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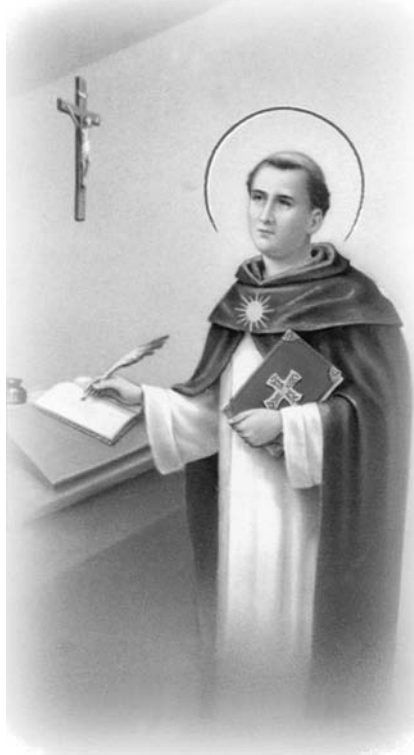
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 9:00 AM (SETON)
and 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 noon
AND 7:00 PM
(St. Thomas)



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**CONFESSION
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 PM
(St. Thomas)

Served By:

Rev. David A. Fernandes, Pastor

Rev. Michael J. Lonergan, Pastor Emeritus, (Former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Deacon John J. Gallagher

MARRIAGES

By Diocesan policy, a six month advance notice is required to allow sufficient time for the necessary marriage paper work and preparation. Deacons are permitted to witness marriages which are not celebrated during Mass.

BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month after 11:00 AM Mass. Attendance at Pre-Jordan class, on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30PM, in the Cares Meeting Room (enter by rear door) at 121 Belmont Avenue, is a requirement. You must pre-register by calling the Parish Office at (215)788-2989.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony, and/or to receive a Letter of Eligibility to be a Godparent or Sponsor it is necessary for you to be registered in our parish and practice the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office as soon as you move into our parish to schedule a registration meeting. Please call the Parish Office if you move, or change your address or phone number.

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 9:00 AM Mass (Chapel)
Rosary: Weekdays before 8:30 AM Mass (Chapel) and Sundays before each Mass
Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)

November 27, 2016

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Monday November 28, 2016
8:30 AM Peter J Giorno req by Porter Family

Tuesday November 29, 2016
8:30 AM Grace Gilbert req by Gilbert Family

Wednesday November 30, 2016
8:30 AM Edward Clancy req by Linda & Joe D'Emidio

Thursday December 1, 2016
8:30 AM Brian Roxberry req by Roxberry Children

Friday December 2, 2016
8:30 AM Irene Miller req by Michele Davison

Saturday December 3, 2016
4:30 PM James Callery req by Edel Callery

Sunday December 4, 2016
9:00 AM Marie McKendry req by Edel Callery
11:00 AM Bill & Ellen Ott req by Ed & Eleanor Clancy

Weekend Offerings

11/12	4:30 PM	\$1,709.00
11/13	9:00 AM	\$2,329.00
11/13	11:00 AM	\$2,024.00
Mail Ins		\$ 605.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 246.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 35.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$1,238.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 0.00
Candles		\$ 34.00
Poor Box		\$ 23.00

TOTAL for Parish for November 13, 2016 \$8,243.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$0.00

*Thank you for your generosity.
May the Lord bless you.*

Lectors

December 3, 2016
4:30 PM J Wallover & K Shafer

December 4, 2016
9:00 AM T Berna & T Marion
11:00 AM A Scheck & R Andrews

Extraordinary Ministers

December 3, 2016
4:30 PM C Ryan & T Litz

December 4, 2016
9:00 AM B Gutherman & E Ryan
11:00 AM R Powers & E Marra

Altar Servers

December 3, 2016
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan
Juliana Ricci

December 4, 2016
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures December 4, 2016

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Reading II: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Remember In Your Prayers



Our men and women in the military:

Many of our parishioners have family members serving in dangerous assignments around the world. **Please keep them in your prayers.**

Our Sick: Marcella Ghost, Duncan Lewis, Robert Wyatt, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kotlarek, John Gilbert, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey, Linda DeLuccia, Jermaine Williams, Amanda Tees, Helen Amato, Richard Fieramosca, Dolores Doran, Florence Colantuono, Barbara Golden, Dolores DeBeaumont, Erin Wright, Ruth Lang, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Andres Torres, Eleanor Winstanley, Joseph Hailstone, David Lovett, George Doran Jr, Connie Pessano, Ynes Bruno, Elaine Wilson, Denise Wilson, Bill Campanelli, Dawn Marie Rogers and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Dr Thomas Halpin, Anne Accardi and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank Pat & Betty Stanley and Rose & Pat Kirk for their donations **In Memory of Josephine Lunny.**

If you did not place a portrait order with Re:MEMBER Church Directories, your complimentary 8x10 photo is available for pick up in the Parish Office during normal business hours.

