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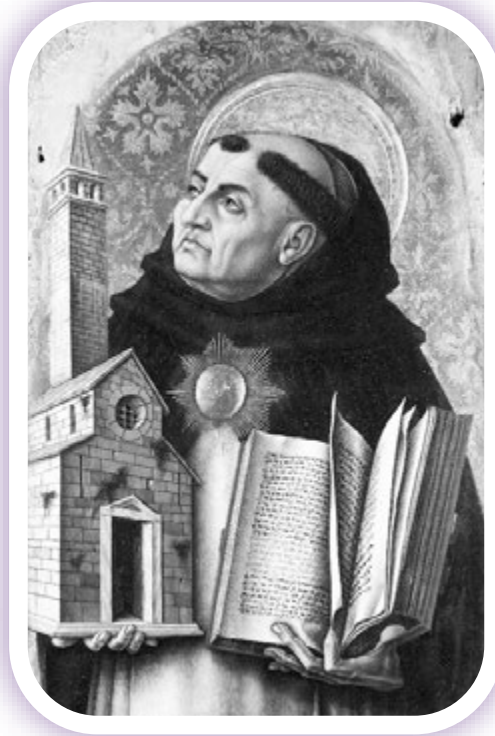
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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 Parish Meeting Room 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)

March 11, 2018

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Monday March 12, 2018**  
8:30 AM Irene Brodecki req by Patricia Mee

**Tuesday March 13, 2018**  
8:30 AM Margaret Hughes req by Rick & Marie Kelly

**Wednesday March 14, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

**Thursday March 15, 2018**  
8:30 AM Robert Brodecki req by Betty & Patricia Mee

**Friday March 16, 2018**  
8:30 AM Chris Jones req by Gert Kaelin

**Saturday March 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

**Sunday March 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM Helen Wright req by Robert & Amber  
Stahlnecker  
11:00 AM Joseph Cwenar req by His Family

*Weekend Offerings*

02/24	4:30 PM	\$ 1,946.00
02/25	9:00 AM	\$ 1,312.00
02/25	11:00 AM	\$ 2,044.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 539.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 14.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 60.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 48.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 176.00
Candles		\$ 39.00
Poor Box		\$ 24.00
TOTAL for Parish for February 25, 2018		\$6,026.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$176.00

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

*Lectors*

**March 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM J Wallover & J Berna

**March 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM R Daubert & T O'Flynn  
11:00 AM W Scenna & A Scheck

*Extraordinary Ministers*

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

**March 18, 2018**  
9:00 AM D Whelihan & T Berna  
11:00 AM E Marra & C Mehaffey

*Altar Servers*

**March 17, 2018**  
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,  
Nicholas Freer

**March 18, 2018**  
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,  
Chaston Gabriel

**Sunday Scriptures March 18, 2018**

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

## 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:** Francis Breuer, 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,

Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers,

Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson,

Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright,

and all their relatives and friends.

**Our Deceased:** Dolores DeMichele and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The **second collection** on this weekend, **March 10th—11th** will be for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America**. Your gifts to this collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This weekend, you heard Beth Wood, a representative from our Catholic Community speak on behalf of the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal about the impact it has on the most needy. Because of your generosity, special education students are given the tools to succeed, the homeless are given a safe place to eat, sleep, and get back on their feet, students in rough neighborhoods are given a safe place to learn, and retired priests who have spent their lives caring for others, receive medical attention they need in their final years. So we ask you today, to show your support of the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, and join in the mission of the Archdiocese: "60 Years of Giving Hope to All."

## St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Feb 28th to March 5th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Feb 28	816	Stephanie Kramer
March 1	752	Janice Daubert
March 2	082	Unsold Ticket
March 3	891	Unsold Ticket
March 4	913	Melissa Bitting
March 5	942	Unsold Ticket

## Lenten Schedule 2018

### Adult Faith Formation

Mondays: 7:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Chapel)  
Followed by Benediction at 3:30 PM

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM (Chapel)

### Confessions in Church

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

(March 14, 21, 28)

Saturdays: 3:30 PM—4:00 PM

### Holy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

NO MORNING MASS

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM

Christ's Passion by the Via Dolorosa—7:30 PM

### Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Food

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Mass (SETON)

11:00 AM Mass (St Thomas)

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*Before the Sacrament of Penance, Catholics have found it helpful to examine their consciences in light of the Ten Commandments. Penitents are encouraged to expand on them in their prayerful review of their conduct.*

### **1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
- Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

### **2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

### **3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

### **4. Honor your father and your mother.**

- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

### **5. You shall not kill.**

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
- Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?
- Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

### **6. You shall not commit adultery.**

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?
- Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?
- Am I careful to dress modestly?

### **7. You shall not steal.**

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

### **8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

### **9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.**

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

### **10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.**

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

# Parish Calendar of Events

The Knights of Columbus still have **Discount Cards** available for \$10.00. Many local and chain restaurants offer discounts or free appetizers and other businesses offer discount pricing. Cards may be used an unlimited number of times during the 2018 calendar year. Cards can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or at the Parish Office.

**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 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!

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

We hope you can join us for our next **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, March 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are invited. For more information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

**Passion of Jesus Christ.** The Via Dolorosa Ministry, performs the Passion of Jesus Christ at St Thomas Aquinas on Good Friday. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday in the Church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:15 PM.** For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (267) 616-8473.

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

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, March 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, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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, March 22, 2018.** They have begun a new book entitled "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Meetings for **Saints and Legends of Ireland, September 5-15, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd**, are now scheduled at St Gabriel's in Norwood, PA on March 15th and **St Thomas Aquinas, Father Crehan Hall, on March 22nd. Doors open at 6:45 PM.** If you are planning to attend, kindly give notification by calling (610) 213-4141.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, March 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, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

**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, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd.** Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends that made Ireland great. We will travel all around Ireland, including Belfast in the North. We get the best of both worlds with this tour, a little bit of the sacred and a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3845 includes all tours, round trip airfare from Philadelphia to Dublin or Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (four-star hotels), daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an 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](mailto: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  
Raffles, 50/50, Door Prizes*

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

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about the Jacobite Rising  
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*The Caledonia Highland Dancers will open  
the ceremony before dinner*

*Saturday, April 14, 2018  
5:30 PM*

*St Thomas Aquinas  
Father Crehan Hall*

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

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*For tickets or information contact*

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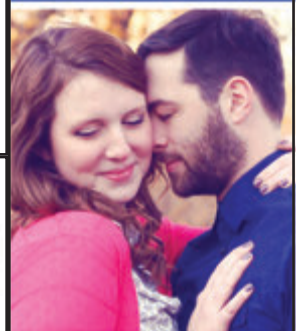
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