



St Thomas Aquinas  
Catholic Community

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 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)

## St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Most people wish to be remembered in some way after they die. Some are content to live on through future generations of their family, while many rely on an epithet etched into a tombstone in a cemetery. For the Baptized, our greatest memorial will be in the celebration of the Mass, when we are included in the prayers for the dead.

Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine, was known as a holy and playful woman. Before Monica breathed her last, she expressed this hope to her son: lay this body anywhere, and take no trouble over it. One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord where you may be. Through a holy woman by anyone's standards, Monica believed her soul benefit from the prayers her son might offer on her behalf after she died. Monica believed that her soul would be cleansed in death and prepared to enter, without blemish, into God's Kingdom in heaven. We through our Baptism have also been given new life in Christ and become part of Christ's body, the Church. The Church is also referred to as the Communion of Saints. Within the Communion of Saints there are three distinct divisions: the Church militant - the Church on earth; the Church suffering - the suffering souls in purgatory; and the Church triumphant - the Saints in heaven. Today, actually tomorrow, we honor all Saints in heaven, celebrate their lives, and pray for their intercession. As we do this we can realize that what they were, we now are. What they are now, we one day hope to become. This will happen when the promise of Christ, the promise of newness of life first given to us in Baptism, is kept. Jesus promises true and lasting peace to those who have nothing in this life except their faith in Him.

Also, on November 2 - the Commemoration of all the Faithful departed or All Souls Day. Through our Baptism, we become citizens of Heaven and are in the hands of God, not only in life but in death, as well. We were also baptized into Christ's death so that, just as Christ was raised from the death by the glory of God, we too might live in newness of life.

As we pray for the departed, we recall that in the Gospel Jesus promised to never reject those who come to Him. Our salvation depends not only on our human feelings or failings, but on the fact that grace has brought us to belong to God. We believe in the promises of Christ and His Resurrection, which gives us hope in coming to share in eternal life. We pray for our departed that our faith may be renewed and strengthened. Let us pray for the all souls this month, that with the help of our prayers and the assistance of God's graces, they may be cleansed of their sins and anger into God's heavenly Kingdom.

May God bless you all

**Fr. Dominic Tran**  
Your brother in Christ

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday October 30

4:00 PM Julia Inforzato by Barbara Inforzato  
6:00PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday October 31

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52(149)

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass  
10:00 AM Vincent Cuffary by Mrs. Ritamarie Capuano  
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

### Monday November 1

#### Solemnity of All Saints

8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday November 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish  
7:00 PM Liturgy for All Souls' Day (Multicultural Mass)

### Wednesday November 3

8:30AM Blanca Villamizar by her family

### Thursday November 4

8:30 AM Mariela Villamizar by her family

### Friday November 5

8:30 AM Anna DeCesare by Victor DeCesare

### Saturday November 6

8:30 AM Luigi DiMatteo by his Family

### Saturday November 6

4:00 PM Giving Thanks to God  
6:00PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday November 7

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1kgs17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 MK12:38-44 12:41-44

8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass  
10:00 AM Vincent Cuffary by Mrs. Ritamarie Capuano  
12:00 PM Indonesian Mass

Week of 10/17/21		2021
4:00PM	65	\$543.00
6:00PM	110	\$473.00
8:00AM	180	\$1,875.00
10:00AM	104	\$1,189.00
12:00 PM	137	\$1,550.00
Envelopes Mail		613.00
TOTAL		\$6,243.00
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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

### Rev. Wilmer Chirino-Gonzalez

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### Mrs. Mariani Djuanda

Parish Secretary

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Parish Secretary

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LITURGY FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

November 2nd at 7:00 pm

St Thomas Aquinas Church will offer a Multicultural Mass for the souls of the faithful departed on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

The Mass Book for 2022 is now open. To schedule please send an e-mail to [staquinasparish@gmail.com](mailto:staquinasparish@gmail.com) or call at 215-334-2312/267 388-1281

St Thomas Aquinas School is looking for an assistance for the school cafeteria. There are two cafeteria worker positions available: a two hour and a three hour cafeteria support personnel. The positions come with the added benefit of a \$1000 tuition credit to STA or any IMS school. Please contact Ms. Betzy [btledo@stthomasphila.org](mailto:btledo@stthomasphila.org), or call at 215-334-0878

**Save the Date:** St Thomas Aquinas Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St Vincent de Paul Saturday December 4 from 9 am to 12pm parking lot of St. Thomas Aquinas

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## November month dedicated to All Saints and all Holy Souls.

