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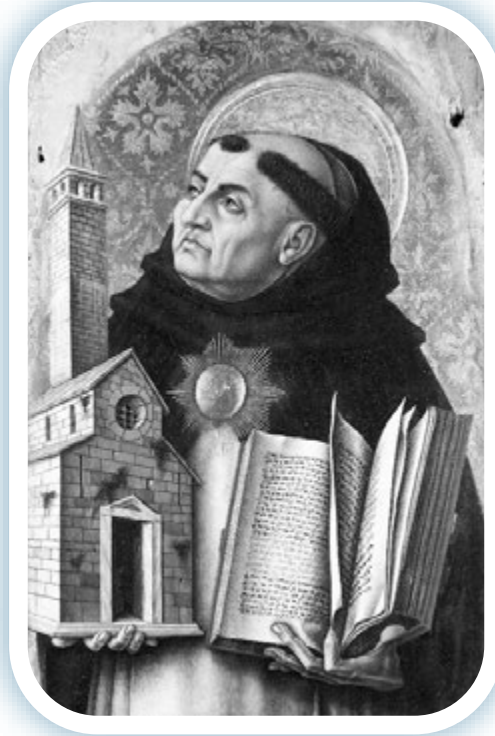
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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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)

October 8, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

At a Finance Council Meeting in the spring, we were discussing ways to reach out to our many inactive parishioners. All agreed that the best, most efficient method would be a letter. A draft was written by the Finance Council and edited by the Pastoral Council. Alas, it didn't get to the mailbox! I just had this feeling that something was missing, but I wasn't sure what that something was. Recently, someone asked me whatever became of the letter to our inactive parishioners. I was forced to return to it and reflect more deeply on it.

I came to the conclusion that it would be best for one parishioner to write to another parishioner. The writer should be a person who has struggled with his/her faith—perhaps even fallen away from the practice of the Faith and returned. A sharing of one's own life story may be the most powerful magnet we can use to draw another back to Christ. People stop practicing the faith for a multitude of reasons: laziness, materialism, a difficult work schedule, ignorance, divorce and remarriage outside the Church, a bad experience, a personal sinful habit, the closing of a parish—just to name a few. Perhaps you yourself were one of these people.

The good news is that many of our active parishioners have really inspiring conversion stories to tell. The bad news is that these stories are as yet unwritten. Perhaps God is calling you to witness to the power of His love at work in your life. Would you be willing to share your story in order to invite someone back to full, active participation in the life of our parish? If you feel that God is calling you to this important ministry, please contact me.

In parting, I have a few pieces of information to share with you that were not contained in my last letter.

- Our Octoberfest is being replaced this year by a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 21st from 7-11PM. Should be a frightful experience for everyone!
- Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, November, 26th from 9AM-2PM. Shop till you drop!
- Mr. John Brogan resigned his position as PREP Director/Custodian to take a government job. Our new Director of Religious Education is Mrs. Kathleen Gallagher, wife of Deacon John Gallagher, and our new custodian is Mr. Joseph Spear, husband of our parish secretary, Roseann Spear. It's our version of the All in the Family!
- Block Collection letters are in the mail. Please be as generous as you possibly can.
- I encourage you to come to the Parish Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month and the Parish Social on the fourth Sunday of each month. One of the things that former Catholics find attractive about some of the Protestant churches they join is their sense of community. The Breakfast and the Social are ways not only to build up your body but also our parish, so please get in touch with your inner Protestant!
- I am running a pilgrimage in September 2018 to that other Holy Land—Ireland! We depart on September 5th and return September 15th. Some of the places to be visited include: Dublin, Kilkenny, Galway, Knock, Belfast, Limerick, and Cork. For more information and a brochure, please call the Parish Office.
- Sunday, January 28th is the feast of our patron, St. Thomas Aquinas. Normally, the feast of a saint is not celebrated on Sunday; however, since he is our parish patron and since his feast day falls during Ordinary Time, we are permitted to use the Mass for the Feast. I have invited our regional bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald to preside at the 11AM Mass on that day. **Every parishioner should plan to participate in this very important parish celebration.** I am inviting priests who have served this community over the years to return and concelebrate. I ask you please spread the word to alumni and former parishioners. Details to follow after our next Pastoral Council meeting. Pray for blue skies!

Get involved! Support your parish with your time, talent, and treasure, and pray for a return of the majority to the practice of their Faith!

God Bless,
Fr. David

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday October 9, 2017
8:30 AM Deceased Friend of Barbara Stout & Bill Klinger

Tuesday October 10, 2017
8:30 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta Brackett

Wednesday October 11, 2017
8:30 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta Brackett

Thursday October 12, 2017
8:30 AM Juan Roman req by Marta Brackett

Saturday October 14, 2017
9:00 AM Enrique Areita req by Marta Brackett
4:30 PM Anne Sweeney req by Jack & Sandy Williams

Sunday October 15, 2017
9:00 AM Bro. Harry McGovern OSFS req by His Sister
11:00 AM Katherine Sutton req by The Parish Office

Weekend Offerings

09/23	4:30 PM	\$1,621.00
09/24	9:00 AM	\$1,909.00
09/24	11:00 AM	\$1,417.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 726.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 135.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 20.00
Candles		\$ 22.00
Poor Box		\$ 0.00
TOTAL for Parish for September 24, 2017		\$5,855.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$20.00

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

Lectors

October 14, 2017
4:30 PM C Ryan & J Berna

October 15, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & E Callery
11:00 AM R Dalessandro & R Andrews

