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& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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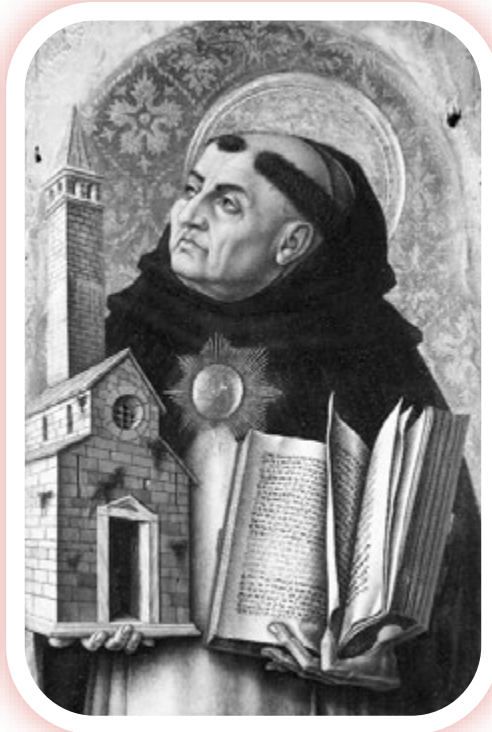
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-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 Parish Meeting Room 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)

May 20, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Before we move into the summer months, I want to express my gratitude to all those who have given so generously of their time, talent, and treasure to this parish. I am grateful to all who made our spring events a success: Designer Bag Bingo, Tartan Day, Bowling Night, and the Living Stations of the Cross. I am happy to report that everyone—except Marie Kelly--was completely satisfied with our 40 hours/Parish Mission speaker, Fr. Sy. Being a man of my word, I have instructed her husband, Rick, to take her out to an outrageously expensive restaurant and pick up the tab himself! Bon appetite, Marie!

I am also thankful to those who contributed to the refinishing of the sacred vessels: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Diana Raudenbush, John Wrightson, the DeBeaumont family, Erica Schilling, the Brackett family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gergo, and the Mundy Family. The work will be done during the summer months by the St. Jude Shop, Havertown, PA.

A number of organizations will be adjourning for the summer: PREP, Choir, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church Breakfast, Church Social, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council. I am grateful for the good work they do. I am also thankful for all those who helped in various ways to enrich our Feast Day, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies.

Here is an update on the latest news:

- Lottery tickets will soon go on sale. It is estimated that the parish realized a profit of at least \$6000 from last year's lottery. Special thanks to Bob Daubert for bringing this fundraiser to life.
- A new fundraiser is in the works: a monthly parish 50/50. Stay tuned for more information!
- We are currently discussing the rental of the school building as a pre-school/kindergarten for special needs children.
- The appeal against the closure of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is still in process. No date has been set for the final verdict. July 1st marks four years since the beginning of the merger!
- The Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 11th. Mark your calendars! Piggies, beware!
- Michael Winstanley has been selected again by the "Ensemble de la Belle Musique" composition contest! Two of his compositions will be premiering June 11th at the Esplanade Recital Studio in Singapore: "A Prelude and Waltz for Piano: Broken Heart and Unrequited" and a piano and xylophone duet, "The Frivolous Flirt". We congratulate him as he prepares for his annual trip to Singapore!
- On Saturday, May 12th Erica Schilling became a Mercy Associate. While remaining in the world, she will participate in the mission of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. May Our Lady of Mercy obtain for her the grace to persevere in her new commitment!

Enjoy the summer. Take a rest from work and school. Never take a vacation from God! My friend, Google, knows where the nearest Catholic Church is located. Don't forget that your parish still depends on your continued generosity—even when you are traveling.

God Bless,
Fr. David

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday May 21, 2018
8:30 AM Frederick Bangart req by Schroeder & France Families

Tuesday May 22, 2018
8:30 AM Jessica Levine req by Her Family

Wednesday May 23, 2018
8:30 AM James McCullen Jr req by Betty Mee

Thursday May 24, 2018
8:30 AM James McCullen Jr req by Patricia Mee

Saturday May 26, 2018
9:00 AM Marie Frascatore req by Tom Pastore
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

Sunday May 27, 2018
9:00 AM Julia, Edward, Eddie Pachucki req Julianna, Kathy & Families
11:00 AM Frank Canalichio III req by His Family

Weekend Offerings

05/06	4:30 PM	\$ 1,464.00
05/07	9:00 AM	\$ 1,889.00
05/07	11:00 AM	\$ 2,087.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 967.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 251.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 10.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 1,012.00
Candles		\$ 26.00
Poor Box		\$ 2.00

TOTAL for Parish for May 7, 2018 \$6,721.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$1,012.00

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

Lectors

May 26, 2018
4:30 PM J Mundy & J Berna

May 27, 2018
9:00 AM R Gutherman & T O'Flynn
11:00 AM W Scenna & J Kochuvelli

Extraordinary Ministers

May 26, 2018
4:30 PM L Mundy & C Ryan

May 27, 2018
9:00 AM E Callery & J Shirley
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Altar Servers

May 26, 2018
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan, MaryRose Okwara

May 27, 2018
11:00 AM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

Sunday Scriptures May 27, 2018

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Reading II: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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: Robin Beerhalter, Francis Breuer, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Kelly Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, John Gilbert Jr, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Regina Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, 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, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Danny McGuire and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The last Benediction to be celebrated in the Chapel will be at 3:30 PM on **Monday, May 21, 2018** until the Fall.

