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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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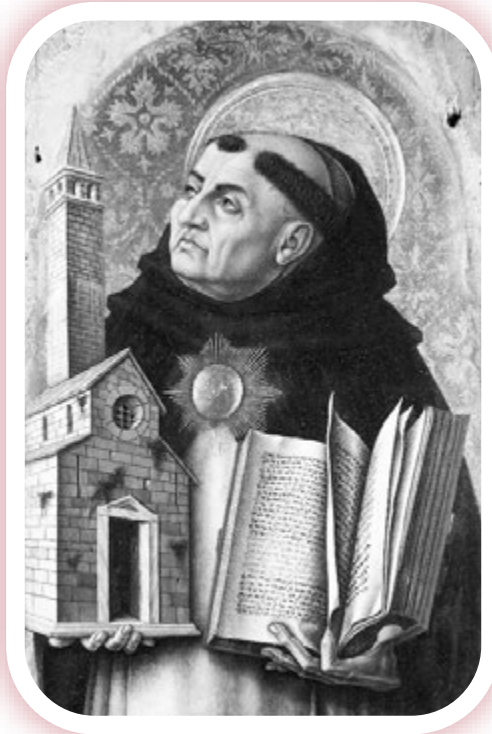
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-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 December 18, 2017
8:30 AM Margaret Beck req by Betty & Kathleen

Tuesday December 19, 2017
8:30 AM M/M Lynn Smith req by Schroeder & France Families

Wednesday December 20, 2017
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Thursday December 21, 2017
8:30 AM Msgr Sabino A Vengco Jr req by Edel Callery

Friday December 22, 2017
8:30 AM Karl Schroeder req by Kate Schroeder & Family

Saturday December 23, 2017
4:30 PM Alice Sobusiak req by Adele

Sunday December 24, 2017
9:00 AM Patricia McKenna req by Gutherman Family
11:00 AM Barbara Puglese req by Rick & Marie Kelly
4:00 PM No Intentions (SETON)
7:00 PM No Intentions (STA)

Weekend Offerings

12/02	4:30 PM	\$2,652.00
12/03	9:00 AM	\$2,056.00
12/03	11:00 AM	\$1,581.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$1,087.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 967.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 40.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 48.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$1,292.00
Candles		\$ 28.00
Poor Box		\$ 13.00
TOTAL for Parish for December 3, 2017		\$8,472.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan)		\$1,292.00

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

Lectors

December 23, 2017
4:30 PM J Berna & J Mundy

December 24, 2017
9:00 AM T Marion & E Callery
11:00 AM W Scenna & A Scheck
4:00 PM R Daubert & C Del Puerto
7:00 PM R Fallon & C Ryan

December 25, 2017
10:00 AM J Berna & T Berna

Extraordinary Ministers

December 23, 2017
4:30 PM J Wallover & T Litz

December 24, 2017
9:00 AM T O'Flynn & M O'Flynn
11:00 AM E Marra & W Freer
4:00 PM E Callery & J Wallover
7:00 PM M Bosco & L Mundy

December 25, 2017
10:00 AM C Mehaffey & R Powers

Altar Servers

December 23, 2017
4:30 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel, Chaston Gabriel

December 24, 2017
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon, Nicholas Freer
4:00 PM Ella Del Puerto, Jason Del Puerto
7:00 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan MaryRose Okwara

December 25, 2017
10:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer Bailey McCormick, Nicholas Freer

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, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, 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, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Eileen Ryan, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Cassidy Haines and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

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!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM (SETON)

7:00 PM (St Thomas)

Christmas Day

10:00 AM (St Thomas)

New Year's Day

10:00 AM (St Thomas)

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Dec 6th to Dec 12th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Dec 6	002	Unsold Ticket
Dec 7	812	Jay Blade
Dec 8	936	Unsold Ticket
Dec 9	415	Karen Niland
Dec 10	038	Donna Cuttle
Dec 11	159	Arline Riotto
Dec 12	690	Unsold Ticket

Congratulations...

