



St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Community

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

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.*

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil:

4:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

Sunday:

8:00AM (Vietnamese)

10:00AM (English)

12:00PM (Indonesian)

Holidays:

8:30AM (Church)

Weekdays:

8:30AM (Church)

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

How would you feel if someone you loved very much said to you and seemed to really mean it, "you devil, you Satan" You would be hurt and probably feel that it marked the end of your friendship. Jesus does this today to his friend Peter, but, in his day, to call someone Satan did not have the same emotional impact that it has today. The word Satan really means adversary - someone who is not seeking your best interest, someone who may not want you to win. In the time of Christ, the devil was not someone seeking your eternal damnation, for most people in Christ's time did not believe in any life after death, eternal damnation, or eternal bliss in heaven. Today we believe in these truths because it was Christ who told us about them.

No, Christ calling Peter "Satan" was neither as insulting, nor as violent an attack on him, as it would be if your best friend called you that today. Peter was trying to keep Jesus out of trouble. He knew that if Christ went up to Jerusalem to celebrate The Holy Days of Passover, that the Pharisees would try to harm him, even kill him. As a friend, Peter did not want this to happen to Christ. But Christ knew that his death and resurrection was part of God's plan for him and would ultimately be of value, not only for Christ but for all of us.

This is indeed the core mystery of the life and death and resurrection of Christ. We will never in this life understand completely the why of this mystery. What we can and do understand is; that passion and death of Jesus Christ tells us that God loves each of us enough to die for us. It is knowledge that is the basis of our faith and our hope of forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. It is all we know and all we really need to know.

The wisdom of God in Christ tells us not to be afraid of death for it is the passageway to eternal life. Jesus was truly human. Like all of us he dreaded death but he knew and understood that God, his Father, was asking him to give up his life, to sacrifice himself so that we - all people- would see the depths of God's love for us.

It took courage and faith for Christ to go up to Jerusalem. There will be times in our lives when those who love us, even as Peter loved Christ, will try to turn us from doing something painful that we know God wants us to do. Even as Christ, we, too, must struggle for the courage and faith to make sacrifices that life asks of us.

In today's Gospel Christ says it so perfectly - if you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross, and follow in my steps.

May God bless you

Fr. Dominic Tran
Your brother in Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 11

4:00 PM Emilio & Elvira Demarco by
Maria Chila
6:00PM Spanish Mass

Sunday September 12

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Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 | Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15:1-32

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass
10:00 AM Angelina Persico's Birthday by
Rita Mary
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

Monday September 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday September 14

8:30 AM Antonio & Lydia Villanueva
by Ellie Realeza

Wednesday September 15

8:30AM People of the Parish

Thursday September 16

8:30 AM Our Lady Piña Francia by Matilde
Estrellado

Friday September 17

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday September 18

8:30 AM Dominic Greco by Dora & Enrico
Porchia

Saturday September 18

4:00 PM Joseph & Sara Anzideo by children
6:00PM Spanish Mass

Sunday September 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16; MK 9:30-37(134)

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass
10:00 AM CBC
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

Week of 9/5/21		2021
4:00PM	51	\$709.00
6:00PM	80	\$444,00
8:00AM	202	\$1,811.00
10:00AM	83	\$877,00
12:00 PM	105	\$1,272.00
Envelopes Mail		250,00
TOTAL		\$5.363,00
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Services Available For Our Parishioners

Mass Intentions: Please contact the rectory. We will try to accommodate your request 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.

Registrations : We welcome you to our area! Please call St. Thomas Aquinas parish at 215 334-2312 for 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 Remember In Your Prayers Those Who Are Sick

Edna Richarson, Barbara Mason, Timothy Joseph McCloskey, Timothy Michael McCloskey, Isaac Davis, Maria Figueroa, Daniel Lorenzo Fernandez, Alexander Dwight-Theresa, Giosa Concetta Parker, Ulises Lopes, Ana Colon, Phillis Alexander, Stephan Todd- Ryan, Catherine Todd, Gwen Munson, April DeMatto, Louise Mento, Adeline Ostobile, John Daniel, Virginia Tinkler-Moore, Robert Salvadore, Margaret Coleman, Ada Roebuck, Deacon Fred Poellnitz, Lilian Offord, David Anderson, William Jackson, Helen Zungolo, William Cirino, Doris Rucker, Bryan DeSanto

Please Pray For The Intentions Of:

Sandra Everett and Family, Latrice & Sierra Brooks, Ralph Berarducci, Armando Ventura and People of the World

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dominic Tran Minh Duc

Pastor

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Upcoming Events at
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Concerned Black Catholics of St Thomas Aquinas & Friends

