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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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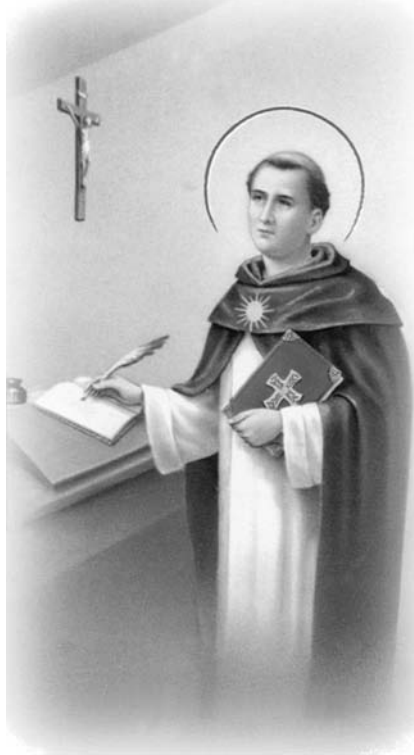
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 11:00 AM (St. Thomas)
and 9:00 AM (Seton)

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

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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 Sundays before each Mass
Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday October 24, 2016
8:30 AM Robert Bellerby req by Ro Fallon

Tuesday October 25, 2016
8:30 AM Charles Brady req by Rose Brennan

Wednesday October 26, 2016
8:30 AM Pauline Branka req by Gallagher Family

Thursday October 27, 2016
8:30 AM Robert Bellerby req by M/M Howard Wrightson

Saturday October 29, 2016
9:00 AM Joann Schreiber req by Mary Ann O'Byrne
4:30 PM Fred Morris req by Marie & Henry Jensen

Sunday October 30, 2016
9:00 AM Joseph Clayton req by Kathy & Jack Wilson
11:00 AM Joseph & Anne Bongard req by The Family

Weekend Offerings

10/08	4:30 PM	\$1,817.00
10/09	9:00 AM	\$2,186.00
10/09	11:00 AM	\$1,553.00
Mail Ins		\$ 683.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 366.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 20.00
Candles		\$ 27.00
Poor Box		\$ 13.00

TOTAL for Parish for October 9, 2016 \$6,670.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$20.00

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

Lectors

October 29, 2016
4:30 PM C Ryan & K Shafer

October 30, 2016
9:00 AM P DeMichele & B Gutherman
11:00 AM A Scheck & J Kochuvelli

Extraordinary Ministers

October 29, 2016
4:30 PM E Brown & R Brown

October 30, 2016
9:00 AM E Ryan & T Berna
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Altar Servers

October 29, 2016
4:30 PM Nicholas Freer, Juliana Ricci,
Bailey McCormick

October 30 2016
11:00 AM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
MaryRose Okwara

Sunday Scriptures October 30, 2016

Reading I: Wisdom 11:22—12:2 (153C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14
Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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: Marcella Ghost, Duncan Lewis, Robert Wyatt, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kotlarek, John Gilbert, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey, Linda DeLuccia, Jermaine Williams, Amanda Tees, Helen Amato, Deacon Manuel Baltran, Richard Fieramosca, Dolores Doran, Florence Colantuono, Barbara Golden, Dolores DeBeaumont, Erin Wright, Ruth Lang, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Andres Torres, Eleanor Winstanley, Joseph Hailstone, David Lovett, George Doran Jr, Mark Buss and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

On **Saturday, November 19, 2016**, St Thomas Aquinas Parish will be celebrating our **All Souls Day Memorial Mass at 4:30 PM**. Together, we will commemorate the lives of those parishioners and family members of parishioners who have returned to the Lord since October 15, 2015. We need your help to assure that all of our deceased loved ones are included. If you have an immediate family member who died this past year and the funeral services **were not** held at our parish, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Times Feast of Pope St John Paul II

This week as we remember Pope St John Paul II and draw close to the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, honor his legacy by choosing a CD/book/booklet from our Resource display to nurture your confidence in God's mercy and draw closer to Christ. The resources in the display are free to all. For those able to make a donation, we thank you for your generosity that helps to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to "feed hungry hearts".

Save The Dates....

