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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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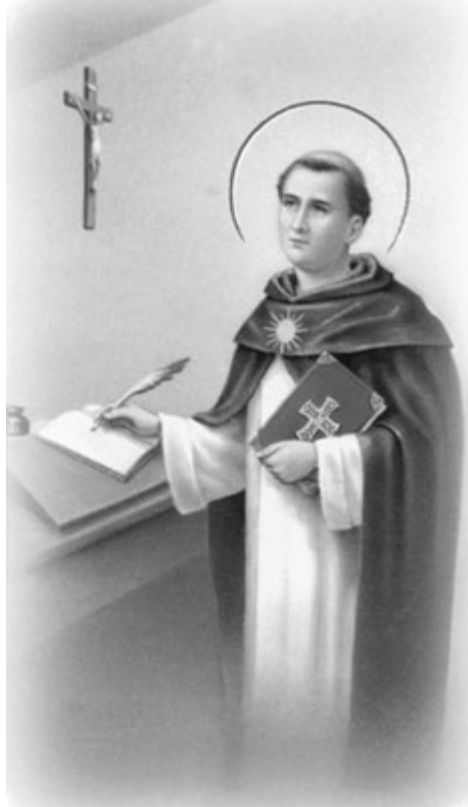
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



SETON

1200 Park Ave.
Bensalem, PA 19020

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121 Belmont Ave.
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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 March 20, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Rick & Marie Kelly

Tuesday March 21, 2017
8:30 AM John A Costigan req by M/M Cummings & Cathy Grafenstine

Wednesday March 22, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Ladies of the KOC

Thursday March 23, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Tim & Marybeth O'Flynn

Friday March 24, 2017
8:30 AM Robert Balla req by His Wife

Saturday March 25, 2017
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

Sunday March 26, 2017
9:00 AM Harry Gillin req by Kaelin Family
11:00 AM Joanna Dempsy req by Granddaughter

Lectors

March 25, 2017
4:30 PM J Wallover & J Mundy

March 26, 2017
9:00 AM C Del Puerto & E Callery
11:00 AM W Scenna & R Andrews

Extraordinary Ministers

March 25, 2017
4:30 PM M Bosco & L Mundy

March 26, 2017
9:00 AM R Daubert & T Berna
11:00 AM A Scheck & E Marra

Altar Servers

March 25, 2017
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon, Bailey McCormick

March 26, 2017
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

Weekend Offerings

03/04	4:30 PM	\$2,185.00
03/05	9:00 AM	\$2,019.00
03/05	11:00 AM	\$1,699.00
Ash Wednesday		\$1,960.00
Mail Ins		\$1,093.00
Debt Reduction		\$1,408.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 75.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 42.00
Candles		\$ 39.00
Poor Box		\$ 69.00

TOTAL for Parish for March 5, 2017 \$10,592.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$42.00

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

Sunday Scriptures March 26, 2017

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: William Thompson and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank
M/M Dan Reither and Carole Martin
for their donations
In Memory of John Gilbert

The **second collection** this weekend,
March 18th-19th is for the
Archdiocese of Military Services.

This collection benefits the Archdiocese for Military Services, which provides pastoral services for members of the armed forces and their families.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays: 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

(March 29, April 5, 12)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM



We invite you to join us for our

40 Hours Devotion/Parish Mission
on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th
at 7:00 PM

Our guest speaker will be
Father Christopher Walsh, Pastor
Saint Raymond Church

Attention Military Families

Your Knights of Columbus, Council 4765, is interested in providing care packages to the family members of our parishioners who are serving in the military. Please send contact information to KoC4765@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989, if you would like to add your military family members to our database or if you would like to help with this project.

40 Cans for Lent. The Knights of Columbus are collecting canned goods for the local food banks during Lent. There will be baskets by each doorway for you to drop off any canned goods you can spare. Thank you and God Bless!

