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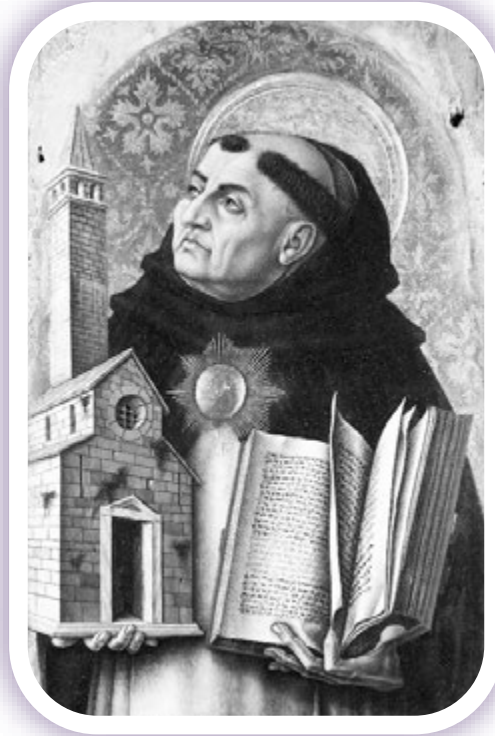
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

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



SETON

1200 Park Ave.
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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 Saturday before 9:00 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)
(September to May)

August 27, 2017

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday August 28, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday August 29, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Wednesday August 30, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Thursday August 31, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday September 2, 2017
9:00 AM Arthur Gallagher req by Joseph Burger
4:30 PM Katherine Sutton req by M/M Joseph Cummings
& Cookie Grafenstine

Sunday September 3, 2017
9:00 AM Cora Andres req by Jet Jabla
11:00 AM Arlene Kovac req by Terry

Weekend Offerings

08/12	4:30 PM	\$2,398.00
08/13	9:00 AM	\$2,503.00
08/13	11:00 AM	\$1,823.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$2,209.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 421.00
Summer Maintenance		\$1,320.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 75.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 198.00
Candles		\$ 40.00
Poor Box		\$ 12.00
TOTAL for Parish for August 13, 2017		\$10,801.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$198.00

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

Lectors

September 2, 2017
4:30 PM J Berna & P DeMichele

September 3, 2017
9:00 AM C Del Puerto & T Marion
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Extraordinary Ministers

September 2, 2017
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

September 3, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & D Whelihan
11:00 AM W Freer & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

September 2, 2017
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

September 3, 2017
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel
Chaston Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures September 3, 2017

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Reading II: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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, Tama Cary, Caylonna, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Genevieve Mitchell, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.



On Sunday, August 20, 2017, two girls received the Sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Elizabella Helen Fiocco
Hanna Mae Mulyadi

The **2018 Mass Book** will open on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**. The Parish Office will take your request for Masses, for the period **January to May**, during normal business hours.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is for persons who have been Baptized but have no affiliation with any church, who were Baptized, were Baptized as Catholics but were never fully initiated through the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, or for Catholics who want a better understanding of our faith. If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, maybe even considering membership in the Catholic Church, then we invite you to join us as we begin our new season of RCIA classes. For more information, please contact Father David at (215) 788-2989.

Catechists Needed—Are you willing to help?

The success of the Faith Formation of our children depends on the generosity and dedication of volunteers! These volunteers, who become Catechists and classroom aides, share their faith and love for Jesus while teaching the youth of our Parish as they grow in faith. We are in need of volunteers for the 2017-18 school year which begins in September. For more information, please contact John Brogan at (215) 788-2989.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for August 16th to August 22nd are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Aug 16th	157	Bill Manley
Aug 17th	971	Toni Williams
Aug 18th	483	Unsold Ticket
Aug 19th	856	Unsold Ticket
Aug 20th	641	Unsold Ticket
Aug 21st	355	Jim Meade
Aug 22nd	282	Tim O'Donnell

Parish Calendar of Events

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Cesare's Ristorante**. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

Our Church Breakfast is coming back! We hope you will join us on **Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

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, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, September 19, 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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Save the Date and plan on joining us for our **Church Social on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall.

The **SETON Seniors** are offering the following trip:
Mohegan Sun **Sept 28, 2017**

Cost is \$45/per person (\$25/slots and \$5/food). Depart from St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM and return at 7:00 PM. For reservations or information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

St Thomas Aquinas Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be participating in the national **"Friends of the Poor Walk"** on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**. The Friends of the Poor Walk is a national program that provides funding for local Society of St Vincent de Paul Conferences and Councils. Funds raised from these events remain local, allowing local SVdP Conferences/Councils to provide emergency assistance to those in need. The Walk will start at 10:00 AM. We will begin by attending the 9:00 AM Mass and then walk from St Thomas Aquinas to Croydon Acres Playground, and then return to Father Crehan Hall for refreshments. Online registration is now available. The website is www.svdpusa.net/walk/1642. Registration will also be available after all Masses on the weekends of September 10th and September 17th. Registration fees are \$25.00/person, \$40.00/family and \$10.00/under 16 years old. Hats will be distributed to all registered walkers on the day of the event. For more information, please contact John Wrightson at (267) 554-7109.

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
2017-2018 Registration**

PREP assists families in passing on the Catholic faith and the love of Jesus to its younger members so that they too, will become committed disciples and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. PREP classes from Level 1 to Level 7 will be held at the parish worship site of **Seton Hall** (1200 Park Avenue, Bensalem, PA) on **Thursday Evenings** from **6:50 PM to 8:20 PM** starting on **September 14, 2017**.

