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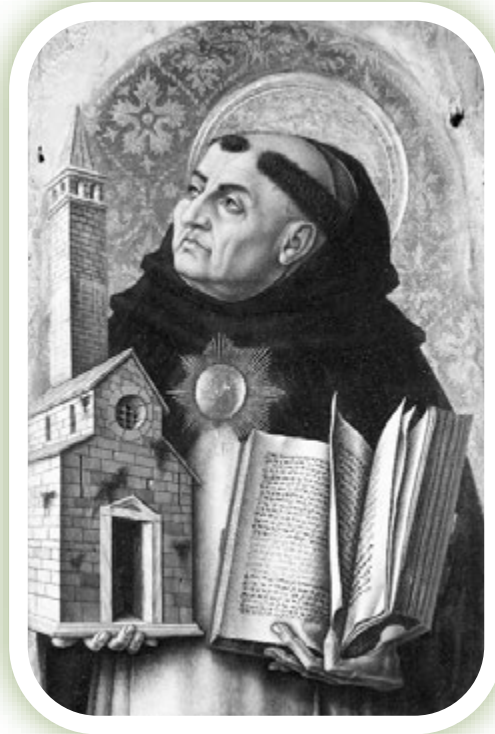
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)
(October to May)

February 24, 2019



Monday February 25, 2019

8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

Tuesday February 26, 2019

8:30 AM Michael DiTommaso req by The Family

Wednesday February 27, 2019

8:30 AM Jack Keesler req by Deacon & Mrs. Gallagher

Thursday February 28, 2019

8:30 AM Jesus Viernes req by Edel Callery

Friday March 1, 2019

8:30 AM Gary Greenwood req by John Provasnik

Saturday March 2, 2019

4:30 PM Elizabeth Carmody req by Tom

Sunday March 3, 2019

9:00 AM Ida Mulhern req by Ida & Family

11:00 AM Claudia Henry req by Andrea Cherenack

Lectors

March 2, 2019

4:30 PM J Mundy & R Fallon

March 3, 2019

9:00 AM T Berna & R Daubert

11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

March 6, 2019

8:30 AM A Ditzler & E Callery

7:00 PM K Schafer & J Berna

Extraordinary Ministers

March 2, 2019

4:30 PM L Mundy & C Ryan

March 3, 2019

9:00 AM D Whelihan & J Shirley

11:00 AM D DiTommaso & W Freer

March 6, 2019

8:30 AM B Balot

7:00 PM R Gutherman & W Freer

Weekend Offerings

02/09	4:30 PM	\$ 2,165.00
02/10	9:00 AM	\$ 1,961.00
02/10	11:00 AM	\$ 1,469.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,065.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 242.00
Winter Maintenance		\$ 1,197.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 30.00
Candles/Shrine		\$ 22.00
Poor Box		\$ 32.00

TOTAL for Parish for February 10, 2019 \$8,153.00

TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$30.00

Thank you for your generosity.

May the Lord bless you.

Altar Servers

March 2, 2019

4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan

March 3, 2019

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

March 6, 2019

7:00 PM Erin Moyer, Kelly Moyer

Sunday Scriptures March 3, 2019

Reading I: Sirach 27:4—7 (84C)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54—58

Gospel: Luke 6:39—45

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, Dave Beitz, Ryan Beitz, Christine Blade, Francis Breuer, Bill Campanelli, Maddox Carmona, Tama Cary, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, April DiBenedetto, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Maureen Fenton, Richard Fieramosca, Jayon & Cheryl Haulchild, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Katrina Hudome, Tom & Rosemary Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Tessie Jaen, Gert Kaelin, Regina Lang, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Louise Pepe, Richard Powers, Mary Beth Rea, Dawn Marie Rogers, Lino Silva, Jimmy Simon, Amanda Tees, John Tobar, Kim Vickers, Mary Walker, John Wallover, Jermaine Williams, Denise Wilson, Elaine Wilson and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Marion "Jack" Williams and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019
Our Mass schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas
4:00 PM Prayer Service with Ashes St Thomas Aquinas
7:00 PM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Feb 13th to Feb 18th are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists lottery results for dates from Feb 13 to Feb 18, including winning numbers and winners like 'Unsold Ticket' and 'Ro Fallon'.

