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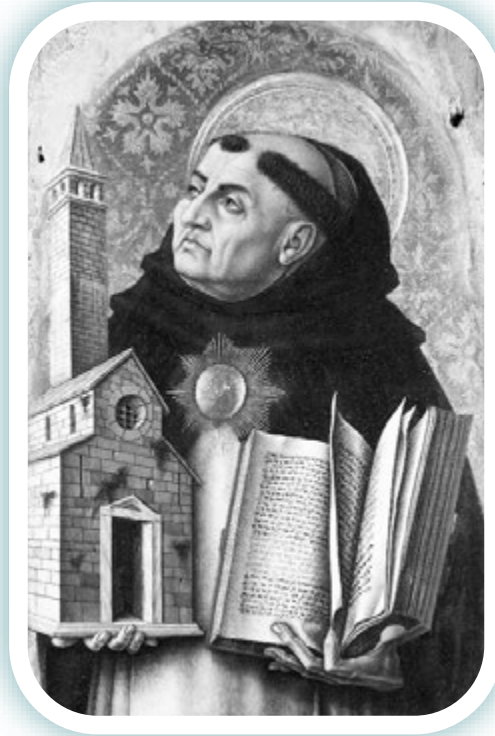
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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 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)

January 28, 2018

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Monday January 29, 2018**  
8:30 AM Cass Tinney req by SETON Hall Seniors

**Tuesday January 30, 2018**  
8:30 AM Michael Ashby req by Trish Ashby & Family

**Wednesday January 31, 2018**  
8:30 AM McArthur Family req by Gen Morrin

**Thursday February 1, 2018**  
8:30 AM Genevieve Mitchell req by Ben & Fran Reilly

**Friday February 2, 2018**  
8:30 AM John Ciccarelli req by Michele Dennis

**Saturday February 3, 2018**  
4:30 PM Joseph Clayton req by Colleen & Fred Costello

**Sunday February 4, 2018**  
9:00 AM M/M Louis Cesarone Jr (L) req by M/M Cesarone  
11:00 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta

*Weekend Offerings*

01/13	4:30 PM	\$ 1,771.00
01/14	9:00 AM	\$ 2,313.00
01/14	11:00 AM	\$ 1,965.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 982.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 207.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 1,128.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 70.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 25.00
Candles		\$ 23.00
Poor Box		\$ 11.00

TOTAL for Parish for January 14, 2018 \$8,470.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$25.00

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

*Lectors*

**February 3, 2018**  
4:30 PM R Fallon & J Wallover

**February 4, 2018**  
9:00 AM C Del Puerto & B Gutherman  
11:00 AM R Andrews & W Scenna

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**February 3, 2018**  
4:30 PM L Mundy & J Wallover

**February 4, 2018**  
9:00 AM R Gutherman & E Callery  
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

*Altar Servers*

**February 3, 2018**  
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon

**February 4, 2018**  
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer, Nicholas Freer

**Sunday Scriptures January 28, 2018**

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**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, Terry Barner, 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, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, 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, William Sommerer, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Jack Williams, 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.

**Congratulations to...**

**Elena & Isabella Aleman**  
for receiving Distinguished Honors  
and

**Erin Moyer**  
for receiving Commended Honors  
from Nazareth Academy High School  
for the Fall Semester

**The Feast of St Blaise is  
Saturday, February 3, 2018  
We will have the  
Blessing of the Throats  
February 3rd and 4th  
After All Masses**

**St Thomas Aquinas  
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for Jan 17th to Jan 23rd are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Jan 17	803	Gerri McGuigan
Jan 18	255	Chuck Worden
Jan 19	265	Maureen Fenton
Jan 20	788	Unsold Ticket
Jan 21	572	Frank Canalichio
Jan 22	753	Unsold Ticket
Jan 23	712	Unsold Ticket

**Thank You from the 2018 Giving Tree**

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart". Anonymous

Special thank you to Holy Ghost Prep Fathers Assn, the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus and Mat's Pharmacy for their generosity this year. A big thank you to our parishioners who helped us give Christmas to 49 families. You gave from your hearts and filled our hearts with gratitude. Thank you so much!

The Giving Tree Committee  
Father David Fernandes, Janice Fratantaro  
Donna Pierce-Bongart

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you require a statement for your 2017 contributions, you may contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office via the collection basket or drop off at the office.

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# Parish Calendar of Events

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.

**Passion of Jesus Christ.** Good Friday and Easter are just around the corner and it's time that we, the Via Dolorosa Ministry, let you know that we need your help if we are to continue performing the Passion of Jesus Christ at St Thomas Aquinas. As always, we need people! People willing to be "performers." I hope you will consider sharing your time and talent with us. **Our first meeting/rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:15 PM** in the Church. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday at 7:15 PM. I look forward to seeing all our old faces and, hopefully, many new ones. For questions, contact Maureen Fenton at (267) 616-8473.

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, February 4, 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.

**Croydon Boy Scout Troop #180 Annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale on Sunday, February 4, 2018.** American Hoagies are \$4.50/each or 3/\$12.00. All orders must be received and paid for by January 31st. Proceeds benefit Croydon Troop & Pack 180. Please contact Joanne McMahon at (215) 666-2825 to place your orders.

