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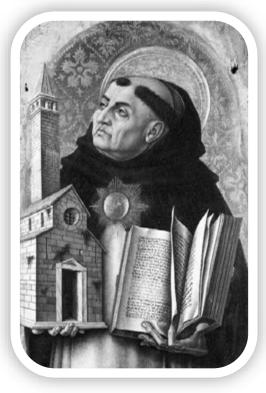
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-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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PARISH OFFICE

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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 Saturday before 9:00 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)
(September to May)

Dear Parishioners,

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII was Bishop of Rome; Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States; the Milwaukee Braves won the World Series; Around the World in 80 Days took the Oscar for Best Picture; All Shook Up by Elvis Presley rose to the top of Billboard's chart; and on May 12, 1957, His Excellency, Archbishop John O'Hara, dedicated St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Croydon. Much has changed since that date, but St. Thomas Aquinas Parish continues to be an instrument of God's grace to the local community. Today we give praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings, help, and comfort that he has bestowed upon us in this house over the past sixty years!

Before we move into the summer months, I want to express my gratitude to all those who have given so generously of their time, talent, and treasure to this parish. I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus for their very generous combined donation of \$3000 which helped substantially reduce the per person cost of our Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner. In addition, the Knights picked up the entire cost of repair to our electronic sign on Bristol Pike, and the Ladies donated the floral decorations for the Sixtieth Anniversary Mass. Also, both organizations jointly sponsored the St. Francis of Assisi play.

A number of organizations will be adjourning for the summer: Prep, Choir, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church Breakfast, and Church Social, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council. I am grateful for the good work they do. I am also thankful for all those who helped in various ways to enrich our Holy Week and Easter experience.

I continue to work with the Pastoral and Finance Councils to address our challenging financial situation:

- Lottery tickets have now been on sale for a couple of weeks. Those who buy a ticket have a chance to win for a whole year! The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning.
- An increase offertory letter should have reached you by now. Any increase you can afford—no matter how big or small—will help us to reduce our deficit.
- Volunteers are urgently needed for a monthly parish bingo! If you can help, please call the office ASAP. We need both men and women to help!
- The school building is being actively marketed, but, unfortunately, no one has expressed an interest yet. Keep up the prayers!
- The appeal against the closure of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is still in process! A final verdict is expected by the beginning of next year. No guarantees though!

Enjoy the summer. Take a rest from work and school. Never take a vacation from God! My friend, Google, knows where the nearest Catholic Church is located. Don't forget that your parish still depends on your continued generosity—even when you are not here. May God continue to bless this parish so that some of us may one day gather to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of St. Thomas Aquinas Church!

God Bless, Fr. David



Monday

May 8, 2017

8:30 AM

Richard Brown reg by Cathy Grafenstine &

M/M Cummings

Tuesday

May 9, 2017

8:30 AM Joseph Morrin reg by Gen Morrin

Wednesday

May 10, 2017

8:30 AM Richard Brown reg by Deacon & Mrs. Gallagher

Thursday

May11, 2017

8:30 AM

Jenna Richards req by Lori Sivak

Friday

May 12, 2017

8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday

May 13, 2017

9:00 AM 4:30 PM

Jenna Richards reg by Joann Foder Ed Clancy req by Eleanor Clancy

Sunday

May 14, 2017

9:00 AM 11:00 AM Henry Andres (L) reg by Jet Jabla Joanne Garabedian reg by Rita Culley

Weekend Offerings

04/22	4:30 PM	\$1,563	.00
04/23	9:00 AM	\$2,263	.00
04/23	11:00 AM	\$1,833	.00
Mail Ins		\$ 615	.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 72	.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 50	.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$1,551	.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 39	.00
Candles		\$ 35	.00
Poor Box		\$ 54	.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 23, 2017 \$8,036.00 TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$39.00

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

Lectors

May 13, 2017

4:30 PM J Brogan & J Wallover

May 14, 2017

9:00 AM

R Daubert & A Ditzler

11:00 AM

R Dalessandro & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

May 13, 2017

4:30 PM

J Wallover & C Ryan

May 14, 2017

9:00 AM

E Ryan & E Callery

11:00 AM

R Powers & J Shirley

Altar Servers

May 13, 2017

Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan, 4:30 PM

MaryRose Okwara

May 14, 2017

11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures May 14, 2017

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 (52A) Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9 Gospel: John 14:1-12

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

The **second collection** this weekend, **May 6th—7th**, is for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Olszewski on his recent visit to our parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

The reception of the

Sacrament of First Holy Communion
for the following PREP Students will be on

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the 10:30 AM Mass
with The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino
Please keep them in your prayers!