Throughout the month of November, the Church makes a special effort to remember, honor and pray for the dead.



WHEN we pray for the souls in Purgatory we will always get something back.



The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not

totally purified. (Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

*"IN THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH A BLUE BOOK WILL BE LOCATED TO WRITE THE NAMES OF YOUR DECEASED. PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR THEM DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER"*

## Across the United States, Vocation Awareness Week 2021 will be celebrated from November 7th - 13th

This annual week-long celebration is designed to raise awareness of, and promote vocations to, the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. During Vocation Awareness Week, the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood invites you to pray for those men and women in formation, as well as for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS

Contact Susan Matour, Associate Director  
610-667-5778 or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

## Join our team! We're hiring!

### The National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

We are hiring two new positions at the Shrine: an Office Administrator (full-time) and a Wedding Coordinator (part-time). We need your help to spread the word though! If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team, be sure to check out the job descriptions on our website, on the **Archdiocesan website**, on a few other job boards, throughout social media or call at 215-546-8333

Thank you to all who continue to support the parish financially, physically, and morally in these very difficult days for our people



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## TRIGESIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO Octubre 31, 2021

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

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**Horario de la Misa**

**Sábados 6:00 PM**

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oficina virtual*

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### **MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PASTOR**

La mayoría de las personas desean ser recordadas de alguna manera después de su muerte. Algunos se conforman con vivir a través de las futuras generaciones de su familia; mientras que muchos confían en un lapida grabado en un cementerio. Para los bautizados, nuestro mayor recuerdo será en la celebración de la Misa, cuando se nos incluya en las oraciones por los difuntos.

Santa Mónica, la madre de San Agustín, era conocida como una mujer santa y alegre. Antes de exhalar su último suspiro, Mónica expresó esta esperanza a su hijo: "Deposita este cuerpo en cualquier lugar, y no te preocupes por él. Una sola cosa te pido, que me recuerdes en el altar del Señor donde estés. A través de un santo. Como mujer según los estándares de cualquier persona, Mónica creía que su alma se beneficiaría de las oraciones que su hijo podría ofrecer en su nombre después de su muerte. Mónica creía que su alma sería limpiada en la muerte y preparada para entrar, sin mancha, en el Reino de Dios en forma de vida. Nosotros, a través de nuestro bautismo, también hemos recibido una nueva vida en Cristo y pasamos a formar parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. La asamblea también se conoce como la Comunión de los Santos. Dentro de la Comunión de los Santos hay tres divisiones: la Iglesia militante, la Iglesia en la tierra y la Iglesia sufriente; es decir las almas que sufren en el purgatorio; y la Iglesia triunfante - los Santos en el cielo. Hoy, en realidad mañana, honramos a todos los Santos, celebramos sus vidas y rezamos por su intercesión. Al hacerlo, podemos darnos cuenta de que lo que ellos fueron, nosotros lo somos ahora. Lo que ellos son ahora, nosotros esperamos llegar a serlo algún día. Esto sucederá cuando se cumpla la promesa de Cristo, la promesa de la novedad de vida que se nos dio por primera vez en el Bautismo. Jesús promete una paz verdadera y duradera a los que no tienen nada en esta vida, excepto su fe en él.

También, el 2 de noviembre - la Conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos o Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos. A través de nuestro bautismo, nos convertimos en ciudadanos del Cielo y estamos en manos de Dios, no sólo en la vida sino también en la de muerte. También fuimos bautizados en la forma de muerte de Cristo para que, al igual que Cristo resucitó de la muerte por la gloria de Dios, también nosotros podamos amar en una vida nueva.

