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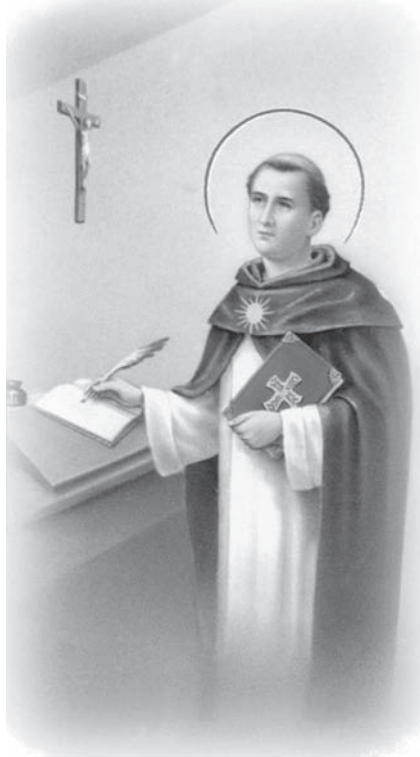
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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 Sundays before each Mass
Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday November 14, 2016
8:30 AM Dwight Prior req by Josh & Mary Prior

Tuesday November 15, 2016
8:30 AM Joseph Morrin req by Gen Morrin

Wednesday November 16, 2016
8:30 AM Joe O'Brien req by Bernadette

Thursday November 17, 2016
8:30 AM Paula Prior req by Josh & Mary Prior

Friday November 18, 2016
8:30 AM Karen Prior req by John & Mary Prior

Saturday November 19, 2016
4:30 PM Joseph Wojcik req by Cynthia & Marie

Sunday November 20, 2016
9:00 AM Joseph Cinkutis Sr req by Tony & Lois Cinkutis
11:00 AM Joseph & Anne Bongard req by Family

Weekend Offerings

10/29	4:30 PM	\$1,992.00
10/30	9:00 AM	\$1,826.00
10/30	11:00 AM	\$1,927.00
Mail Ins		\$ 541.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 50.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 50.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 841.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 47.00
Candles		\$ 41.00
Poor Box		\$ 39.00

TOTAL for Parish for October 23, 2016 \$7,307.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$47.00

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

Lectors

November 19, 2016
4:30 PM S Aykit & R Fallon

November 20, 2016
9:00 AM A Ditzler & B Gutherman
11:00 AM W Scenna & R Dalessandro

Extraordinary Ministers

November 19, 2016
4:30 PM J Wrightson & B Balot

November 20, 2016
9:00 AM E Callery & E Ryan
11:00 AM E Marra & J Shirley

Altar Servers

November 19, 2016
4:30 PM Nicholas Freer, Bailey McCormick,
Juliana Ricci

November 20, 2016
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer, Lawrence Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures November 20, 2016

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 (162C)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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: Marcella Ghost, Duncan Lewis, Robert Wyatt, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kotlarek, John Gilbert, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey, Linda DeLuccia, Jermaine Williams, Amanda Tees, Helen Amato, Deacon Manuel Baltran, Richard Fieramosca, Dolores Doran, Florence Colantuono, Barbara Golden, Dolores DeBeaumont, Erin Wright, Ruth Lang, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Andres Torres, Eleanor Winstanley, Joseph Hailstone, David Lovett, George Doran Jr, Connie Pessano, Ynes Bruno, Elaine Wilson, Denise Wilson and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Stephen Rachuba and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

This weekend **November 12th-13th**, Seminarian Jonathan Smith will be speaking at all Masses on behalf of the St Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. This is a direct mail campaign. Envelopes will be available at the Church entrances. There is no second collection.

If you did not place a portrait order with Re:MEMBER Church Directories, your complimentary 8x10 photo is available for pick up in the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, during this Year of Mercy
You call us through our baptism in the Spirit
to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Open us to listen for your invitation.
Empower us to respond to your call.

Inspire women and men
to follow the path of service.
Together may we build up the Church to be a
vibrant sign of your presence in our world.

We offer this prayer
in the name of your Son, Jesus,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



On Saturday, November 6, 2016, one boy received the Sacrament of Baptism by which he was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Gabriel Philip Coccia

Memorial Fund....

We would like to thank Therese O'Malley for her donation **In Memory of Josephine Lunny** and Thomas Beaudet Sr for his donation.

Parish Calendar of Events

The *STA Christmas Committee* has begun its advice of service to our parish families. Let's work together to make this the best "Giving Tree" ever!! The "**Giving Tree**" will be available for all parishioners to take an ornament (or two) beginning **November 5th**. Please help us make another family's Christmas brighter, especially the children. If you know of a family or someone who is in need of some help this holiday, please put their name and telephone in a sealed envelope, 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, November 15, 2016 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 **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome!

The **Committee for the Christmas Bazaar/Craft Show** will meet on **Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Volunteers are welcome!

