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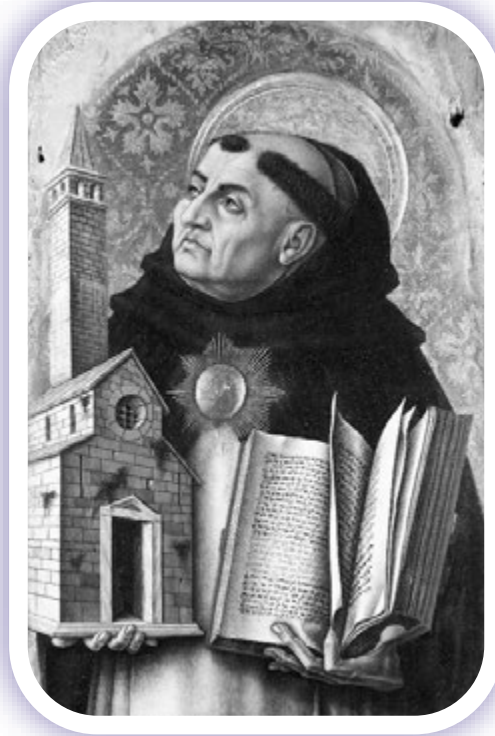
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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)  
(October to May)

*December 23, 2018*

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Dear Parishioners,

As the old calendar year draws to a close and a new one begins, I want to update you on the latest parish news. Before I do that, a few words of thanks go to some of the people who are so generous with their time, talent, and treasure. I am most grateful to all those who organized and participated in our many parish events: the Blessing of the Animals, Soup and Conversation, the Halloween Dance, the Parish Memorial Mass, the Giving Tree, the Christmas Community Dinner, and the Christmas Bazaar. Also, special thanks go to the church cleaners who painstakingly put the new missalettes into their covers. Finally, I wish to thank in advance all those involved in decorating STA and SEAS in preparation for Christmas—I write this letter on 3 December—and all involved in the Christmas liturgies—especially our choir under the direction of Mr. Michael Winstanley.

The New Year presents us with many opportunities to pray, play, and serve together:

- The Memorial of St. Blaise is Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although the memorial is not celebrated on a Sunday, throats will be blest at all the Masses that weekend.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual, St. Thomas will offer Stations of the Cross, additional opportunities for Confession, Daily Mass, Adult Education, and Eucharistic Adoration. How do you plan to make a good Lent?
- Designer Bag Bingo is back on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>!
- On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop Joseph Martino will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11AM Mass. This is not a warning for you to attend another Mass but an invitation to be present as fellow parishioners are fully initiated into the Catholic Church! Sometimes you have to think like a Protestant and not like a Catholic!
- Also, in April we will celebrate Tartan Day. According to my friend, Google, it commemorates the Scottish Declaration of Independence. It also recognizes the achievements of Americans of Scottish descent. Details of the celebration will be announced by the Scottish Society.
- Mr. Bill Wegner will be here April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup> for our Annual 40 Hours/Parish Mission. Bill is an outstanding speaker and I expect his talks to equal that of last year's speaker, Fr. Sy.

Before I sign off for the year, I leave you with the latest news:

- Our October Count indicates that approximately 16% of registered parishioners attend weekly Mass. Consider inviting your family and friends who live in the area to return to the practice of their Catholic Faith.
- For the fiscal year that ended in June of 2018 we ran a deficit of about \$15,000—not bad for having to maintain a vacant school building and a worship site! The reason for this is twofold: your continued generosity and some serious cost cutting measures.
- The appeal against the merger continues! The case is still before the Supreme Court of the Catholic Church—also known as the Apostolic Signatura.
- An offer has been made for the purchase of the parish school building. The potential buyer hopes to convert the space into apartments. I will keep you informed as things develop.

On behalf of Deacon John Gallagher and the Parish Staff, I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas Day and Christmas Season and a happy, healthy New Year!

God Bless,  
Fr. David

*December 23, 2018*



**Monday December 24, 2018**

8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta  
4:00 PM No Intention  
7:00 PM No Intention

**Tuesday December 25, 2018**

10:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday December 26, 2018**

8:30 AM Annette & Michael DiTommaso req by  
DiTommaso Family

**Thursday December 27, 2018**

8:30 AM Karl Schroeder req by Kate Schroeder & Family

**Friday December 28, 2018**

8:30 AM Mark Alminde req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Saturday December 29, 2018**

4:30 PM Marcella Ghost req by Winstanley Family

**Sunday December 30, 2018**

9:00 AM Celso & Pilar Hao req by Cherry DelPuerto  
11:00 AM Ron McGuigan Sr req by The Family

*Lectors*

**December 29, 2018**

4:30 PM C Ryan & P DeMichele

**December 30, 2018**

9:00 AM A Ditzler & R Gutherman  
11:00 AM D DiTommaso & A Scheck

**December 31, 2018**

4:30 PM E Callery & C DelPuerto

**January 1, 2019**

10:00 AM R Powell & J Berna

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**December 29, 2018**

4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

**December 30, 2018**

9:00 AM L Cinkutis & T Cinkutis  
11:00 AM N Freer & R Powers

**December 31, 2018**

4:30 PM J Shirley & R Daubert

**January 1, 2019**

10:00 AM A Scheck & C Mehaffey

*Weekend Offerings*

12/08	4:30 PM	\$ 1,714.00
12/09	9:00 AM	\$ 1,832.00
12/09	11:00 AM	\$ 1,857.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,466.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 263.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 1,447.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 1,617.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 147.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 42.00
Poor Box		\$ 117.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 9, 2018 \$10,355.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$147.00