The fees for PREP are:

\$80 for one child

\$75 for two or three children (cost per child)

\$70 for four or more children (cost per child)

All students MUST be registered no later than August 31, 2017 and BEFORE the first night of class. There will be NO registrations accepted the first night of class. Tuition payment is due at the time of registration.

All families that were registered last year for PREP received a 2017-2018 Registration Form in the mail. An additional registration form can be obtained at the Parish Office (121 Belmont Ave., Croydon) or on the parish website (www.staq.org) by clicking "Spiritual Growth" then Click "PREP."

A mandatory Parent's PREP Orientation Meeting will be held on the first night of class, September 14th, at 7:00 PM in Seton Hall.

For more information, please contact John Brogan, PREP Director at dre.staq@gmail.com or (215) 788-2989.

**The Knights of Columbus #4765
will be holding their
*Annual Golf Outing***

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Bensalem Country Club

Sign in begins at 12:00 PM

1:00 PM Shot Gun Start.

The price is \$125.00 per person.

This includes a round of golf with cart and a buffet dinner with door prizes to be held in Father Crehan Hall

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To register please call Rich Powell at

(215) 964-3180.

Registration/Sponsorship Forms may also be obtained in the Parish Office.

On behalf of the **Knights of Columbus Pope Pius XII Council 4765**, we would appreciate your support of our Annual Golf Outing, scheduled for Sept 16, 2017. Proceeds from this event will go towards our chapter's continuing efforts to support the church, the local parish, and the community. All sponsors will be recognized at the outing with a sign representing the name of the company or organization. These signs will be posted throughout the golf course at each hole. All sponsors will also have their names listed on the paperwork that each golfer will receive. **The cost of sponsorship is \$125 per hole.** Hopefully, through our sponsor's generous efforts, this year's Golf Outing will prove to be even more successful than last year's event. We are extremely excited and anticipate it to be fun for all.

Please Call or Mail Your Sponsorship To:

Rich Powell

525 Wyoming Ave

Croydon PA, 19021

(215) 964-3180

**Include your Name, Address and Telephone
Number**

**Please Make Checks Payable To
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The **52nd Annual Polish American Festival** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, located on Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA, takes place during Labor Day Weekend, **September 2nd, 3rd and 4th** from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM each day. The Polish American Festival features carnival rides, live music and stage shows and ongoing entertainment on the main stage and in the Polish Village highlighting Polish traditions and customs, Polish Folk Dance Groups, along with a variety of Polish and American food and refreshments. The \$12.00 admission includes all events and carnival rides. The Festival will continue on Saturday, September 9th and 10th. For more information, visit the Shrine's internet site at PolishAmericanFestival.com or PolishShrine.com.

All are invited to the **Second Annual Polish Harvest Festival** at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday, **September 17th** from Noon to 6:00 PM to support St Mary Polish American Society. Polka Fest will feature live Polka music, Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes! Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Tickets for children are \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. Tickets include the price of admission, food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Wednesday, September 6th. Walk-ins are still welcome on the day of the event. For advance tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at (610) 630-0861.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist invites you to **Fatima Evening on September 13, 2017** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Father Harry McCreedy will lead the September 13th Fatima Evening of Prayer for Peace and the Protection of the World at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist in Birdsboro, PA. This event includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Benediction and Mass. To register call (610) 582-3333 or visit www.olme.org. All are welcome!

The Bucks County Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a **Charismatic Healing Mass** on Friday, **September 29th** at Assumption BVM Church, 1900 Meadowbrook Road, Feasterville, PA 19053. Prayer & Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev. Michael Davis, Homilist: Rev. John Kelly, Music Ministry: Martha's House Music Ministry. Confessions available beforehand 6:15—6:45 PM. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call Bob/Jean Ambs at (215) 355-4974.

Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage. Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus's conception at Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Sail on the Sea of Galilee. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the Holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February 1-11, 2018. Find out more about this amazing pilgrimage and the opportunity to be a Pilgrimage Promoter by attending an **Information Night and Social on September 27** (Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium, 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia) **or October 19** (St Mary Center Community Room, 701 Lansdale Ave, Lansdale), all beginning at 7:00 PM. To register for an Information Night, email Heather at heather@select-intl.com. For more information about the itinerary, pricing, and registration, visit www.selectinternationaltours.com.

*Come and Celebrate Fall at Camilla Hall, Immaculata, PA on **Saturday, October 7, 2017** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bus is leaving from Our Lady of Fatima Parking Lot. \$12.00 Bus Fee. For information, please call Barb at (215) 639-9486 or Rita at (215) 632-6139.*

Conwell/Egan Class of '77 40th Year Reunion on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at Irish Rover Station House, 1033 S Bellevue Avenue, Langhorne, PA 19047. Cost is \$60.00/per person and includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, music and door prizes. For information, email ConwellEgan77@gmail.com.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the *Cathedral Ambassadors*. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica everyday of the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. *Cathedral Ambassadors* provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. *Cathedral Ambassadors* are assigned 4-hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a *Cathedral Ambassador*, please contact Martha Ortiz, the coordinator of the *Cathedral Ambassadors*, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com. *Learn more about our Cathedral Basilica at www.cathedralphila.org.*

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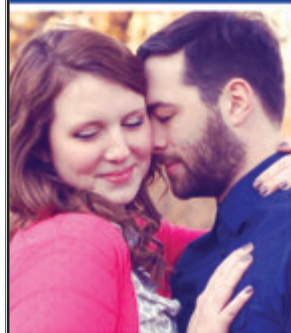
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