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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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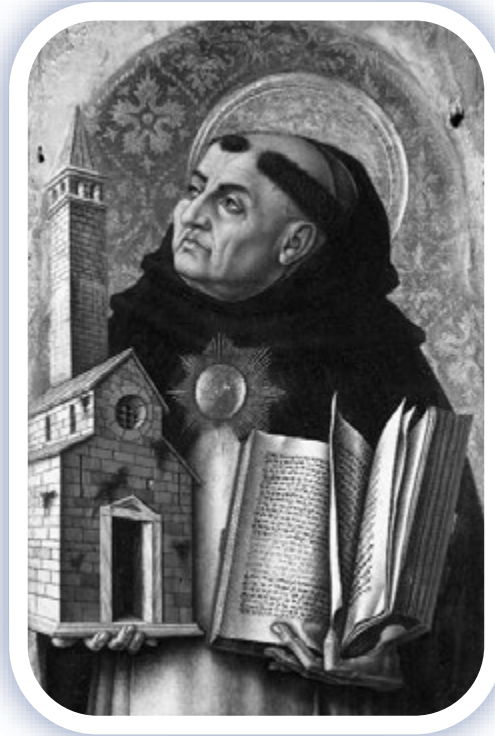
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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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)

May 27, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Before we move into the summer months, I want to express my gratitude to all those who have given so generously of their time, talent, and treasure to this parish. I am grateful to all who made our spring events a success: Designer Bag Bingo, Tartan Day, Bowling Night, and the Living Stations of the Cross. I am happy to report that everyone—except Marie Kelly--was completely satisfied with our 40 hours/Parish Mission speaker, Fr. Sy. Being a man of my word, I have instructed her husband, Rick, to take her out to an outrageously expensive restaurant and pick up the tab himself! Bon appetite, Marie!

I am also thankful to those who contributed to the refinishing of the sacred vessels: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Diana Raudenbush, John Wrightson, the DeBeaumont family, Erica Schilling, the Brackett family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gergo, and the Mundy Family. The work will be done during the summer months by the St. Jude Shop, Havertown, PA.

A number of organizations will be adjourning for the summer: PREP, Choir, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church Breakfast, Church Social, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council. I am grateful for the good work they do. I am also thankful for all those who helped in various ways to enrich our Feast Day, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies.

Here is an update on the latest news:

- Lottery tickets will soon go on sale. It is estimated that the parish realized a profit of at least \$6000 from last year's lottery. Special thanks to Bob Daubert for bringing this fundraiser to life.
- A new fundraiser is in the works: a monthly parish 50/50. Stay tuned for more information!
- We are currently discussing the rental of the school building as a pre-school/kindergarten for special needs children.
- The appeal against the closure of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is still in process. No date has been set for the final verdict. July 1st marks four years since the beginning of the merger!
- The Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 12th. Mark your calendars! Piggies, beware!
- Michael Winstanley has been selected again by the "Ensemble de la Belle Musique" composition contest! Two of his compositions will be premiering June 11th at the Esplanade Recital Studio in Singapore: "A Prelude and Waltz for Piano: Broken Heart and Unrequited" and a piano and xylophone duet, "The Frivolous Flirt". We congratulate him as he prepares for his annual trip to Singapore!
- On Saturday, May 12th Erica Schilling became a Mercy Associate. While remaining in the world, she will participate in the mission of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. May Our Lady of Mercy obtain for her the grace to persevere in her new commitment!

Enjoy the summer. Take a rest from work and school. Never take a vacation from God! My friend, Google, knows where the nearest Catholic Church is located. Don't forget that your parish still depends on your continued generosity—even when you are traveling.

God Bless,
Fr. David

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday May 28, 2018 (MEMORIAL DAY)
9:00 AM M/M LP Dix req by Schroeder & France Families

Tuesday May 29, 2018
8:30 AM Betty Pastore req by Tom Pastore

Wednesday May 30, 2018
8:30 AM Charles Kelley Jr req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

Thursday May 31, 2018
8:30 AM Segundine & Regalado Domingo Sr req by Myrna Viernes

Saturday June 2, 2018
9:00 AM Frances Currie req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher
4:30 PM Anna Marie Brander req by Brander & Carmen Families

Sunday June 3, 2018
9:00 AM Anna Lawlor req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher
11:00 AM Nancy M Hueston req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

Lectors

June 2, 2018
4:30 PM J Brogan & C Ryan

June 3, 2018
9:00 AM T Marion & D Pierce-Bongart
11:00 AM R Andrews & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

June 2, 2018
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

June 3, 2018
9:00 AM R Daubert & D Whelihan
11:00 AM C Mehaffey & N Freer

Altar Servers

June 2, 2018
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

June 3, 2018
11:00 AM Mason McMahan, Effie McMahan,
Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

Weekend Offerings

05/12	4:30 PM	\$ 2,342.00
05/13	9:00 AM	\$ 2,266.00
05/13	11:00 AM	\$ 1,542.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 2,007.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 852.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 1,570.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 81.00
Candles		\$ 33.00
Poor Box		\$ 21.00

TOTAL for Parish for May 13, 2018 \$10,658.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$81.00

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

Sunday Scriptures June 3, 2018

Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8 (168B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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: Anna Balla, Robin Beerhalter, Francis Breuer, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Kelly Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, John Gilbert Jr, 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, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, 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: John T May and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

