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ST. THOMAS

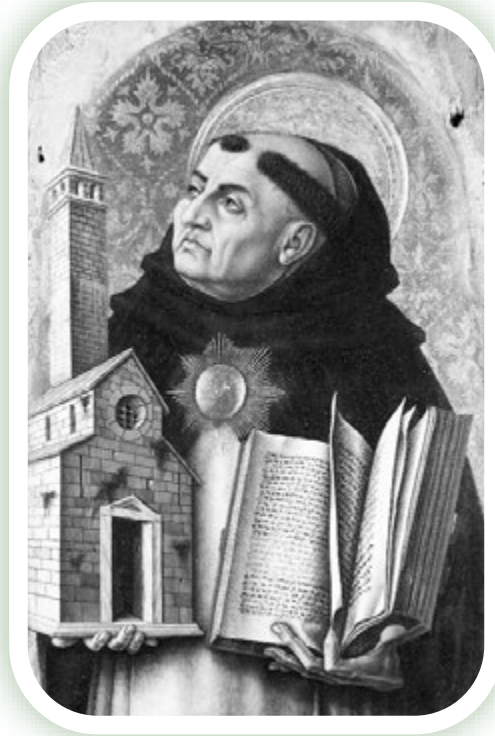
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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**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)

November 12, 2017

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday November 13, 2017
8:30 AM Isabelle Arena req by Gert & Family

Tuesday November 14, 2017
8:30 AM James Damiano req by Mary Brach

Wednesday November 15, 2017
8:30 AM Morrin Wedding Anniversary req by Gen Morrin

Thursday November 16, 2017
8:30 AM Mary Anne Tryon req by Gertrude & Family

Friday November 17, 2017
8:30 AM Helen France req by Schroeder & France Fams

Saturday November 18, 2017
4:30 PM Dec'd Members/Dwornitski Family req by Family

Sunday November 19, 2017
9:00 AM Walt & Irene Zebrowski req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis
11:00 AM Joseph Wojcik req by Cynthia & Marie

Weekend Offerings

10/28	4:30 PM	\$2,219.00
10/29	9:00 AM	\$2,132.00
10/29	11:00 AM	\$1,622.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 735.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 59.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 483.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 58.00
Candles		\$ 25.00
Poor Box		\$ 127.00

TOTAL for Parish for October 29, 2017 \$7,427.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$58.00

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

Lectors

November 18, 2017
4:30 PM J Berna & P DeMichele

November 19, 2017
9:00 AM R Daubert & C DelPuerto
11:00 AM A Scheck & R Dalessandro

Extraordinary Ministers

November 18, 2017
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

November 19, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & J Shirley
11:00 AM R Powers & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

November 18, 2017
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
MaryRose Okwara

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

November 23, 2017
9:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures November 19, 2017

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (157A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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, 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, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Ronald Moyer Sr and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 26th, will be celebrated at St Thomas Aquinas.

The St Charles Seminary Appeal will take place this weekend, November 11th and 12th. This is a direct mail campaign. Envelopes will be available at the Church entrances. There is no second collection for this appeal.

**St Thomas Aquinas
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for Nov 1st to Nov 7th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Nov 1	893	Unsold Ticket
Nov 2	537	Unsold Ticket
Nov 3	595	Unsold Ticket
Nov 4	024	Unsold Ticket
Nov 5	493	J. Marchiondo
Nov 6	635	Unsold Ticket
Nov 7	923	B. Baltrusaitis



We invite and challenge you to join us in "Making a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" St Thomas Aquinas Choir is seeking new, as well as, former members who are interested in sharing their time and talent in singing for the Lord. We have rehearsals every Thursday, at 7:00 PM, in the Church. For more information, contact Michael Winstanley at (215) 584-2981.

Parish Calendar of Events

The STA Christmas Committee has begun its advice of service to our parish families. The **"Giving Tree"** will be available for all parishioners to take an ornament beginning **Saturday, November 11th**. 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. Deadline to return all gifts is December 17th. If you know of anyone in need of help this holiday, please put their name and telephone number in a sealed envelope and 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.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

On **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM**, there will be a **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 after Mass in Fr Crehan Hall.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, November 19, 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 next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, November 21, 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.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 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, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Please plan on joining us for the St Thomas Aquinas Parish **8th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show** on **Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Anyone interested in donating new items for the Trombola Table may bring the items to the Parish Office during regular business hours. **PLEASE NOTE: THE 9:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS**

*Christmas is quickly approaching! We will soon be having our **4th Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, December 2, 2017 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 turkeys, hams, as well as, baked goods for dinner.*

We are in need of volunteers on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd to help with the preparation of the food. If you can peel potatoes, wash dishes or cook a ham or turkey at home, we can use your help!!!

Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

On Friday, **November 17, 2017**, the *Villa Joseph Marie Alumnae Association* will host **Designer Handbag Bingo** in the school gymnasium at 1180 Holland Road in Holland. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and bingo will begin at 7:15 PM. This event is open to the community. Admission includes 10 rounds of Bingo (three cards per round) and the chance to leave with a gorgeous handbag by designers such as Anthropologie, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, and more. Additional Bingo sheets, special raffles, and a 50/50 also will be available for optional participation. Complimentary dessert and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Wine will be available for sale. Participants are also welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance, and \$35 at the door. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased online at www.vjmhs.org/bingo. All proceeds support academic and extracurricular programs at Villa.

