



St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community



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 Parish

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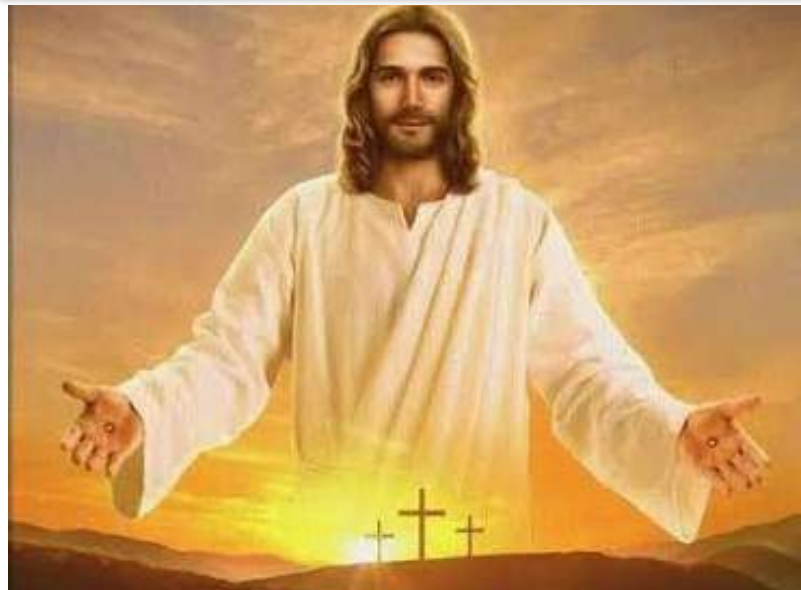
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SUNDAY-MAY 3,2026



JESUS *saith unto him,*
I AM THE WAY.
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
no man cometh unto
the Father, but by me
John 14:6

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)

Mass Intentions for the week

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Saturday May 2nd

8:30 am People of the parish
4:00 pm Cynthia D. Sebastiano by the
D'Matteo family
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday May 3rd

5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Vietnamese Mass
10:00 am Sodality members of St.
Thomas Aquinas Parish
12:00 pm Indonesian Mass
5:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday May 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday May 5

8:30 AM Matthew Houston by
Jeantta Houston

Wednesday May 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday May 7

8:30 am In memory of Reverend.
James Hutchins

Friday May 8

8:30 am First Anniversary of Pope
Leo XIV

Saturday May 9

8:30 am Ricci, Rev .Monsignor
Philip C.
4:00 pm Angel and Maximina Garcia
by their family

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday May 10

5th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:00 am Vietnamese Mass
10:00 am Angelo Guarino by His Wife
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 us to serve future needs generations.

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

Louise Gloria, Davita Saxon, Carol Devon,
Irene Ceron Ventura, Hazelan Koroma, Raquel Barrios, Steven Johnson, Dianne Dematto, Father Daniel Dinardo, Ivonne Gaskins, Sybil William 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, Adeline Ostobile, John Daniel, Virginia Tinkler- Moore, Robert Salvadore, Margaret Coleman, Ada Roebuck, Lilian Offord, David Anderson, Helen Zungolo , Bryan DeSanto, Frank Diodato.

**St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.**

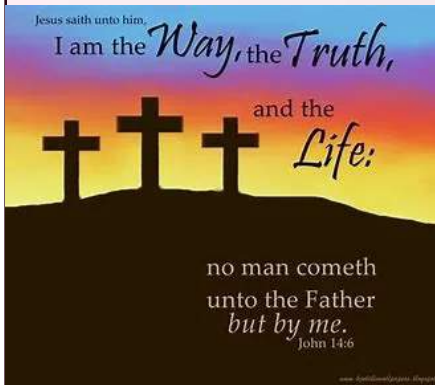
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts.

— Pope Francis —

PASTOR'S CORNER
5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026



Our gospel today finds Jesus boldly proclaiming, "I am the way, the truth, and the life! No one comes to the Father, but through me." Jesus is telling us that through him is the only way to come to God the Father. The life of Christ is not simply a historic life of a good man who lived life by intelligent, social principles. No, the life of Christ is a timeless guide - a map to God for people of all ages.

First of all, we have to believe that the life of Christ will show us the way. We must believe that the way in which Christ and his teachings are the directions by

which to live our life's journey. We must believe that it is the way to our Father's house in heaven.

