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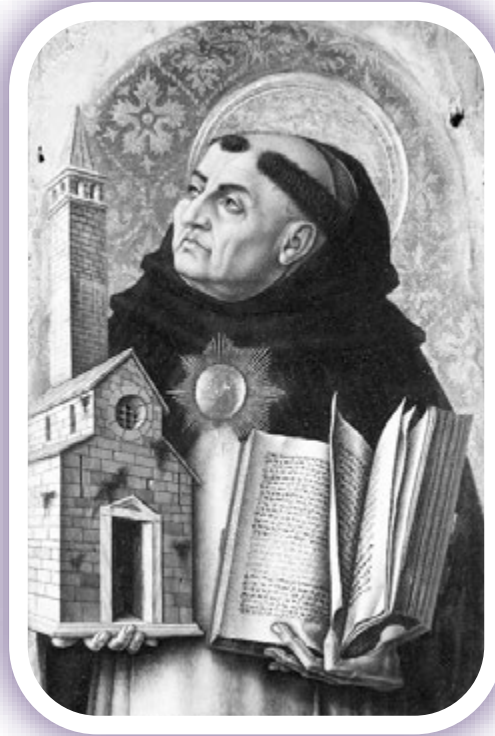
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



SETON

1200 Park Ave.
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PARISH OFFICE

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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)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday August 20, 2018
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Tuesday August 21, 2018
8:30 AM Louis Balot req by Joe & Dot Cochran

Wednesday August 22, 2018
8:30 AM Anthony Zito req by His Family

Thursday August 23, 2018
8:30 AM Louis Balot req by STA Seniors

Saturday August 25, 2018
9:00 AM Louis Balot req by Eileen Brown
4:30 PM Bill Baltrusaitis req by Marian

Sunday August 26, 2018
9:00 AM Olivia Jones req by Mom & Dad
11:00 AM Ron McGuigan Sr req by The Family

Weekend Offerings

08/04	4:30 PM	\$ 1,726.00
08/05	9:00 AM	\$ 2,704.00
08/05	11:00 AM	\$ 1,620.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,105.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,065.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 55.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 5.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 25.00
Candles		\$ 23.00
Poor Box		\$ 16.00

TOTAL for Parish for August 5, 2018 \$8,319.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$25.00

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

Lectors

August 25, 2018
4:30 PM C Ryan & K Schafer

August 26, 2018
9:00 AM E Callery & R Gutherman
11:00 AM R Andrews & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

August 25, 2018
4:30 PM D Schafer & T Litz

August 26, 2018
9:00 AM T Berna & R Daubert
11:00 AM W Freer & R Powers

Altar Servers

August 25, 2018
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon

August 26, 2018
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
MaryRose Okwara

Sunday Scriptures August 26, 2018

Reading I: Joshua 24:1—2a, 15—17, 18b (122B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

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, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, Tony DiTommaso, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, 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: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The **second collection** this weekend, **August 18th-19th**, will be for the **Catholic University**. The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

The **2019 Mass Book** will open on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018.**

The Parish Office will take your request for Masses, on a first-come, first-served basis, for the **period January to May 2019**, during normal business hours.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Aug 8th to Aug 14th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Aug 8	112	Unsold Ticket
Aug 9	737	Cheryl Marra
Aug 10	817	Joe & Pat O'Brien
Aug 11	153	Marie Wojcik
Aug 12	464	Unsold Ticket
Aug 13	241	Unsold Ticket
Aug 14	075	Jet Jabla

St Thomas Aquinas 50/50 Fundraiser

The Finance Council is sponsoring a **50/50 Drawing Fundraiser** for St Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Included with your September contribution envelope packet there will be a monthly envelope for the 50/50 Drawing. You may enter as many times as you wish. Donation is \$5.00. There will be two drawings: one on December 30, 2018 and another on July 7, 2019. Please provide cash or check separately—**do not include with your weekly contributions**. Also, your participation in this fundraiser will not be included as a tax deduction on your contribution statement. This fundraiser has proven to be successful in other parishes.

For information or additional envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Parish Calendar of Events

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, August 21, 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.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. 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, August 23, 2018. *Through the summer, we will be showing faith-filled movies.*** All are invited and welcome. We hope you will join us. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Free Concert at Croydon Acres Park on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM including Face Painting, Pony Rides and Balloon Twister. Music by The ToneBenders from 7 to 9 PM. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our local Food Pantry.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM** in La Choza Restaurant, 710 State Road, Croydon. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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



Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast** which will return on **Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel presents "**Jesus**" at the Sight and Sound Theater on **Thursday, November 8, 2018**. Trip includes Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 10:00 AM, Family Style Luncheon at Good-N-Plenty Restaurant, Admission to Sight and Sound's "Jesus" show at the Millennium Theatre at 3:00 PM, Depart for home at 5:45 PM. Price per person is \$122.00. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel presents **American Music Theater "2018 Christmas Show"** on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**. Trip includes Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 10:00 AM, Family Style Luncheon at Good-N-Plenty Restaurant, Admission to American Music Theater's "2018 Christmas Show" at 3:00 PM, Depart for home at 5:30 PM. Price per person is \$106.00. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

Parish Religious Education Program

Classes will be held on THURSDAY evenings. This year's PREP classes will begin at 6:00 P.M. and run until 7:20 P.M. at the Worship Site (the former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1200 Park Avenue, Bensalem) in the classrooms of Seton Hall.