Come and celebrate our 19th anniversary of CBC at St Thomas Aquinas Parish. Our **50/50** Raffle will be on September 19, 2021 after 10:00 AM Mass at the school yard

- Tickets are \$2.00 each. They can be purchased through each community at our parish. For more information please contact Ms. Daria Ward at 215-467-3834

Confirmation Mass at St Thomas Aquinas

This year confirmation mass will be celebrated by Archbishop of Philadelphia Nelson Perez on September 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Mandatory practice will be on Sunday September 26 at 2pm in the school library. For more information please call at 215-334-2312.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA), also known as the catechumenate, is the traditional way the Catholic Church extends a welcoming invitation to non-Catholic men and women inquiring about Catholic belief and practice. The process welcomes adults who have never been baptized, baptized adults from other CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS, AND BAPTIZED CATHOLICS who wish to continue on to celebrate more sacraments. For more information please go to chrissmari@gmail.com or call at 215-334-2312

Parish Festival!

¡We invite you for a fun family afternoon with great Mexican and latino food of all kinds, games for kids, music, raffles and much more!

Sunday September 26, 2-7pm
St Thomas Aquinas -Parking Lot
1719 Morris St. 19145
All proceeds will benefit the Church

Sixth Annual Padre Pio Festival **Saturday, and Sunday, September 18-19, 2021**

All Weekend: Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio-Music, Games, Amusements for Children, Craft Vendors, Food Trucks *Picnic Areas Available*

Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details. Groups are welcome! Please call 215-357- 5720.

St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA
(Southampton, PA) 18966

SCHOOL VAN DRIVER NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, in Merion Station, PA is seeking a reliable, responsible and experienced driver for its school van shuttle to the Narberth train station. The hours are before and after school but dependent on the new train schedule to be published in the next week or two by SEPTA.

Interested applicants should contact
Mrs. Marianne Grace at mgrace@merion-mercy.com or 610.664.6655, ext. 109. www.merion-mercy.com



World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees :

Monday, September 20, 2021
6:40 pm Mass with Bishop Edward Deliman The Miraculous Medal Shrine
500 E Chelton Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19144

St. Gabriel Parish, South Philadelphia

will be Celebrating their 125th Anniversary On Sunday,
October 24th Mass at 12 Noon
Dinner 3PM at the Crystal Tea Room
\$100 per person
For reservations Please email: Rectory@stgabes.org
or call 215-463-4060

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Puerto Rican Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul. The Rosary procession will start at 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 Pm.

Year of Saint Joseph December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

To find local events, prayers, and resources for faith study please go to: <http://archphila.org/joseph/>



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VIGESIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

SEPTIEMBRE 12, 2021

***Mission :** Santo Tomas de Aquino através de su diversidad cultural, unida en su expresión de fe, vive el mensaje del evangelio en nuestra comunidad a través de oración, educación, servicio y abogacía.*

Horario de la Misa
Sábados 6:00 PM

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oficina virtual

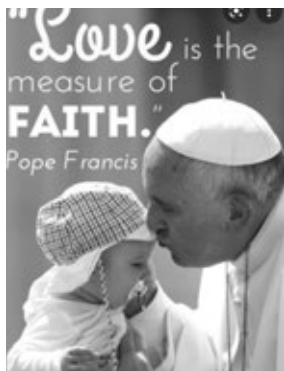
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MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PASTOR

¿Cómo te sentirías con una persona a la que quisieras mucho y que te dijera, aparentemente en serio, "eres un demonio, eres Satanás"? Esto lo hace Jesús hoy a su amigo Pedro, pero, en aquella época, llamar a alguien Satanás no tenía el mismo impacto emocional que tiene hoy. La palabra Satanás significa realmente enemigo: alguien que no busca tus mejores intereses, alguien que no quiere que ganes. En la época de Cristo, el diablo no era alguien que buscaba tu maldición eterna, ya que la mayoría de la gente en la época de Cristo no creía en ninguna vida después de la muerte, ni en la maldición eterna, ni en la felicidad eterna en el cielo. Hoy creemos en estas verdades porque fue Cristo quien nos habló de ellas.

El hecho de que Cristo llamara a Pedro "Satanás" no era ni un insulto ni un ataque tan violento contra él como lo sería si tu mejor amigo te llamara así hoy. Pedro estaba tratando de mantener a Jesús fuera de los problemas. Sabía que si Cristo subía a Jerusalén para celebrar los Días Santos de la Pascua, los fariseos intentarían hacerle daño, incluso matarlo. Como amigo, Pedro no quería que esto le sucediera a Cristo. Pero Cristo sabía que su muerte y resurrección formaban parte del plan de Dios para él y que, en última instancia, tendrían valor, no sólo para Cristo, sino para todos nosotros.