Katherine Ann Bitting
Daniel Boyer
Sophia Grace Connor
Andrew Fiocco
Chase Nicholas Kalyna
Anthony Monroe
Braiden Michael Robinson
Julianna Romer
Kylie Justin Taylor-Christian
Andres Torres Jr

Please commit the following to memory so that you can make your responses loudly and clearly for the Episcopal Blessing on Sunday, May 7th.

The Lord be with you.

All reply:

And with your spirit.

The celebrant says:
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:
Both now and for ever.

The celebrant says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:
Who made heaven and earth.

Then the celebrant receives the pastoral staff,
if he uses it, and says:
May almighty God bless you,
making the Sign of the Cross over the people three
times, he adds:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All:
Amen.

The Knights of Columbus #4765 will be distributing **Manna Bags** at all Masses on the weekend of **May 13th—14th**. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on the weekend of May 20th—21st. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans.

On **May 13th—14th**, our Pro Life Ministry will have a **Mother's Day Rose Sale** after all Masses. All proceeds will benefit the work of the Legacy of Life Foundation.

Our Pro-Life Ministry will sponsor **Baby Bottles for Life** for the Legacy of Life Foundation on the weekend of **May 13th—14th**. Please consider taking a bottle to fill with your spare change and help change a life! Please bring your filled bottle back on May 20th—21st and place it in the box in the back of Church. Your generosity is appreciated!

From <u>May 5th to October 27th</u> the 8:30 AM Mass will not be celebrated on Fridays in the Chapel. During this same time period we will celebrate a 9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays in the Chapel.

On **Sunday, May 14, 2017**, at the conclusion of the 11:00 AM Mass, we will celebrate and honor the Blessed Mother with our **May Procession and Crowning**.

The last Benediction to be celebrated in the Chapel will be at 3:30 PM on Monday, May 22, 2017 until the fall.

The **Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 25th**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule will be 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.



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

The Croydon Civic Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Father Crehan Hall. All are welcome!

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:

Sight & Sound (Jonah) May 18, 2017 Resorts June 29, 2017 Mohegan Sun Sept 28, 2017

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

The Finance and Parish Councils are selling lottery tickets for St Thomas Aquinas. Tickets will be sold after all Masses from April 23rd until June 25th. Tickets may also be purchased in the Parish Office during normal business hours. 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 (7:00 PM) the PA Daily Lottery Drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. Checks will be mailed to the winners weekly. 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus says that His sheep hear His voice. But often we let the noise of everyday life prevent us from hearing our Shepherd. Step away from the noise this week and spend time with the Lord. The materials in our Resource Display make it easy. These materials are free to those who need them but we thank all those able to make a donation which helps bring these resources to more parishes.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia C.C.R. Holy Trinity Prayer Community presents "The Life in the Spirit Seminars." The seminar will be begin on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Holy Trinity School Hall, Osborne and Stockham Aves., Morrisville, PA 19067. Come and experience the love and joy that the Holy Spirit will bring into your life. Come and join in the experience of a "Personal Pentecost." Come by yourself or bring a friend. For information, contact Marie Guaragno at (215) 295-6900 (day) or evenings at (215) 295-6283.

St Mark Parish Safe Environment Office is hosting a Protecting God's Children Training Session for school, CCD, CYO Parents and Volunteers or anyone who has regular contact with children. The session will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM at St Mark School Hall, 1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007. The session is free but pre-registration on www.virtusonline.org is required. If you don't have access to a computer, stop in St Mark parish office to register. The session is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

Nazareth Academy High School invites you to join them for an exclusive event for 7th grade girls—Beach Bag Bingo! This fun, free event will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. There will be 10 games of bingo with prizes, pizza, and summer themed refreshments. For more information and to register, please visit www.nazarethacademyhs.org/7thbeachbagbingo or contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

Archbishop Ryan High School Spring Designer Bag Bingo. Come and join us for a night of bingo where you could win one of many designer bags such as Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors or Dooney and Bourke. There will be baskets raffled off, as well as several raffles to win a designer bag. We hope to see you on Friday, May 12, 2017. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Bingo begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Every Bingo wins a bag! To purchase tickets online visit http://bit.ly/RyanBingo2017 or contact Terri Evans at (215) 637-1800 Ext 221.

Flame of Love Movement—100th Anniversary of Fatima on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Begins with 8:30 AM Mass and ends with Benediction at 2:00 PM. Free of Charge. Bring your own lunch. Bring a friend. The guest speaker will be Rev James Blount, S.O.L.T.

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