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St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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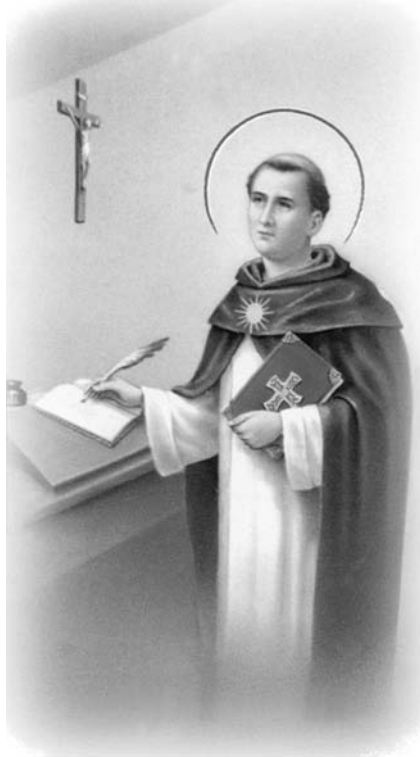
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 December 19, 2016**
8:30 AM Karl Schroeder req by Kate Schroeder & Family
- Tuesday December 20, 2016**
8:30 AM M/M Len Smith req by Mrs. Kate Schroeder
- Wednesday December 21, 2016**
8:30 AM Msgr Sabino Vengco Jr req by Edel Callery
- Thursday December 22, 2016**
8:30 AM Karen Hunter req by Josh & Mary Prior
- Friday December 23, 2016**
8:30 AM Alice Sobusiak req by Adele
- Saturday December 24, 2016
(Christmas Eve)**
4:00 PM Mass at SETON
7:00 PM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas
- Sunday December 25, 2016
(Christmas Day)**
10:00 AM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas

Weekend Offerings

12/03	4:30 PM	\$2,004.00
12/04	9:00 AM	\$2,738.00
12/04	11:00 AM	\$1,706.00
Mail Ins		\$ 854.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 950.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 65.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 45.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$1,163.00
Candles		\$ 19.00
Poor Box		\$ 14.00

TOTAL for Parish for December 4, 2016 \$8,395.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$1,163.00

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

Lectors

- December 24, 2016**
4:00 PM C Del Puerto & E Callery
7:00 PM J Wallover & S Aykit
- December 25, 2016**
10:00 AM J Brogan & J Berna

Extraordinary Ministers

- December 24, 2016**
4:00 PM E Ryan & J Shirley
7:00 PM M Kelly & R Gutherman
- December 25, 2016**
10:00 AM C Mehaffey & E Marra

Altar Servers

- December 24, 2016**
4:00 PM Will Beaudet, TJ Beaudet,
Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto
- 7:00 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan,
Kelly Moyer, Erin Moyer
- December 25, 2016**
10:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chastity Gabriel,
MaryRose Okwara

Sunday Scriptures December 25, 2016

Reading I: Isaiah 52:7-10 (16ABC)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Reading II: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Joe Cochran, Florence Colantuono, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, John Gilbert, Barbara Golden, Ray Haag, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, David Lovett, Noden Masisak, Margaret McGrory, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Nicholas Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Andres Torres, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Eleanor Winstanley, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt, Cynthia Zeller and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Richard Brown and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.



**We will be decorating the Church
on Monday evening,
December 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
We invite and welcome all volunteers!**

**There will be no Adoration
in the Chapel on
Monday, December 26, 2016
and
Monday, January 2, 2017**

Memorial Fund.....

We would like to thank Mary M Shields
for her donation

In Memory of Margaret Flannery

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The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
for their donation

In Memory of Richard Brown

Thank you....

Thank you to everyone for your help to make the Christmas Bazaar such a success, approximately \$3,500.00 was raised. We did great together and I hope to see you again next year.

