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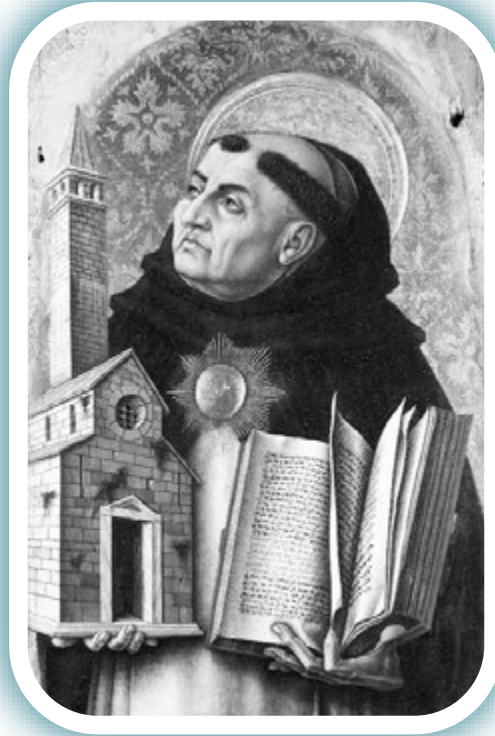
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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)



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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 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)

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Monday February 12, 2018**  
8:30 AM Charles E Vile III req by M/M Stephen Pritchard

**Tuesday February 13, 2018**  
8:30 AM Robert Daubert Sr req by The Family

**Wednesday February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday)**  
8:30 AM John M Romer Jr req by A Friend  
4:00 PM Prayer Service with Ashes  
7:00 PM Judith Gushue req by Janet Smythe

**Thursday February 15, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

**Friday February 16, 2018**  
8:30 AM Adella Jotautas req by Joyce & Nick Bohacz

**Saturday February 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM Annette DiTommaso req by DiTommaso Family

**Sunday February 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM Jacinta Jabla req by Jet Jabla  
11:00 AM Jim Ryan req by The Children

*Weekend Offerings*

01/27	4:30 PM	\$ 1,442.00
01/28	9:00 AM (No Mass)	\$ 0.00
01/28	11:00 AM	\$ 3,802.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,160.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 75.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 135.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 143.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 145.00
Candles		\$ 37.00
Poor Box		\$ 15.00

TOTAL for Parish for January 28, 2018 \$6,809.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$145.00

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

*Lectors*

**February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday)**  
8:30 AM R Daubert & E Callery  
7:00 PM J Brogan & A Scheck

**February 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

**February 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM T Marion & C Del Puerto  
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday)**  
7:00 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

**February 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

**February 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM D Whelihan & B Gutherman  
11:00 AM C Mehaffey & N Freer

*Altar Servers*

**February 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

**February 18, 2018**  
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,  
Nicholas Freer

**Sunday Scriptures February 11, 2018**

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1  
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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: Terry Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, William Sommerer, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Helen Amato, Richard Barbieri and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.



Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018
Our Mass schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas
4:00 PM Prayer Service with Ashes St Thomas Aquinas
7:00 PM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas

St Thomas Aquinas
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Jan 31st to Feb 6th are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists lottery results for dates from Jan 31 to Feb 6, including winning numbers and names of winners or 'Unsold Ticket'.

Fast and Abstinence and
Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2018:

- List of rules and guidelines for fasting and abstinence during Lent 2018, including age requirements, meal restrictions, and participation in Mass and sacraments.

# Parish Calendar of Events

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**Passion of Jesus Christ.** Good Friday and Easter are just around the corner and it's time that we, the Via Dolorosa Ministry, let you know that we need your help if we are to continue performing the Passion of Jesus Christ at St Thomas Aquinas. As always, we need people! People willing to be "performers." I hope you will consider sharing your time and talent with us. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday in the Church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM.** I look forward to seeing all our old faces and, hopefully, many new ones. For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (267) 616-8473.

The **Women's Bible Group** meets every other Thursday at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 15, 2018.** At this meeting we will begin a new book entitled "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly. We hope you will be able to attend! For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

**40 Cans for Lent.** The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting canned goods for the local food banks during Lent, beginning **February 18, 2018.** There will be baskets by each doorway in Church for you to drop off any canned goods. You may also drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

Beginning **Sunday, February 18, 2018,** the Knights of Columbus will host the **Stations of the Cross** every Sunday **after the 11:00 AM Mass in the Chapel.** We hope you will join them during this Lenten Season.

