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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

ST. THOMAS

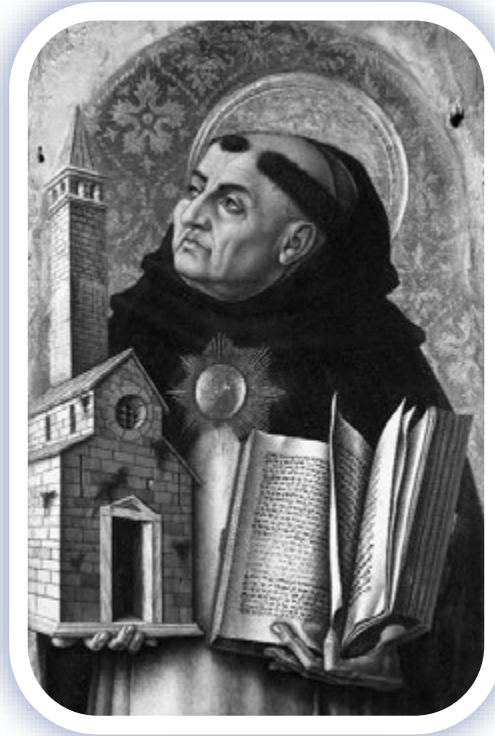
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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**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)

May 14, 2017

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

May 14, 2017

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday May 15, 2017
8:30 AM Jenna Richards req by Theresa Costick

Tuesday May 16, 2017
8:30 AM David Wintz req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

Wednesday May 17, 2017
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Thursday May 18, 2017
8:30 AM Sr. Ligueroi, CSFN req by Lillian

Friday May 19, 2017
8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday May 20, 2017
9:00 AM Jenna Richards req by The Family
4:30 PM Joseph Clayton req by Cathy Hahn & Family

Sunday May 21, 2017
9:00 AM Elizabeth Pastore req by Tom Pastore
11:00 AM Jimmy Gordon req by Billy & Michele Pashley

Weekend Offerings

04/29	4:30 PM	\$1,525.00
04/30	9:00 AM	\$1,467.00
04/30	11:00 AM	\$1,363.00
Mail Ins		\$1,957.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 160.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 330.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 70.00
Candles		\$ 86.00
Poor Box		\$ 28.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 30, 2017 \$6,941.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$70.00

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

Lectors

May 20, 2017
4:30 PM S Colvin & J Berna

May 21, 2017
9:00 AM C DelPuerto & T Marion
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Extraordinary Ministers

May 20, 2017
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

May 21, 2017
9:00 AM R Gutherman & T Berna
11:00 AM A Scheck & D DiTommaso

Altar Servers

May 20, 2017
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Bailey McCormick

May 21, 2017
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Bailey McCormick

Sunday Scriptures May 21, 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, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Caylonna, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Kathy Maddaloni, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, 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.

Thank you...

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations during our recent St Vincent de Paul Lenten Drive. We received \$3,751.72 in cash and an additional \$395.00 in gift cards. Your kindness and generosity will allow us to continue to help those less fortunate. Thank you again for your continued support of our mission. May God bless you!

**St Thomas Aquinas Conference
of the St Vincent de Paul Society**

Memorial Fund..

We would like to thank M/M Leitzel
for their donation
In Memory of Florence Bartol

All are welcome to join
Fr. David Fernandes for our
Adult Faith Formation
Monday, May, 15, 2017
at 7:00 PM in Father Crehan Hall

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

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.

Mother's Day

As you celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, don't forget our spiritual mother, Mary. On this 100th anniversary of her appearance to the children of Fatima, choose a "Marian" title from our Resource Display and get to know Our Lady better. And pick some things out to share with all the mothers you know. 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Please join 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. *This will be our last Breakfast until the Fall.*

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!

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 **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 31, 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 Social** on **Sunday, June 4, 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. *This will be our last Social until the Fall.*

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, June 5, 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, June 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

Our very own **Knights of Columbus #4765** will be selling tickets to see the **Trenton Thunder on June 17th** (Father's Day Weekend). We anticipate this to be a great time for families to come together and enjoy an exciting ballgame. There will also be fireworks at the close of the game. Tickets are only \$10 per seat and will be sold in the Parish Office and in the back of Church after all Masses. Come get them before we sell out! Thank you.

Are you feeling impacted by someone struggling with addiction? Are you looking for information and resources to help you or a loved one? **Catholic Social Services** invites you to join us to learn more about addiction and its effects on families. The information and support session will take place on **May 18, 2017 from 6:30—8:00 PM** at Fatima Catholic Outreach Center, 2915 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020.

Devotion to the Heart of Jesus will be held at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, on **Saturday, May 20th**, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The saints, the Church and Pope Francis encourage us to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to discover the depths of his love for us. The presenter will be Sr. Sara Butler, MST, STL, PhD. The fee is \$35.00 (includes a \$15 non-refundable deposit). Please call (267) 350-1830 for information or to register.

Be a part of a remarkable demonstration of peace and unity, and support the work of The Peace Center at the **2nd Annual Human Peace Sign** on **Sunday, May 21, 2017** from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Bucks County Community College in Newtown. The event brings together citizens, community leaders and supporters from around the Delaware Valley to enjoy an afternoon of games, music and fun—culminating in the formation of a giant human peace sign. For more information, visit www.thepeacecenter.org or call (215) 750-7220.

St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls invites Alumnae, Staff and Friends to join us for our **75th Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, May 21, 2017**. Mass at 11:00 AM. Celebrant: Msgr. Philip Cribben. Open House: 12:00—3:00 PM. For more information, please call (215) 624-6840.

Pentecost Vigil Mass for the Archdiocesan Charismatic Renewal on **Saturday, June 3, 2017**. Praise & Worship at 7:30 PM. Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated in English & Spanish. Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul, 18th St & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Rev. G. Dennis Gill will be the principal celebrant. For information, call (215) 561-1313.

Flame of Love Movement celebrates **Corpus Christi** on **Saturday, June 17, 2017** at Corpus Christi Church, Lansdale, PA. Begins at 8:30 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 2:00 PM. Speakers will be Fr. William Gaffney, CSsR Redemptorist and Gloria Anson. Handicap accessible and ample parking. Bring your own lunch. Free of Charge. This retreat will touch the hearts of every person and every family — young and old alike.

The **Second Annual Padre Pio Festival** at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland, PA, is being held on the weekend of **June 23, 24, 25, 2017**.

* Friday evening: Youth & Young Adult Night
Holy Hour, Exposition, Confessions followed by live entertainment, food trucks.

* Saturday: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass (blessing with relics)

* Sunday: 12:30 PM Solemn Mass, followed by street procession. 2:30 PM Healing Service (blessing with relics/confession)

Saturday & Sunday afternoon & evening outdoor festival, with several food/beverage vendors, craft vendors, inflatable children's amusements, and live entertainment. Visit www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.

Nazareth Academy High School is proud to offer a **Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program** for girls who will be entering 8th grade in Fall 2017. These programs are Monday through Thursday, from **June 26th until July 20th**, from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. We also offer Academic Summer Camps (Art, Math, Science and Glee) as well as Athletic Summer Camps. For more information or to register contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

*Happy
Mothers
Day*

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whose Faith brings her family courage,
whose Wisdom comes from God,
and whose children stand and honor Her.*

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