Pat Bercute

2016 Christmas Schedule

Confessions During Advent

Saturday Confessions
3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 PM—7:30 PM

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM (SETON)
7:00 PM (St Thomas)

Christmas Day

10:00 AM (St Thomas)

New Year's Eve

4:30 PM (St Thomas)

New Year's Day

9:00 AM (SETON)
11:00 AM (St Thomas)

Examination of the Conscience

The Lord says:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

7. Have I obeyed legitimate authority and given it due respect?
8. If I am in a position of responsibility or authority, do I use this for my own advantage or for the good of others, in a spirit of service?
9. Have I been truthful and fair, or have I injured others by deceit, calumny, detraction, rash judgment, or violation of a secret?
10. Have I done violence to others by damage to life or limb, reputation, honor, or material possessions? Have I involved them in loss? Have I been responsible for advising an abortion or procuring one? Have I kept up hatred for others? Am I estranged from others through quarrels, enmity, insults, anger? Have I been guilty of refusing to testify to the innocence of another because of selfishness?
11. Have I stolen the property of others? Have I desired it unjustly and inordinately? Have I damaged it? Have I made restitution of other people's property and made good their loss?
12. If I have been injured, have I been ready to make peace for the love of Christ and to forgive, or do I harbor hatred and the desire for revenge?



Christ our Lord says:

“Be perfect as your Father is perfect.”

1. Where is my life really leading me? Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration? Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer, reading the word of God and meditating on it, receiving the sacraments, self-denial? Have I been anxious to control my vices, my bad inclination and passions, e.g., envy, love of food and drink? Have I been proud and boastful, thinking myself better in the sight of God and despising others as less important than myself? Have I imposed my own will on others, without respecting their freedom and rights?
2. What use have I made of time, of health and strength, of the gifts God has given me to be used like the talents in the Gospel? Do I use them to become more perfect every day? Or have I been lazy and too much given to leisure?
3. Have I been patient in accepting the sorrows and disappointments of life? How have I performed mortification so as to “fill up what is wanting to the sufferings of Christ”? Have I kept the precept of fasting and abstinence?
4. Have I kept my senses and my whole body pure and chaste as a temple of the Holy Spirit consecrated for resurrection and glory, and as a sign of God's faithful love for men and women, a sign that is seen most perfectly in the sacrament of matrimony? Have I dishonored my body by fornication, impurity, unworthy conversation or thoughts, evil desires, or actions? Have I given in to sensuality? Have I indulged in reading, conversation, shows, and entertainments that offend against Christian and human decency? Have I encouraged others to sin by my own failure to maintain these standards? Have I been faithful to the moral law in my married life?
5. Have I gone against my conscience out of fear or hypocrisy?
6. Have I always tried to act in the true freedom of the sons of God according to the law of the Spirit, or am I the slave of forces within me?

Parish Calendar of Events

St Thomas Aquinas Youth Group **Pray and Play** on **Sunday, December 18, 2016, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.** Students in grades 6th-9th attend Mass, enjoy a pizza dinner, game night and service projects. For information, please email Rebecca Gutherman at rgutherman@msjacad.org.

The **Sunday Church Social** will be held on **Sunday, December 18th 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 next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, December 20th 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 **Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop** on **Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. The day will be a combination of oral presentations, viewing videos, group discussions, and Q&A Sessions. This is a free workshop. Registration is required. To register, please visit:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafaf2eaafa7-bridges1



St Raphael Assembly is holding a **Calendar Lottery** for 2017. Tickets with a 3 digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and are good for all 365 days of 2017 (1/1/17 through 12/31/17). Each night the PA Daily Lottery drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. Payout is as follows:

- * Each time your number is drawn you will receive \$30.00 (there is no limit to the number of times you can win).
- * If your number is drawn on: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday or Independence Day you will receive \$50.00.
- * If your number is drawn on Thanksgiving Day, you will receive \$150.00.
- * If your number is drawn on Christmas Day, you will receive \$300.00.

These are great inexpensive gifts, stocking stuffers, Pollyanna gifts, etc. Checks to the winners will be mailed every Friday. Proceeds go the St Raphael Assembly Color Corps for uniforms and the start of the St Raphael Assembly Scholarship Fund. For tickets or additional information please call Jim Berna at (215) 788-7004.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

One more week until Christmas Day. If your resolutions to make this Advent a time of prayer and preparation have not materialized, it is not too late! Pick up a small booklet from our Resource Display and spend a few minutes each day reading. No time for even this? Try listening to a CD while wrapping presents or driving to the store. Thank you for your generous donations that help to support the Mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

A Message from the St Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

During the 2016 Calendar Year, through your gifts, the Society of St Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor and suffering to face their hardships and fears, by assisting 63 families and providing \$14,373.00 for food, gifts, utilities and rent.

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