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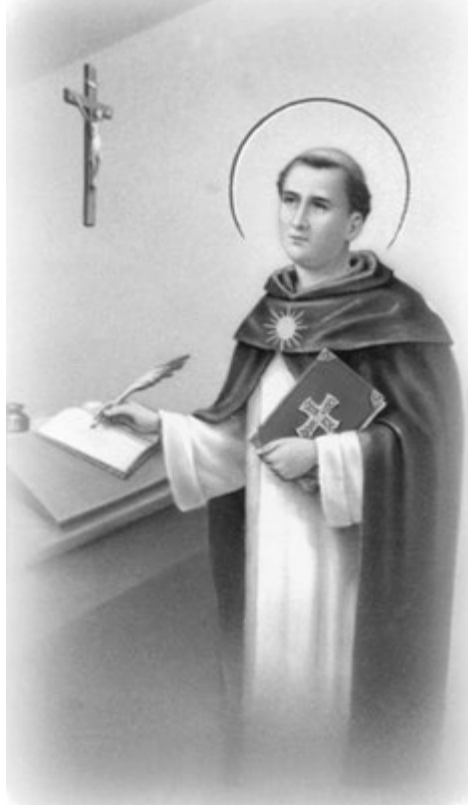
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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 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)

April 30, 2017

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday May 1, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Jim & Kathy Vaughan

Tuesday May 2, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Maureen Fenton & Kim Goldacker

Wednesday May 3, 2017
8:30 AM Grace Gilbert req by Gilbert Family

Thursday May 4, 2017
8:30 AM Richard Brown req by Julie Kasprzak

Friday May 5, 2017
8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday May 6, 2017
9:00 AM Richard Brown req by Hynd Family
4:30 PM Helen Dwornitski req by Patricia McKenna

Sunday May 7, 2017
9:00 AM NO MASS
10:30 AM Parish Family

Weekend Offerings

04/15	8:00 PM	\$3,281.00
04/16	9:00 AM	\$5,010.00
04/16	11:00 AM	\$4,296.00
Mail Ins		\$ 680.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 5.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 561.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 482.00
Candles		\$ 20.00
Poor Box		\$ 2.00

TOTAL for Parish for April 16, 2017 \$13,855.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$482.00

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

Lectors

May 6, 2017
4:30 PM J Mundy & P DeMichele

May 7, 2017
9:00 AM NO MASS
10:30 AM M Kelly & S Aykit

Extraordinary Ministers

May 6, 2017
4:30 PM L Mundy & T Litz

May 7, 2017
9:00 AM NO MASS
10:30 AM Priests

Altar Servers

May 6, 2017
4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer,
Nicholas Freer

May 7, 2017
10:30 AM Mason McMahon, Lawrence Gabriel,
Will Beudet, TJ Beudet,
Chastity Gabriel, Caleigh Brogan,
Meghan Brogan

Sunday Scriptures May 7, 2017

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 (49A)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

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, Alicia Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Caylonna, Amy Crandall, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Dolores DeMichele, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Barbara Golden, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Gail Kotlarek, Ruth Lang, Duncan Lewis, Noden Masi-sak, Margaret McGrory, Richard Powers, Dawn Marie Rogers, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Simpson, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, Robert Wyatt and all their relatives and friends.

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

Please commit the following to memory so that you can make your responses loudly and clearly for the Episcopal Blessing on Sunday, May 7th.

The Lord be with you.

All reply:

And with your spirit.

The celebrant says:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Both now and for ever.

The celebrant says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Who made heaven and earth.

Then the celebrant receives the pastoral staff, if he uses it, and says:

May almighty God bless you,

making the Sign of the Cross over the people three times, he adds:

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

The 60th Anniversary Dedication Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7th at the 10:30 AM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church.

There will be no 9:00 AM Mass on this day

The reception of the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for the following PREP Students will be on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the 10:30 AM Mass** with The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino
Please keep them in your prayers!

Katherine Ann Bitting

Daniel Boyer

Sophia Grace Connor

Andrew Fiocco

Chase Nicholas Kalyna

Anthony Monroe

Braiden Michael Robinson

Julianna Romer

Kylie Justin Taylor-Christian

Andres Torres Jr

From May 5th to October 27th the 8:30 AM Mass **will not** be celebrated on **Fridays** in the Chapel. During this same time period we will celebrate a **9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays** in the Chapel.

On **Sunday, May 14, 2017**, at the conclusion of the 11:00 AM Mass, we will celebrate and honor the Blessed Mother with our **May Procession and Crowning**.

The last Benediction to be celebrated in the Chapel will be at 3:30 PM on Monday, May 22, 2017 until the fall.

The **Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 25th**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule will be 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Parish Calendar of Events

There will be a **second collection** on the weekend of **May 6th—7th** for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

Catholic Faith and the Occult

Have you ever had your palm read, your fortune told or tried to communicate with the spirits of the deceased? What does our Catholic Faith teach us about these practices? Is the devil real?

