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St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

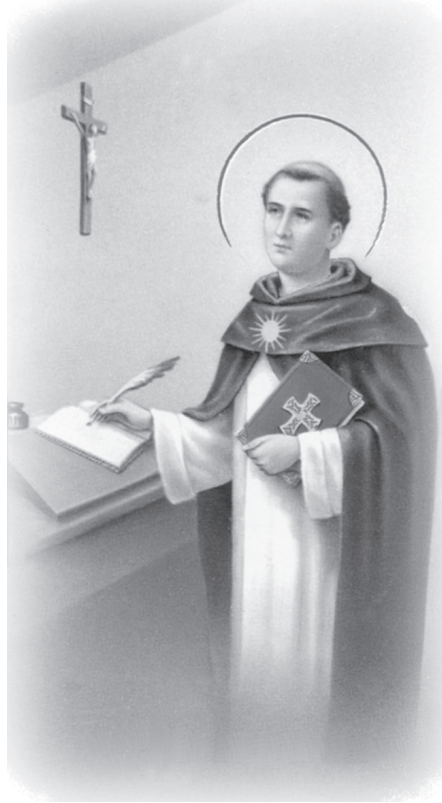
ST. THOMAS
601 Bristol Pike
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM Only
(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.

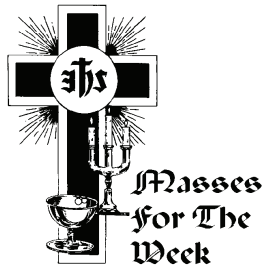
PARISH DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 9:00 AM Mass (Chapel)

Rosary: Weekdays before 8:30 AM Mass (Chapel) and Sundays before each Mass

Christian Prayer: Monday-Saturday before 8:30 AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)



Saturday **October 17, 2015**
4:30 PM Jerry Campbell Jr req by Dot & Joe Cochran

Sunday **October 18, 2015**
9:00 AM Matt & Kelly Takita req by Jaime Roth
11:00 AM Ed Mitchell req by The Family

Monday **October 19, 2015**
8:30 AM Ethel Zito req by The Family

Tuesday **October 20, 2015**
8:30 AM Robert Celaro req by Barb Flanagan

Wednesday **October 21, 2015**
8:30 AM Eugene Flanagan req by Barb Flanagan

Thursday **October 22, 2015**
8:30 AM Denis M Gambescia req by Gallagher Family

Saturday **October 24, 2015**
9:00 AM John Sibel req by Gert Kaelin
4:30 PM Margaret Mociak req Joe & Dot Cochran

Sunday Scriptures October 25, 2015

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9 (149B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

LECTORS

October 24, 2015
4:30 PM R Fallon & S Aykit

October 25, 2015
9:00 AM B Gutherman & T Marion
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

October 24, 2015
4:30 PM C Ryan & T Litz

October 25, 2015
9:00 AM E Callery & C Mehaffey
11:00 AM A Scheck & E Marra

ALTAR SERVERS

October 24, 2015
4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan
Mary Rose Okwara

October 25, 2015
11:00 AM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon,
Juliana Ricci

Weekend Offerings

10/03	4:30 PM	\$3,414.00
10/04	9:00 AM	\$2,915.00
10/04	11:00 AM	\$2,533.00
Mail Ins		\$ 532.00
Debt Reduction		\$1,604.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 50.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 5.00
Candles		\$ 35.00
Poor Box		\$ 35.00

TOTAL for Parish for October 4, 2015 \$11,118.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

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

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: Jack Gallagher, Georgetta Kelly, Eileen Frommeyer, Tony DiTommaso, Florence Middleton, Helen Wolfgang, Agnes Meek, Elizabeth & Bill Kane, Duncan Lewis, Kathleen Coya, Robert Wyatt, Mark Buss, John To-bar, John Schikel, Margaret McGrory, Jim Oliver Jr, Gail Kotlarek, Leila Jensen, Michael Karaim and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grows as new diocese are formed, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt and as other areas long suppressed are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The **SETON Hall Seniors** meet every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Sue at (215) 264-7857.

The **STA Seniors** meet every Thursday at 9:00 AM in Father Crehan Hall. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Joe Cochran at (215) 788-1019.



Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday I made some remarks about the upcoming Scottish celebration. In doing so I unintentionally offended a couple of people. Here is my email response to one of those people:

Thanks for your email. Sorry that my comments offended you. I was basing them on what I have seen people actually doing at Scottish events. They really do pour whiskey on their haggis. Actually, I prefer to eat my haggis without anything on it. If I were looking to get drunk on whiskey, I certainly wouldn't do it by eating whiskey laden haggis! I think most people understood I was only joking. My intent wasn't to encourage alcoholism, but to poke some friendly fun at a venerable Scottish custom.

Hope this helps to clarify any misunderstanding.

God Bless
Father David



Parish Calendar of Events

Croydon Town Watch presents "Addiction Awareness" on **Monday, October 19, 2015 from 7-9 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. A panel discussion with local leaders to discuss drug and alcohol abuse in our community. The panel includes Robert Bellerby, Ralph Johnson (Bristol Twp Police), Matt Weintraub (Bucks County Asst DA), Dana Cohen (Livengrin Foundation), Brian Kennedy (Transitional Living) and Steven Blank (Gaudenzia Lower Bucks). For additional information, please contact Mark Kolesar at (215) 208-2997.

There will be a meeting for all **Readers and Extraordinary Ministers** on **Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Church. Please contact Marie Kelly at 215-788-3331 or the Parish Office at 215-788-2989 to confirm your attendance.