Our first PREP class will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018. At that time there is also a MANDATORY parent's/guardian's meeting. We ask that at least one parent/guardian be present. All will gather in the Church for an opening Prayer Service.

The fee for PREP covers the cost of books and supplies. It is as follows:

- \$80.00 for one child
- \$75.00 for two or three children (cost per child)
- \$70.00 for four or more children (cost per child)

There will be a late registration fee of \$20.00 per student added to the tuition after September 1, 2018. Payment MUST accompany your child(ren)'s registration. If there is a financial hardship a payment schedule can be arranged by emailing the DRE at stadre43@gmail.com.

Registration forms are available on our website at www.staq.org or in the Parish Office.

For information, you may email Kathleen Gallagher at stadre43@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Knights of Columbus Pope Pius XII Council 4765

Annual Golf Outing September 15th (Rain or Shine)

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Golf Outing on September 15, 2018 at the Bensalem Country Club. The Price is \$125.00 per person. This includes a round of golf with cart and a Lunch buffet with door prizes afterwards held in Father Crehan Hall next to St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The Tournament will be best ball format with a closest to the pin and a longest drive contest. If you don't have a foursome we will put you in one.

**Sign In begins at 7:00 AM
Shot Gun Start at 8:00 AM
Lunch Buffet following golf**

Please Call or Mail Your Registration To:

**Rich Powell
525 Wyoming Ave
Croydon PA, 19021
(215) 964-3180**

**Please Make Checks Payable To:
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EWTN Pilgrimage—October 28 to November 2, 2018. Please join us for a **“Meet and Greet”** on **Wednesday, August 22nd** to learn more about this awesome adventure to EWTN, John Paul II Center, Biltmore’s Estates, Dinner at the St Bernard’s Abbey and so much more. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM at St Gabriel Rectory, 233 Mohawk Ave, Norwood, PA 19074. Snacks provided. For more information, call Helen Holroyd at (610) 213-4141.

There will be an **Open House** for all families interested in hearing about **St Charles Borromeo School** and the wonderful Catholic atmosphere and the educational opportunities it has to offer for children in Grades PreK 3 to Grade 8 for the 2018-2019 school year. It will take place in school on **Sunday, August 19, 2018** at 11:15 AM and 1:15 PM. All are welcome to attend.

You are invited to the **Croydon Fire Company 100th Anniversary Parade and Open House** on **Saturday, September 8, 2018** at 11:00 AM. Parade route begins at Mack Drive, then will travel along State Road, and end at Cedar Avenue. Refreshments will be provided by the Fire Company afterwards, as well as beer being served by Neshaminy Creek. Any questions or if your company is interested in attending go to parade@croydonfireco.com.

St Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA invites you to join them for their **Third Annual Padre Pio Festival** on **September 14, 15, 16, 2018**. Our Festival is honored to publically exhibit for all pilgrims the private collection of relics of Padre Pio, which are normally housed in the Philadelphia Monastery of the Carmelite Sisters. The collection includes Padre Pio’s glove, tunic, blood articles from his stigmata, and a cushion he used to kneel when praying for the sick. Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, September 15th and again on Sunday, September 16th. A street procession and healing service, with confessions and blessing with relics, will follow the Sunday Mass. Buses welcome. Plenty of free parking, food vendors, live free entertainment, tents and tables. For more details, call (215) 357-5720 or visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.

Holy Martyrs Fall Carnival on September 18-22. Tuesday—Friday 6 PM to 10 PM and Saturday 3 PM to 10 PM (times are weather permitting). Come out and join the fun! Best End of Summer Party in town. Enjoy rides, games and fantastic food, play Bingo, take a chance on the Raffle and nightly 50/50, enjoy live music, be entertained by a magician, Craft Beer & Wine Garden, Doggie Bar (Bring your furry friends) and much more...Holy Martyrs is located at 120 Allison Road in Oreland, PA

Mothers’ Home, a shelter for pregnant women, is holding its **Inaugural Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, September 21st** at 7:00 PM at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA. Tickets are \$85.00 per person, \$75.00 with table of 10. Dinner and Dancing. Register at Mothershome.org. Sponsors and Ads welcome.

Get your tickets now for the **2018 Gala Event and Saint Katharine Drexel National Justice Award!** Continue your support for the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and their ongoing mission. The event will be held on **Sunday, September 23, 2018** at the Belle Voir Mansion at Pen Ryn Estate from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Buffet Dinner, Dancing, Live Auction, Raffles! See our website for more information and prizes offered. www.KatharineDrexel.org/annual_gala or call (215) 244-8174.

Assumption BVM, Feasterville, All Classes Reunion on **Saturday, September 29, 2018** from 6:30 to 10:30 PM in the Church Hall. For additional information and tickets, please visit <http://ticketstripe.com/events/1021885>.

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel’s Vineyard **Retreat for Healing after Abortion** on **October 12-14, 2018**. This weekend retreat will be held in Doylestown, PA at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. For more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. Read more about our retreat online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Creative Parenting Classes. A special hour for moms and tots ages 16 months thru three years. Children enjoy interactive playtime, songs, stories, themed crafts, exercise, parachute play and bells. Spend quality time with your child. Meet other parents and learn some new ideas. New session now forming. For more information, call (215) 322-5755.

Employment Opportunity:

Ascension Press, an Exton-based Catholic media company, has a need for a full time accounting clerk with AP/AR experience to assist in day-to-day accounting tasks. Excellent organizational and accuracy skills required. Prior experience preferred. Must have Excel experience. To apply, visit https://ascensionpress.com/pages/about_us/careers.

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