*Come join the Knights of the Columbus for the **Stations of the Cross**.* As we have done in the past, every Sunday during Lent, we host the Stations of the Cross in the **Chapel after the 11:00 AM Mass**.

St Thomas Aquinas parishioners are invited to help the *St Vincent de Paul Society* provide for those in need by taking a **Lenten Container** and filling it with cash donations and/or Shop Rite gift cards. The Containers are available in the back of Church and may be returned on Palm Sunday.

Today we also celebrate St. Joseph

As St Joseph nurtured the Child Jesus, let us nurture those that God has placed in our lives. One way is to share with them a resource from our Resource Display...nothing is as loving as caring for their spiritual welfare! Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

A Message from St Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus.

Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Parish Calendar of Events

The St Thomas Aquinas Women's Group will be discussing a new book, beginning March 30th, titled "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. To place your order for the book, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331. The book is \$10.00

The **Croydon Civic Association** has re-scheduled their meeting for **Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall.

Passion of Jesus Christ. The Via Dolorosa Ministry will, once again, perform Christ's Passion on Good Friday evening. Our next rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Church**. All costumes are provided for you. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Fenton at (215) 458-8289. Thank you.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

The **Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, March 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.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM** at Gabrielle's, 5301 Emilie Road, Levittown, PA 19057. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **SETON Seniors** are offering the following trips:

Mohegan Sun March 30, 2017
Sight & Sound (Jonah) May 18, 2017

For reservations or information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

March 19, 2017



presented by
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
on **Saturday, March 25, 2017**

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Doors open at 5:30 PM and
Game starts at 7:00 PM
Tickets are \$25.00/pp
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and in the Parish Office
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For information, contact the
Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or
Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331



St Thomas Aquinas Parish
cordially invites you
to the
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
on
Saturday, April 22, 2017
at 5:30 PM
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Dinner is BYOB

Invitation is extended to volunteer
and a guest

Please RSVP on or before April 13, 2017
to Roseann
in the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989

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with your RSV information

Therese: The Story of a Soul, the moving, live production performed by actress Audrey Ahern and directed by Patti Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St Timothy Catholic Church in Philadelphia on **Friday, March 24th at 7:00 PM**. In this inspiring one-woman performance, Therese speaks directly to the audience with humor, grace and humility. Her honest, direct spirituality speaks powerfully to our busy culture, with the encouraging message that anyone can become a saint. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Admission is free-will offering. For additional information, contact St Timothy Church Office at (215) 624-6188 or rectory@st-tims.org or visit www.st-tims.org.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Theme: "Mary the first one to know the Trinity". Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083. Guest speaker: Msgr. John A. Esseff, former Spiritual Director of Mother Teresa. Retreat Day begins at 8:30 AM with Parish Mass. Free of Charge. Please bring your own lunch. Msgr. Esseff will bless Sacramentals. Retreat Day concludes after Benediction at 2:15 PM.

Would you consider giving of your time and talents to an organization that has helped thousands of women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy? **The Legacy of Life Foundation** is having a volunteer recruitment meeting, **March 27th** beginning at 2:00 PM in our Bucks County Office. If interested in learning about all the ways to volunteer please RSVP to Katie Hardwick at katie@legacyoflifefoundation.org or call (267) 838-4030. We are specifically looking for volunteers interested in assisting with our three year parenting program, hotline help, administrative duties, baby bottle drives, and more!

Host Families are desired for several Nacel Open Door international students from France and Spain visiting our area June 30th—July 21st. These B-2 visa students speak English, are fully insured and have their own spending money for personal expenses. Host Families provide room and board and receive a hosting stipend. For more information, please contact Lynn Merk at Nacel Open Door (215) 630-3590.

Volunteers Needed for Compassionate Care Hospice. We have opportunities for kind and caring individuals to provide support and friendship to patients and their families during this most challenging time through visits or phone calls. Office volunteers are very much welcomed. Training provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator (267) 885-7348.

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