Women's Book & Bible Study. It is always exciting to share good news. All women are invited to come and see. You may be new to the Bible, a seasoned student of scripture, or anywhere in-between. We welcome YOU! Our desire is to grasp God's love and rest in it so completely, that we develop a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him. We meet **every other Thursday at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. The scheduled meeting for October is **October 22nd**. You are welcome to join the study at any time. Contact Nancy Adams at (267) 987-4534 or Jaime Roth at (215) 817-2821 for more information.

The **Sunday Social** will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Connie Lombardo at (215) 781-2318.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at Father Crehan Hall. *After the meeting the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will host a Pampered Chef Fundraiser. It will include food prepared by the Pampered Chef Demonstrator. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 if you plan to attend.*

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be on Tuesday, **October 27, 2015 at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents and Godparents must attend. For questions or to confirm attendance please contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is a group of lay volunteers in our parish that are here to assist our parishioners, and any neighbors, in need of assistance with rent, utilities, medications or food. Please call us at (215) 788-2989. All information is kept confidential. Our next meeting is **October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. *New members are welcome.* Please arrive at 6:30 PM for a brief orientation.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish will be hosting a **Clothing Drive** to benefit the Society of St Vincent de Paul on **Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the parish parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, game/toys, small appliances under 50 lbs, electronics, sporting goods, books, CD's & videos are also accepted. *Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TV's or computer monitors cannot be accepted.* For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

The committee for the **Christmas Craft Show** will be meeting on **Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. *Volunteers are needed. Vendors are welcome.* We could use some new items for our Tambola Table. All are welcome! For information, contact Belinda Kishbaugh at (215) 964-3106.

The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Soup & Conversation on Sunday, November 15, 2015** from **12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. A large variety of soups to choose from. Cost is \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12 years old. Live Entertainment and Door Prizes. *A Fun Time For All! All are Welcome! All proceeds will benefit the Christmas Giving Tree.* For questions, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 or the Parish Office.

The *Knights of Columbus Council 4765* will be hosting a **Rosary Prayer Time** on November 29, 2015, January 31, 2016 and May 29, 2016. For additional information, you may contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

Bucks County Scottish American Society Christmas Ceilidh will be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2015** at **2:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. Dinner, Music by Charlie Zahm and Caledonian Highland Dancers. Advance tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$30.00 at the door. Tickets will be sold after the 11:00 AM Mass or contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

The **Seton Hall Seniors** will be sponsoring the following trips:

Ace In The Hole	Nov 4, 2015
Mohegan Sun Casino	Nov 18, 2015
Sands Casino (Tony Orlando)	Dec 10, 2015
Sight & Sound Samson	May 2016

For further information, please contact Jack Kelly at (215) 639-8708 or Joyce Lenahan (215) 826-9126.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" With the Blessings from The Holy Father, the **STA Christmas Committee** will begin his advice of service to our parish families. Let's work together in making this the best "Giving Tree" ever!!! The tree will be ready for you to choose an ornament beginning in November. As always, we thank you for sharing your Christmas Spirit with our parish families. For information, contact the parish Office at (215) 788-2989. All calls are confidential.



The *Knights of Columbus Council 4765*
1st Annual Oktoberfest Celebration
Saturday, October 24, 2015

5:30 PM—10:00 PM

in Father Crehan Hall

Ticket prices are \$20.00 per person in advance
(\$25.00 at the door)

Come enjoy some
Bauchwurst, Knock Wurst and
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Wash it down with a good German Beer
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You must be 21 to attend

Tickets can be purchased after Masses
or at the Parish Office or
contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577



Our Lady of Calvary **Bereavement Ministry Sessions** are being held in the rectory conference room (enter by way of the steps on the church side of the rectory) from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** on the following Wednesday evenings: *October 14, 21, 28, November 4 and 11*. No prior sign up necessary. All are welcome!

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service. The North Vicariate Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on **Friday, October 23, 2015** at St. Martha Church, 11301 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Prayer and Praise: 6:45 PM, Liturgy: 7:15 PM. Celebrant will be Rev John Wackerman. If you need any additional information or directions call Bobbie at (215) 637-5441. Wheelchair accessible.

Father Judge High School Parents Association will hold their annual **Craft Show** on **Sunday, October 25, 2015** from 9 AM—3 PM. For more information, please contact Christine Higgins-Cassel at christine.cassel35@gmail.com.

Nazareth Academy High School is presenting **“The King and I”** on *Thursday, October 22nd at 7 PM, Friday, October 23rd at 7 PM, Saturday, October 24th at 7 PM, Sunday, October 25th at 2 PM and 7 PM* in the school auditorium. This beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is the beautiful story of the King of Siam and the charming English school teacher he hires to educate his children. Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr were featured in the famous movie version and now our talented students bring this story to life on our stage. The music and dancing will have you humming all the way home! Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and can be purchased at the door or reserved in advance. A special discounted senior citizens performance will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 9:00 AM. Tickets are \$5.00. Seating is limited. Please call the school at (215) 637-7676 to reserve seating.

Holy Land Pilgrimage from Philadelphia on **June 20-30, 2016**. Join Msgr Ken McAteer (Pastor of St. Ephrem, Bensalem) and Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Fox (Directors of the Pilgrim Center of Hope) for an incredible journey of faith. Come and experience the land Our Lord sanctified with His very life. Imagine one night at Mt Carmel by the Mediterranean Sea; 3 nights on Mt of Beatitudes by the Sea of Galilee and 5 nights in Jerusalem. This customized pilgrimage includes daily Mass, accommodations, airfare, 3 daily meals, tips and so much more. For information, call Pilgrim Center of Hope at (210) 521-3377 or visit www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org

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