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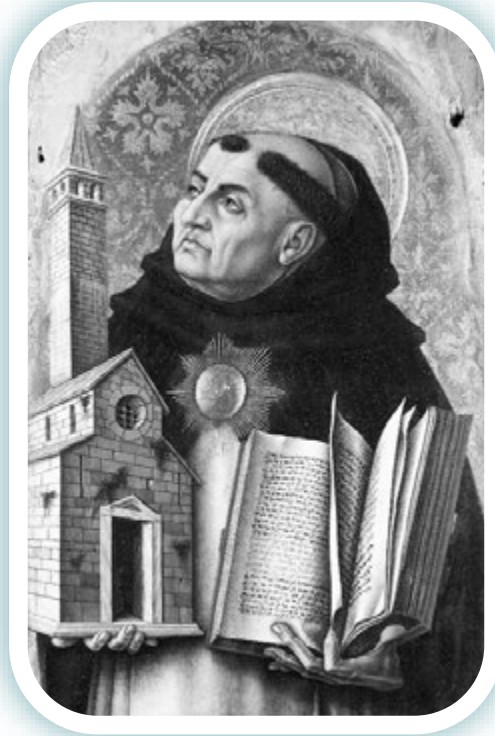
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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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)
(October to May)

September 9, 2018

September 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back from your summer holidays, and greetings from the Emerald Isle! Before I get to upcoming events, I must express my gratitude to those who labored during the summer months on behalf of the parish. Thanks to all those who weeded, planted, and watered our parish gardens. I especially enjoyed the tomatoes and peppers—still waiting for the figs! Also, kudos goes to those who put together another successful Parish Picnic. Nothing like an organic-acorn fed, Iberico pig! Not to forget Marie Jensen who was hard at work painting our nativity set and David Zimmerman who skillfully pieced together the broken statue of St. Joseph.

There are plenty of events coming up in the next few months to keep everyone occupied:

- Sunday Breakfast and Sunday Social will resume this month. Breakfast is usually the second Sunday of the month, and Social is usually the fourth Sunday of the month.
- The Knights of Columbus will be running their annual golf outing on Saturday, September 15th at the Bensalem Country Club.
- The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will host a Wine and Cheese Social on Monday, September 17th for those interested in becoming members.
- The Blessing of the Animals will take place Sunday, October 7th at 12:30 PM. Bring your dogs, cats, reptiles, bugs, and rocks. I'll be watching from the safety of my room!
- The Malvern Retreat Center is sending Kathleen McCarthy to conduct a Morning of Recollection on Saturday, November 3rd. Her reflections will focus on John 3:16.
- Saturday, November 3rd at 4:30 PM is the parish Memorial Mass—a time to remember and pray for the happy repose of the souls of those who have died in the last twelve months.
- On Sunday, November 5th the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Soup and Conversation. Try using chicken feet in your soup—yum!
- November 18th is the annual Christmas Bazaar. Shop till you drop!
- The annual parish Christmas Community and Unity Dinner is set for Saturday, December 1st. Only a few months till Christmas!

Before I conclude, here is the latest news:

- ◇ “Christmas in July” raised almost \$1500 which will be used for the needs of the poor in the area during December.
- ◇ 416 lottery tickets were sold this year—fewer than the 504 sold last year.
- ◇ Nothing new to report on the status of the former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish’s appeal to Rome.
- ◇ We had an offer to rent the school, but the Archdiocese of Philadelphia withheld their approval. They felt that the proposed use would have competed with the educational programs at St. Charles and St. Ephrem.
- ◇ We have a new parish fundraiser: 50/50. Buy as many tickets as you want at \$5 each. The cost of the tickets is not a tax deductible donation. Please write separate collection and 50/50 checks. The drawing will be in December. Start dreaming about how you will spend it all!
- ◇ Although you may have taken a summer vacation, the parish expenses didn’t! They include:
 - * 8 New Air Conditioning Units for the Hall, Chapel, and Church Sound Room: \$57,574
 - * Repairs to the Roofs at Seton and St. Thomas: \$6,929
 - * Repairs to the Sidewalk and Rectory Steps at St. Thomas: \$6,475
 - * Parking Lot Repairs at both Properties: \$3,813
 - * New Carpeting in St. Thomas Church and Repairs to the Existing Carpeting: \$2,000
- ◇ Most of our Pastoral and Finance Council members have been serving for a few years now. I would like to see some turnover in membership. Please think about nominating parishioners to serve on these two parish organizations. I will follow up at a later date with more information.

