



Mission Statement:

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, through our cultural diversity, united in our expressions of faith, lives the Gospel message in our neighborhood through worship, education, service, and advocacy.



**St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community**

PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 8, 2025



**Happy Feast of
PENTECOST**
(the Birthday of the Church)

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

Sunday:

8:00AM (Vietnamese)

10:00AM (English)

12:00PM (Indonesian)

5:00 PM Spanish

Holidays: 8:30AM (Church)

Weekdays: 8:30AM (Chapel)

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2025**

Saturday June 7th

4:00 PM Joseph & Rose
D'Alexander by their family

Sunday June 8th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 am Vietnamese Mass
10:00 AM Maria D' Aquino by
Sister- in- law and Nephews
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass
5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday June 9

8:30 AM In memory of
Consolacion Alagasa

Tuesday June 10

8:30 AM For migrants and their
advocates and caregivers

Wednesday June 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday June 12

8:30 AM In memory of
Consolacion Alagasa

Friday June 13

St. Anthony of Padua

8:30 AM Thanksgiving Mass in
honor of St. Anthony of Padua by
Matilde Estrellado & family

Saturday June 14

8:30 AM In memory of
Consolacion Alagasa

Saturday June 14

4:00 PM Luciano Porchia by
Dora & Enrico Porchia

Sunday June 15

The Most Holy Trinity

Father's Day

8:00 am Vietnamese Mass
10:00 AM CBC Members of St.
Thomas Aquinas Parish
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass
5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Services Available For Our Parishioners

Mass Intentions: If you wish to schedule a Mass for your loved ones, please contact our rectory, and we will try to accommodate your request in the best possible way.

Yearly Memorial Candle: Remember your beloved deceased by keeping a memorial candle lit for them all year.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund: Donations are assigned a week and posted in the weekly bulletin. Families will receive a memorial card with the week and donation received. Forms can be picked up at the Rectory.

Prayer request for the sick: If you would like us to include the name of your intention in the bulletin for prayer, please contact the rectory.

Leaving a Legacy: Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Morris St. (our legal title) in your will. Your legacy will help support our mission and allow

**Please Remember In Your Prayers
Those Who Are Sick**

Sr. Ellen Convey, Ivonne Gaskins, Sybil William Giovanna Ventura -Leon De Fulgentis - Deborah Brady, Joseph Hanlon, Henry McCallister, April DeMatto, Mike Tatersley, Dolores Smith, Linda Nowlin, Daria Ward, Lacey Terreri, Karen Scott Precise -Diane Barsuglia- Shondell Ayala-Copeland, Timothy Joseph McCloskey, Timothy Michael McCloskey, Isaac Davis, Maria Figueroa, Daniel Lorenzo Fernandez, Dwight Alexander - Phillis Alexander, Theresa Giosa, Concetta Parker, Ulises Lopes, Ana Colon, -Theresa Giosa ,Stephan Todd-Ryan, Catherine Todd, Gwen Munson, April DeMatto, Adeline Ostobile, John Daniel, Virginia Tinkler- Moore, Robert Salvatore, Margaret Coleman, Ada Roebuck, Lilian Offord, David Anderson, Helen Zungolo, Bryan DeSanto.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the
Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Pentecost Sunday

The Jewish people celebrated Pentecost for centuries before it became the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. The Jewish Pentecost was a celebration of the fiftieth day of Passover, a feast requiring every Jewish man, woman, and child to come to the Temple at Jerusalem. This explains the large crowd present there fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. They used this time to commemorate the giving of the Ten Commandments of the Law to Moses on the top of Mount Sinai. At Sinai, God revealed himself in wind and fire.

As the people are gathered there at the Temple, the Holy Spirit descends in the rushing of wind with tongues of fire. People begin to speak the same message in many different languages. This event reminds us of the Tower of Babel when God scattered his people all over the earth and confused their language.

In Saint John's Gospel, Jesus appears in the Upper Room on that first Easter, breathing his Holy Spirit on his Apostles and saying, Peace be with you. In that moment, Jesus

takes away their fears that his body may have been stolen, and he assured them that he is both risen and glorified. This also draws our minds back to the Book of Genesis where God created Adam. The first man did not have life until God breathed his Spirit into his nostrils. In the Upper Room the Apostles had long since been charged with the task of preaching and building up God's Kingdom, but they did not have the life-giving capability of fulfilling this mission until Jesus breathed his God-given power upon them.

Just as God created Adam and gave him life, so, too, Christ, who is God, created the Church and gives it the Holy Spirit. This Spirit guides her and protects her. Adam was created to know, love and serve God. He disobeyed and became a mere mortal. The Church was instituted by God to help all to pick up where Adam left off-to make God known, loved and served by all. In as much as she obeys this great commission, the Church leads all back to immortality. In our Creed, we profess faith in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Life is what the Holy Spirit has given to the Church, and through Baptism

and Confirmation, this same gift is given to all who believe.