The second collection on the weekend of **December 3rd and 4th** will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity.

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent, take time to prepare your heart to welcome the Infant Jesus on Christmas Day. The resources in the display make it easy! Just listen to a CD on the way to work or while doing chores at home, or read a book or booklet a little each night. The resources are free to all. For those able to make a donation, we thank you for your generosity that helps to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to “feed hungry hearts”.

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

**As you put your gift in the
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box,
your heart will discover the true meaning
of Christmas as you help those who are
suffering and poor to long for the
coming of the Lord.**

Advent Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises and
ever close to your Church:
the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming
and looks forward with longing to his return
at the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope
which his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Parish Calendar of Events

The *STA Christmas Committee* has begun its advice of service to our parish families. Let's work together to make this the best "Giving Tree" ever!! The "**Giving Tree**" will be available for all parishioners to take an ornament (or two) beginning November 5th. Please help us make another family's Christmas brighter, especially the children. Gift Cards may be placed in the baskets or dropped off at the Parish Office. If you know of a family or someone who is in need of some help this holiday, please put their name and telephone in a sealed envelope, label it "*Christmas Confidential*" and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Our parish families will be our first consideration. For additional information contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989. All calls are confidential.

The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at *Gabrielle's Restaurant, 5301 Emilie Road, Levittown, PA.* For information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

On **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM**, there will be **Memorial Mass** for the deceased members of the *Knights of Columbus #4765 and the Ladies Auxiliary*. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served in Father Crehan Hall after Mass.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Bucks County Scottish American Society Christmas Ceilidh will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131 after 3:00 PM.

St Thomas Aquinas **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a combination of prayers and knitting for the ministry of others. We strive to bring God's love to folks in need, through the comfort and warmth of our handmade shawls. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

The Knights of Columbus #4765 will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577 for information.

Christmas is quickly approaching! We will soon be having our **3rd Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**. This year's event will be held on **December 10, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. We are in need of donations, remember, we are feeding the multitudes! We could use hams and turkeys, as well as, baked goods for dinner. We also need volunteers on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th to help with the preparation of the food. If you can peel potatoes, wash dishes, or cook a turkey at your home, we can use your help! Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

The Seton Hall Seniors

will be sponsoring the following trips for 2016:
American Music Theater Dec 15
Christmas Show (Lunch)

For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group **Pray and Play** on **Sunday, December 18, 2016, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Students in grades 6th-9th attend Mass, enjoy a pizza dinner, game night and service projects. For information, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

St Hubert High School invites you to attend their fall musical "**Beauty and the Beast**" on Friday, **December 2nd** at 7:30 PM, Saturday, **December 3rd** at 7:30 PM, Sunday, **December 4th** at 2:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance. For information, contact shtheatermom@yahoo.com.

Capital Singers of Trenton, under the direction of founding artistic director and conductor Richard M Loatman, present *Winter Songs X* at Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ on Sunday, **December 4, 2016** at 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance, \$22 at the door, \$15 for seniors and children under 18 and children under 12 are free. Advance tickets are available at capitalsingers.org. Call (609) 434-2781 for group sales and more information.

Archbishop Ryan High School Music Theater Scholarship Auditions on Sunday, **December 4, 2016** from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. By Appointment Only! This scholarship is for singing, dancing, or acting and each applicant must do two out of three items listed for auditions: 1) A monologue, drama or comedy, 2) A Dance, 3) A Song. Each must be 1-3 minutes long. Music can be provided ahead of time. To schedule an appointment, contact Kim Williams at kimwilldance@aol.com.

Christ the King Parish, Morrell Park, is offering its annual **Pre-Cana Program** for engaged couples of CTK and neighboring parishes for whom the winter dates may be helpful. Pre-Cana will be held in CTK Convent on the evening of Friday, **January 27, 2017** and all day Saturday, **January 28th**. For information, please email rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist invites you to *Kathleen McCarthy*: Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Morning Session: 9:00 AM - Noon. Evening Session: 7:00 – 9:00 PM *Morning Session* will include Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. *Evening Session* will include Liturgy of the Hours, Conference, and Healing Prayer Service with Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction. Come to one or both sessions! There are two separate programs; if you miss one you are welcome to come to the other session. Kathleen is Founder of *Morning Star, New Dawn Ministries*, and host of the popular weekly radio show, *In His Sign*. To register for an event, please call (610) 582-3333. All are welcome!

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by December 31, 2016.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline. For more information or an application call United Social Services, Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM at (215) 923-1900 and a staff member will assist you.

Fuel Assistance Program. The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,485, or a two-person household with a monthly income under \$2,002 qualify for the grant. Call United Social Services at (215) 923-1900 Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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