Welcome back! Get involved! Support your parish with your time, talent, and treasure, and pray for a return of the majority to the practice of their Faith!

God Bless,
Fr. David

September 9, 2018

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday September 10, 2018

8:30 AM Prayer Service

Tuesday September 11, 2018

8:30 AM Prayer Service

Wednesday September 12, 2018

8:30 AM Prayer Service

Thursday September 13, 2018

8:30 AM Prayer Service

Saturday September 15, 2018

9:00 AM Judith Keesler req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

4:30 PM Naomi Gallagher req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

Sunday September 16, 2018

9:00 AM Shirley Brackett req by Marta & Don

11:00 AM Jim & Phyllis Ryan req by The Children

Weekend Offerings

08/25	4:30 PM	\$ 1,795.00
08/26	9:00 AM	\$ 1,494.00
08/26	11:00 AM	\$ 1,732.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,017.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 70.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 107.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 42.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 160.00
Candles		\$ 28.00
Poor Box		\$ 84.00

TOTAL for Parish for August 26, 2018 \$6,369.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$160.00

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

Lectors

September 15, 2018

4:30 PM J Mundy & R Fallon

September 16, 2018

9:00 AM A Ditzler & C Del Puerto

11:00 AM R Andrews & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

September 15, 2018

4:30 PM L Mundy & T Litz

September 16, 2018

9:00 AM T Berna & R Daubert

11:00 AM E Marra & R Powers

Altar Servers

September 15, 2018

4:30 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

September 16, 2018

11:00 AM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer,
MaryRose Okwara

Sunday Scriptures September 16, 2018

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4c—9a (131B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:1—2, 3—4, 5—6, 8—9

Reading II: James 2:14—18

Gospel: Mark 8:27—35

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: Anna Balla, Robin Beerhalter, Francis Breuer, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Joseph Hailstone, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Regina Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, 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: Dorothy Morgan, Joseph Golden and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The **second collection** this weekend, **September 9th—10th**, is for the **Black & Indian Missions**. Your donation allows the Commission to give grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native and Black Catholic Communities.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Aug 29th to Sept 4th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
Aug 29	962	Unsold Ticket
Aug 30	891	Unsold Ticket
Aug 31	130	Patricia Ashby
Sept 1	055	Joan Kelly
Sept 2	395	Unsold Ticket
Sept 3	025	Unsold Ticket
Sept 4	889	Unsold Ticket

St Thomas Aquinas

50/50
FUNDRAISER

Beginning with your September contribution envelopes, there will be a monthly envelope for our 50/50 Christmas Drawing. You may enter as many times as you wish. Additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Donation is \$5.00. Our first drawing will take place on December 30, 2018. **To date, we have \$865.00 in the pot.** You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.

Parish Calendar of Events

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 group will meet on **Monday, September 10, 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 **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.



The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding their **Annual Golf Outing on September 15, 2018** at the Bensalem Country Club.

The Price is \$125.00 per person. This includes a round of golf with cart and a Lunch buffet with door prizes afterwards held in Father Crehan Hall next to St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The Tournament will be best ball format with a closest to the pin and a longest drive contest. If you don't have a foursome we will put you in one. Sign In begins at 7:00 AM, Shot Gun Start at 8:00 AM, Lunch Buffet following golf. Please mail your registration to Rich Powell, 525 Wyoming Avenue, Croydon, PA 19021 or call (215) 964-3180. Registration and Sponsor Forms are also available in the Parish Office.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 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.