Este es el misterio central de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo. Nunca en esta vida entenderemos completamente el porqué de este misterio. Lo que sí podemos entender, y lo hacemos, es que la pasión y muerte de Jesucristo nos dice que Dios nos ama a cada uno de nosotros lo suficiente como para morir por nosotros. Es un conocimiento que es la base de nuestra fe y de nuestra esperanza del perdón de nuestros pecados y de la vida eterna. Es todo lo que sabemos y todo lo que necesitamos saber.

La sabiduría de Dios en Cristo nos dice que no debemos tener miedo de la muerte, porque es el camino hacia la vida eterna. Jesús era verdaderamente humano. Como todos nosotros, temía la muerte, pero sabía y comprendía que Dios, su Padre, le pedía que entregara su vida, que se sacrificara para que nosotros -todos los hombres- viéramos la profundidad del amor de Dios por nosotros.

Cristo necesitó valor y fe para subir a Jerusalén. Habrá momentos en nuestras vidas en los que aquellos que nos aman, incluso como Pedro amaba a Cristo, tratarán de apartarnos de hacer algo doloroso que sabemos que Dios quiere que hagamos. Incluso como Cristo, nosotros también debemos luchar por el valor y la fe para hacer los sacrificios que la vida nos pide.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Cristo lo dice perfectamente: si quieres venir en mi busca, debes sacrificarte a ti de forma personal, tomar tu cruz y seguir mis pasos. Que Dios te bendiga

Fr. Dominic
Su hermano en Cristo

ANUNCIOS DE LA COMUNIDAD

GRAN KERMES

**Domingo Septiembre 26, 2021 de
2 a 7pm - Tendremos :**

*Antojitos Mexicanos e Hispanos tostadas
quesadillas- Tacos dorados de pollo y papa
Gelatinas-Elotes-Sopes -Popusas Sabrosas
Ummmmmm y mucho mas !!!!!!!*

**Parroquia de Santo Tomas de Aquino
1719 Morris Street, Philadelphia
PA 19145**

Noticias de Actualidad en St Thomas Aquinas

- **Confirmaciones en St.Thomas Aquinas**
Septiembre 29 a las 4pm con el Obispo de Philadelphia Nelson Perez. Las prácticas se harán en Septiembre 26 a las 11 am en la librería de la escuela. Para mayor información llamar al 215-334-2312
- **VOCES DE FE Si** desea registrarse para las clases de del coro de los niños de St Thomas por favor llamar a la Señora Bernardita **Corril al** 215-626-3146
- **RCIA** Clases abiertas para adultos que deseen hacer los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Favor registrarse con el Padre Wilmer al 215-334-2312
- **Preparación para el sacramento del Matrimonio :** Se inicia la preparación con 6 meses de anticipación. Llamar a la Rectoría para hacer una cita con el Padre Wilmer Chirino al 215-334-2312
- **Bautismos:** Llamar a la Rectoría al 215-334-2312 para averiguar los requisitos a seguir.

Eventos Arquidiocesano

Día Mundial de Oración para Migrantes y Refugiados:

- Lunes 20 de Septiembre 2021
6:40 pm Misa con el Arzobispo Edward Deliman en la Iglesia de la Medalla Milagrosa en 500 E. Chelton Ave. Philadelphia PA 19144



La Misa Anual Puertorriqueña se

celebrará el jueves 23 de septiembre de 2021 en la Catedral de San Pedro y Pablo. La procesión y Rosario comenzará a las 6:30 pm seguido de la Misa a las 7:00 Pm.

- **Retiro y Misa de la Herencia Hispana Sabado**
Octubre 2, 2021 Salon Parroquial San Pedro 1039 N Lawrence St. Philadelphia
8:00 am a 1:00 pm .(Almuerzo incluido) . Para más información llamar al 215 667-2820

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Merion Mercy Academy, en Merion Station, PA está buscando un conductor fiable, responsable y con experiencia para conducir un bus escolar de transporte a la estación de tren de Narberth. El horario es antes y después de la escuela pero depende del nuevo horario de trenes que será

publicado en la próxima semana o dos por SEPTA.

Los interesados pueden aplicar o llamar a Mrs. Marianne Grace at mgrace@merion-mercy.com o al 610.664.6655, ext. 109.

SEXTO FESTIVAL ANNUAL DEL PADRE PIO SABADO Y DOMINGO SEPTIEMBRE 18 Y 19, 2021

TODO EL FIN DE SEMANA: Exhibición y veneración de las Sagradas Reliquias del Padre Pío-Música, juegos, diversiones para niños, vendedores de artesanías, camiones de comida *Áreas de picnic disponibles*.

Visite padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com para más detalles.
Los grupos son bienvenidos. Llame al 215-357- 5720
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