**Please join us for an evening of
teaching and discussion
with Deacon Gary Guy
Assistant to the Priest-Exorcist
of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
on May 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Father Crehan Hall**

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, May 1, 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, May 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

Women's Group Book & Bible Study. It is always exciting to share good news. We invite all women to join us for book discussions, prayer, conversation and refreshments. You are welcome to join us at any time. We meet every other Thursday at **7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th.** For information, you may contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 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 Breakfast** on **Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, May 18, 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 **SETON Seniors** are offering the following trips:

Sight & Sound (Jonah)	May 18, 2017
Resorts	June 29, 2017
Mohegan Sun	Sept 28, 2017

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

Congratulations to the following students who received honors for the Third Quarter Report:

Father Judge High School

First Honors: Thomas Beaudet

Second Honors: Liam McGovern

Archbishop Ryan High School

First Honors: Alexa Knellinger

Second Honors: Kierstin Knellinger, Annette Rama

The Finance and Parish Councils are selling lottery tickets for St Thomas Aquinas. Tickets will be sold after all Masses from April 23rd until June 25th. Tickets may also be purchased in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Tickets with a three-digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and will be good for one year (7/1/17-6/30/18). Each night (7:00 PM) the PA Daily 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. Payout will be as follows:

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

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

We are in the process of updating our annual **Guide Book & Directory**. This book contains everything pertinent to our Church: ministries, organizations, and a directory of our members. This book is direct-mailed to each family and is subsidized by local businesses that advertise—so there is no cost to the church. **If you have not informed the Parish Office about changes to your record or if you do not want your record published, please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.**

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is taking place at **St Charles Borromeo School**. Registration for the new Pre-K3 Program is also available. Children must be 3 years old by August 31st to enroll. For more information, please contact the school office at (215) 639-3456.

Our Lady of Calvary Parish, 11024 Knights Road, Philadelphia, will begin their **Bereavement Ministry Sessions** on April 19th. The sessions run for seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning **April 19th thru May 31st**. Sessions are held in the rectory conference room from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. No prior sign up is necessary—come to whatever session you can attend.

You and your family are invited to join us for **The Blessed Margaret of Castello Feast Day Mass and Celebration** on Sunday, **April 30th** at 2:00 PM at St Katharine Drexel Chapel. Refreshments to follow.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center is hosting a **Women's Spirituality Retreat on Monday, May 1, 2017** from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. The presenter will be Mary Anne Nolan, RSM. The cost is \$40.00 and includes dinner. Join other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Nurture your spirit through reflection, input, sharing and prayer. Come alone or with a relative or friend. For more information or to register, please call (215) 934-6206.

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting their **Spring Open House & Sneak Peek Art Show** on Wednesday, **May 3, 2017** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Admission is free and open to the public with lovely, one-of-a-kind student art work displayed throughout our school along with the opportunity to attend music recitals. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

Wedding Anniversary Mass. Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual **Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration Required. To register visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call (215) 587-0500.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia C.C.R. Holy Trinity Prayer Community presents **“The Life in the Spirit Seminars.”** The seminar will begin on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017** at 7:00 PM in the Holy Trinity School Hall, Osborne and Stockham Aves., Morrisville, PA 19067. Come and experience the love and joy that the Holy Spirit will bring into your life. Come and join in the experience of a “Personal Pentecost.” Come by yourself or bring a friend. For information, contact Marie Guaragno at (215) 295-6900 (day) or evenings at (215) 295-6283.

St Mark Parish Safe Environment Office is hosting a **Protecting God’s Children Training Session** for school, CCD, CYO Parents and Volunteers or anyone who has regular contact with children. The session will be held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017** at 6:30 PM at St Mark School Hall, 1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007. The session is free but pre-registration on www.virtusonline.org is required. If you don’t have access to a computer, stop in St Mark parish office to register. The session is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

Nazareth Academy High School invites you to join them for an exclusive event for 7th grade girls—**Beach Bag Bingo!** This fun, free event will be held on **Friday, May 12, 2017** from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. There will be 10 games of bingo with prizes, pizza, and summer themed refreshments. For more information and to register, please visit www.nazarethacademyhs.org/7thbeachbagbingo or contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026.

Archbishop Ryan High School **Spring Designer Bag Bingo.** Come and join us for a night of bingo where you could win one of many designer bags such as Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors or Dooney and Bourke. There will be baskets raffled off, as well as several raffles to win a designer bag. We hope to see you on **Friday, May 12, 2017**. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Bingo begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Every Bingo wins a bag! To purchase tickets online visit <http://bit.ly/RyanBingo2017> or contact Terri Evans at (215) 637-1800 Ext 221.

Flame of Love Movement—100th Anniversary of Fatima on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Begins with 8:30 AM Mass and ends with Benediction at 2:00 PM. Free of Charge. Bring your own lunch. Bring a friend. The guest speaker will be Rev James Blount, S.O.L.T.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

As we continue to do all we can to keep our children safe know that the Office for Child and Youth Prevention has services and resources for those who are victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. They can be reached at 1-888-800-8780.

Show Your Support.....

Blue Sunday, April 30, 2017

The Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer for Abused Children began in 1994 with 20 churches and has grown to include over seven million participants on five continents. Churches are encouraged to take a moment during their services to pray for abused children and for those who rescue them.

*Lord, thank you for our children,
For them we kneel and pray.
Help us teach them of Your kindness,
Of Your mercy and Your way.
Help us show them of Your love,
Your strength and safety, too.
Help us show them who You are.
Help us treat them like You do.*

*Let’s pray, educate ourselves,
and volunteer for the children
of our nation until black and blue
are just colors in their crayon box.*

~ Janet Magee

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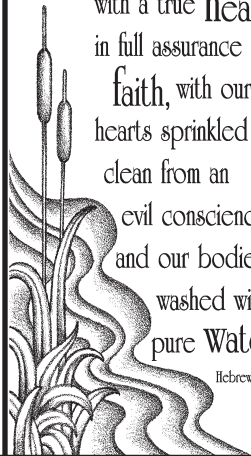
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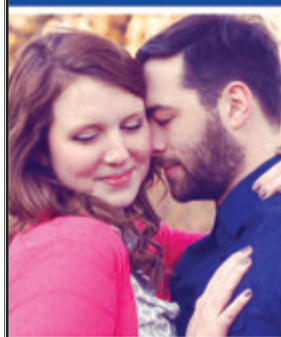
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