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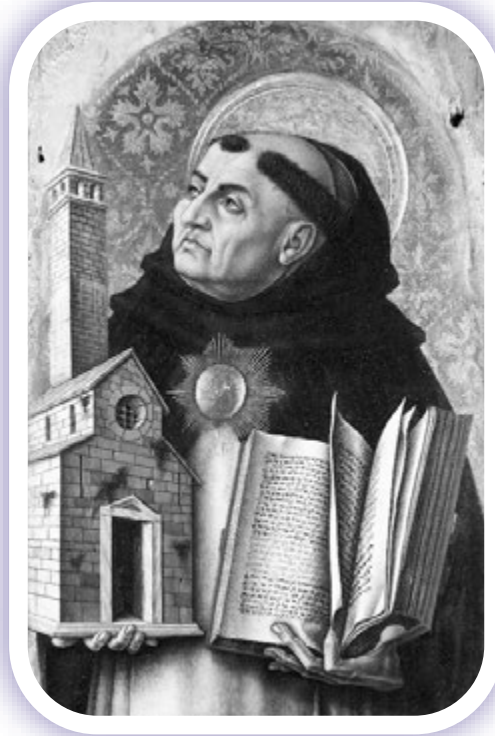
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-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)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday December 4, 2017
8:30 AM Joseph Balz req by Betty & Kathleen

Tuesday December 5, 2017
8:30 AM Edward J Rafalski req by Cheryl Rizzo

Wednesday December 6, 2017
8:30 AM Warren McArthur req by Gen Morrin

Thursday December 7, 2017
8:30 AM Francine Silvestro req by Carol Breen

Friday December 8, 2017
8:30 AM Joe Balz req by Marian
12:00 PM Tomczynski Family req by Wanda
7:00 PM Alexandria Knebel req by Carol Breen

Saturday December 9, 2017
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

Sunday December 10, 2017
9:00 AM Celso Hao req by Del Puerto Family
11:00 AM Jennie Rudzinski req by Carol Rodriguez

Lectors

December 8, 2017
8:30 AM R Daubert & A Ditzler
12:00 PM P DeMichele & C Ryan
7:00 PM J Wallover & J Berna

December 9, 2017
4:30 PM J Brogan & P DeMichele

December 10, 2017
9:00 AM C Del Puerto & A Ditzler
11:00 AM A Scheck & J Kochuvelli

Extraordinary Ministers

December 8, 2017
8:30 AM E Callery
12:00 PM M Bosco
7:00 PM T Cinkutis & L Cinkutis

December 9, 2017
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

December 10, 2017
9:00 AM R Daubert & J Shirley
11:00 AM R Powers & C Mehaffey

Weekend Offerings

11/18	4:30 PM	\$2,204.00
11/19	9:00 AM	\$1,731.00
11/19	11:00 AM	\$1,784.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 818.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 132.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 75.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 20.00
Candles		\$ 27.00
Poor Box		\$ 21.00
TOTAL for Parish for November 19, 2017		\$6,837.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$20.00

Altar Servers

December 8, 2017
7:00 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
Chaston Gabriel

December 9, 2017
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Nicholas Freer

December 10, 2017
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
Chaston Gabriel

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

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.

The **second collection** this weekend, **December 2nd and 3rd** will be for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Friday, December 8, 2017 is the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
It is a Holy Day of Obligation
Our Mass schedule will be
8:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM.

Attention All Decorators

We will be decorating the Church
for Christmas on
Monday, December 18th at 7:00 PM
We invite and welcome all volunteers!

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Nov 17th to Nov 28th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Nov 17	571	Unsold Ticket
Nov 18	966	G. McGinley
Nov 19	771	Unsold Ticket
Nov 20	906	S. Adamusko
Nov 21	350	Unsold Ticket
Nov 22	692	Unsold Ticket
Nov 23	371	Unsold Ticket
Nov 24	037	Unsold Ticket
Nov 25	414	A. Errigo
Nov 26	576	Unsold Ticket
Nov 27	800	C. Quattrocchi
Nov 28	554	Unsold Ticket

Congratulations to...

