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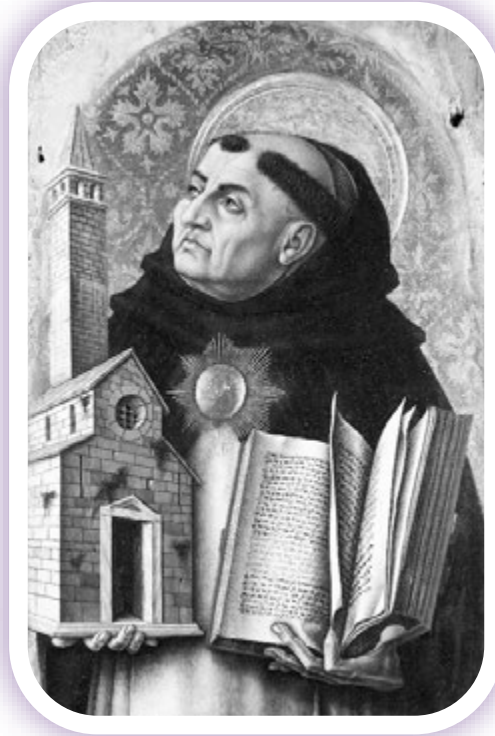
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



SETON

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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)

February 25, 2018

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday February 26, 2018
8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

Tuesday February 27, 2018
8:30 AM Pat Hennessy req by Diane DiEgidio

Wednesday February 28, 2018
8:30 AM Ronald Moyer Sr req by Donna Cuttle

Thursday March 1, 2018
8:30 AM Kathleen Gavin req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

Friday March 2, 2018
8:30 AM Ralph Bessinger req by Kathleen Gallagher

Saturday March 3, 2018
4:30 PM Elizabeth Carmody req by Tom

Sunday March 4, 2018
9:00 AM Helen Wright req by Bernie Stahlnecker
11:00 AM John Gilbert req by Gilbert Family

Weekend Offerings

02/10	4:30 PM	\$ 2,245.00
02/11	9:00 AM	\$ 1,392.00
02/11	11:00 AM	\$ 1,579.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 2,191.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 139.50
Winter Maintenance		\$ 1,573.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 27.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 15.00
Candles		\$ 0.00
Poor Box		\$ 0.00

TOTAL for Parish for February 11, 2018 \$9,146.50
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$15.00

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

Lectors

March 3, 2018
4:30 PM R Fallon & P DeMichele

March 4, 2018
9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Daubert
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

March 3, 2018
4:30 PM J Berna & J Wallover

March 4, 2018
9:00 AM E Callery & J Shirley
11:00 AM E Marra & R Powers

Altar Servers

March 3, 2018
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

March 4, 2018
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures February 25, 2018

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2. 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Sunday Scriptures March 4, 2018

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

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: Francis Breuer, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, 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.

Congratulations to...

Thomas Beaudet for receiving First Honors from Father Judge High School for the Second Quarter

and

Shelby Brodhead for receiving High Honors from Villa Joseph Marie High School for the First Semester

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Feb 14th to Feb 20th are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists lottery results for dates from Feb 14 to Feb 20, including winning numbers and names of winners or 'Unsold Ticket'.

Lenten Schedule 2018

Adult Faith Formation Mondays: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration Mondays: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Chapel) Followed by Benediction at 3:30 PM

Stations of the Cross Tuesdays: 7:00 PM (Chapel)

Confessions in Church Wednesdays: 7:00 PM (March 14, 21, 28) Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Holy Thursday NO MORNING MASS 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday NO MORNING MASS 9:00 AM Morning Prayer Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM Christ's Passion by the Via Dolorosa—7:30 PM

Holy Saturday NO MORNING MASS 9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Food 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Mass (SETON) 11:00 AM Mass (St Thomas)

Parish Calendar of Events

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 in Church for you to drop off any canned goods. You may also drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

The Knights of Columbus will host the **Stations of the Cross** every Sunday during Lent **after the 11:00 AM Mass in the Chapel**. We hope you will join them during this Lenten Season.

Please join us for our **Church Social on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at The Borough Pub located at 1800 Farragut Avenue, Bristol, PA 19007. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Passion of Jesus Christ. The Via Dolorosa Ministry, performs the Passion of Jesus Christ at St Thomas Aquinas on Good Friday. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday in the Church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:15 PM.** I hope you will consider sharing your time and talent with us. For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (267) 616-8473.

The **Bucks County Scottish American Society** meets the first Sunday of every month at **2:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 4, 2018**. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

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, March 5, 2018 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 **Women's Bible Group** meets every other Thursday at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 8, 2018**. They have begun a new book entitled "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

We hope you can join us for our next **Church Breakfast on Sunday, March 11, 2018 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, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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.

