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St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

ST. THOMAS

601 Bristol Pike
Croydon, PA 19021

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)



SETON

1200 Park Ave.
Bensalem, PA 19020

PARISH OFFICE

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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)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday March 13, 2017
8:30 AM Carmella Pessano req by Verne & Edna Rider

Tuesday March 14, 2017
8:30 AM Rich Brown req by Betty Wunsch

Wednesday March 15, 2017
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Thursday March 16, 2017
8:30 AM Rich Brown req by Maryann Gibbons

Friday March 17, 2017
8:30 AM Henry O'Byrne Sr req by O'Byrne Family

Saturday March 18, 2017
4:30 PM Joseph Cwenar req by Wife Catherine & Children

Sunday March 19, 2017
9:00 AM Anne V Lehr req by Pierce-Bongart Family
11:00 AM Bill Baltrusaitis req by Marian

Lectors

March 18, 2017
4:30 PM J Berna & K Shafer

March 19, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & T Marion
11:00 AM A Scheck & D DiTommaso

Extraordinary Ministers

March 18, 2017
4:30 PM T Litz & D Shafer

March 19, 2017
9:00 AM E Callery & E Ryan
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Altar Servers

March 18, 2017
4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

March 19, 2017
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

Weekend Offerings

02/25	4:30 PM	\$1,991.00
02/26	9:00 AM	\$1,857.00
02/26	11:00 AM	\$2,035.00
Mail Ins		\$ 891.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 40.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 90.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 32.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 195.00
Candles		\$ 41.00
Poor Box		\$ 13.00
TOTAL for Parish for February 26, 2017		\$6,990.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$195.00

Sunday Scriptures March 19, 2017

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

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: Helen Amato, Lou Balot, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Francis Clark, Joe Cochran, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Florence Bartal, Caroline Tokarski, Nicholas Simon, John Gilbert, Katherine Sutton and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

We invite you to join us for our
40 Hours Devotion/Parish Mission
on **April 2nd, 3rd and 4th**
at **7:00 PM**

Our guest speaker will be
Father Christopher Walsh, Pastor
Saint Raymond Church

We will have a guest speaker, Gloria Coyne, on the weekend of **March 18th-19th** to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the Catholic Charities Appeal.

The **second collection** on the weekend of **March 18th-19th** will be for the **Archdiocese of Military Services**. This collection benefits the Archdiocese for Military Services, which provides pastoral services for members of the armed forces and their families.

Memorial Fund....

We would like to thank
Denise M. Brennan
for her donation

In Memory of Richard Brown

We would like to thank
Angela Anetakis, Frank & Mary Korzen,
Louis & Irene Anetakis
for their donations

In Memory of Julia Pachucki

We would like to thank
Robert & Julianna Moseley, Louis & Irene Anetakis
for their donations

In Memory of Edward Pachucki

We would like to thank
Diane and Alfred Platt
for their donation

In Memory of Caroline Tokarski

We would like to thank
Cheryl Desmond, Clara Desko & Stella Bartal
for their donations

In Memory of Florence Bartal

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays: 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM
(March 29, April 5, 12)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Attention Military Families

Your Knights of Columbus, Council 4765, is interested in providing care packages to the family members of our parishioners who are serving in the military. Please send contact information to KoC4765@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989, if you would like to add your military family members to our database or if you would like to help with this project.

40 Cans for Lent. The Knights of Columbus are collecting canned goods for the local food banks during Lent. There will be baskets by each doorway for you to drop off any canned goods you can spare. Thank you and God Bless!

Come join the Knights of the Columbus for the Stations of the Cross. As we have done in the past, every Sunday during Lent, we host the Stations of the Cross in the **Chapel after the 11:00 AM Mass.**

St Thomas Aquinas parishioners are invited to help the *St Vincent de Paul Society* provide for those in need by taking a **Lenten Container** and filling it with cash donations and/or Shop Rite gift cards. The Containers are available in the back of Church and may be returned on Palm Sunday.

