18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 2nd, 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.

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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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026

Saturday August 1st.
8:30 am For People of the Parish
4:00 pm In memory of Erik Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Ida Anzideo
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday August 2nd
18th 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 August 3rd
8:30 AM For People of the Parish

Tuesday August 4
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday August 5
8:30 AM People of the parish

Thursday August 6
The transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 am For people of the Parish

Friday August 7
8:30 am People of the Parish

Saturday August 8
8:30 am For People of the Parish
4:00 pm For Peace in the World
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday August 9
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm Vietnamese Mass
10:00 am Antonina & Dominico by Angelina DiMatteo
12:00 pm Indonesian Mass
5:00 pm Spanish Mass

Thank you for your continued Generosity and Support to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish !

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
18th Sunday in ordinary time
August 2nd. 2026

It is tempting to explain away miracles. It is tempting to come up with so- called logical explanations for experiences, such as what happens in today's Gospel. Here Jesus feeds over five thousand people on the five loaves and a couple of fish.

We forget sometimes that God, unlike us, is not bound by time and space as represented in today's second reading. Saint Paul reminds us that neither present things nor future things, neither height nor depth will separate us from God's love in our Lord Jesus. The same God who wrote the laws of nature can choose to suspend them temporarily when trying to make a point. Here he is impressing upon a crowd, for example, that this Jesus, the Nazarene, is no mere man that he is divine as well as human. The crowd had no need to go away. This Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave. And they all ate and were satisfied.

Those words - he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave should sound familiar. At the Last Supper Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, a priest or bishop takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives the Bread of Life to us. Jesus in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity offers himself to us today.

Why does Jesus offer us this miracle today and at every Mass? The answer can be seen in today's readings. Saint Paul emphasizes the love - the great, immeasurable love - Almighty God has for us and for every person. The prophet Isaiah uses the phrase "that you may have life," a phrase that Jesus himself uses when explaining why he came into our world.

God the Father loves us. God the Son wants us to have abundant and eternal life. God the Holy Spirit makes it possible for ordinary bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - offers us life, love and full communion with him, with the holy, Catholic Church, with all who are baptized in their glorious names.

The only explanation needed for God's miracles is his great love for us. The only suitable response to God's love for us is to love him in return and to love our neighbor as ourselves. May we all continue growing in life, love and unity today and always.

May God Bless you all!
Fr. Dominic Tran Minh Duc

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It is the peace of the Risen Christ: a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering, a peace that comes from God, who loves us all unconditionally." Pope Leo XIV

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 August 2nd, 2026

Upcoming Collections
MISSION APPEAL FOR
VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE
AUGUST 15- 16

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez is asking parishes

- throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to take up a special second collection the weekend of
- Aug. 15-16 to support humanitarian relief efforts in Venezuela following last month's devastating earthquakes resulting in significant loss of life, thousands of injuries, and extensive damage to homes and infrastructure. Funds collected by parishes will be sent to the archdiocesan Office for Financial Services, which will forward a single donation to CRS on behalf of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Those wishing to contribute directly to the relief effort also may donate through CRS at https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake. Thank you for your generosity

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- ***This August, many dioceses across the United States will support the Solidarity Fund through a special collection***. Here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish , we will also support this important mission during the weekend of ***August 22 and 23*** to support the Augustinian Sisters of Tanzania and their mission of serving. Phillymissions.org

Join the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Pilgrimage to South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 August 1 – 10, 2027 / $4190 per person, plus airfare (TBD) - ***SPACE IS LIMITED – REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026***

Scholarships to Attend World Youth Day 2027 .
Join Archbishop Pérez and young adults from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Thanks to a generous grant from the Ambassador Fund, eligible young adults can receive a $4,200 pilgrimage scholarship, reducing costs to airfare only (estimated at approximately $2,000). Visit www.prorometours.com/wydseoul and email Fr. Timothy Tarnacki at fr.ttarnacki@archphila.org for more information.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is ordinarily a Holy Day of Obligation. However, because it falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended.

We invite you to celebrate this beautiful feast with us on Saturday, August 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome!

- **Indonesian Catholic Community Anniversary**
  August 16- Celebrating 27th Years of faith, Service & Community at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Happy 27th Anniversary!
- Join us to celebrate this important milestone with a Mass at 12pm. in the church.

- **Town hall meeting with a police representative from the 17th District of South Philadelphia.**
- Join us in making our neighborhood safer! ***Wednesday, August 19 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.

- ***Thanks to the Spanish Community***
- We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Spanish Community for their dedication, hard work, and generosity during the recent food festival held in our parking lot.
- Thank you to all the organizers, to the donors, to the volunteers, and participants who helped make this celebration a joyful, welcoming, and family-oriented event. We also appreciate everyone who came to support us and enjoyed the delicious food and traditions of our Mexican and Central American communities.
- May God bless you all for your kindness and generosity. Your support makes a meaningful difference in our parish and in the lives of those we serve.

