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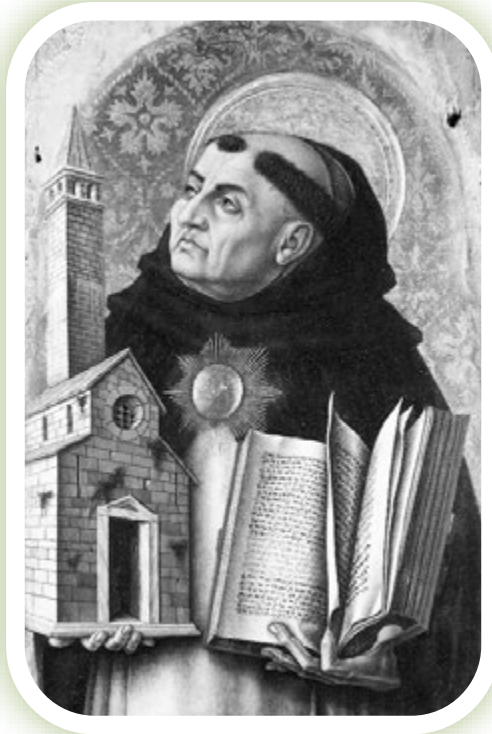
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 Parish Meeting Room 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)

April 22, 2018

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday April 23, 2018
8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

Tuesday April 24, 2018
8:30 AM Prayer Service

Wednesday April 25, 2018
8:30 AM Prayer Service

Thursday April 26, 2018
8:30 AM Prayer Service

Friday April 27, 2018
8:30 AM McArthur Family req by Gen Morrin

Saturday April 28, 2018
4:30 PM Matilda Gergo req by Joe & Helen Gergo

Sunday April 29, 2018
9:00 AM Anna Lawlor req by Deacon & Mrs. Gallagher
11:00 AM Dec'd Members/McGuigan Family req by Gerri McGuigan

Weekend Offerings

04/07	4:30 PM	\$ 2,429.00
04/08	9:00 AM	\$ 2,168.00
04/08	11:00 AM	\$ 2,114.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,336.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,001.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 718.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 10.00
Candles		\$ 71.00
Poor Box		\$ 125.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 8, 2018 \$9,987.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$10.00

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

Lectors

April 28, 2018
4:30 PM J Berna & R Fallon

April 29, 2018
9:00 AM T O'Flynn & R Daubert
11:00 AM R Powell & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

April 28, 2018
4:30 PM C Ryan & T Litz

April 29, 2018
9:00 AM D Whelihan & J Shirley
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Altar Servers

April 28, 2018
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon
Nicholas Freer

April 29, 2018
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
MaryRose Okwara

Sunday Scriptures April 29, 2018

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

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: Robin Beerhalter, Francis Breuer,

Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli,

Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont,

Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr.,

Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca,

Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild,

Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome,

Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Regina Lang,

Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Angelo & Connie Lombardo,

Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory,

Danny McGuire, 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,

and all their relatives and friends.

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

Thank you...

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations during our recent St Vincent de Paul Lenten Drive. We received \$2,073.00 in cash and an additional \$335.00 in gift cards. Your kindness and generosity will allow us to continue to help those less fortunate. Thank you again for your continued support of our mission. May God bless you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the cleaning of the Church and Chapel. If you can share an hour or so of your time once a week, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

**St Thomas Aquinas
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for April 11th to April 17th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
April 11	164	Unsold Ticket
April 12	603	Genevieve Mitchell
April 13	561	Maureen Fenton
April 14	292	Joseph Jugos
April 15	524	Mary Walker
April 16	425	Dorothy Whalen
April 17	158	Unsold Ticket



The Sacrament of Confirmation

was administered to the following PREP Students on Sunday, April 8th by the Most Reverend Edward M Deliman. Please keep them in your prayers.

Antonio Miguel Carlsen

Molly Maria Connor

Katelyn Mary Kelly

Aidan Patrick Kirk

Madison Veronica Konyves

Collin Nicholas Meo

Samantha Cecilia Monroe

Leanne Anne Rochester

Cecilia Katharine Vargas

Parish Calendar of Events

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall.

The *Croydon Civic Association* is hosting an **Earth Day Cleanup** at **Croydon Acres Park** on **Sunday, April 22nd from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM**. Please help us keep our park a nice place to visit. For information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, April 28, 2018
at 5:30 PM
Father Crehan Hall

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as they host the **5th Sunday Rosary Program** to be held in the Church **following the 11:00 AM Mass on April 29, 2018**. Rosary guides and rings will be available. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. Any questions, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are invited. For more information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, 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, May 7, 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, May 10, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

We hope you can join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc presents **CHOPTANK RIVER on Thursday, May 17, 2018**. \$110.00 per person. Payment due by May 1st. Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 7:45 AM, Crab Feast at Suicide Bridge Restaurant at 11:30 AM, Scenic Cruise along the Choptank River at 1:00 PM, Depart for home at 3:00 PM. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc presents Sight and Sound Theater "**JESUS**" on **Thursday, June 7, 2018**. \$115.00 per person. Payment due by May 8th. Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:30 AM, Luncheon Smorgasbord at Shady Maple at 11:30 AM, at 2:15 PM Admission to the Millennium Theatre, Depart for home at 5:30 PM. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

Today, **April 22nd**, the universal Catholic Church observes the 55th Annual World **Day of Prayer for Vocations**. By setting aside this day, the church publicly reminds each of us of our need to pray so that Our Lord may send laborers into his harvest (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

This year, the message from Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is: **Listening, Discerning, and Living the Lord's Call**. In this year's address the Holy Father links the upcoming **Synod of Bishops: Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment**, and three aspects of vocations: listening, discerning and living. Pope Francis focuses his message of Jesus' own mission and his visit to the synagogue of Nazareth. He listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that He came to accomplish it today (Lk 4; 16-21).

