

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Established July 1, 2014
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St. Thomas Aquinas (1922-2014)
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)

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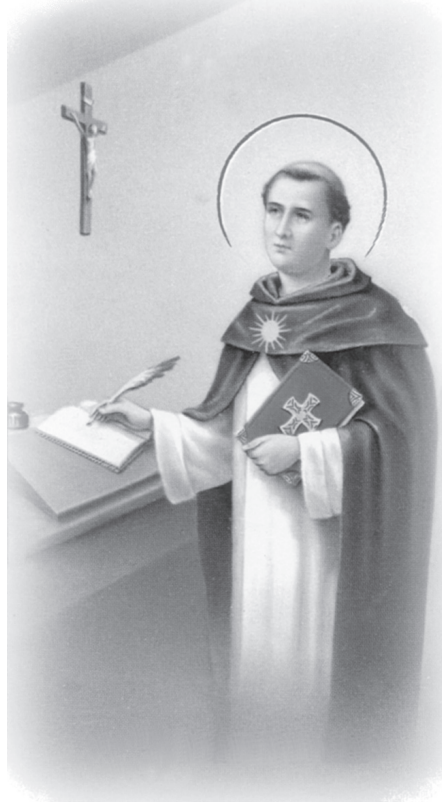
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM
(Chapel at 126 Walnut Ave.)

Holydays: 8:30 AM, 12 noon
AND 7:00 PM
(St. Thomas)



SETON

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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)



November 21, 2015

4:30 PM J Brogan & R Fallon

November 22, 2015

9:00 AM B Gutherman & T Marion
11:00 AM A Scheck & W Scenna

Sunday November 15, 2015

9:00 AM Luigi Lavecchio req by The Family
11:00 AM Joe & Gen Morrin req by Gen Morrin

Monday November 16, 2015

8:30 AM Anthony Zito req by The Family

Tuesday November 17, 2015

8:30 AM For The People

Wednesday November 18, 2015

8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

Thursday November 19, 2015

8:30 AM Helen France req by Schroeder & France Families

Friday November 20, 2015

8:30 AM Joseph Cinkutis Sr req by Tony & Lois

Saturday November 21, 2015

9:00 AM NO MASS
4:30 PM Martha Eberhart req by Tara & Makenzy Portney

Sunday November 22, 2015

9:00 AM Michael DiTommaso req by Dad
11:00 AM Rick Toracenti req by Jaime Roth



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

November 21, 2015

4:30 PM M Bosco & T Litz

November 22, 2015

9:00 AM B Gutherman & E Ryan
11:00 AM R Kelly & M Kelly



November 21, 2015

4:30 PM Caleigh Brogan, Meghan Brogan
Juliana Ricci

November 22, 2015

11:00 PM Lawrence Gabriel, Mary Rose Okwara,
Nicholas Freer

Weekend Offerings

10/31	4:30 PM	\$2,851.00
11/01	9:00 AM	\$2,339.00
11/01	11:00 AM	\$2,201.00
Mail Ins		\$1,016.00
Debt Reduction		\$1,330.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$1,527.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 27.00
Candles		\$ 44.00
Poor Box		\$ 3.00

TOTAL for Parish for November 1, 2015 \$11,311.00

TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$27.00

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

Sunday Scriptures November 22, 2015

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14 (161B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5
Reading II: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

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, Eileen Brown, Marcella Ghost, Dan DiTommaso, Duncan Lewis, Kathleen Coya, Robert Wyatt, Mark Buss, John Tobar, Margaret McGrory, Gail Kotlarek, Leila Jensen, John Gilbert, Joseph Clayton, Stephanie Burris, Noden Masisak, Jean Hennessey and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Julia Lamina, Jim Oliver Jr. and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

We have completed the Annual Report of October Mass Attendance for 2015. The records indicate that only 17% of our active parishioners are attending Sunday Mass.

We are collecting old palms. Please place them in the designated baskets in the back of Church or you may drop them off at the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Beginning November 6, 2015 the weekday Masses will now include Friday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. There will be no 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday mornings.

This weekend. November 14th—15th, Seminarian Ryan Nguyen will be speaking at all Masses on behalf of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. There will be a collection for this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

REMINDER:

Today, place your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish, especially during this time of prayer for vocations.



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CALLED BY NAME RESPONSE CARD

After prayerful consideration, I believe the person named below has qualities needed in a future priest.

Perhaps the Lord Jesus is calling him to this priestly vocation.

Candidate must be at least 16 years old.

Name of person you are recommending

Street Address

City

Zip

Phone #

His approximate age

How well do you know this person?

I recommend this person as a possible priest:

Your name and phone # (optional)

Please place this card in the collection basket or bring to the parish office. All response cards must be returned by Sunday, November 15, 2015.