On **Sunday, February 18, 2018,** 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 will be available in the back of Church and may be returned on Palm Sunday.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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 **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, you may drop them off at the Parish Office or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at The Borough Pub located at 1800 Farragut Avenue, Bristol, PA 19007. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

**Knights of Columbus 4765 Night of Bowling** at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes on **Saturday, March 24, 2018** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM.** \$10.00 per person (maximum of 6 people to a lane). If a private lane is desired (less than 6 people) the cost is \$50.00. Food and Drinks Extra. *Names and payment are due by Friday, March 9th.* For reservations, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423 or the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc** presents  
**Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Thursday,  
March 22, 2018.** \$50.00 per person. *Payment in full  
due by February 27th.* Trip includes: Departure from  
St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 9:00 AM, Arrive at  
Mohegan Sun at 11:30 AM and Receive \$25.00 in Slot  
Play & Luncheon Buffet at Timber's, Depart for home  
at 4:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact  
Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc** presents All Star  
Productions "**Best of Broadway**" on **Wednesday,  
April 18, 2018.** \$100.00 per person. *Payment in full  
due by March 20, 2018.* Trip includes: Departure from  
St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, Sit down luncheon,  
one hour open bar (beer & wine), and The Matinee  
Performance of "Best of Broadway" at Doolan's in  
Spring Lake, NJ at 11:00 AM, Depart for home  
approximately 3:30 PM. For information and  
reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Saints and Legends of Ireland. September 5-15,  
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Irish evening with dinner and a show. Meetings will  
commence soon. For more information or brochure  
contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or  
Helenshorizons@gmail.com. Brochures are also  
available in the Parish Office.

**SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc** presents  
**Bermuda** (Aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's "Escape").  
**Sunday, September 30 to Sunday, October 7, 2018.**  
Price per person—double occupancy ranges from  
\$1,225 to \$1,525. A \$400 deposit is required to make  
your reservation. Final payment is due by June 1, 2018.  
For information, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

## Save the Dates....

### Designer Bag Bingo

Hosted by  
*The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus*

*Saturday, April 7, 2018*

*Doors open at 5:30 PM  
Games start at 7:00 PM*

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*\$25.00/per person  
(must be 18 yrs of age or older)*

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### **Tartan Day—Ceilidh 2018** *Bucks County Scottish American Society*

*Presents*

*Music and Story  
about the Jacobit Rising  
By Charles Zahm*

*There will an opening ceremony with the  
Caledonia Highland Dancers*

*Saturday, April 14, 2018  
2:00 PM*

*St Thomas Aquinas  
Father Crehan Hall*

*\$30.00/per person  
(children under 12 free)*

*Basket Raffle & 50/50 chances  
will be sold at event*

*For tickets or information contact  
Pam Hynd (267) 770-1131 or  
Dennis McAllister (215) 632-2384*

Cranaleith Spiritual Center in Philadelphia is offering an **Ash Wednesday Retreat: A Heart Contrite and Broken** on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Presenter is Maria DiBello, RSM and the cost is \$45.00 (includes lunch). We hope you will join us as we enter Lent's sacred journey on this Valentine's Day. We will tender our hearts in God's tears of love and ask to discover our belonging to all those crushed in spirit. Above all, we will trust in this crucified love unfolding from the heart of our sacred universe. To register, call (215) 934-6206.

**St Joseph Italian Feast.** St Mark School in Bristol is sponsoring a bus trip on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** to Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ for their "St Joseph Italian Feast". Cost is \$100 per person which includes transportation, complete luncheon with wine & soda, one hour cocktails/open bar, and entertainment. Call (215) 788-9408 for information/reservations. *Deadline for reservations is **February 16th.***

*Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist* invites you to **A Night of Healing** with Father Clifton Bishop and Kathleen McCarthy, on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The evening includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, anointing and prayer over individuals and Eucharistic Benediction. To register call (610) 582-333. Donations are deeply appreciated.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA is offering a **Women's Retreat** entitled "**Spirit-Filled Evangelizers**" on **February 23-25, 2018** beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday and concluding Sunday following Noon dinner. Spirit-filled evangelizers means evangelizers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit. In this retreat, we will look at what it means to be "fearlessly open to the workings of the Holy Spirit" in the life of every baptized Christian. The presenter is Anne Trufant. The fee is \$170.00 for the weekend (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). Registrations received prior to February 13th receive a \$20 discount. Please call (267) 350-1830 for more information or to register .

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual **Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will take place on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., 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.

Fuel Assistance Program. The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. Call **United Social Services** at (215) 923-1900 Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### ***Career Opportunities:***

**Housekeeper for Friary (Rectory):** Part-time (15 Hours a Week) housekeeping for home of Augustinian Friars as well as cleaning of parish offices and church at St Augustine Parish, Philadelphia. Please send resume to: [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com). References and background checks are required.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at (215) 362-2469 or [Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org](mailto:Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org).

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