Sophia Salmon, Grade One
St Charles Borromeo School
who received "Student of the Month"
for practicing the virtue of Gratitude during
the month of November

Kelly Moyer, 8th Grade
St Charles Borromeo School
who received a scholarship to
Nazareth Academy High School

Joseph A Covey
who received Second Honors at
Archbishop Wood High School
for the First Quarter Report

Sunday Scriptures December 24, 2017

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Reading II: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Confessions during Advent

St Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday Evening:
December 20th
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

St Charles Borromeo

Monday—December 18th—6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday—December 21st—7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St Ephrem

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

Queen of the Universe

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

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is part of our longstanding Catholic tradition. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest and deacon also wear rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Parish Calendar of Events

The **"Giving Tree"** is still 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.** 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.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 27, 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, December 28, 2017.** For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

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, January 7, 2018.** 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.

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, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you cannot attend but would like to make shawls for our ministry, please call Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2017 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, January 28, 2018 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 **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

St Charles Borromeo School is possibly going to have a **Three Year Old Program** for September 2018. At this point, an interest poll is being taken before any decision is made. Please go to the school's website stcharlesborromeoschool.com and complete the information. The "interest poll" will be up until December 18, 2017. Please tell your friends about it. If interested, please come to school and pre-register with a \$50.00 deposit. The deposit will be refunded if necessary.

The *Croydon Fire Company* invites you to our **New Year's Eve Celebration** on **Sunday, December 31st** from 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Tickets are \$40 per person/\$70 per couple. Must be 21 and over to attend. BYOB. Ticket price includes: Dinner Buffet, Beer, Soda, Entertainment, Party Favors, and Champagne Toast at Midnight! Tickets must be purchased in advance. See a member for more information or stop by the Firehouse on Tuesday and Friday nights from 6PM to 8PM for tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!! Proceeds will benefit The Croydon Volunteer Fire Company.

St Raphael Assembly Knights of Columbus is holding a **Calendar Lottery for 2018**. Tickets with a 3 digit number are being sold for \$25.00 each and are good for all 365 days (01/01/18 through 12/31/18). 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 (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. If your number is drawn on Christmas Day, you will receive \$300. These are great inexpensive gifts, stocking stuffers, etc. Checks to the winners will be mailed every Friday. Proceeds will go to 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.

Father Judge High School Winter Open House on **Thursday, January 25, 2018** from 6:30—8:30 PM. Pre-register at fatherjudge.com for a free gift. Mandatory **8th Grade Placement Test**. All students applying to Father Judge must take the Placement Test. Must pre-register at fatherjudge.com. Test Dates are **January 13th and January 20th** at 8:00 AM.

Archbishop Ryan High School 7th and 8th Grade Dance on **January 20, 2018** from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Permission forms available online. Appropriate Dress Required. No backpacks allowed. Cost is \$5.00 at the door. D.J., Raffle Prizes, Giveaways, Water/Soda/Snacks Provided, Fun Games/Activities. In order to register, complete the online permission form, please go to the Archbishop Ryan website. For questions/additional information call Mr Matt Beyerle (Asst Principal for Student Affairs) at (215) 637-1800 Ext 210.

Christ the King Parish is offering the **Pre-Cana Program** on **Friday, January 26, 2018** and all day **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Engaged couples of neighboring parishes who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact rgreen@christthekingparish.net

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrovaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the **weekend of February 16** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Maternity BVM Pre-Cana Session is required for all engage couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Maternity BVM is located at 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115. They will be holding their Spring Pre-Cana on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. Advance registration is necessary. To register, call (215) 673-8127.

Consider becoming a member of the *Northeast Serra Club*. The group meets on the second Sunday of the month, beginning at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Ransom. Refreshments are served. For more details, call Joann at (215) 941-4583. All are welcome!

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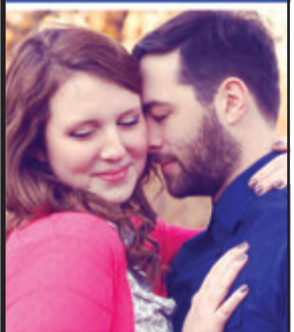


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