The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus
will be hosting a

Soup & Conversation

Sunday, November 15, 2015

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Father Crehan Hall

A large variety of soups to choose from
Donations of soup (s)
are invited

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.

Bring canned goods
for the Thanksgiving Baskets

For questions, contact
Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331
or

Parish Office at (215) 788-2989

Parish Calendar of Events

There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral and Finance Councils** on **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall.

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

The Knights of Columbus and The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of the Columbus will be celebrating their **Memorial Mass**, in honor of their fallen members, on **Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM**. Light Refreshments will be served after the service in Father Crehan Hall. For information contact Russ Andrews at (215) 205-9577.

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 November is **November 19th**. 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, November 22, 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 committee for the **Christmas Craft Show** will be meeting on **Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. *Volunteers are needed.* Anyone interested in donating new items for the Trombola Table, you may bring the items to the Parish Office during normal business hours. For information, contact Belinda Kishbaugh at (215) 964-3106.

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.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their General Meeting on **Monday, November 30, 2015** at **6:30 PM** at King George. Please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331 for any questions.

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 all Masses or contact Pam Hynd at (267) 770-1131.

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.

Who are The Knights of Columbus? We are a group of Catholic men founded on the basis of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. The main reason we were established was to financially support members' families that fell into poverty due to the loss of the family bread winner. We still do this but today we do so much more. We support the church by being Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers. In addition, we help the Parish by teaching PREP classes and supporting the RCIA program. We continue to help and support our community through the Croydon Civic Association as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is doing a lot of good for those in need. My point is we are here, and we want to do some good for this Parish and everyone around us. Want to learn more...please contact Al Scheck at (215) 788-6509.

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

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.

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.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"

*With the Blessings from The Holy Father,
the STA Christmas Committee has
begun its advice of service
to our parish families*

*Let's work together in making this the best
"Giving Tree" ever!!!*

*The "Giving Tree" will be available for all
parishioners to take an ornament (or two)
from **November 6th** to **December 13, 2015**.*

*Gift Cards may be placed in the baskets
or dropped off at the Parish Office.*

*Please help us make another family's
Christmas brighter!*

Especially the children.

*If you know of a family or someone who is in
need of some help this holiday,
please put their name and telephone number
in a sealed envelope,*

*label it "Christmas Confidential"
and place it in the collection basket
or drop it off at the Parish Office.*

Our parish families will be our first consideration.

*For additional information
contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989.
All calls are confidential.*



Save The Date....

***St Thomas Aquinas Parish
6th Annual Christmas Bazaar
And Craft Show***

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Father Crehan Hall

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Tickets for the Basket of Cheer will be available
after Masses or in the Parish Office
during normal business hours
Tickets are \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00.

In a continuing expression of Pope Francis' call for community service

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

will hold a

Community Unity Holiday Dinner

sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

on Saturday, December 5, 2015

from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

in Father Crehan Hall.

Free to all!

Donations will be accepted.

Volunteers are needed.

For information

contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989

or Mark at (215) 208-2997



St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Avenue, Wynnewood, PA, presents its first **Theology On Tap for Young Adults** on **Friday, November 20, 2015** from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Adults ages 21-35 (must have valid photo ID). The topic will be "What About You?" *Watering the Seeds of the Papal Visit*. Presentation from seminarians Keith Beaver and Eric Banecker. Live music and refreshments to follow discussion. This is a free event sponsored by the Theological Seminary's House Council. For additional information, please email todonald@scs.edu

St Clement Church, Johnstown, PA is selling tickets to win a Super Bowl 50 Package for 2 or \$10,000 CASH! Package includes two Super Bowl Tickets, three nights lodging, \$1,500 travel cash, admission to pre-game party, Super Bowl memorabilia and transports to and from the stadium. Winning number is determined by the 1st Pick 4 PA Lottery (1st Pick 4—7 PM). Drawing on January 1, 2016. Donation is \$10. For tickets, contact Dave Pavlik at (814) 243-9446 or the St. Clement Office at (814) 255-4422 or email sccfund-rzr@atlanticbnn.net

The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a positive and personal experience for married couples to learn a technique of loving communication and the largest faith based marriage enrichment program in the world. **November 20-22**, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Application@wwme-philly.org or (610) 449-1859.

In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The **Malvern Retreat House** is such a place. Come on retreat Thanksgiving Weekend, **November 27-29**. To learn more call Frank Coyne at (215) 677-0985.

St Martin of Tours, an Independence Mission School at 5701 Loretta Avenue in the Oxford Circle section of Northeast Philadelphia, will hold a Gala in honor of its 90th Anniversary, on **Saturday, April 16, 2016** from 6:00—10:00 PM at Williamson Banquet & Event Center in Horsham. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. For more information, call (215) 535-2962 Ext. 420.

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



Mother Katharine's Birthday Tea

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