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**& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)**

**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**

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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)

April 23, 2017

*Mass Intentions*  
*for the Week*

**Monday April 24, 2017**  
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Gert Kaelin

**Tuesday April 25, 2017**  
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by John & Dawn Whelihan

**Wednesday April 26, 2017**  
8:30 AM Jack Gallagher req by Marge Flannery

**Thursday April 27, 2017**  
8:30 AM McArthur Family req by Gen Morrin

**Friday April 28, 2017**  
8:30 AM Matilda Gergo req by Joe & Helen Gergo

**Saturday April 29, 2017**  
4:30 PM Anna Lawlor req by Gallagher Family

**Sunday April 30, 2017**  
9:00 AM Joseph Malizia req by Mary Ragucci  
11:00 AM Frank Canalichio III req by The Family

*Weekend Offerings*

04/08	4:30 PM	\$2,195.00
04/09	9:00 AM	\$2,380.00
04/09	11:00 AM	\$2,032.00
Mail Ins		\$1,241.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 336.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$1,163.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 253.00
Candles		\$ 20.00
Poor Box		\$ 12.00
TOTAL for Parish for April 9, 2017		\$9,404.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$253.00

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

*Lectors*

**April 29, 2017**  
4:30 PM K Shafer & R Fallon

**April 30, 2017**  
9:00 AM T Berna & R Gutherman  
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**April 29, 2017**  
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

**April 30, 2017**  
9:00 AM R Daubert & T Berna  
11:00 AM E Marra & C Mehaffey

*Altar Servers*

**April 29, 2017**  
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,  
Bailey McCormick

**April 30, 2017**  
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel,  
Nicholas Freer

**Sunday Scriptures April 30, 2017**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 (46A)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

## 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, Alicia Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, 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, 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 Spross, Carol McCauley and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Please welcome Father Bernard Olszewski who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

We are in the process of updating our annual **Guide Book & Directory**. This book contains everything pertinent to our Church: ministries, organizations, and a directory of our members. This book is direct-mailed to each family and is subsidized by local businesses that advertise—so there is no cost to the church. **If you have not informed the Parish Office about changes to your record or if you do not want your record published, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.**

On Sunday, April 23rd, the Finance and Parish Councils will be selling lottery tickets for St Thomas Aquinas. Tickets with a three-digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and will be good for one year (7/1/17-6/30/18). Each night the PA Daily Lottery Drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. There is no limit to the number of times you can win. Payout will be as follows:

- 1) Each time your number is drawn (Monday to Saturday) you will receive \$35.00
- 2) If your number is drawn on a Sunday, you will receive \$50.00

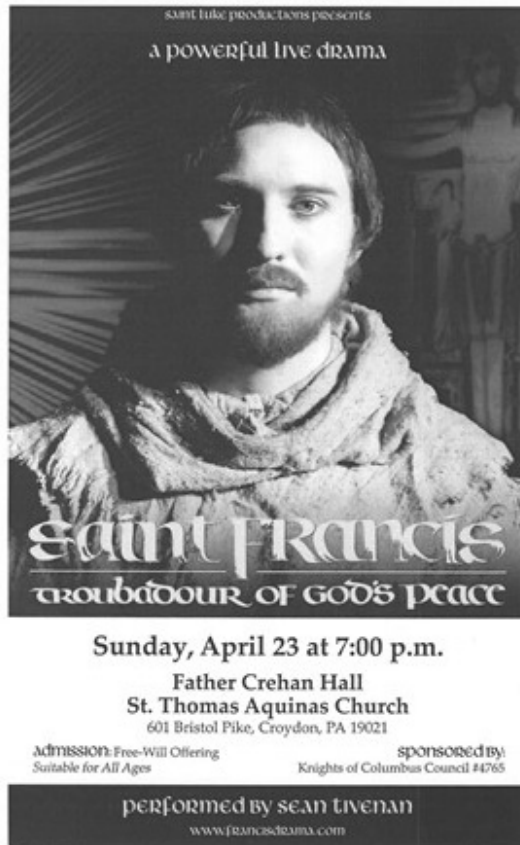
## **Catholic Faith and the Occult**

Have you ever had your palm read, your fortune told or tried to communicate with the spirits of the deceased? What does our Catholic Faith teach us about these practices? Is the devil real?

**Please join us for an evening of teaching and discussion with Deacon Gary Guy Assistant to the Priest-Exorcist of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on May 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM, in Father Crehan Hall**

St Thomas Aquinas Parish is looking to lease, thru NAIMertz, a two story, 21,134 square foot school building with 15 classrooms and four large restrooms. If you know of any business that maybe interested in leasing this building in part or in whole then please contact Joe Sternberg at (215) 396-2900 Ext 107 or Zena Charokopos at (215) 396-2900 Ext 103.

# 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, May 1, 2017 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.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** will hold their General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

**Women's Group Book & Bible Study.** It is always exciting to share good news. We invite all women to join us for book discussions, prayer, conversation and refreshments. You are welcome to join us at any time. We meet every other Thursday at **7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th.** For information, you may contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Please plan on joining us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 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.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947. Please note new meeting day.