Extraordinary Ministers

October 14, 2017
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

October 15, 2017
9:00 AM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis
11:00 AM R Powers & A Scheck

Altar Servers

October 14, 2017
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

October 15, 2017
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

Sunday Scriptures October 15, 2017

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a (142A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Cassidy Haines, 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, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

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



On Sunday, October 1, 2017, one boy and one girl received the Sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Jensen Schwartz
Charlie Elizabeth Navalsky

The Blessing of the Animals will take place today, Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 12:30 PM

**St Thomas Aquinas
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for Sept 27th to Oct 3rd are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Sept 27	850	Unsold Ticket
Sept 28	948	Unsold Ticket
Sept 29	248	Pat Pomo
Sept 30	156	Unsold Ticket
Oct 1	948	Unsold Ticket
Oct 2	435	Unsold Ticket
Oct 3	789	Unsold Ticket

The Knights of Columbus Football Sweeps

The Knights of Columbus are selling football sweeps tickets now through October 12, 2017. The tickets are \$10.00 each and good for 10 weeks.

How the sweepstakes works: Your ticket has four different football teams each week. If your four teams score the most or least points in any week—you are a winner. Tickets may be purchased from any Knight or in the Parish Office during regular business hours. You may also contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423. Thank you for your support!!

Beginning Monday, October 9, 2017
(and every Monday thereafter)
we will have

Adoration in the Chapel from
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
followed by **Benediction at 3:30 PM**

Parish Calendar of Events

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The **Committee for the Christmas Bazaar** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome. For information, contact Pat Bercute at (215) 458-8355.

Women's Bible Group. We will be starting a new book titled, "Walking With Purpose". It aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and discussion. It links our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. The book consists of 8 chapters. The cost of the book is \$5.00. *The Group meets every other Thursday beginning **October 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room.* Light refreshments will be available. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 to sign up so your book can be ordered.

Croydon Acres Neighborhood Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Rain date will be Sunday, October 15th. For information, please email us at croydonacresplayground@comcast.net.

Please join the *Knights of Columbus* for a **Social** on **Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at **SETON Hall**, 1200 Park Avenue, Bensalem, PA. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, October 17, 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, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Halloween Party

Join us for a fiendishly ghoulish time
on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Father Crehan Hall

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include Beer, Buffett, Music and Dancing. Prizes will be awarded for best costume — so come out as your most outlandish self. BYOB is permitted. You must be 21 to attend. Proceeds benefit the charitable works of The Knights of Columbus and The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

On **Saturday, November 4, 2017**, St Thomas Aquinas Parish will be celebrating our **All Souls Day Memorial Mass at 4:30 PM**

Together, we will commemorate the lives of those parishioners and family members of parishioners who have returned to the Lord since October 15, 2016. We need your help to assure that all of our deceased loved ones are included. If you have an immediate family member who died this past year and the funeral services were not held at our parish, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 no later than October 27, 2017.

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, November 6, 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 **Knights of Columbus Council 4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

Save the Dates....

Soup and Conversation 2017

Presented by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, November 5, 2017
Noon to 4:00 PM
Fr. Crehan Hall

St Thomas Aquinas Parish
8th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show
Sunday, November 26, 2017
Father Crehan Hall
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group at Juniper Village at Bucks County, Village Conference Center, 3200 Bensalem Blvd, Bensalem. The group meets the 2nd Friday of every month. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. They help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia. The next meeting will be **October 13th**. For more information please contact Joyce Shreffler at (215) 752-2370 Ext 1144. Must RSVP to attend.

Find joy in giving, helping, and encouraging students to grow! 21st Century Community Learning Center is looking for seniors, young adults, and students to volunteer with local children to help with their homework or other academic and enrichment activities. You could provide math, reading or ESL tutoring, teacher support, lead a club or discussion group, assist in a library or office, or share your hobbies and life experiences. How would you like to help? Please call Elizabeth Sullivan, Intergenerational Coordinator, at (215) 428-0500 Ext 106 or email at IC@LBC21stCCLC.org.

Father Judge High School Mandatory 8th Grade Scholarship/Placement Test. 8th grade students from Catholic, Charter and Public Schools applying to Father Judge must take the Placement Test. Pre-register at www.fatherjudge.com. To schedule A Day in the Life of a Crusader "Shadow Day", please call the Admissions Department at (215) 338-9494 Ext 1158.

It's not too late to enroll in **Holy Family Regional Catholic's Pre-K3 Program!!** 10 reasons why parents are enrolling their children: full & half day programs, pre-academic skills, low teacher-student ratio, teachers certified in Early Childhood Education, SMART Boards & iPads, foreign language & sign language basics, socialization skills, music, gym, art, library & recess, safe environment, dynamic, caring, learning environment nurturing the whole child. Contact Andrea Pendle for more information about our Pre-K3 Program at (215) 269-9600 Ext 209.

40 Days for Life. From September 27th to November 5th, our community will unite with many others from coast to coast—and internationally—for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization—the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. *Here's how you can take part:* Join us at our Vigil Location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 2751 Comly Road, Philadelphia; Vigil hours: 7AM to 3PM Monday thru Saturday. For more information or to sign up, please contact Anita Flynn at (267) 456-4582 or aflynn3250@yahoo.com

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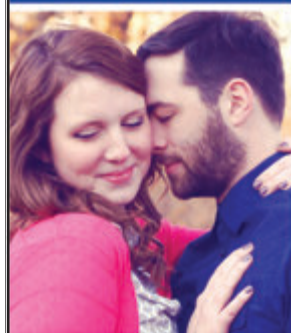
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