At Pentecost, God comes down to us in the Holy Spirit, calling all people to a new way of life. Beginning on that first Pentecost, hundreds of new disciples, our first Christian ancestors, began to live according to the Spirit of God. They begin using the gifts bestowed upon them by living in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faith, mildness and temperance- replacing their former ways of selfishness.

Jesus said at Easter: As the Father has sent me, so I send you. In word, wind and fire, as in the Body and Blood, Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit once again, renewing in us that same command he once gave to his first disciples: that we go out to all the world and make disciples of all. Today we say with believers throughout time: Veni, Sancte Spiritus or Come, Holy Spirit! Come into our hearts, come into our parishes, come into our homes, and renew the face of the earth.

May God bless you all!
Fr. Dominic
Your brother in Christ

Parish Organizations

- *Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality : First Sunday of the Month (10:00 Am Mass.)*
- *Concerned Black Catholics: Third Sunday of the Month (10:00 AM Mass). Please contact Daria Ward regarding the new breakfast service for CBS of St.. Thomas Aquinas .*

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dominic Tran Minh Duc
Pastor
Rev. Wilmer Chirino-Gonzalez
Parochial Vicar
Rev. Markus Hermawan
Indonesian Ministry
Deacon Cristobal Chavac
Hispanic Ministry

Ms. Karina Fernandez
Parish Business Manager
Ms. Joanne Gledhill
Director of Religious Ed.
Mrs. Ruth Maldonado
Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Rectory for arrangements

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Confessions

Before every Mass or call the rectory for an appointment.

OCIA "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults"

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic is invited to participate in this process. Contact the rectory for details.

Parish Registration

New residents of our neighborhood are invited to join the parish by calling the rectory. Those that are moving out of the parish are asked to please inform the parish secretary.

Weekly Announcements- June 8, 2025



Let's work together in making our neighbourhood safe.

- Bring your questions
- Learn about how the law work
- Initiatives for our area and more

Conversations with Police representative 17th District

Wednesday
June 18
Aquinas
Center

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic

Retreat. Join us at the Malvern Family Life Center for a retreat with Father Joseph Ita-Sam, Kathleen McCarthy .Friday - **Sunday, June 20 - 22, 2025**
Location: Malvern Family Life Center, 313 S Warren Ave, Malvern, PA 19355 /More Info:
Register at: <https://archphilaccr.org/events/>
Questions: Maria C. Richardson at mrichardson@archphila.org or 267-664-2878

The CBC members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will be holding their monthly meeting at the Aquinas center on June 14 at 10:00 AM. We cordially invite all associates to attend.
Deacon Mahoney will assist the CBC Monthly Mass in June 15/ everyone is warmly invited to join.

PCA:Philadelphia Corporation for Aging Dear Parishioners:

On May 15, we celebrated Senior Fraud Awareness Day. However, it's important to stay alert all year round. By remaining vigilant, informed, and proactive, older adults in Philadelphia and their families can help prevent fraud and protect their finances. When it comes to scams, identity theft, and robberies, many organizations across the country want to share common tips to help you avoid headaches and stay safe.

1. Stay Alert to Common Scams
2. Don't Share Personal Information
3. Be Cautious with Unsolicited Offers
4. Protect Yourself in the Use of Technology
5. Monitor Bank Accounts and Credit Reports and Designate a Trusted Contact
6. Resist Pressure to Act Quickly

Report Suspected Fraud Immediately. For more information go to <https://www.pcacares.org/news/tips-to-protect-older-adults-from-fraud-national-senior-fraud-awareness-day/>

Congrats, Grads!

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all graduates—especially those from St. Thomas Aquinas Mission School 2025. Your sacrifices, hopes, and dreams are evident as you take your next steps in life. Go forward with renewed hope and confidence. Your efforts will pay off. Congratulations as well to the proud parents who have witnessed their children's achievements and growth toward a brighter future! Our gratitude also goes out to the teachers, Administrator, volunteers, assistants, and staff who helped make this school year a successful one.

NEW PARISHIONER : We welcome you to our area! If you wish to become a St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner, please call our rectory to schedule an appointment to register. Parish registration is required to schedule baptism or marriages, as well as to obtain certificates of eligibility for godparents and / or sponsors. Please call at 215.334.2312 or email the Parish office to register staquinasparish@gmail.com

St. Thomas Aquinas School, an Independence Mission School. ENROLLMENT:

On - going PK to Grade 8. The earlier you register, the better changes of getting more scholarships. New families get a \$ 1000 credit .Learn More at www.imstthomas.org/school-for-you /call or visit 215 334 0878/ 1631S 18th Philadelphia 19145

Interested in becoming a U.S. Citizen?

