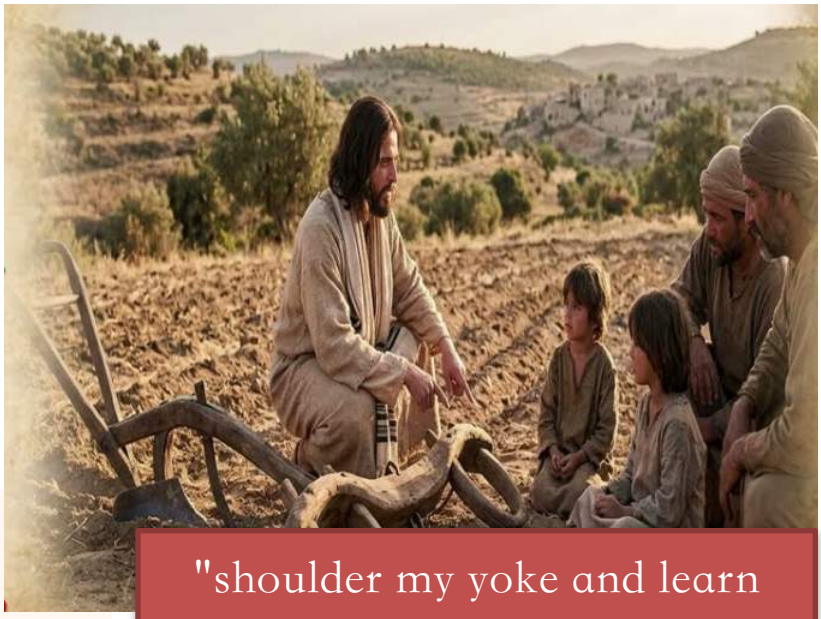
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 5, 2026

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.

"shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls!" Matthew 11:29

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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)

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.
- **Gathering Breakfast**
- CBC warmly invites everyone to our **Gathering Breakfast** on the third Sunday of each month.
- Come enjoy friendship and good food after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Aquinas Center
- **Notary Service**s
- Notary services are available through Daria Ward.
- For more information, please call at 215.251 5958

Mass Intentions for the week of
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026

Saturday JULY 4th
INDEPENDENCE DAY!
8:30 am People of the Parish
4:00 pm For Our Nation & God's World
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday July 5
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm Vietnamese Mass
10:00 am Sodality Members of St.Thomas Aquinas Parish
12:00 pm Indonesian Mass
5:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday July 6
St. Maria Goretti
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday July 7
8:30 AM In memory of Tracy, Reverend Monsignor Joseph A.

Wednesday July 8
8:30 AM In memory of Woodeshick, Reverend Martin E.

Thursday July 9
8:30 am In memory of Richard M. Rick Ritter II by his family

Friday July 10
8:30 am People of the parish

Saturday July 11
8:30 am In memory of Whartenby, Retired Permanent Deacon Gerald J.
4:00 pm Paul Litecky by Ms. Barbara Inforzato
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday July 12
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm Vietnamese Mass
10:00 am Sr. Josephine Mendez By the Benito family
12:00 pm Indonesian Mass
5:00 pm Spanish Mass

Thank you for your continued Generosity and Support!

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

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

PASTOR'S CORNER
14TH Sunday in ordinary time July 5, 2026

Whenever our lives become too complicated, it is a good idea to try to simplify them. In our fast-paced society, it is important to set priorities on the way we utilize our time and our resources, in order to determine what is best for ourselves and for those in our lives. Simplicity is often the solution. Today in the United States we are celebrating the Independence of our country and the many freedoms that we enjoy. There will be picnics and celebrations with firework displays in every state. By and large, it will be a day to enjoy family and friends, to remember years past, and to share hopes for the future.

The long-awaited king Jesus Christ arrived, and the prophecy is fulfilled. Peace is offered, miracles are witnessed, and lives are forever changed. But something goes horribly wrong - the king is rejected; there is no rejoicing. His words are often discarded as quickly as they were heard, and the people, the religious leaders of the day, sought to have the king, the Messiah, killed...

In the Gospel that we heard today Jesus gives us some insight into the reason why so many people failed to be changed by his words-and the peace he tried to give them. In rejecting him they rejected God. Many of them were so caught up into tricking Jesus into revealing something that would prove him to be a fraud that they never saw the power of God in him. They were arrogant and self-righteous-rejecting not only Jesus, but the One who sent him.

To those who were open to his words, not the learned, but the childlike, he revealed the Father. He promised a peace that was not of this world, but of the kingdom. He promised to refresh all who are burdened by those things that cause despair in our lives. He promised to help carry us when we fall and to leave the Spirit of God with us to guide our lives and fill us with grace. So, yes, there is cause for great rejoicing today, but not just because it is a national holiday. We rejoice because he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring our mortal bodies to life through his Spirit dwelling in us. We rejoice because we believe, we rejoice because we have faith. May God's blessings be upon each of you that your days will be filled with peace - God's peace!

May God Bless you all !

Fr. Dominic TranMinh Duc

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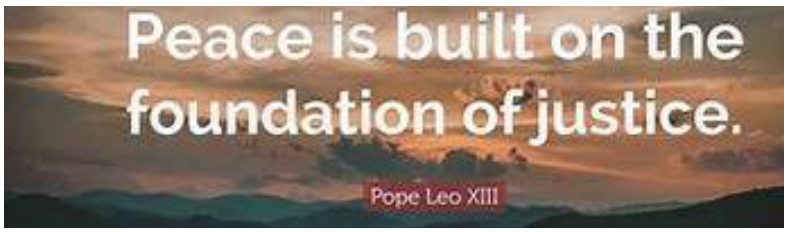

SACRAMENTS

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 July 5, 2026

This weekend, our nation celebrates its 250th birthday. In the history of nations, that is a remarkable achievement. As we gather as Americans to celebrate the birth of our nation, it is important to pause and reflect on where we are as a country and where we are headed.

