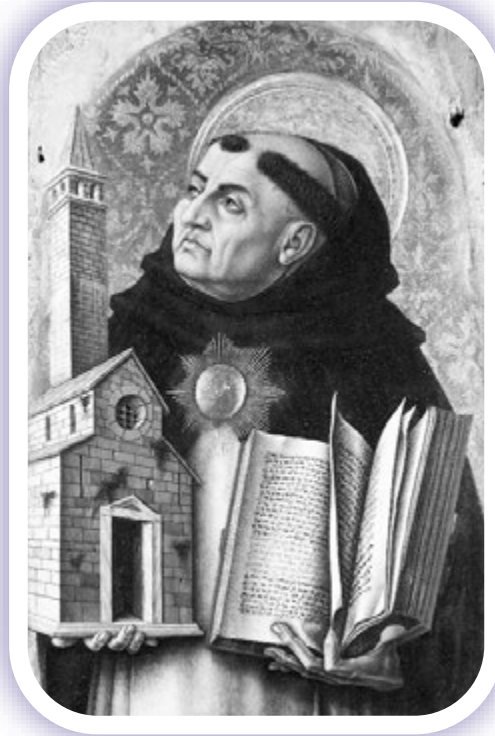
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



Monday December 10, 2018
 8:30 AM James W Wilson III req by Margaret Garcia

Tuesday December 11, 2018
 8:30 AM Jennie Rodriguez req by Carol Rodriguez & Fam

Wednesday December 12, 2018
 8:30 AM Ida Davis req by Tom

Thursday December 13, 2018
 8:30 AM Walter Rudzinski req by Carol Rodriguez & Fam

Friday December 14, 2018
 8:30 AM Margaret & Raymond Beck req by Betty Wunsch & Kathleen Coya

Saturday December 15, 2018
 4:30 PM Joseph Clayton req by Colleen & Fred Costello

Sunday December 16, 2018
 9:00 AM Msgr Vengco Jr req by Edel Callery
 11:00 AM Fran Currie req by Janice, Anne & Mary

Weekend Offerings

11/24	4:30 PM	\$ 1,975.00
11/25	9:00 AM	\$ 1,721.00
11/25	11:00 AM	\$ 1,635.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 709.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 129.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 35.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 30.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 10.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 32.00
Poor Box		\$ 26.00

TOTAL for Parish for November 25, 2018 \$6,292.00
 TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$10.00

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

Lectors

December 15, 2018
 4:30 PM R Fallon & P DeMichele

December 16, 2018
 9:00 AM R Andrews & E Callery
 11:00 AM W Scenna & R Dalessandro

Extraordinary Ministers

December 15, 2018
 4:30 PM J Berna & T Litz

December 16, 2018
 9:00 AM E Ryan & R Gutherman
 11:00 AM E Marra & D DiTommaso

Altar Servers

December 15, 2018
 4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon

December 16, 2018
 11:00 AM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

Sunday Scriptures December 16, 2018

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14—18a (9C)
 Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2—3, 4, 5—6
 Reading II: Philippians 4:4—7
 Gospel: Luke 3:10—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: 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 and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Theresa Wilson and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Congratulations to..

Shelby Brodhead
who received high honors for the First Quarter
from Villa Joseph Marie High School

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 28th to Dec 4th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Nov 28	817	Joe & Pat O'Brien
Nov 29	419	Linda Mikos
Nov 30	040	Unsold Ticket
Dec 1	933	Unsold Ticket
Dec 2	118	Paul Oakes
Dec 3	528	Cora Worden
Dec 4	167	Connie Lombardo

St Thomas Aquinas

50/50
FUNDRAISER

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 \$4,600.00 in the pot.** You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.



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 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME.**

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.

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, January 6, 2019**. 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, January 7, 2019 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, January 8, 2019 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

2018 Giving Tree News

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

The number to call is (267) 300—5855

All names will be held strictly confidential! We will not accept any names after December 2nd.

Gift Tags are still available to take from the tree. You may return your gift card to the Parish Office or place in the basket near the Giving Tree.

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





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.

Confessions During Advent

Saturday Confessions

St Thomas Aquinas
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)

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...

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.

Thank You....

On behalf of the St Thomas Aquinas Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to thank the Parish Community of St Thomas Aquinas for your generous support this past year.

With your donations, we were able to help 159 people for a total of \$12,600 in assistance for utilities, emergency food and rental assistance. We hope you will continue to support us in our efforts to help people in their time of need. Thank you!

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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