Soup and Conversation 2016

November 6, 2016

Noon to 4:00 PM

Father Crehan Hall

See Details in Bulletin

Please note that The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations of home made soups in crock pots on the morning of November 6th

St Thomas Aquinas Parish 7th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Father Crehan Hall

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

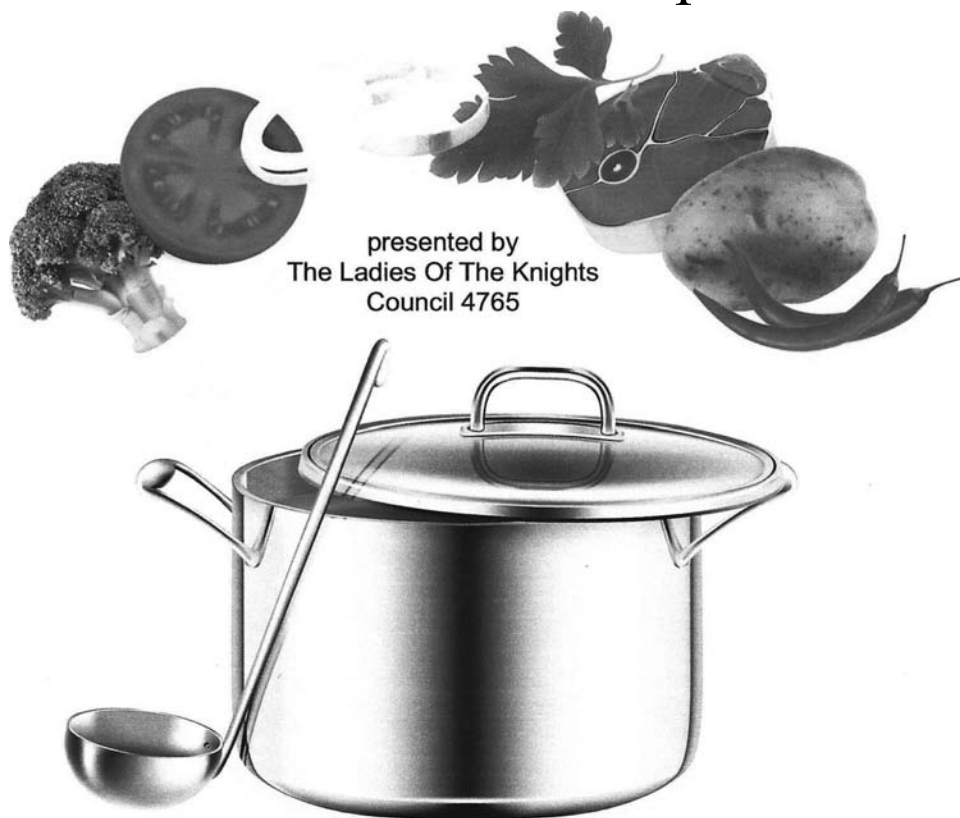
A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

**Through your gift to the
Society of St Vincent de Paul
you also can give God's mercy to your neighbor
who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.**

October 23, 2016

**Join Us For
Soup and Conversation 2016**
November 6, 2016
St Thomas Aquinas Church
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121 Belmont Ave, Croydon, PA
Noon until 4pm



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Parish Calendar of Events

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

The Seton Hall Seniors

will be sponsoring the following trips for 2016:

<i>Fabian (Caesar's Casino) Lunch/Show</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>
<i>Tropicana Show & Dinner</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>
<i>American Music Theater</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>
<i>Christmas Show (Lunch)</i>	

For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126

The *STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society* will be hosting a **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop** on **Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 7:30 AM—3:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. The day will be a combination of oral presentations, viewing videos, group discussions, and Q&A sessions. Note that we invite not only Vincentians, but also other partner charities and agencies in the community who also work with and serve the poor. To register please visit:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafaf2eaafa7-bridges1

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as we once again participate in the **5th Sunday Rosary Program**. The program is open to all parish members and will be held in the Church following the 11:00 AM Mass on the following dates: **October 30th, January 29th and April 30th**. Rosary guides and Rosary rings will be available for beginners or those who don't have one. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. Any questions, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group Pray and Serve on **Sunday, October 30, 2016, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Mass at 5:00 PM in the Chapel followed by a Pizza Dinner. We will be making soup and cookies for Aid for Friends as our October Service Project. We will also be making cards to send with the meals. Please remember to bring the items you signed up for. Appropriate costumes are encouraged and there will be a costume contest and monster mash!

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577 for information.