What makes America unique is our freedom. Yet, many of us take that freedom for granted. If you have ever had the opportunity to travel beyond our borders, you quickly realize that the freedoms we enjoy are rare and precious. Few people in the world experience the religious, political, and personal liberties that we often consider ordinary.
Among these freedoms, the freedom to worship God and to live our faith openly in society is especially significant. This freedom is one of the foundations of our nation's greatness. If we lose our freedom, we lose an essential part of what defines the United States of America.
As we reflect on this gift, we must remember that true freedom is not simply the ability to do whatever we want. Rather, true freedom is the ability to become the people God created us to be. Freedom enables us to pursue truth, choose what is good, and live lives of virtue and service.
On this day, we also remember the inherent dignity of every human person, regardless of race, nationality, culture, or background. Each person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with respect and compassion.

As Jesus so powerfully taught us, our deepest identity is not found in any earthly nation or political affiliation. First and foremost, we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. May we give thanks for the blessings of our nation, pray for its future, and commit ourselves to using our freedom wisely always seeking to love God, serve our neighbors, and build a society that reflects the values of the Gospel.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO ALL
Fr. Dominic

- **Tables are provided by the organizers of the event.**
- **Registrations online https://forms.gle/9shSUmbwLLajkvYm8**
- **Payment must be made at the Rectory of St. Thomas Aquinas**
- **1719 Morris St. Philadelphia PA 19145**
- **215. 334.2312**

Upcoming Events At St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Spanish Vendemmia- food festival at lower hall Sunday - June 28 - from 4:30 to 9 pm
•Sunday - July 26 - from 1:30 to 9:00 pm .
•All are welcome to attend.
•**Flea Market .** Saturday July 18 from 9am to 7pm upper hall . For more information and registrations please go to https://forms.gle/9shSUmbwLLajkvYm8. Space reservation fee $ 25 at the office 1719 Morris St.Philadelphia.PA 19148 For more information call at 215 334 2312
•***Join us in making our neighborhood safer!***
Save the Date :July 15 @ 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 .**
•***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

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!

Reflexión del decimocuarto domingo del tiempo ordinario «Venid a mí todos los que estáis cansados y agobiados, y yo os aliviaré»

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús dice: «Venid a mí todos los que estáis fatigados y sobrecargados, y yo os daré descanso». El Señor no reserva esta frase para alguien, sino que la dirige a todos nosotros, especialmente aquellos que están cansados y oprimidos por la vida. ¿Y quién puede sentirse excluido en esta invitación? Jesús sabe cuánto puede pesar la vida. Sabe que muchas cosas cansan al corazón: desilusiones y heridas del pasado, pesos que hay que cargar e injusticias que hay que soportar en el presente, incertidumbres y preocupaciones por el futuro.
Jesús promete que dará a todos «descanso», pero pone una condición: «Tomad sobre vosotros mi yugo, y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón». ¿En qué consiste este yugo? El «yugo» de Cristo es la ley del amor, es su mandamiento, que ha dejado a sus discípulos. Una vez recibido el alivio y el consuelo de Cristo, estamos llamados a su vez a convertirnos en descanso y consuelo para los hermanos, con actitud mansa y humilde, a imitación del Maestro. La mansedumbre y la humildad del corazón nos ayudan no sólo a cargar con el peso de los demás, sino también a no cargar sobre ellos nuestros puntos de vista personales, y nuestros juicios, nuestras críticas o nuestra indiferencia.

Invoquemos hermanas y hermanos, a la virgen María santísima, que acoge bajo su manto a todas las personas cansadas y agobiadas, a través de una fe iluminada, testimoniada en la vida, podamos ser alivio para cuantos tienen necesidad de ayuda, de ternura, de esperanza. Que seamos capaces de consolar a otros hermanos y hermanas que recorren con fatiga el camino de la vida. Amén.

Festival de Comida laatina

- Sunday - July 26 - from 1:30 to 9:00 pm .
- Todos son bienvenidos
- **Mercado de las pulgas: Sabado Julio 18 de 9am a 7pm-** en el Gym. Registrations online . https://forms.gle/9shSUmbwLLajkvYm8. Valor de la mesa $ 25 pagaderos en la oficina . La organizacion del evento proveera las mesas . Para mas information llamar al 215 334 2312
  Únete a nosotros para hacer que nuestro barrio sea más seguro!
- Reserva la fecha: 15 de julio a las 6:00 pm . Reunión con representantes de la policía del Distrito 17 del sur de Filadelfia. Las reuniones se celebran el tercer miércoles de cada mes.
- ***Ciudadanía Estadounidense:*** ***S***i 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

Festival de Comida Latina : Gracias a nuestros parroquianos, visitantes, a los vendedores y donantes de las comida lo mismo que a los organizadores del festival este pasado junio 28 en el lower hall. Con gratitud y apreciación por su ayuda a la parroquia, Fr. Dominic y el personal administrativo de St. Thomas Aquinas. Dios los Bendiga.

Para registraciones vaya a https://forms.gle/9shSUmbwLLajkvYm8 . Los pagos de las mesas a $ 25 deben hacerce en la rectoria - 215 334 2312

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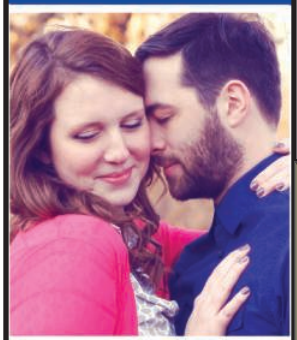

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