*In observance of Memorial Day
the Parish Office will be closed
on Monday, May 28, 2018*

*We Wish Everyone A Safe and Happy
Memorial Day*



St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

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

Date	Winning #	Winners
May 16	142	John Howarth
May 17	852	Unsold Ticket
May 18	707	Unsold Ticket
May 19	451	Harry Heck
May 20	371	Unsold Ticket
May 21	178	Unsold Ticket
May 22	858	Unsold Ticket



On the **weekend of May 19th – 20th**, the Finance and Parish Councils will begin selling lottery tickets, after all Masses, for our **Second Annual St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**. We will continue to sell tickets after all Masses until June 30th. Tickets with a three-digit number will be sold for \$25.00 each and will be good for one year (07/01/18-06/30/19).

Thanks to our parishioners, our first annual lottery fundraiser was very successful. To date, we have had approximately 163 winners and some of those winners have won two or three times. A special thank you to those who donated their winnings back to the church.

The rules will remain the same. Each night the PA Daily Lottery Drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. There is no limit to the number of times you can win. The payout will be as follows: If your number is drawn (Monday-Saturday), you will receive \$35.00. If your number is drawn on a Sunday, you will receive \$50.00.

Remember, your current ticket is still good until June 30th.

Parish Calendar of Events

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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 31, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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, June 4, 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 **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will be hosting a **Free Concert** on **Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM**, in the park, featuring *Andalusia Jug Band*. Please bring a non-perishable item for our local food bank. For information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 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, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at *Cesare's Ristorante*, 1407 Radcliffe St, Bristol, PA. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Save the Date: Plans and preparations are being made for our **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 12, 2018** from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

*Are you in need of answers to prayers?
Do you desire more peace and unity in your family?
Do you want to become more devoted
to Our Blessed Mother?
Are you seeking a special grace
to help with life's latest challenge?
Are you looking for a way to thank Our Lady
for blessings already received?
If you answered "yes" to any of the above
questions, then please consider inviting
Our Blessed Mother to come stay at your
home for a week.
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available for families to host in their home.
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be said each day will be supplied.
It is said that Our Lady has bestowed special
graces on the host families.*

***If you would like to host the
Blessed Mother in your home,
please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331***

Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat, June 5-7, 2018

at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing. Cost: \$130 per person (includes program, lodging & meals). Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829.

"From Defiance to Reliance: Navigating Your Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions." Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way, **June 22-23, 2018**. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, spouse and family. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register online at malvernretreat.com or call (610) 644-0400. For more information, contact Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org.

Nazareth Academy High School is proud to offer a **Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program** for girls who will be entering 8th grade in Fall 2018. This program is Monday through Thursday, from **June 25th until July 19th**, from 8 AM until 12:30 PM. We also offer Academic Summer Camps (Rocketry, Art, and Glee) as well as Athletic Summer Camps. For more information and to register for the Summer Enrichment Program and/or Summer Camps, please visit our website at NazarethHS.org/Summer18 or contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026 or Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

New Horizons Spirit Journeys. Ireland - Final Days.

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New Horizons Spirit Journey. Join New Horizons on a great adventure to Lancaster where we will see the greatest story of all time. The action-packed musical "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theatre is by far the best show I have ever seen, even better than Broadway. Before the show, we will have a private sit-down lunch at the Eden Resort with your choice of London Broil, Chicken Parmigiana or Raspberry Salmon with salad, vegetables, beverage and dessert. There is even time for shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village.

We will depart from St Elizabeth Ann Seton parking lot on **Wednesday, July 25th** at 8am. Cost is \$130 for show, lunch and motor coach transportation. Call Helen to reserve your spot on the bus at (610) 213-4141. Don't miss out....tickets go fast! **Save the Date.** October 28 to November 2, 2018. 6-day Pilgrimage to EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. If interested, call Helen with questions at (610) 213-4141.

Flame of Love presents **When The Saints Go Marching In... Twelve Short Talks Will Get You Marching** on **Saturday, June 23, 2018** at Annunciation BVM Parish, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083. Begins at 8:30 AM with Mass and ends at 2:00 PM. Bring Your Own Lunch. Free of Charge. To register, call (610) 622-4257.

Archbishop Ryan 2018 Summer Camps

Sports Camps from June 11th to August 20th and Academics/Activities Camps from June 18th to July 30th. Dates & Times subject to change. For more information, including hours and reservations, please visit our website at www.ArchbishopRyan.com/Camps.

Testimony Requested!

The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or at Archbishop Prendergast High School, or at any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Father Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Father Atkinson would also be useful.

Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, by e-mail at: Atkinson.cause@gmail.com or by telephone message to: 610-519-6937.

Thank you, Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)

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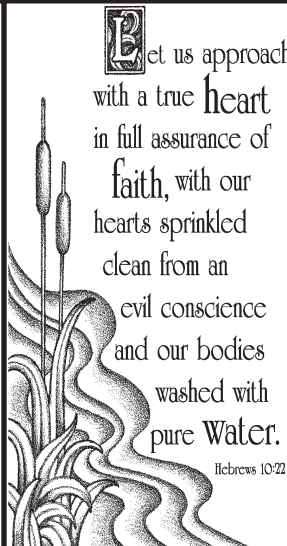
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