Al rezar por los difuntos, recordamos que en el Evangelio Jesús prometió no rechazar nunca a los que se acercan a Él. Nuestra salvación no depende sólo de nuestros sentimientos o defectos humanos, sino del hecho de que la gracia nos ha llevado a pertenecer a Dios. Creemos en las promesas de Cristo y en su Resurrección, que nos da la esperanza de llegar a compartir la vida eterna. Rezamos por nuestros difuntos para que nuestra fe se renueve y fortalezca. Oremos por todas las almas en este mes, para que con la ayuda de nuestras oraciones y la asistencia de las gracias de Dios, sean limpiadas de sus pecados y entren en el Reino celestial de Dios. Que Dios los bendiga

**Fr. Dominic  
Su hermano en Cristo**

# ANUNCIOS DE LA COMUNIDAD

## **SANTA MISA POR LA CELEBRACION DE TODOS LOS DIFUNTOS**

**Martes 2 de noviembre a las 7:00 pm**

La Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino ofrecerá la Santa -Misa Multicultural por las almas de los fieles difuntos Nov.2 a las 7pm Todos son bienvenidos

## **PONGA ESTA FECHA EN SU CALENDARIO :**

**SABADO, DICIEMBRE 4 EL CAMION DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL.** Estará en el Parqueadero de Santo Tomas de 9:00 am a 12pm, recogiendo - ropa, juguetes pequeños articulos electricos pequeños, libros y articulos de cocina .Si tienen preguntas por favor llamar a la Rectoria Todos son bienvenidos

## **GRAN RIFA DE NAVIDAD 50/50 EL DOMINGO DICIEMBRE 19/2021**

La rifa tendrá lugar el Domingo Diciembre 19 /2021 despues de la misa de las 8:30 am. Los tiketes y el dinero recolectado deben ser entregados el 13 de Diciembre en la tarde . Las ganancias son para beneficio de la iglesia Gracias por su generosidad

## **El mes de noviembre está dedicado a Todos los Santos y todas las Almas del Purgatorio**

A lo largo del mes de noviembre, la Iglesia recuerda honrra y reza por los difuntos y los santos Martires no beatificados.La Iglesia enseña que la oración, en particular la misa, y los sacrificios pueden ofrecerse en nombre de las almas del purgatorio. La fiesta de Todas las Almas del purgaorio se diferencia de la fiesta de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre precisamente porque ofrece oraciones por la vida eterna y el descanso de los difuntos en estado de gracia, pero no totalmente purificados o beatificados.

**En el centro de la Iglesia se estará colocando el libro azul** para que usted escriba los nombres de los difuntos de amigos y familiares y así poder ofrecer por ellos las oraciones en el mes de los difuntos.

## **CELEBRACION DE LA ANTORCHA**

**GUADALUPANA.**Los invitamos a la Santa Misa el Sabado 27 de noviembre a las 6pm para honrar esta celebración en St. Thomas Aquinas y la despedida será el 28 de Noviembre a las 5:00 de la mañana. Todos son bienvenidos

## **La Escuela de Santo Thomas de Aquinas (IMS)**

Esta solicitando personal de apoyo para la cafetería. Hay dos posiciones de trabajadores disponibles: una de dos horas y otra de tres horas Las posiciones vienen con el beneficio adicional de un crédito de matrícula de \$ 1000 a STA o cualquier escuela IMS. Por favor, pongase en contacto con la Sra. Betzi Toledo [btoledo@stthomasphila.org](mailto:btoledo@stthomasphila.org) o llamar al 215-334-0878

## **SEMANA DE LAS VOCACIONES**

**Del 7 al 13 de noviembre 2021**

Es la semana para promocionar las Vocaciones , religiosas,el diaconado y la vida consagrada. Les invitamos a rezar por aquellos hombres y mujeres en formación, así como por un aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia.Para conocer los eventos o registrarse por favor Contactar a Susan Matour al **610-667-5778** or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).



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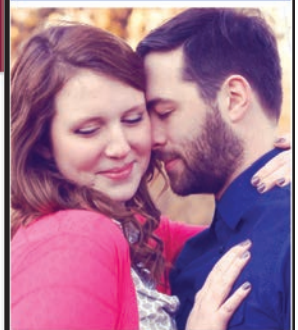
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