Secondly we must believe that Christ is truth. The principles and values which he set forth for us are the timeless truths of life. The example he gave to us of selfless giving and sacrifice is a timeless model of life. The words which he spoke reveal to us the commands of God. Unless we believe that Jesus is telling us the truth how could we ever expect to get to our destination of heaven?

Thirdly, we must believe that Christ will lead us to life. We must trust that the path on which Christ leads us is not some joy ride, nor is it a path to destruction or an irrelevant journey. This is important because following in the footsteps of Christ may take us through some pretty rough places: rejection, betrayal, misunderstanding, abandonment, suffering and even death. It is then that Christ gently tells us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me." Beyond

all of our struggles is the glory of resurrection and life with God forever. Yes, it is the path to eternal life in heaven. It is on this destination that our eyes must be focused.

In the early days of the Church, imitating the life of Christ was called living the Christian way. For us today it is still our way; it is our means to life.

We belong to Christ. He wants us to be with him forever. He doesn't let us wander aimlessly. Rather he shows us the way by becoming the way himself. "I am the way, the truth, and the life! No one comes to the Father, except through me." To be in heaven with God should be the life goal of every Christian. God bless you as you continue on your life journey.

Happy Easter to all of you!!!!
Fr. Dominic
May God Bless you all!

Parish Organizations

- *Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality : First Sunday of the Month (10:00 am Mass.)*
- *Concerned Black Catholics meet on the third Sunday of each month at the 10:00 AM Mass.*
- *For information about the new breakfast service for CBS of St. Thomas Aquinas, please contact Daria Ward.*

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 -Sunday May 3, 2026



**Community Health Fair at
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
1719 Morris St. 19145
May 30 | lower hall | 10am to
1pm**

- Services Available
- Penn oncology Cancer screening
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Cholesterol and vision, glucose screening
- Dental Screening and Supplies
- prenatal care, baby cribs \$ vitamins
- Narcan distribution
- Height, weight & BMI check
- Pulse oximeter & blood pressure
- Residents on site assistance and moreALL ARE WELCOME!

HEALING MASS -Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 6:00 PM. Join us for a Healing Mass for those affected by cancer, in honor of St. Peregrine and St. Agatha. Those who are suffering from cancer or any illness are invited to receive the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome. : Lower Church Epiphany of Our Lord 11th & Jackson Street 19148

Solemn Novena & Feast Day - The National Shrine of Saint Rita. From Wednesday -May 13 to Friday , May 22, 2026 . Mass Times
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Confession Times 9:00 a.m. 2:00 pm 4:00 p.m.

Save the date : May shredding Event! Saturday May 30 from 11am to 1:00 pm in the South Philly High Parking lot. Call to this number 215 271 9190 to learn more !

B.B.V.C (Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp). Are you being called? Do you have questions about the priesthood or just want to learn more about what being a priest is like? Summer Camp- Quo Vadis Days 2026 hosted by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and the Philadelphia seminarians, is a 4-day, 3-night summer camp for high school-aged men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors) at Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville PA June 22-25, 2026
 Event Info /Cost: \$25 to \$300 (pay what you are able) /1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA, USA heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/

We congratulate all the boys and girls receiving their First Holy Communion, together with their catechists and parents.
May the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist always guide you on your journey of faith, strengthening your spirituality and deepening your love for God. Congratulations on this joyful and blessed occasion!

- Upcoming Events At St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**
- **Join us in making our neighborhood safer!**
Wednesday, May 20 at 6pm. Town hall meeting with a police representative from the 17th District of South Philadelphia. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Aquinas Center
 - **Community Health Fair at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** 1719 Morris St. 19145 May 30 | lower hall | 10am to 1pm.
 - **U.S Citizenship: If you have had your Green Card for at least 3 years and Speak English, you are eligible for an interview with sister fran.** Please contact the rectory for more information at 215.334.2312
 - **Also if interested in English class 10-11:30 am with Sr. Fran.** Please call the rectory for more information. 215.334.2312
 - **Save the date : Parish Bingo Saturday June 13,**
 - from 5:00 pm to 8 pm in the lower Hall.



Online Giving: To give electronically to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, please scan the QR code to be connected to the ParishGiving webpage. www.Staquinas.com. Thank you for your continued support!