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

*Altar Servers*

**December 29, 2018**

4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan

**December 30, 2018**

11:00 AM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

**December 31, 2018**

4:30 PM Ella DelPuerto, Jason DelPuerto

**January 1, 2019**

10:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,  
Chaston Gabriel

## 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, Dave Beitz, Christine Blade, Francis Breuer, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Andrea Hychalk, Debbiy Hynes, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Jennifer Litz-Bard, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Richard & Marianne (Sis) Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Lino Silva, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, John Wallover, 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 Knights of Columbus #4765 2019 Discount Cards

.....are now available for purchase. The cards are \$10.00 each. Many local and chain restaurants offer discounts or free appetizers. Cards may be used an unlimited number of times during the 2019 calendar year. Cards may be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or in the Parish Office.

### Sunday Scriptures December 30, 2018

Reading I: 1 Samuel 1:20—22, 24—28 (17C)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:2—3, 5—6, 9—10  
Reading II: 1John 3:1—2, 21—24  
Gospel: Luke 2:41—52

## St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Dec 12th to Dec 13th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Dec 12	104	Unsold Ticket
Dec 13	088	Unsold Ticket

Due to the early transmission of the Bulletin, all winners could not be posted. Winners will be announced in the next Bulletin.

## St Thomas Aquinas

**50/50**  
FUNDRAISER

Monthly envelopes are being provided for our 50/50 Christmas Drawing. You may enter as many times as you wish. Additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and the back of Church. Donation is \$5.00. Our first drawing will take place on December 30, 2018. **To date, we have \$4,910.00 in the pot.** You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.

Due to the early transmission of the Bulletin, an updated total will be announced at all Masses  
**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**THE CUT OFF DATE TO SUBMIT ENVELOPES FOR THE CHRISTMAS DRAWING WILL BE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. ANY ENVELOPES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE ENTERED FOR THE JULY 50/50.**



The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME.**

The **Women's Bible Group** meets at **7:00 PM**, every other Thursday, in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 27, 2018**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as they host the **5th Sunday Rosary** to be held in the Church following the **11:00 AM Mass on December 30, 2018**. Rosary Guides and Rings will be available. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their next General Meeting on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

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, January 6, 2019**. 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.

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 group will meet on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you know of someone who is in need of a shawl or if you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, January 13, 2019 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, January 15, 2019 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, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

We hope you will join us for our next **Sunday Social** on **Sunday, January 27, 2019 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 **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.





## Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

4:00 PM (SETON)  
7:00 PM (St Thomas)

### Christmas Day

10:00 AM (St Thomas)

### New Year's Eve

4:30 PM (SETON)

### New Year's Day

10:00 AM (St Thomas)



*May love come alive within your heart  
As Christmas time draws near.  
May hope fill each room you decorate  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal  
And faith ring through every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world  
May he bless you all season long.*

The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Rebate Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,518 or a two-person household with the monthly income under \$2,058 qualify for the grant. Call United Social Services at (215) 923-1900 Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. *This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.* All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **Attention Archbishop Ryan Family Members**

On **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** at 7:00 PM the Archbishop Ryan School Family will be offering a **Memorial Mass** for **Father Carl J Graczyk, O.F.M.** Our beloved Father Carl passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Many remember Father fondly as he served the Ryan Community as a faculty member or as weekend help in area parishes. All are welcome to attend this Memorial Mass for Father Graczyk. For questions, please contact Fr. Jonathan Dalin, Campus Minister, at (215) 637-1800 Ext 249 or [jdalin@archbishopryan.com](mailto:jdalin@archbishopryan.com).

**2019 Italy Pilgrimage** with Fr Gus Esposito, June 30th to July 13th. Our tour includes visits to the Shrines of St Rita of Cascia, St Anthony of Padua, St Francis of Assisi, Sts Peter & Paul, Sts John Major and Mary Major, St Pio, St Katherine of Sienna, and so many more. Plus, a papal visit with Pope Francis! Hope you can join us. **Meetings will commence on Wednesday, January 16, 2019** at 7:00 PM at St Gabriel Rectory, 233 Mohawk Avenue, Norwood, PA. For details, contact Helen Holroyd at (610) 213-4141 or visit our website at [www.206Tours.com](http://www.206Tours.com).

**St Ephrem School** is opening a 3 year old Pre-K Class. Families are invited to tour the school daily between 9:00 AM—2:00 PM. We educate PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten through 8th Grades. Register now by calling Mrs Kochanski at (215) 639-4958 or [gksaintephrem@gamil.com](mailto:gksaintephrem@gamil.com).

**St Ephrem Parish**, 4500 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA is hosting **Bingo** every Sunday and Monday Evening at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$9.00/Package (package includes 6 boards and specials).

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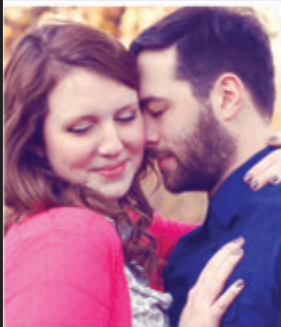
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