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, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

Bucks County Scottish American Society Christmas Ceilidh will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Tickets are \$30.00 per person (children under 12 are free) and will be sold after all Masses until November 20th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Price includes dinner and entertainment by Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks, The Caledonian Highland Dancers and The MacGregor Pipe Band. For more information, contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131 after 3:00 PM.

Christmas is quickly approaching! We will soon be having our **3rd Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**. This year's event will be held on **December 10, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. We are in need of donations, remember, we are feeding the multitudes! We could use hams and turkeys, as well as, baked goods for dinner. We also need volunteers on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th to help with the preparation of the food. If you can peel potatoes, wash dishes, or cook a turkey at your home, we can use your help! Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

Nazareth Academy High School presents *Into the Woods*. The students act, sing and dance their way through the audience for five fabulous performances. Performance dates and times are: **October 27th, 28th, and 29th** at 7:00 PM and **October 30th** at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Tickets are available at the door.

St Hubert Catholic High School for Girls invites prospective students and their families to our *Fall Open House* on Thursday, **October 27th** from 6:30—8:30 PM. Please use the Ditman Street entrance. RSVP at huberts.org/openhouse. The **Scholarship Exam** will be offered on Saturday, **October 29th** and Saturday, **November 5th**. To register for the exam please visit huberts.org/scholarshiptest.

Confused? Pro-Life? Pro-Choice? Which One? Have questions? Much to consider. Be informed! This election is the most crucial election in the history of our nation. We have an obligation to be informed about the issues. Come and bring your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and listen to Father Dennis Wilde, from Priests for Life speak about political responsibilities (www.politicalresponsibility.com). Join us on Friday, **October 28, 2016** at 7:30 PM at Williamson's Catering located at Easton Road (Route 611) and Blair Mill Rds in Horsham, PA 19044. For more information, please contact Louise at docdisney@outlook.com. Free will offering.

Nazareth Academy High School will be holding its **8th Grade Entrance/Scholarship Exam** on Saturday, **October 29th** from 7:45 AM to 12:00 PM. All 8th Grade girls interested in applying to Nazareth Academy are welcome to take the exam. There will be a Q&A session for parents from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM on test day. To register for the exam, please visit www.nazarethacademyhs.org/parentinfo.

Father Judge 8th Grade Scholarship/Placement Test is fast approaching. The test will be held on **Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 8:15 AM**. Please click on the provided link on the homepage at www.fatherjudge.com. Pre-registration is required.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist invites you to a Special Weekend Retreat. **A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life** on **Friday evening, November 11th till Sunday at Noon, November 13th**. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, co-founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharist Journey". The retreat will be held at Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours and much more. For information, please contact OLME at (610) 582-3333 or email olme@olme.org.

Holy Ghost Prep will hold its annual **Holiday Craft Show** on **Saturday, November 12th** from 9 AM to 4 PM and **Sunday, November 13th** from 9 AM to 3 PM in their Field House located on 2429 Bristol Pike, Bensalem. Beautiful Crafts, Handcrafted Jewelry, Baked Goods, Raffle Baskets and Delicious Food will be available. Don't miss this Bucks County Favorite for over 30 years!

"Fun For A Cause". The Raiders Youth Turkey Trot hosted by Archbishop Ryan Track & Field on Saturday, **November 12, 2016** at Archbishop Ryan grass fields, 11201 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA. Registration opens at 12:30 PM. Girls race goes off at 1:30 PM—Boys race to follow. It's a One Mile Loop Race open to 8th graders and younger. Entry fee will be 3 canned goods to be donated to families in need for Thanksgiving. The top girl and the top boy overall will receive a 20 lb turkey! The top 3 places in each gender will receive medals. For information, contact Mike Leonard at (267) 237-5351 or mleonard@archbishopryan.com.

A **Live Auction** will be held to benefit the Medical Mission Sisters Thrift Shop in the Administration Bldg, 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA, on Sunday, **November 13, 2016** from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and can only be purchased at the Thrift Shop. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call (215) 745-7930 or visit www.mmsthiftshop.org.

St Charles Home and School Association presents the **12th Annual Chance and Auction Night** on **Friday, November 18th** at the Southampton Room. Tickets will be available September 27 and October 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$40.00 per person or \$350.00 for a table of ten. Questions or concerns please contact Stacy Storace at stacystorace@gmail.com.

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