Archbishop Ryan is offering the opportunity for 8th grade students who will be attending Archbishop Ryan HS in September 2018 to be awarded an **Art Scholarship** for their talents. All entries are due by *Friday, November 17, 2017*. For more information, contact Pamela McPeak at Admissions@ArchbishopRyan.com. Partial 4 year **Music Scholarships** are available to instrumentalists in the Class of 2022. Auditions will be held on *Saturday, November 18th*. For information, contact Gene Ciccimaro at (215) 637-1800 Ext 242. Partial 4 year **Theater Arts Scholarships** are available to members of the Class of 2022. Auditions will be held on *Sunday, November 19th*. For information, contact Kim Williams at kwilliams@archbishopryan.com.

Visitation B.V.M. in Trooper, PA is hosting their **61st Annual Christmas Bazaar** on **Friday, November 17th** from 6:30 to 10:00 PM and **Saturday, November 18th** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will have Basket Raffles, 30 Vendors, 20 Parish Organization Booths for all ages and interest, Santa's Secret Shop for the youngest Christmas Shoppers, Attic Treasures, food and much more. Santa Claus arrives by fire truck on Saturday at 11:00 AM.

St Michael the Archangel Alumni and Friends Committee is hosting a **Craft and Vendor Fair** on **November 18th** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (free admission) at St Michael the Archangel Church basement, 66 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA. Included in the fun will be a variety of vendors, endless crafts, music, food, raffle prizes, and a visit from Santa! All proceeds will benefit the SMA Alumni and Friends' tuition scholarship fund. For more information, email smaalumniandfriends@gmail.com.

Hope & Healing for the Catholic Family. **A Healing Day Retreat for the Separated, Divorced & Remarried.** Feeling broken or hurt because of separation or divorce? Have any unanswered questions? Come journey with National Catholic Speaker Rose Sweet and experience the love of Jesus. **Saturday, November 18th** beginning at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Overbrook, Nolasco Hall (Church Basement), 6315 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia 19151. The day includes a Q&A Session, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and light refreshments. Registration is \$25.00 per person. To register, visit www.nonnatus.org or call (215) 870-9913.

All are invited to the 2nd Annual St Mary Polish American Society **Christmas Bazaar** at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday, November 19th** from Noon to 5:00 PM. The Christmas Bazaar will feature live Christmas and Polka Music, Polish food, a 50/50 and other games of chance, a Christmas-themed basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome and there will be games for children with plenty of prizes. The cover for the Christmas Bazaar is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. The cover for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. If you would like to attend the bazaar and take advantage of the early bird discount, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy at (610) 630-0861 by November 8th. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the event.

You're Invited—*Meeting Jesus, One is Never the Same*". In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place, Come, Thanksgiving weekend—**November 24—26**. To learn more, call Frank Coyne at (215) 677-0985. Additional information on retreats for men, women, married couples and families can be found on our website at www.malvernretreat.com or call (610) 644-0400.

The Parents Association of St Hubert High School for Girls is hosting our annual **Holiday Vendor Fair** being held on **December 7, 2017** from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Please come out and help support the Parents Association Scholarships for the girls of St Hubert. We will have crafters, vendors, selling 50/50's, raffles, and the school store will be open during this time. If you are interested in becoming a crafter/vendor, please contact Beth Stocklin at bethstocklin@gmail.com or Trisha Kinney at tkinney1@gmail.com.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart on the Eve of the Immaculate Conception. Gathering in Chester County All are Welcome on **Thursday, December 7, 2017** at SS. Simon and Jude Church, Route 3 and Route 352, West Chester, PA 19382. Beginning at 6:30 PM with Rosary in the Chapel and Holy Mass at 7:00 PM in the Main Church. Sharing from Maryland State Leader, Diane Salem, Prayer for Receiving the Flame, and concluding with Benediction. Any questions, call Mary (302) 388-3752.

Guided by Christ, the area Catholic Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 40) meet regularly on Monday evenings at Old St Andrew's Church, 135 S. Sycamore Street, Newtown, PA. They will be having an Open House on December 18th. For information/questions, please email jhawkinsti@aol.com.

Catholic Social Services, Bucks County is appealing for your help in providing assistance to those in need at Christmas time and throughout the year. We invite you to participate in our **Community Christmas Program**. Perhaps your family or team at work can come together and help make the season a little brighter for a local Bucks County family! Please call (215) 945-2550 and ask for the *Community Christmas/Adopt a Family Program*. You can also help by making a cash or gift card donation. These donations can be sent to 100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054. Gift cards from local grocery stores like Giant, Shop Rite, Wal-Mart, Target and Toys R Us allow us to assist families at Christmas and throughout the year. For those who prefer to shop, items such as diapers, wipes, infant blankets and clothing and baby toiletries are always in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to help our neighbors in need! May God continue to bless you and your families! For more information, please call (215) 945-2550.

Prayer for Vocations

*Loving God, during this Year of Mercy
You call us through our baptism in the Spirit
to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus.*

*Open us to listen for your invitation.
Empower us to respond to your call.*

*Inspire women and men
to follow the path of service.
Together may we build up the Church to be a
vibrant sign of your presence in our world.*

*We offer this prayer
in the name of your Son, Jesus,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
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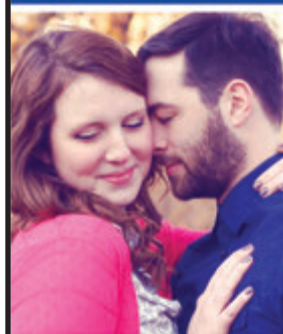


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