If you have had your Green Card for at least 3 years and speak English, you are eligible for an interview with Sr. Fran. She will return your call! Please contact the rectory for more information at 215.334.2312

- To view the bulletin, visit Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community church. [https://www.church-bulletin.org/?i/1719 Morris Street - Philadelphia, PA 19145/\(215\) 334-2312](https://www.church-bulletin.org/?i/1719%20Morris%20Street%20-%20Philadelphia,%20PA%2019145/(215)334-2312). If you would like to place your ad in this church bulletin, please contact us toll free at
- (800) 333-3166.
- ***Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation Saturdays and Sundays before every Mass.***

Readings for Mass for this Week. Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

FIESTA DE PENTECOSTES -DOMINGO -JUNIO 8,2025

Reflexión del Domingo de Pentecostés. "El Espíritu Santo es el don que Jesús pidió y pide al Padre para sus amigos"

En la celebración solemne de Pentecostés se nos invita a profesar nuestra fe en la presencia y en la acción del Espíritu Santo y a invocar su efusión sobre nosotros, sobre la Iglesia y sobre el mundo entero. "Pentecostés", en griego, significa "día quincuagésimo". El 50 es un número que ya los judíos tenían, asimilado desde hace siglos como símbolo de plenitud. Con Pentecostés, el ministerio de Jesús se hace visible en plenitud. Cuando el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre los discípulos y habita en ellos, su vida queda transformada en una vida marcada por el mismo amor que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo. La vida espiritual, en efecto, es una vida en la que somos elevados a ser partícipes de la vida divina.

Por eso, los cristianos celebramos en esta cincuentena, después de la Pascua- la Resurrección de Jesús, su donación del Espíritu a la comunidad apostólica precisamente a los cincuenta días. Nuestra invocación al Espíritu Santo quiere asociarse a la oración de nuestra celestial Madre María que asistió a las alegrías de la infancia de Jesús y a los dolores de su sacrificio.

Madre nuestra, ruega por nosotros, para que podamos ser dignos hijos de Dios y seguir el ejemplo de Jesús en el Espíritu Santo. Amén /Por el Padre Wilmer Chirino

Citizenship : Es beneficiario de la tarjeta verde desde hace al menos 3 años? ¿Puede leer este boletín en inglés? ¿Quiere hacerse ciudadano estadounidense? Entonces por favor llame a la rectoría para programar una cita para la clase de ciudadanía con la Hermana Fran al

SIGNOS DEL JUBILEO



La comunidad hispana de Santo Tomas de Aquino te invita a la peregrinacion al Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepcion en Washington D.C. el 29 de Junio, 2025. Para mas informacion por favor llamar a Rosalio Luna al 267 481 5405

En la fiesta de Pentecostés, los cristianos

conmemoran la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles, reunidos alrededor de la Madre del Señor (Hechos capítulo 2). La fiesta se celebra el 50 y último día de la temporada de Pascua, que es 8 de Junio. **Por lo cual la comunidad rinde homenaje al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus** a las 7 de la noche de lunes a Viernes en el Jardin Rosario para honrar nuestra devocion a Jesus y experimentar sus abundantes bendiciones .



Servicios Sociales en la Iglesia de Santo Tomas de Aquino durante la Primavera

- **Distribucion de Vegetales** . Los invitamos a recibir las donaciones gratis de vegetales, jugos, frutas, libros, pañales y mucho mas que la organizacion **Mighty writers** dona cada lunes en el parqueadero al frente del Aquinas Center de 11:30 am a 1:00 pm para toda nuestra gente, Todos son Bienvenidos
- **Charlas con la policia del distrito 17 de Philadelphia**
- Todos los meses el tercer Miercoles de cada mes. Proxima reunion Miercoles Junio 18 a las 6 pm en el Aquinas Center .



Felicidades, Graduados!. Nuestras más sinceras felicitaciones a todos los estudiantes que se graduaron en este 2025, especialmente los estudiantes de Santo Thomas de Aquino. Sus sacrificios, esperanzas y sueños son evidentes a medida que escalan nuevos peldaños en sus vidas. ¡Felicitaciones también a los orgullosos padres que han sido testigos de los logros de sus hijos y el crecimiento hacia un futuro más brillante!
Nuestra gratitud también a los profesores, al personal administrativo, voluntarios, ayudantes y personal que han contribuido al éxito de este curso escolar.

Santa Misa en español :

Todos los Domingos a las 5:00 pm.
Todos son Bienvenidos



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