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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

ST. THOMAS

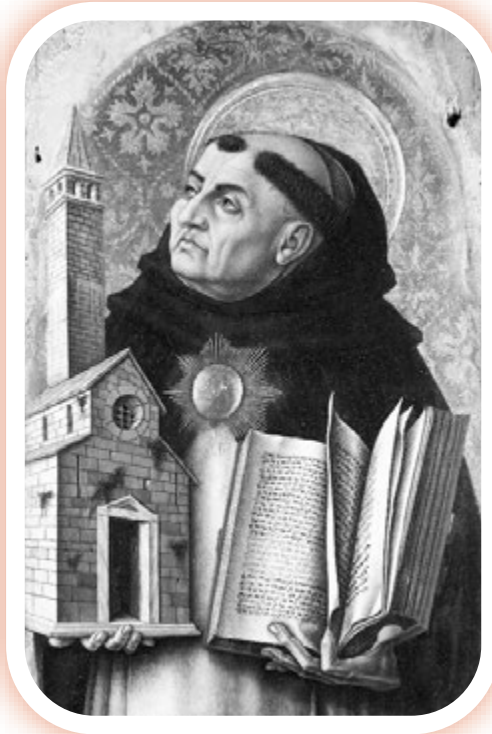
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday November 20, 2017
8:30 AM Joseph Cinkutis Sr req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis

Tuesday November 21, 2017
8:30 AM Ethel Zito req by The Family

Wednesday November 22, 2017
8:30 AM Michael DiTommaso req by DiTommaso Family

Thursday November 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving)
9:00 AM Joseph Staffieri req by Rick & Marie Kelly

Friday November 24, 2017
8:30 AM Mary Anne Tryon req by Bill Tryon & Family

Saturday November 25, 2017
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

Sunday November 26, 2017
9:00 AM Herman & Mary Hanes req by Mary Jane
11:00 AM Joseph Poserina req by Theresa & Erroll Rittenour

Weekend Offerings

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 11/04 | 4:30 PM | \$3,840.00 |
| 11/05 | 9:00 AM | \$2,086.00 |
| 11/05 | 11:00 AM | \$1,699.00 |
| Mail Ins/Parish Giving | | \$1,691.00 |
| Debt Reduction | | \$1,257.00 |
| Winter Maintenance | | \$ 25.00 |
| Other Collections (Parish) | | \$1,645.75 |
| Other Collections (Archdiocese) | | \$ 72.00 |
| Candles | | \$ 45.00 |
| Poor Box | | \$ 49.00 |

TOTAL for Parish for November 5, 2017 \$12,337.75
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$58.00

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

Lectors

November 25, 2017
4:30 PM J Mundy & C Ryan

November 26, 2017
9:00 AM A Ditzler & T Berna
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & W Scenna

Extraordinary Ministers

November 25, 2017
4:30 PM T Litz & L Mundy

November 26, 2017
9:00 AM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis
11:00 AM R Kelly & M Kelly

Altar Servers

November 25, 2017
4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
Chaston Gabriel

November 26, 2017
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

Sunday Scriptures November 26, 2017

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Cassidy Haines, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

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

Memorial Fund....

We would like to thank
William McCauley for his donation
In Memory of Carol McCauley

We would like to thank
The Natale Family for their donation
In Memory of Mary Natale

In observance of Thanksgiving,
the Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd and
Friday, November 24th

The **9:00 AM Mass** on
Sunday, November 26th,
will be celebrated at **St Thomas Aquinas**

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Nov 8th to Nov 14th are as follows:

| Date | Winning # | Winners |
|--------|-----------|---------------|
| Nov 8 | 684 | Unsold Ticket |
| Nov 9 | 912 | J. Chacko |
| Nov 10 | 295 | K. Niland |
| Nov 11 | 551 | J. Biedrzycki |
| Nov 12 | 621 | H. Tunney |
| Nov 13 | 866 | Unsold Ticket |
| Nov 14 | 016 | P. Gallagher |



We invite and challenge you to join us in
"Making a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"
St Thomas Aquinas Choir is seeking new, as
well as, former members who are interested in
sharing their time and talent in singing for the
Lord. We have rehearsals every Thursday, at
7:00 PM, in the Church. For more information,
contact Michael Winstanley at (215) 584-2981.

If you were unable to join us for the All Souls
Day Memorial Mass and a candle was lit for
your loved one, you may pick up your candle in
the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Parish Calendar of Events

Please plan on joining us for the St Thomas Aquinas Parish **8th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show** on **Sunday, November 26, 2017** from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Anyone interested in donating new items for the Trombola Table may bring the items to the Parish Office during regular business hours. **PLEASE NOTE: THE 9:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS**

*Christmas is quickly approaching! We will soon be having our **4th Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. We are in need of donations, remember, we are feeding the multitudes! We could use turkeys, hams, as well as, baked goods for dinner. We are in need of volunteers on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd to help with the preparation of the food. If you can peel potatoes, wash dishes or cook a ham or turkey at home, we can use your help!!! Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.*