The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a **Wine and Cheese Evening on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in

Father Crehan Hall. We invite all the ladies of the parish to join us for a night of fellowship. Perhaps even consider joining our ministry and help us to continue to enhance the spiritual growth and charitable works among our members. For information/questions, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.



St Thomas Aquinas Choir Members. Rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, September 20th at**

7:00 PM in Church Choir Loft. *Please use the Walnut Street side entrance.* New members are always welcome! For information, contact Michael Winstanley at (215) 584-2981.

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, September 20, 2018.** We will be starting our new book "The Biggest Lie in The History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly. The cost for the book is \$13.00. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com so she can order your book. *"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading Holy Books makes me shudder...What power spiritual reading has lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."* St Padre Pio

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.



Our **Sunday Social** is back and we hope you will join us on **Sunday, September 30, 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.

Archdiocesan Prayer Vigil of Reparation and Petition—

September 14, 2018. All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's super abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long.

Friday, September 14, 5 PM to Midnight, Cathedral Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The doors of the Cathedral will be open to all who wish to come and pray during this vigil. More information: archphila.org/vigil.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Mark

#1097, are hosting a **Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, September 15th at 7:00 PM** at St Mark School Hall, 1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA. Tickets are on sale now. Only 200 will be sold. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Great bags from Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and Vera Bradley. Get some friends together and have a fun night out supporting local and national charities. BYOB and bring your own snacks. For tickets, please contact Sarah Mastrull at seimonkee@aol.com or JoAnn Lynn at (215) 781-2212.

Holy Martyrs Fall Carnival on September 18-22.

Tuesday—Friday 6 PM to 10 PM and Saturday 3 PM to 10 PM (times are weather permitting). Come out and join the fun! Best End of Summer Party in town. Enjoy rides, games and fantastic food, play Bingo, take a chance on the Raffle and nightly 50/50, enjoy live music, be entertained by a magician, Craft Beer & Wine Garden, Doggie Bar (Bring your furry friends) and much more...Holy Martyrs is located at 120 Allison Road in Oreland, PA

St Ephrem Parish will begin their **Fall Bereavement Support Group Meetings**. The sessions run for eight consecutive Wednesdays. When: **Wednesday, September 19 through November 7**. Where: Marian Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:30 PM **OR** 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Please contact Sr Mary Jane at (215) 639-4332 to register. Registration is required.

Get your tickets now for the **2018 Gala Event and Saint Katharine Drexel National Justice Award!** Continue your support for the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and their ongoing mission. The event will be held on **Sunday, September 23, 2018** at the Belle Voir Mansion at Pen Ryn Estate from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Buffet Dinner, Dancing, Live Auction, Raffles! See our website for more information and prizes offered. www.KatharineDrexel.org/annual_gala or call (215) 244-8174.

Assumption BVM, Feasterville, All Classes Reunion on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 6:30 to 10:30 PM in the Church Hall. For additional information and tickets, please visit <http://ticketstripe.com/events/1021885>.

Father Judge High School Open House. Thursday, **October 4, 2018**—6:30 to 8:30 PM. Pre-register now at fatherjudge.com to receive a free FJ gift for your student.

St Mark Lion \$10,000 Raffle. Only 250 Tickets will be sold. Grand Prize: \$10,000, (4) 2nd Prizes: \$500, (5) 3rd Prizes: \$100 each. **Drawing is Sunday, October 7, 2018.** Drawing held after 10:45 Mass at Hospitality Sunday in the School Hall. Need not be present to win. Chances are \$100.00 each. For more information or to purchase a chance, contact Lisa Fields at (267) 230-3871.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard **Retreat for Healing after Abortion on October 12-14, 2018**. This weekend retreat will be held in Doylestown, PA at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. For more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. Read more about our retreat online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Mount Saint Joseph Open House will be on **October 21, 2018** from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM. Girls in 6th, 7th and 8th Grades are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount. Register at www.msjad.org. Beginning on September 5th, Eighth Grade girls can register for a full day visit to the Mount. The *Scholarship/Entrance Exam* will be on Saturday, *November 3rd* from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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