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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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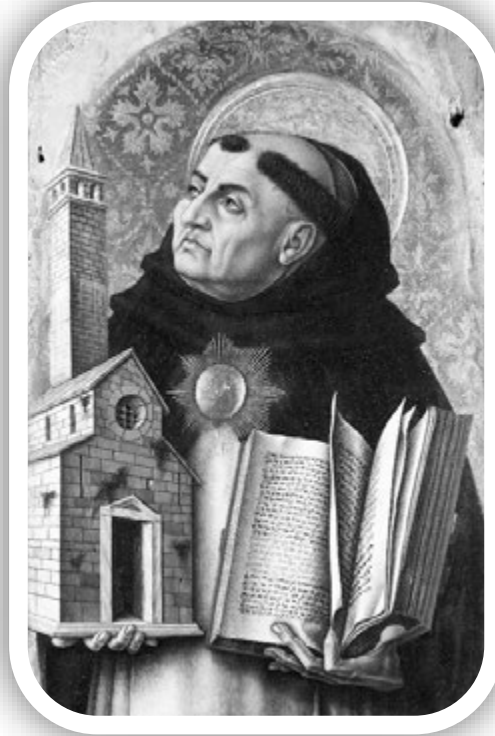
601 Bristol Pike
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-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)



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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 28, 2017

Senate of Pennsylvania



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Congratulations

In the Senate, February 8, 2017

Whereas, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church is celebrating the momentous occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of its dedication; and

Whereas, Dedicated in 1957, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church has provided spiritual strength as well as compassionate assistance for residents of the Croydon community, exhibiting a tangible example of its teachings during its existence; and

Whereas, Throughout its glorious history, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church has been blessed with a succession of pastors whose guidance and leadership have helped it to grow and flourish, as well as members whose faithfulness and devotion to God have made it an inspiring presence in the community.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania rejoices with Saint Thomas Aquinas Church as it recommitts itself to the spiritual ideals and traditions which have sustained it since its dedication sixty years ago; offers best wishes for continued service to God and humanity;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Robert M. Tomlinson, be transmitted to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, 601 Bristol Pike, Croydon, Pennsylvania.




Senator Robert M. Tomlinson

Attest:


Megan Martin, Secretary

May 28, 2017

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday May 29, 2017
8:30 AM Kathleen O'Donnell req by Mary Ann O'Byrne

Tuesday May 30, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by A Friend

Wednesday May 31, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Thursday June 1, 2017
8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday June 3, 2017
9:00 AM Robert Garneau req by Kishbaugh Family
4:30 PM Anna Lawlor req by Gallagher Family

Sunday June 4, 2017
9:00 AM M/M Ricky Andres req by Jet Jabla
11:00 AM Annette DiTommaso req by DiTommaso Family

Weekend Offerings

05/13	4:30 PM	\$2,450.00
05/14	9:00 AM	\$2,592.00
05/14	11:00 AM	\$1,441.00
Mail Ins		\$1,139.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 853.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 215.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 0.00
Candles		\$ 54.00
Poor Box		\$ 31.00

TOTAL for Parish for May 14, 2017 \$8,800.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$0.00

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

Lectors

June 3, 2017
4:30 PM S Colvin & J Brogan

June 4, 2017
9:00 AM R Daubert & E Callery
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

June 3, 2017
4:30 PM C Ryan & T Litz

June 4, 2017
9:00 AM T Berna & B Gutherman
11:00 AM R Kelly & M Kelly

Altar Servers

June 3, 2017
4:30 PM Mason McMahan, Effie McMahan,
Bailey McCormick

June 4, 2017
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer, Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures June 4, 2017

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

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, Lois Cinkutis, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, Tony DiTommaso, 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: Pauline Rodavitch, Brother Harry McGovern OSFS and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.



On Sunday, March 19, 2017, one girl received the Sacrament of Baptism by which she was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Evelyn Marie Hauber

On Sunday, May 21, 2017, one girl and three boys received the Sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Delaney Marie Dewhurst
Logan Arthur Wolf
Henry James Kralle
Henry Joseph Thierjung

**In observance of Memorial Day,
the Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, May 29, 2017**



Dear Parishioners,

When a diocese announces the closing of a parish, there usually follows much sorrow, anger, and a call for more time to address the issues that necessitated such a decision. Most recently, the Archdiocese of Hartford announced a forty percent downsizing in the number of its parishes! Rather than passively wait for the worst to happen, I have promoted various ways to help us get our finances in order. On the advice of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, we have begun an Increased Offertory Campaign and a Lottery. A parish bingo is in the planning stages. The response so far has been disappointing. The following is a summary of the feedback I have received:

- * number who have volunteered to help with a monthly parish bingo: 2
- * number who have volunteered to act as sellers of lottery tickets—apart from Pastoral Council and Finance Council members: 0
- * number of lottery tickets sold: 160/1000
- * percentage of active parishioners who have responded to the Increased Offertory Campaign: 12.5%
- * total **annual** collection increase expected thus far: \$36,530.

I think the numbers speak for themselves. Please don't wait till it's too late!

God Bless,

Fr. David

Parish Calendar of Events

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group Pray, Play and Serve Night on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Students in grades 6th—9th will attend Mass at 5:00 PM in the Chapel and participate in a service project for the veterans. For information, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

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.

The **St Thomas Aquinas Women's Book/Bible Group** will be discussing a new book titled "*Resisting Happiness*" by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome to join us as we begin discussions on this book on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. All are welcome!

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, June 15, 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 next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 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.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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

Resorts	June 29, 2017
Mohegan Sun	Sept 28, 2017
Sight & Sound	Nov 17, 2017

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

The **SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc** present: **Autumn Mountain Escape, Asheville, North Carolina. Monday, October 23rd to Friday, October 27, 2017.** Cost per person, for double occupancy, is \$785.00. A \$50.00 per person deposit is required to make your reservation. Final payment is due by September 1, 2017. For reservations & information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.



Our very own **Knights of Columbus #4765** are selling tickets to see the **Trenton Thunder on June 17th** (Father's Day Weekend). There will be a **DOUBLE-HEADER** that day so **ONE** ticket gets to see **TWO "7-inning"** games and enjoy fireworks afterwards. Gates open at 4:00 PM with the 1st game starting at 5:30 PM. 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 they sell out. Thank you.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

Tickets are \$25.00 and are available after all Masses and in the Parish Office. Tickets have a three-digit number and each night, beginning July 1st, the PA Daily Evening 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. Tickets are good for one year. Payout will be as follows:

Each time your number is drawn (Monday to Saturday) you will receive \$35.00

If your number is drawn on a Sunday, you will receive \$50.00



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 with 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.

Volunteers Needed for Compassionate Care Hospice. We have opportunities for kind and caring individuals to provide support and friendship to patients and their families during this most challenging time through visits or phone calls. Office volunteers are very much welcomed. Training provided. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (267) 885-7348.

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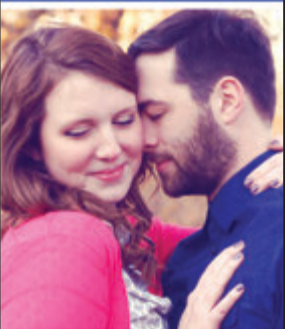
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