The STA Christmas Committee has begun its advice of service to our parish families. The **"Giving Tree"** will be available for all parishioners to take an ornament beginning Saturday, November 11th. Please help us make another family's Christmas brighter, especially the children. Gift Cards may be placed in the baskets or dropped off at the Parish Office. **Deadline to return all gifts is December 17th.** If you know of anyone in need of help this holiday, please put their name and telephone number in a sealed envelope and label it **"Christmas Confidential"** and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Our parish families will be our first consideration. For additional information, contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989. All calls are confidential.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, November 21, 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, November 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM** at Eddington House, 2813 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. 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. The Group is currently discussing the book "Walking With Purpose". Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 30, 2017**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Bucks County Scottish American Society** meets the first Sunday of every month at **2:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Their next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

2016 – 2017 Comparison Annual October Mass Attendance

*Listed below are the results of the
2017 Annual Survey of the
October Mass Attendance*

*2016 Annual Survey of the
October Mass Attendance*

1st Mass—Saturday at 4:30 PM

Week 1: 155
Week 2: 174
Week 3: 166
Week 4: 130
Week 5: 169

1st Mass—Saturday at 4:30 PM

Week 1: 180
Week 2: 178
Week 3: 172
Week 4: 190
Week 5: 168

2nd Mass—Sunday at 9:00 AM

Week 1: 185
Week 2: 200
Week 3: 182
Week 4: 176
Week 5: 150

2nd Mass—Sunday at 9:00 AM

Week 1: 189
Week 2: 210
Week 3: 156
Week 4: 195
Week 5: 183

3rd Mass—Sunday at 11:00 AM

Week 1: 143
Week 2: 135
Week 3: 170
Week 4: 176
Week 5: 176

3rd Mass—Sunday at 11:00 AM

Week 1: 190
Week 2: 154
Week 3: 166
Week 4: 178
Week 5: 220

Total Attendance: 2487
Average Per Weekend: 497
Average Per Mass: 166
Percentage of Attendance: 20%

Total Attendance: 2729
Average Per Weekend: 546
Average Per Mass: 182
Percentage of Attendance: 21%

Come to a free NaPro Road Show and learn more about the Creighton Model and NaPro Technology. Our next free presentation on **NaPro Technology** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28th** and will be hosted by Our Lady of Grace Parish in Penndel, PA. Meet us in the school cafeteria to view the film *NaPro: A Quiet Revolution* produced by the Black Friars Media. Come and hear our newest NaPro Technology trained physician, Dr Delia Larrauri. Question and answer session will be provided with index cards to ensure anonymity. Our Lady of Grace is located at 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047. This event starts at 7 PM. For additional information and/or questions, contact Barbara at (215) 884-2922.

The Parents Association of St Hubert High School for Girls is hosting our annual **Holiday Vendor Fair** being held on **December 7, 2017** from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Please come out and help support the Parents Association Scholarships for the girls of St Hubert. We will have crafters, vendors, selling 50/50's, raffles, and the school store will be open during this time. If you are interested in becoming a crafter/vendor, please contact Beth Stocklin at bethstocklin@gmail.com or Trisha Kinney at tkinney1@gmail.com.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart on the Eve of the Immaculate Conception. Gathering in Chester County. All are Welcome on **Thursday, December 7, 2017** at SS. Simon and Jude Church, Route 3 and Route 352, West Chester, PA 19382. Beginning at 6:30 PM with Rosary in the Chapel and Holy Mass at 7:00 PM in the Main Church. Sharing from Maryland State Leader, Diane Salem, Prayer for Receiving the Flame, and concluding with Benediction. Any questions, call Mary (302) 388-3752.

Catholic Social Services, Bucks County is appealing for your help in providing assistance to those in need at Christmas time and throughout the year. We invite you to participate in our **Community Christmas Program**. Perhaps your family or team at work can come together and help make the season a little brighter for a local Bucks County family! Please call (215) 945-2550 and ask for the *Community Christmas/Adopt a Family Program*. You can also help by making a cash or gift card donation. These donations can be sent to 100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054. Gift cards from local grocery stores like Giant, Shop Rite, Wal-Mart, Target and Toys R Us allow us to assist families at Christmas and throughout the year. For those who prefer to shop, items such as diapers, wipes, infant blankets and clothing and baby toiletries are always in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to help our neighbors in need! May God continue to bless you and your families! For more information, please call (215) 945-2550.

On behalf of Father David Fernandes

Deacon John Gallagher

and

The Parish Staff

We wish everyone a

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.
As a family of faith and love,
we give You thanks.
As Your guests at the table of life,
we are grateful that You have set a place for us.
As Your children,
we strive to follow You in all we do.
As servants to Your will,
we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding
and mercy.
As Your stewards,
we are filled with wonder in the presence of
Your mighty deeds and accept our
responsibilities in Your service.
As Your heirs,
we are humbled by the bounty You have
given us, for each beat of our heart and
each breath that we draw,
is ours only through Your grace.
And, as your family, we shout Your name and
give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.
Amen*

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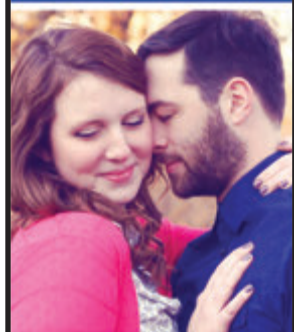
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