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

On **Saturday, November 19, 2016**, St Thomas Aquinas Parish will be celebrating our **All Souls Memorial Mass at 4:30 PM**. Together, we will commemorate the lives of those parishioners and family members of parishioners who have returned to the Lord since October 15, 2015.

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group **November Pray and Play on Sunday, November 20, 2016, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Students in grades 6th-9th may attend Mass, pizza dinner and a game night. Students will also be participating in a small service project—making Christmas cards for shut-ins. Students are encouraged to bring one box of candy canes each. *Also, on Saturday, November 19th*, students are encouraged to help give some service time to the Knights of Columbus putting together Thanksgiving Baskets. Please arrive at 11:50 and plan to be picked up by 12:45. If interested, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

The **Sunday Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, November 20, 2016 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.

The Seton Hall Seniors

will be sponsoring the following trips for 2016:

<i>Tropicana Show & Dinner</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>
<i>American Music Theater</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>
<i>Christmas Show (Lunch)</i>	

For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

Please plan on joining us for the St Thomas Aquinas Parish **7th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show** on **Sunday, November 27, 2016** in Father Crehan Hall from **9:00 AM—2:00 PM**.

PLEASE NOTE:
THE 9:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND NOT AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON.

The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at King George. For information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Bucks County Scottish American Society Christmas Ceilidh will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Tickets are \$30.00 per person (children under 12 are free) and will be sold after all Masses until November 20th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Price includes dinner and entertainment by Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks, The Caledonian Highland Dancers and The MacGregor Pipe Band. For more information, contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131 after 3:00 PM.

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, December 5, 2016 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, December 6, 2016 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577 for information.

Christmas is quickly approaching! We will soon be having our **3rd Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**. This year's event will be held on **December 10, 2016 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 hams and turkeys, as well as, baked goods for dinner. We also need volunteers on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th to help with the preparation of the food. If you can peel potatoes, wash dishes, or cook a turkey at your home, we can use your help! Please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

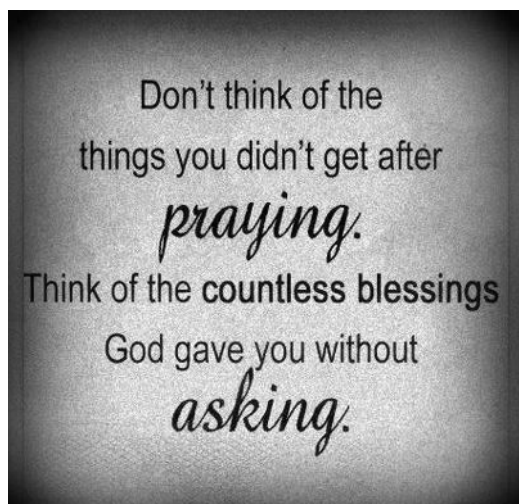
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings, Jesus speaks of difficult times - persecutions and wars and turmoil. And He tells us that this will lead to our "giving testimony". The CD's/books/booklets in our Resource display can help us better understand our faith so that we will be ready to "give testimony" when God calls us. These materials also make it easy to "give testimony" by sharing them with others. Your generous donations help to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes and "feed hungry hearts".

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do if he were in my place now?"

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Archbishop Wood High School Craft Fair on Friday, **November 18th** from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM and Saturday, **November 19th** from 10 AM—3:00 PM. Admission \$2.00—children free. Over 200 tables of unique and handmade crafts.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** on Friday, **November 18, 2016** at St. Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. *Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM. Liturgy: 7:15 PM. Celebrant: Rev. Benjamin Nwanonenyi.* If you need any additional information or directions call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. ****wheelchair accessible****

The Bishop Egan/Bishop Conwell 1976 Class Reunion Committee is inviting you to our upcoming 40th Reunion. We will gather together at Georgine's at the Knights of Columbus on **November 26, 2016** from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Cost is \$55.00 per person. Come reunite and celebrate with your classmates. Retell your stories. Raise a glass to those who have gone before us. For more information, please call John Peischl at (215) 630-7160 or email: jopejr@comcast.net.

Capital Singers of Trenton, under the direction of founding artistic director and conductor Richard M Loatman, present *Winter Songs X* at Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ on Sunday, **December 4, 2016** at 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance, \$22 at the door, \$15 for seniors and children under 18 and children under 12 are free. Advance tickets are available at capitalsingers.org. Call (609) 434-2781 for group sales and more information.

Christ the King Parish, Morrell Park, is offering its annual **Pre-Cana Program** for engaged couples of CTK and neighboring parishes for whom the winter dates may be helpful. Pre-Cana will be held in CTK Convent on the evening of Friday, **January 27, 2017** and all day Saturday, **January 28th**. For information, please email rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by December 31, 2016.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline. For more information or an application call United Social Services, Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM at (215) 923-1900 and a staff member will assist you.

Fuel Assistance Program. The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,485, or a two-person household with a monthly income under \$2,002 qualify for the grant. Call United Social Services at (215) 923-1900 Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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