Alexa Knellinger
for receiving First Honors
for the First Quarter Report
from Archbishop Ryan High School
and
Shelby Brodhead
for receiving High Honors
for the First Quarter Report
from Villa Joseph Marie High School

The Committee for the Christmas Bazaar would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who were involved in the Christmas Bazaar/Craft Show. Your support was greatly appreciated and the event would not have been possible without your help.

Sunday Scriptures December 10, 2017

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Confessions during Advent

St Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday Evenings:
December 6th, 13th, 20th
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

St Charles Borromeo

Saturday—December 16th:
11:00 AM to 12 Noon
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Monday—December 18th—6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday—December 21st—7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St Ephrem

Wednesday—December 13th—7:00 PM
Wednesday—December 20th—7:00 PM
Saturday—December 23rd—3:00 PM to 4:45 PM

Queen of the Universe

Saturday—December 16th:
9:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM
Sunday—December 17th— 6:00 PM

St Mark

Wednesday—December 20th:
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM and
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Calvary

Wednesday—December 20th:
Christ The King 1:00 PM
Our Lady of Calvary 7:00 PM

Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 4th, for the 2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, who in governing your people
Make use of the ministry of Priests,
Grant to these men
A persevering obedience to your will,
So that by their ministry and life
They may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



On Sunday, November 19, 2017, one boy received the Sacrament of Baptism by which he was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Jameson Mark Cochran

On Saturday, November 25, 2017, one boy received the Sacrament of Baptism by which he was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Lucas Kai Colvin

Parish Calendar of Events

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.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

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, December 14, 2017**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, December 17, 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 or contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318

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. 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.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 19, 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.



Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia, is offering **Advent Evenings of Prayer and Reflection** on **Tuesday December 5, 12 and 19, 2017** from 7 to 8:30 PM. Come and join us as we reflect on *Mary in Advent* awaiting the birth of Jesus, as we prepare for His birth in our own hearts and the heart of the world this Christmas. The presenter for this Advent series is Sister Theresa Ahem, MSBT. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. Please call (267) 350-1830 for more information and/or to register.

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.

Holiday Vendor and Craft Bazaar on **Saturday, December 9th** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Bristol Borough Senior Center, 301 Wood Street, Bristol, PA 19007. Over 20 talented crafters and vendors!

Little Flower Alumnae Association's Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, December 9th** at 12:30 PM at Brookside Manor located at 50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA. Whether you are an alumna or not, you are invited to attend this event. Your husband, boyfriend or significant other is also welcome to attend. There is a one hour open bar with a cash bar after that and your choice of entrée is Prime Rib of Beef, Broiled Salmon or Mushroom Risotto. The cost is \$35 per person. Make you check payable to "The Alumnae of Association of Little Flower." For more information contact Joan at (215) 637-6930.

Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN) is sponsoring a fundraising event to help save our missions for the homeless and those on the verge on homelessness. **Christian Concert & Dessert** on **Friday, December 15, 2017** from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at Grace Point Church, 592 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Music provided by Right to Become Band. Cost is \$10/per person. Delicious desserts will be served. Great raffle basket items. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event. To buy tickets visit <http://www.ahtn.org/home/concertrsvp/>.

St Hubert Alumnae presents: **Breakfast With Santa** on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM in St Hubert High School Cafeteria. Adults: \$15, Children: \$12, Children ages 2 and younger are free. Full Breakfast, Fun Activities and a Visit from Santa are included. For tickets and more information, email SHAABreakfastWithSanta@gmail.com

Flame of Love Advent Retreat at Malvern Retreat House on December 15-17, 2017—5 PM Friday—12 PM Sunday. \$265.00 per person, including meals and a single room in the Main Retreat House. Receive the gift of spiritual joy to share with your family. Directed by Fr James Blount. To register, please call (610) 644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com/register.

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.

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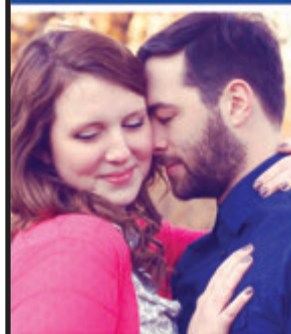
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