The St Thomas Aquinas Women's Group will be discussing a new book, beginning March 30th, titled "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. To place your order for the book, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331. The book is \$10.00

Save the Date:

*Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, April 22, 2017
5:30 PM
Father Crehan Hall*

Parish Calendar of Events

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Father Crehan Hall. All are welcome!

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents and Godparents must attend. For questions or to confirm your attendance, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Passion of Jesus Christ. The Via Dolorosa Ministry will, once again, perform Christ's Passion on Good Friday evening. Our next rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Church.** All costumes are provided for you. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Fenton at (215) 458-8289. Thank you.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The *SETON Seniors* are offering the following trips:

Mohegan Sun March 30, 2017
Sight & Sound (Jonah) May 18, 2017

For reservations or information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

March 12, 2017



presented by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
on **Saturday, March 25, 2017**

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Father Crehan Hall
121 Belmont Avenue
Croydon, PA 19021

Doors open at 5:30 PM and
Game starts at 7:00 PM
Tickets are \$25.00/pp
15 Games, Specials, Raffles, 50/50
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Food will be available for sale
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Tickets will be sold after all Masses
and in the Parish Office
during normal business hours

For information, contact the
Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or
Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331

You are cordially invited to
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as we celebrate the
60th Anniversary of Her

Dedication

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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10:30 AM

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with your RSVP information

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT PATRICK AND THE LENTEN OBLIGATION TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2017.

The United States Bishops prescribe as a *minimal obligation* that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This is a corporate gesture of penance observed by all the members of the Church in the United States.

In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant such a dispensation from the observance of the corporate gesture of penance on a penitential day. However, as with every Friday of the Church Year outside of Lent, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross.

On Saint Patrick's Day, the memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the Faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Lent does not disappear with the festive celebration of Saint Patrick. Rather, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.

Have your good intentions for a Lenten practice already faltered?

Don't let that discourage you. Pick up a booklet, book or CD from our Resource display to draw you closer to the Lord who will provide the grace to persevere.

Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

A Message from St Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

Your gift in the St Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Therese: The Story of a Soul, the moving, live production performed by actress Audrey Ahern and directed by Patti Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St Timothy Catholic Church in Philadelphia on **Friday, March 24th at 7:00 PM**. In this inspiring one-woman performance, Therese speaks directly to the audience with humor, grace and humility. Her honest, direct spirituality speaks powerfully to our busy culture, with the encouraging message that anyone can become a saint. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Admission is free-will offering. For additional information, contact St Timothy Church Office at (215) 624-6188 or rectory@st-tims.org or visit www.st-tims.org.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Theme: "Mary the first one to know the Trinity". Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083. Guest speaker: Msgr. John A. Esseff, former Spiritual Director of Mother Teresa. Retreat Day begins at 8:30 AM with Parish Mass. Free of Charge. Please bring your own lunch. Msgr. Esseff will bless Sacramentals. Retreat Day concludes after Benediction at 2:15 PM.

Archbishop Wood High School has an opening for a **Girls Lacrosse Coach**. The ideal candidate possesses previous background sufficient to warrant a leadership role in a character-building program. All interested persons may apply and shall be given every consideration in the filling of this position. Please reply to:

Archbishop Wood High School
c/o Mr. Joe Sette, Athletic Director
655 York Road
Warminster, Pa 18974
(215) 672-5050 Ext 260
jsette@archwood.org

Would you consider giving of your time and talents to an organization that has helped thousands of women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy? **The Legacy of Life Foundation** is having a volunteer recruitment meeting, **March 27th** beginning at 2:00 PM in our Bucks County Office. If interested in learning about all the ways to volunteer please RSVP to Katie Hardwick at katie@legacyoflifefoundation.org or call (267) 838-4030. We are specifically looking for volunteers interested in assisting with our three year parenting program, hotline help, administrative duties, baby bottle drives, and more!

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