Knights of Columbus 4765 Night of Bowling at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. \$10.00 per person (maximum of 6 people to a lane). If a private lane is desired (less than 6 people) the cost is \$50.00. Food and Drinks Extra. Names and payment are due by Friday, March 9th. For reservations, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423 or the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc presents
**Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Thursday,
March 22, 2018.** \$50.00 per person. *Payment in full
due by February 27th.* Trip includes: Departure from
St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 9:00 AM, Arrive at
Mohegan Sun at 11:30 AM and Receive \$25.00 in Slot
Play & Luncheon Buffet at Timber's, Depart for home
at 4:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact
Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc presents All Star
Productions "**Best of Broadway**" on **Wednesday,
April 18, 2018.** \$100.00 per person. *Payment in full
due by March 20, 2018.* Trip includes: Departure from
St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, Sit down luncheon,
one hour open bar (beer & wine), and The Matinee
Performance of "Best of Broadway" at Doolan's in
Spring Lake, NJ at 11:00 AM, Depart for home
approximately 3:30 PM. For information and
reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Saints and Legends of Ireland. September 5-15,
2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd.**
Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends
that made Ireland great. We will travel all around
Ireland, including Belfast in the North. We get the best
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a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3845 includes all
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Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline
surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in
centrally located, first class (four-star hotels), daily
breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an
Irish evening with dinner and a show. Meetings will
commence soon. For more information or brochure
contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or
Helenshorizons@gmail.com. Brochures are also
available in the Parish Office.

SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc presents
Bermuda (Aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's "Escape").
Sunday, September 30 to Sunday, October 7, 2018.
Price per person—double occupancy ranges from
\$1,225 to \$1,525. A \$400 deposit is required to make
your reservation. Final payment is due by June 1, 2018.
For information, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

Save the Dates....

Designer Bag Bingo

Hosted by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Games start at 7:00 PM
Raffles, 50/50, Door Prizes

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\$25.00/per person
(must be 18 yrs of age or older)

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Tartan Day—Ceilidh 2018 Dinner

Bucks County Scottish American Society

Presents

Music and Story
about the Jacobite Rising

By Charles Zahm

The Caledonia Highland Dancers will open
the ceremony before dinner

Saturday, April 14, 2018

5:30 PM

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\$30.00/per person
(children under 12 free)

Basket Raffle & 50/50 chances
will be sold at event

For tickets or information contact
Pam Hynd (267) 770-1131 or
Dennis McAllister (215) 632-2384

Man Up Philly. On **Saturday, March 3, 2018** at Neumann University's Mirenda Center, Aston, PA, the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **10th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference—Christ Crucified—the Power and Wisdom of God.** Keynote speakers will be Seth Joyner, Jim Towey, Don Seleski, and Brian Gale. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. Marty Rotella, singer evangelist will provide musical accompaniment for the conference. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Chaput. Lunch is included. Join us at our new spacious venue—Neumann University. Register now at manupphilly.com. In situations involving financial or other need, contact us and assistance will be provided. The Lord wants you there and so do we!

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia is offering a one-day program on **Saturday, March 3rd** entitled "**Walking As Friends With Christ**" from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Let us walk with Christ as friends through both the deserts and oasis of our lives. This Lenten day of prayer and reflection will use music and videos as well as conferences. The presenter is Brother Richard McCann. The fee is \$40 (includes a \$15 non-refundable deposit) Noon dinner included in cost. For information or to register please call (267) 350-1830.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is offering a **Post-Abortion Healing Retreat on March 9, 10, 11, 2018** in Malvern-Frazer, PA. This retreat is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information or to register call Lauren at (215) 720-5828 or Priscilla at (215) 906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Northeast Philadelphia is offering a retreat weekend entitled **Journey of a Celtic Heart on March 9-11, 2018.** On this retreat, Carmel Boyle invites us to pray with Celtic themes through song and reflection. Led by the spirit of song, you will encounter the spirituality of the ancient Celts who were ever conscious of the immanence of God. This symbolic pilgrimage will visit the sacred places of your soul's journey in the company of the Trinity, Angels and Sts Patrick, Brigid and Brendan. Fee is \$175 for weekend stay and \$90 for commuters. For more information/register call (267) 350-1830.

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its **7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 10, 2018** from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. To register your daughter for our Practice Test, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/7thTest. For additional information contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026 or Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

St Charles Borromeo Seminary's Legion of Mary invites you to the 25th Annual **Marian Day on Saturday, March 17, 2018** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Speaker will be Tim Staples from Catholic Answers. Please RSVP by March 1st. To RSVP, please email advancement@scs.edu or call (610) 785-6270 indicating your name and the number of persons attending with you. A donation of \$10 to cover box lunch is requested of lay attendees at the time of registration. Please note—due to scheduling, breakfast and other snacks will not be provided.

Mount St Joseph Academy, a Catholic preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to the **Pre-HSPT** to be given on **Saturday, March 24, 2018** from 8:00—11:30 AM. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to 8th grade applicants. Registration is available online only. Register at: www.msjadad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual **Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will take place on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration Required. To register, visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call (215) 587-0500.

Save a Life—Become a Red Cross Blood Donor Ambassador. Attend community blood drives and provide excellent and enthusiastic customer service to blood donors. You'll enjoy flexible locations and times and can volunteer as often as your schedule permits. Specific duties include welcoming and supporting blood donors at blood drives in your community. You'll assist donors with the initial intake, escort them as necessary and ensure that their questions are answered. Donor Ambassadors must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested, please call Susan at (484) 403-4718 or email susan.kalkhuis-beam@redcross.org.

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