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

<b>Sight &amp; Sound (Jonah)</b>	<b>May 18, 2017</b>
<b>Resorts</b>	<b>June 29, 2017</b>
<b>Mohegan Sun</b>	<b>Sept 28, 2017</b>

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

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is taking place at **St Charles Borromeo School**. Registration for the new Pre-K3 Program is also available. Children must be 3 years old by August 31st to enroll. For more information, please contact the school office at (215) 639-3456.

**Our Lady of Calvary Parish**, 11024 Knights Road, Philadelphia, will begin their **Bereavement Ministry Sessions** on April 19th. The sessions run for seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning **April 19th thru May 31st**. Sessions are held in the rectory conference room from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. No prior sign up is necessary—come to whatever session you can attend.

Father Judge Parents Association will hold a **Spring Vendor Day on Sunday, April 23rd** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the school cafeteria. For more information, email [judgcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:judgetcraftshow@gmail.com).

St Hubert Alumni Association is hosting a **Bob Pantano Dance Party on Friday, April 28th** from 7:30 PM to 12:30 AM at Cannstatter's Volkfest. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes food, beer, wine and soda. For tickets, please contact Louise at (610) 724-6061 or [lfwinski@verizon.net](mailto:lfwinski@verizon.net). All proceeds benefit St Hubert Catholic High School for Girls.

Join us for a yummy fundraiser at TECA Restaurant for the **Little Sisters of the Poor**. 20% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly residents at Holy Family Home. Event will be held on Wednesday, **April 26**, 11:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Call the restaurant at (484) 420-4010 and make reservations under "Little Sisters of the Poor Day." TECA is located at 191 S. Newtown Street Road in Newtown Square. Cash bar only available that night. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**Charismatic Mass and Healing Service**. Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on Friday, **April 28, 2017** at St Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev Matthew Biedrzycki. For information, call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center is hosting an **Overnight Directed Retreat**, from Friday, **April 28th** to Saturday, **April 29th**. The presenter will be Mary Anne Nolan, RSM. The cost is \$80.00 which includes spiritual direction, lodging and meals. This is an opportunity to nurture your relationship with God through individual guidance. We will focus on your life with the Spirit as it is lived out in daily life experiences. For more information or to register, please call 215-934-6206.

A **Designer Bag Bingo** to benefit the *Medical Mission Sisters Thrift Shop* is being presented at the Administration Bldg, 8400 Pine Rd, Philadelphia on **Friday, April 28th**. Doors open 6:00 PM—Games begin at 7:00 PM. Basket raffles and door prizes. Light refreshments will be served. Beverages and outside food will be permitted. Tickets are \$30. Reserved tables of 7. Tickets available at the Thrift Shop at 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia. For information, please call (215) 745-7930.

*Father Judge High School* will have the **7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test** on Saturday, **April 29, 2017**. To register, visit [www.fatherjudge.com](http://www.fatherjudge.com)

You and your family are invited to join us for **The Blessed Margaret of Castello Feast Day Mass and Celebration** on Sunday, **April 30th** at 2:00 PM at St Katharine Drexel Chapel. Refreshments to follow.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center is hosting a **Women's Spirituality Retreat on Monday, May 1, 2017** from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. The presenter will be Mary Anne Nolan, RSM. The cost is \$40.00 and includes dinner. Join other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Nurture your spirit through reflection, input, sharing and prayer. Come alone or with a relative or friend. For more information or to register, please call (215) 934-6206.

Wedding Anniversary Mass. Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual **Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration Required. To register visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call (215) 587-0500.

*Nazareth Academy High School* will be hosting their **Spring Open House & Sneak Peek Art Show** on Wednesday, **May 3, 2017** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Admission is free and open to the public with lovely, one-of-a-kind student art work displayed throughout our school along with the opportunity to attend music recitals. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

*National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.*

*As we continue to do all we can to keep our children safe know that the Office for Child and Youth Prevention has services and resources for those who are victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. They can be reached at 1-888-800-8780.*

*Lord, thank you for our children,  
For them we kneel and pray.  
Help us teach them of Your kindness,  
Of Your mercy and Your way.  
Help us show them of Your love,  
Your strength and safety, too.  
Help us show them who You are.  
Help us treat them like You do.*

*Let's pray, educate ourselves,  
and volunteer for the children  
of our nation until black and blue  
are just colors in their crayon box.*

~ Janet Magee

## **Show Your Support.....**

### **Blue Monday, April 24, 2017**

On this day, the entire Archdiocesan community can show its solidarity by encouraging everyone- adults and children alike, to demonstrate the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse by wearing the color blue.

### **Blue Sunday, April 30, 2017**

The Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer for Abused Children began in 1994 with 20 churches and has grown to include over seven million participants on five continents. Churches are encouraged to take a moment during their services to pray for abused children and for those who rescue them.

Lord  
*Teach*  
us  
to pray

Luke 11:1

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