Religious Education Registration
First Communion and Confirmation
Saturday September 26 from 10-12pm
Sunday September 27 from 11 am to 1:00 pm
Library of the school . Schedules will follow shortly . All are welcome !

18 th DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO AGOSTO 2, 2026

EL PAN QUE CONTIENE EN SI TODO DELEITE

Todos llevamos dentro un hambre que ningún alimento, éxito o posesión puede satisfacer. El profeta Isaías lanza una invitación sorprendente: «Vengan a las aguas… compren sin pagar, coman gratuitamente.» Dios ofrece un alimento que no se compra porque es un don: su propia vida.

El Evangelio nos presenta a una multitud hambrienta. Los discípulos quieren despedirla, pero Jesús responde: «Denles ustedes de comer.» Ellos solo tienen cinco panes y dos peces; parecen insuficientes. Sin embargo, cuando ponen esa pobreza en las manos de Cristo, sucede el milagro. Dios no comienza por nuestra abundancia, sino por nuestra disponibilidad.

También nosotros experimentamos la sensación de no tener suficiente: tiempo, fuerzas, paciencia o esperanza. El Señor no nos pide que resolvamos todo con nuestras capacidades. Nos invita a entregarle lo poco que somos para que Él lo multiplique. Así actúa la gracia de Dios Padre.

San Pablo proclama una certeza que sostiene toda la vida cristiana: «Nada podrá separarnos del amor de Dios manifestado en Cristo Jesús.» Ni el sufrimiento, ni el fracaso, ni el pecado tienen la última palabra cuando nos dejamos alcanzar por ese amor.

Comentando el Evangelio de la multiplicación de los panes, san Agustín recuerda que el verdadero Pan que alimenta al mundo es Cristo mismo. El milagro no solo sacia el hambre del cuerpo; anuncia la Eucaristía, donde el Señor continúa partiéndose para dar vida a su pueblo. Quien se alimenta de Cristo aprende, a su vez, a convertirse en pan para los demás.

Cada misa, Eucaristía, renueva esta invitación. Venimos con nuestras manos vacías y nuestro corazón necesitado. Cristo las llena con su Palabra y con su Cuerpo. Solo Él puede saciar nuestro deseo más profundo y convertir nuestra pobreza en un signo de su abundancia. ***Fr. Wellington M. Muñoz***

SANTA MISA TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LAS 5PM
Todos son bienvenidos

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Solemnidad de la Asuncion de la Virgen Maria Agosto 15 a las 8:30 am

La solemnidad de la Assumpcion de la Virgen Maria es un dia de obligacion, pero este año cayo un sabado por lo cual celebraremos la Misa el ***sabado Agosto 15 a las 8:30 am en la Iglesia***.
Todos son bienvenidos

Registraciones para las Primeras comuniones y confirmaciones en Santo Tomas

Sabado , September 26 de 10 am a 12 PM
Domingo September 27 de 11 a, a 1pm
libreria de la escuela .

NOTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO

Queremos expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a la comunidad en Espanol por su dedicación, esfuerzo y generosidad durante el reciente festival gastronómico celebrado el Dominigo pasado en el parqueadero de Santo Tomas.

Gracias a todos los organizadores, a los donantes, a los voluntarios y a los participantes que contribuyeron a que esta celebración fuera un evento alegre, acogedor y familiar. También agradecemos a todos los que vinieron a apoyarnos y disfrutaron de la deliciosa comida y las tradiciones de nuestras comunidades mexicanas y centroamericanas.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos por su amabilidad y generosidad. Vuestro apoyo marca una diferencia significativa en nuestra parroquia y en las vidas de aquellos a quienes servimos. Gracias !

Reunión con la policía del Distrito 17 del sur de Filadelfia.

- ¡Únete a nosotros para hacer que nuestro vecindario sea más seguro! Miércoles,
- ***Agosto 19*** a las 6:00 pm. Las reuniones se celebran el tercer miércoles de cada mes en el Aquinas Center. Todos son bienvenidos
- ***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 la Capilla*** *del Aquinas Center a las 7:00 pm*

- **Para bautizos y Matrimonios** favor comunicarse con la rectoria al 215.334.2312 .
- ***Confesiones*** antes de las Misas en español Sabado 6pm o Domingos 5pm .

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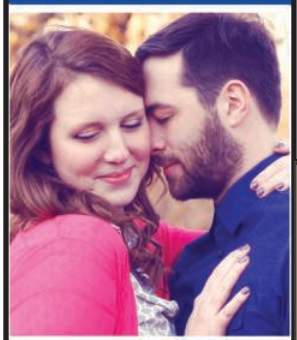

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