We thank you for your prayers and for partnering with us to build a culture of vocations in our parishes, schools, communities, and homes. To echo Pope Francis, "May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey."

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.

Amen

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

As we continue to do all we can to keep our children safe know that the Office for Child and Youth Prevention has services and resources for those who are victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. They can be reached at 1-888-800-8780.

Show Your Support.....

Blue Sunday, April 29, 2018

The Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer for Abused Children began in 1994 with 20 churches and has grown to include over seven million participants on five continents. Churches are encouraged to take a moment during their services to pray for abused children and for those who rescue them.

Blue Monday, April 30, 2018

On this day, the entire Archdiocesan community can show its solidarity by encouraging everyone- adults and children alike, to demonstrate the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse by **wearing the color blue**.

Lord, thank you for our children,
For them we kneel and pray.
Help us teach them of Your kindness,
Of Your mercy and Your way.
Help us show them of Your love,
Your strength and safety, too.
Help us show them who You are.
Help us treat them like You do.

Let's pray, educate ourselves,
and volunteer for the children
of our nation until black and blue
are just colors in their crayon box.

~ Janet Magee

If you are grieving the loss of a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or friend, Our Lady of Calvary **Bereavement Ministry** is holding sessions every Wednesday in the Rectory Conference Room located at 11024 Knights Road, Philadelphia, PA. Sessions are from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the following **Wednesday evenings: April 25, May 2, 9, 16.**

2018 Feast Day Mass of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. Thursday, April 26, 2018. Rosary at 6:30 PM. Mass at 7:00 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974. For additional information, please call (215) 657-3101 or email jcw@saintgianna.org.

Are you pregnant or the parent of a baby under 1 year old? Come celebrate the arrival of spring...the season of new beginnings with Catholic Social Services! We will host our **Spring Fling** at our Fatima Catholic Outreach Center, 2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA on **April 27, 2018** from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Join us for games, vendors, prizes and raffles. Please call (215) 945-2550 for registration information.

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service. Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on **Friday, April 27, 2018** at St Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev Matthew Biedrzycki. If you need additional information or directions, call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. Wheelchair accessible.

A **Designer Bag Bingo** to benefit the Medical Mission Sisters Thrift Shop is being presented at the Administration Bldg, 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111 on **Friday, April 27, 2018.** Doors open at 6:00 PM, Games begin at 7:00 PM. Basket raffles and door prizes. Light refreshments will be served. Beverages and outside food will be permitted. Tickets \$30.00. Reserved tables of 7. Tickets available at the Thrift Shop at 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia. For further information, please call (215) 745-7930.

Little Flower Alumnae Association's Kick Off for the Spring Season at Maggies on the River on **Friday, April 27, 2018** from 7:00 to 10:00 PM (Upstairs). Cost is \$40 in advance—\$45 at the door. Contact Barbara McGovern at babica.mcgovern@gmail.com for additional information.

Father Judge Parents' Association **Wine Glass Painting Party** on **Friday, April 27, 2018** from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. For information contact Anne Marie Bertoline at abertoline@fatherjudge.com.

National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Third annual gathering outside Planned Parenthood locations from coast to coast to send the message that we don't need Planned Parenthood. *Philadelphia:* 12th & Locust Sts, 9—10 AM and *West Chester,* 8 S Wayne St, 11 AM to 2 PM.

Father Judge High School 7th Grade Practice Test. Saturday, April 28th at 8:00 AM. Must pre-register at fatherjudge.com.

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.

Our Lady of Peace presents the "**Sensational Soul Cruisers**" on **Saturday, April 28th.** Dance down memory lane with your family and friends. The concert takes place at Nelson Hall, Notre Dame de Lourdes School, 990 Fairview Road, Swarthmore, PA from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Tables can be reserved. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call the OLP Rectory at (610) 328-9330 or Debbie Hanna at (215) 520-2097 for tickets.

Malvern Retreat House presents Sr Sheila Galligan, IHM who will be directing an Evening of Reflection on **Thursday, May 3rd** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Malvern Retreat House. Cost is \$35.00 per person. The theme is: *Forgiveness, the Best Revenge.* Register by calling (610) 644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com.

Flame of Love Easter Retreat on **Saturday, May 5, 2018** from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at St Anthony Padua Church, 259 Forest Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002. Breakfast and Lunch provided. Bi-Lingual Event. Celebrant Father "Bill" McCarthy. RSVP to Rebecca Perez at (215) 646-4742 Ext 3009.

Host Families are desired for several **Nacel Open Door** international students from France and Spain visiting our area June 30th—July 21st. These B-2 visa students speak English, are fully insured and have their own spending money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous hosting stipend. For more information, please contact Lynn Merk at merk@team.nacelopendoor.org or (215) 630-3590.

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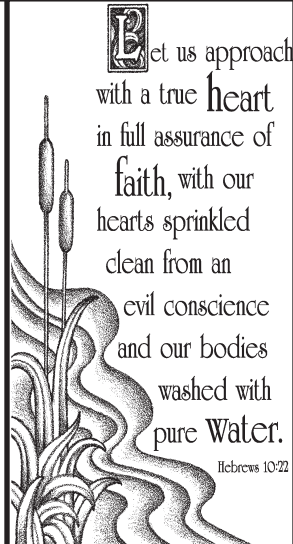


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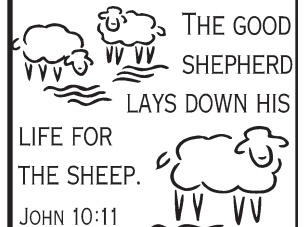
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