Our 2018 Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal, for the Apostles of Jesus, begins this weekend. This important program informs our parishioners about the essential Mission work of the Church and gives you an opportunity to share in this Mission work. Please welcome our guest speaker, Reverend Richard O'Nyamwaro, A.J., who will speak after all Masses.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for May 2nd to May 8th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
May 9	657	Unsold Ticket
May 10	419	Ken Schernecke
May 11	416	Derek DeBeaumont
May 12	095	Mary Beck
May 13	761	Unsold Ticket
May 14	237	Jerry & Rose DeMarchis
May 15	904	Tony Cinkutis



On the **weekend of May 19th – 20th**, the Finance and Parish Councils will begin selling lottery tickets, after all Masses, for our **Second Annual St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**. We will continue to sell tickets after all Masses until June 30th. Tickets with a three-digit number will be sold for \$25.00 each and will be good for one year (07/01/18-06/30/19).

Thanks to our parishioners, our first annual lottery fundraiser was very successful. To date, we have had approximately 163 winners and some of those winners have won two or three times. A special thank you to those who donated their winnings back to the church.

The rules will remain the same. Each night the PA Daily Lottery Drawing will be used to determine the winner for that day. There is no limit to the number of times you can win. The payout will be as follows: If your number is drawn (Monday-Saturday), you will receive \$35.00. If your number is drawn on a Sunday, you will receive \$50.00.

Remember, your current ticket is still good until June 30th.

Parish Calendar of Events

Please join us for our **Church Social** on **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall.
PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last Social for the summer season.

Our Pro-Life Ministry sponsored **Baby Bottles for Life** for the Legacy of Life Foundation on the weekend of May 12th—13th. Please **return** your filled bottle on **May 19th—20th** and place it in the box in the back of Church. Your generosity is appreciated.

The **Knights of Columbus #4765** distributed **Manna Bags** at all Masses on the weekend of May 5th and 6th. Kindly **return** your filled Manna Bag on the weekend of **May 19th-20th**. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans.

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 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. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 31, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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, June 4, 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 #4765** will hold their next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will be hosting a **Free Concert** on **Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM**, in the park, featuring *Andalusia Jug Band*. Please bring a non-perishable item for our local food bank. For information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at *Cesare's Ristorante*, 1407 Radcliffe St, Bristol, PA. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.



*Are you in need of answers to prayers?
Do you desire more peace and unity in your family?*

*Do you want to become more devoted
to Our Blessed Mother?*

*Are you seeking a special grace
to help with life's latest challenge?*

*Are you looking for a way to thank Our Lady
for blessings already received?*

*If you answered "yes" to any of the above
questions, then please consider inviting
Our Blessed Mother to come stay at your
home for a week.*

*A traveling statue of Our Blessed Mother is
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be said each day will be supplied.*

*It is said that Our Lady has bestowed special
graces on the host families.*

***If you would like to host the
Blessed Mother in your home,
please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331***

Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat, June 5-7, 2018
at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing. Cost: \$130 per person (includes program, lodging & meals). Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829.

"From Defiance to Reliance: Navigating Your Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions." Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way, **June 22-23, 2018**. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, spouse and family. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register online at malvernretreat.com or call (610) 644-0400. For more information, contact Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org.

Nazareth Academy High School is proud to offer a **Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program** for girls who will be entering 8th grade in Fall 2018. This program is Monday through Thursday, from **June 25th until July 19th**, from 8 AM until 12:30 PM. We also offer Academic Summer Camps (Rocketry, Art, and Glee) as well as Athletic Summer Camps. For more information and to register for the Summer Enrichment Program and/or Summer Camps, please visit our website at NazarethHS.org/Summer18 or contact Ms. Derassouyan at (215) 268-1026 or Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

Archbishop Ryan 2018 Summer Camps

Dates & Times subject to change. For more information, including hours and reservations, please visit our website at www.ArchbishopRyan.com/Camps.

SPORTS:

Track & Field	June 11-21
Girls Basketball	June 18-22
Baseball	June 18-22
Softball	June 25-28
Volleyball	June 25-28
Boys Basketball	June 25-28
Football	July 9-13
Soccer	July 23-27
Wrestling	August 20-24

ACADEMICS/ACTIVITIES:

Business, Computers & Information Technology	June 18-22
High School Mathematics	June 20-21
Theater Arts	June 25-July 27
9th Grade Transition Workshop	July 30-August 3
Scholarship Test Prep	August 2-24

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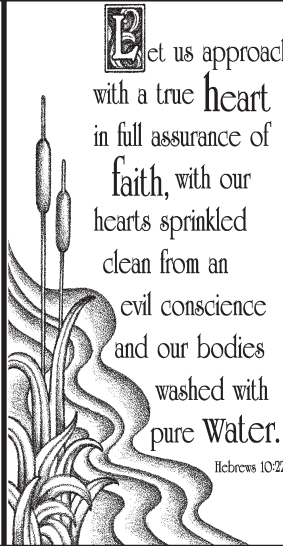
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