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ST. THOMAS

601 Bristol Pike
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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.
Bensalem, PA 19020

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 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 February 6, 2017
8:30 AM Lillian Hadalski req by Betty Wunsch

Tuesday February 7, 2017
8:30 AM Ida Davis req by Tom

Wednesday February 8, 2017
8:30 AM Nancy Barth (L) req by Erica Schilling

Thursday February 9, 2017
8:30 AM Bobby Chavis req by Lillian

Friday February 10, 2017
8:30 AM Nancy Shankman req by Weisberg Family

Saturday February 11, 2017
4:30 PM Joseph Clayton req by Pokey & Pop Pop

Sunday February 12, 2017
9:00 AM Francis Boettger req by Edel Callery
11:00 AM Michael Kouser req by Ethel Rogan

Weekend Offerings

01/21	4:30 PM	\$2,639.00
01/22	9:00 AM	\$1,945.00
01/22	11:00 AM	\$1,676.00
Mail Ins		\$ 844.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 211.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 177.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 60.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$1,290.00
Candles		\$ 50.00
Poor Box		\$ 13.00
TOTAL for Parish for January 22, 2017		\$7,615.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$1,290.00

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

Lectors

February 11, 2017
4:30 PM M Kelly & P DeMichele

February 12, 2017
9:00 AM T Berna & R Gutherman
11:00 AM W Scenna & R Dalessandro

Extraordinary Ministers

February 11, 2017
4:30 PM D Shafer & K Shafer

February 12, 2017
9:00 AM R Daubert & E Callery
11:00 AM D DiTommaso & J Shirley

Altar Servers

February 11, 2017
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
MaryRose Okwara

February 12, 2017
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures February 12, 2017

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20 (76A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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: Helen Amato, Lou Balot, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Francis Clark, Joe Cochran, Dot Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, John Gilbert, Barbara Golden, Ray Haag, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Edward Pachucki, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Eleanor Winstanley, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Arlene Kovac, Julia Pachucki and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Memorial Fund....

We would like to thank
Nick & Nancy Embrico
for their donation
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Judith Keller
for her donation
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Notes....

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses for our 9th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance hosted by the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$25.00 per person You may also purchase tickets in the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Knights of Columbus Discount Cards are available for purchase in the Parish Office during normal business hours. The cost is \$10.00.

The **Catholic Charities Appeal** begins on the weekend of **February 4th and 5th**. Direct mail campaign materials will be available in Church. The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraiser and they are counting on your support to give hope to those who need it the most.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your 2016 contributions, you may contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office via the collection basket, US Mail or drop off at the Parish Office.

Envelope #: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish Calendar of Events

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, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 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.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. New members are welcome!

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Passion of Jesus Christ. Easter is around the corner and Good Friday is even closer. The Via Dolorosa Ministry will, once again, perform Christ's Passion on Good Friday evening. On **Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 PM in the Church**, we ask all actors who have been a part of our ministry to attend this vital **first rehearsal**. Anyone else, males/females, who have an interest in helping us tell Christ's story, please join us on the 8th because we can use your help and look forward to meeting you. All costumes are provided for you. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Fenton at (215) 458-8289. Thank you.

Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, February 12th** for our **Church Breakfast** in Father Crehan Hall from **8:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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 **Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office during normal business hours or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group Pray, Play and Serve Night on Sunday, February 26, 2017, 5:00 — 8:00 PM. Students in grades 6th—9th will attend Mass at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. For this session the youth will be making snack packs for the homeless. Students are asked to bring 1 to 3 boxes of crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc. to help with the homeless care packages. For information, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

February 5, 2017

9th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance

*Come Enjoy a Romantic Night of
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on

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From 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

*For those married in the Catholic Church
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***For Tickets or Information, please contact
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or

***Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331
mariekelly0623@msn.com***

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The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Council 4765***

St Charles Borromeo School Registration, for the 2017-2018 School Year, will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, for those registered at either St Charles or St Thomas Aquinas Parishes. All other parishes or non-Catholic families may register on February 21, 2017. Registration on both nights will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Registration fee is \$100 per child and is required for all grades. Age requirements are as follows:

Child must be:

6 years old—1st grade by August 31st

5 years old —Kindergarten by August 31st

4 years old—Pre-Kindergarten by August 31st

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Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

The next program begins on the weekend of February 10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering the following program: **WOMEN'S RETREAT on February 17-19, 2017**. *Anne Trufant*, wife, mother, recording artist and dynamic, faith-filled retreat presenter will lead this weekend retreat. Hearts on Fire! What happens when heaven invades earth? Are you looking for more? Have you ever read Scriptures or heard testimonies that talk about knowing Jesus in a way that you have longed for? Many think the signs and wonders of the early church no longer exist. Come join us as we unpack that first Pentecost morning, and journey with the apostles, as we encounter that same power and presence of the risen Jesus who is still changing lives today. "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power!" (1 Cor. 4:20) Fee: \$170 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit) Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or to register by February 7, 2017.

News from the National Shrine of St Katharine Drexel.

Join us as we pray the Novena from *Feb 22 to March 2* in honor of *St Katharine Drexel's Feast Day*. You can download a copy from our website: <http://tinyurl.com/SKD-Novena> or join our mailing list to receive the daily prayer right in your inbox! <http://tinyurl.com/SKD-Signup>. Visit the Shrine through the end of 2017. Open every day from 10 AM—5 PM. Please call ahead if you have a large group. Visit our Gift Shop ONLINE at www.saintkatharinedrexelgiftshop.org. Upcoming events at the Shrine: Feb 22nd—Begin the Novena—NOON Mass, March 3rd—Feast of SKD—NOON Mass—Soup & Bread lunch—bring a donation for local food pantry, March 5th—Celebration of Feast Day and National Justice Award—9:30 AM Mass—Celebrant is Bishop Deliman—refreshments following.

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service. Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on Friday, **February 24, 2017** at St Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev Michael Davis. If you need additional information or directions call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. Wheelchair Accessible.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat—March 10-12, 2017.

Rachel's Vineyard in Malvern, PA has an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. For information call Geri at (610) 399-0890 or Priscilla at (215) 906-6337.

Registration is open for our **23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal on March 18, 2017** from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Sts Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthelhome.org/events.html or call Deb MacKenzie (484-798-7368 dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com).

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