St Thomas Aquinas July 50/50

On January 1, 2019, we started our July 50/50. Remember, you may enter as many times as you wish. Additional envelopes will be available in the Parish Office and the back of Church. Donation is \$5.00. The drawing will take place on July 7, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass. To date, we have \$1,425.00 in the pot.

Fast and Abstinence for Lent 2019:

- * Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
* Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
* On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



Congratulations to...

Shelby Brodhead who received High Honors from Villa Joseph Marie High School for the First Semester.

*The **Confirmation Class** will be putting together Emergency Bags for the homeless as part of their Confirmation Preparation. They are asking for donations of granola or cereal bars, fruit snacks or applesauce cups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, juice boxes, socks and gloves. These donations will help to fill the bags. There will be baskets at the church doors the weekend of **February 23-24**. Anything you can donate will be gratefully appreciated.*

We hope you will join us for our next **Sunday Social on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM** at *Sunrise Diner*, 416 Bristol Pike, Croydon, PA. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

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, March 3, 2019**. 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 group will meet on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you know of someone who is in need of a shawl or 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, March 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, please contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Knights of Columbus will host the **Stations of the Cross** every Sunday during Lent, **beginning March 10th, after the 11:00 AM Mass in the Chapel**. We hope you will join them during the Lenten Season.

The **Women's Bible Group** meets at **7:00 PM**, every other Thursday, in the Parish Meeting Room. Their next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 14, 2019**. For information contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or mariekelly0623@msn.com.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc presents All Star Productions “**St Patrick’s Fest**” on **Thursday, March 14, 2019**. Depart St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 9:15 AM, Family Style Luncheon, One Hour Open Bar (Beer & Wine), and The Matinee Performance of “St Patrick’s Fest—From Ireland to America” at Doolan’s in Spring Lake, NJ at 11:00 AM. Depart for home approximately 3:30 PM. Cost is \$105.00 per person. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** on **March 22, 2019** in **Father Crehan Hall**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

SETON Seniors and Curran Travel Inc presents **Pine Ridge Dude Ranch** in New York’s beautiful Catskills on **Sunday, May 5th to Friday, May 10, 2019**. Trip includes Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation, 5 Nights Accommodations at Pine Ridge Dude Resort Ranch, 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners, Complimentary Afternoon & Evening Snack Bar, Nightly Cocktail Party with Hors d’oeuvres, Nightly Entertainment, Private Lake with Paddleboats, Games, Hayrides, Campfires Under the Stars, All Baggage Handling, Taxes and Gratuities Except Chambermaids. Prices Per Person start at \$551.00. A \$50.00 deposit, per person, is required to make your reservation. Final payment is due by March 15th. For information, please contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

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Father Judge High School

7th Grade Universal Visitation Day, Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Pre-register on our homepage at www.fatherjudge.com.

7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test on Saturday, April 27, 2019 or Sunday, April 28, 2019 (Test may only be taken once). Pre-register on our homepage at www.fatherjudge.com.

Mount St Joseph Academy

The Mount, a Catholic Preparatory School for Girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to the **7th Grade Practice Test** (Pre-HSPT) to be given on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to 8th grade applicants. Registration is available online only. Register at www.msacad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Ash Wednesday Lenten Day of Reflection, sponsored by Malvern Retreat House, on **March 6th** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Directed by Fr James McGuinn, this is the perfect day for you to begin Lent with the distribution of ashes, a sit-down lunch with Mass and Confessions. \$40.00 per person. Register at www.malvernretreat.com or call (610) 644-0400.

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **11th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 9th** at Neumann University. Speakers include Matthew Kelly, acclaimed speaker and author of *Rediscover Jesus* and *Rediscover Catholicism*, Ron Jaworski, former Eagles star quarterback and TV personality, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Catholic author and evangelist, host of *EWTN's Behold the Man-Spirituality for Men*, and back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the **Most Reverend Timothy Senior**. For more information and to register, visit www.manupphilly.com.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

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