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, February 5, 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.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The **Women's Bible Group** meets every other Thursday at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**. We would like to extend an invitation to all woman to join us to view the movie "The Case for Christ". We hope you will be able to attend! For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Please join us for our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 8:00 AM 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, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group** will meet on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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.

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc** presents **Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Thursday, March 22, 2018**. \$50.00 per person. Payment in full due by February 27th. Trip includes: Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 9:00 AM, Arrive at Mohegan Sun at 11:30 AM and Receive \$25.00 in Slot Play & Luncheon Buffet at Timber's, Depart for home at 4:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Knights of Columbus 4765 Night of Bowling** at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes on **Saturday, March 24, 2018** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM**. \$10.00 per person (maximum of 6 people to a lane). If a private lane is desired (less than 6 people) the cost is \$50.00. Food and Drinks Extra. Names and payment are due by Friday, March 9th. For reservations, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423 or the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel Inc** presents All Star Productions "**Best of Broadway**" on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. \$100.00 per person. Payment in full due by March 20, 2018. Trip includes: Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, Sit down luncheon, one hour open bar (beer & wine), and The Matinee Performance of "Best of Broadway" at Doolan's in Spring Lake, NJ at 11:00 AM, Depart for home approximately 3:30 PM. For information and reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Saints and Legends of Ireland. September 5-15, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd.** Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends that made Ireland great. We will travel all around Ireland, including Belfast in the North. We get the best of both worlds with this tour, a little bit of the sacred and a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3845 includes all tours, round trip airfare from Philadelphia to Dublin or Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (four-star hotels), daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an Irish evening with dinner and a show. Meetings will commence soon. For more information or brochure contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or [Helenshorizons@gmail.com](mailto:Helenshorizons@gmail.com). Brochures are also available in the Parish Office.

**SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc** presents **Bermuda** (Aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's "Escape"). **Sunday, September 30 to Sunday, October 7, 2018**. Price per person—double occupancy ranges from \$1,225 to \$1,525. A \$400 deposit is required to make your reservation. Final payment is due by June 1, 2018. For information, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

## **LENT**

*Lent offers us an opportunity to slow down.  
A time to observe, pay attention, and then to  
act - and in so doing provide the space to  
move from rush to replenish.*

*When we take this practice seriously,  
we plant its blessings so that they benefit not  
only us for this season,  
but also extend to the world around us.*

On **Sunday, January 28, 2018** from 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM an **Open House** will take place at St Charles Borromeo School. All families whose children attend as well as interested parents and parishioners are invited to attend.

*Expectant Moms!* Catholic Social Services will be hosting an **Open House on Friday, February 2, 2018** from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at our Fatima Catholic Outreach Center located at 2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA. Come meet our Parent Educators and learn about Pregnancy and Parenting Programs. Light refreshments, Baby Bingo and fun Raffles. Please call (215) 945-2550 for more information.

**Flame of Love Event - Candlemas Day on Friday, February 2, 2018** at St Charles Seminary. Begins at 6:00 PM—Mass at 8:30 PM. Celebrant and Homilist is Father James Blount, SOLT.

**Charismatic Mass and Healing Service.** Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on **Friday, February 9, 2018** at St Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM, Celebrant: Rev Michael Davis. If you need additional information or directions, call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. Wheelchair accessible.

Father Judge High School is hosting **Designer Bag Bingo** on **Saturday, February 10, 2018**. Tickets are \$30.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please contact Mr. Mike Campellone at [mcampellone@fatherjudge.com](mailto:mcampellone@fatherjudge.com).

**St Joseph Italian Feast.** St Mark School in Bristol is sponsoring a bus trip on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** to Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ for their "St Joseph Italian Feast". Cost is \$100 per person which includes transportation, complete luncheon with wine & soda, one hour cocktails/open bar, and entertainment. Call (215) 788-9408 for information/reservations. Deadline for reservations is February 16th.

*Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist* invites you to a **Night of Healing** with Father Clifton Bishop and Kathleen McCarthy, on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The evening includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, anointing and prayer over individuals and Eucharistic Benediction. To register call (610) 582-333. Donations are deeply appreciated.

All are invited to a **Mardi Gras and Valentine's Polka Dance Party** at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday, February 11th** from Noon to 5:00 PM. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Admission for children is \$7 and free for children under the age of 6. For tickets, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at (610) 630-0861.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center in Philadelphia is offering an **Ash Wednesday Retreat: A Heart Contrite and Broken** on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Presenter is Maria DiBello, RSM and the cost is \$45.00 (includes lunch). We hope you will join us as we enter Lent's sacred journey on this Valentine's Day. We will tender our hearts in God's tears of love and ask to discover our belonging to all those crushed in spirit. Above all, we will trust in this crucified love unfolding from the heart of our sacred universe. To register, call (215) 934-6206.

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 \$1,507 or a two-person household with a monthly income under \$2,030 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.

#### **Career Opportunity:**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at (215) 362-2469 or [Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org](mailto:Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org).

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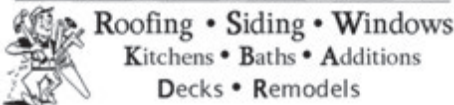
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