2026 BENEFICIARY
 Catholic Charities of Philadelphia's Nutritional Development Services

Every day thousands of individuals and families in our community struggle to secure basic necessities. Catholic Charities of Philadelphia (CCPh) and its Nutritional Development Services team provides more than 75 million meals annually through food pantries and meal programs. CCPh assures that those in crisis find not only sustenance but also the support and resources critical to transforming their lives.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES
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Quinto Domingo de Pascua - Mayo 3, 2026

Reflexión del quinto Domingo de Pascua «Creer en Dios y Creer en Jesús, Doble mandamiento»

El Evangelio de este quinto domingo de Pascua expresa un doble mandamiento sobre la fe. En efecto, el Señor dice a sus discípulos: «Creed en Dios y creed también en mí». No son dos hechos separados, sino un único acto de fe, la plena adhesión a la salvación llevada a cabo por Dios Padre mediante su Hijo unigénito. Hermanos y hermanas, el Señor es el único camino que nos conduce a la verdadera vida, a la felicidad eterna, a la verdad inmutable. Nuestras aspiraciones

a un mundo mejor, donde reine la justicia y la paz, sólo encontrarán su realización plena en Cristo resucitado, porque El es, la clave, el centro y el fin de toda la historia humana.

Que la Virgen María nos ayude a ser dóciles al Espíritu Santo, para que sepamos construir un mundo donde reine el amor y la concordia comience en cada corazón humano, para estimarnos mutuamente y converger cada vez más profundamente en la fe y en la caridad, teniendo el corazón abierto a las necesidades de los hermanos. Amén. Por el padre Wilmer Chirino

*Felicitemos a todos nuestros niños y niñas en su Primera Comunión
Que el Sacramento de la Sagrada
Comunión te guíe siempre por el sendero
de la espiritualidad y amor hacia Dios .
¡Muchas felicidades!*

*Mayo Mes del Santo Rosario
En este mes dedicado a la Virgen María,* aprendamos de ella que la oración es la mejor arma de la vida cristiana: la victoria sobre el mal no es posible sin perseverancia en la oración. "Pope Francisco"



MISA DE SANACIÓN: Iglesia Epifanía del Señor Calles 11 y Jackson St. 19148

Miércoles 6 de mayo de 2026 | 6:00 PM

Acompáñenos a una Misa de Sanación por todas las personas afectadas por el cáncer, en honor a San Peregrino y Santa Agueda. Las personas que están sufriendo de cáncer o cualquier enfermedad están invitadas a recibir la Unción de los Enfermos. Todos están invitados. Lugar: lower church .

Solemne novena y fiesta de Santa Rita de Acacia de Miercoles Mayo 13 a Viernes Mayo 22 Horario de las Misas

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

¡**Evento de reciclaje en mayo!** El sábado 30 de mayo, de 11:00am a 1:00 pm, en el parqueadero del high school South Philly - Broad and Snayder.



Donaciones en línea: Para realizar una donación electrónica a la parroquia de Santo Thomas de Aquino, escanee el código QR para acceder a la página web www.staquinas.com. de ParishGiving. ¡Gracias por su donación!

• **Reunion mensual con el Distrito 17 de la Policia**
¡Únase a nosotros para hacer que nuestro vecindario sea más seguro!

• **Miércoles, Mayo 20 en el Aquinas Center.**
• Todos son bienvenidos

• **Feria de la Salud en Santo Tomas .**
• Sabado Mayo 30 de 10am - 1: 00 pm - Lower Hall

• **Hora Santa todos los Jueves a las 7:00PM**
• **Acompañenos a tener unos minutos de silencio y contemplar el poder sanador de Jesus en la capilla del Aquinas Center . Todos son bienvenidos**
• **Santa Misa los ultimos viernes de cada mes en el chapel del Aquinas Center a las 7:00 pm**

• **Ciudadanía Estadounidense:** Si lleva al menos tres años en posesión de la tarjeta de residencia y habla inglés, puede solicitar una entrevista con la hermana Fran. Para más información, llamar al 215.334.2312.

• **Necesita clases de Ingles ?** La hermana Fran tiene un cupo disponible de 10 a 11:30 am - Llamar a la rectoria para mas informacion

• **Para bautizos y Matrimonios** favor comunicarse con la rectoria al 215.334.2312 . Todos son bienvenidos



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