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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)

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FOR READING AT ALL MASSES SEPTEMBER 29/30

Dear friends,

Earlier this month I marked seven years as your archbishop. During that time, our Church has faced and solved some very difficult problems. None of that could have been done without your patience, generosity and support. I'm very grateful to all of you, and to each of our parish communities.

The grand jury report released in August did not involve the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, but it does impact all of us. As I've shared with you previously, any form of retroactive statewide "window" or "reviver" legislation to address the abuse issue in decades past would be unjust to the innocent Catholic laypeople, clergy, and families who make up our community today. It would also be financially disastrous to our ministries, our parishes, and the Archdiocese at large.

However, the bishops of Pennsylvania do understand and deeply regret the suffering of survivors and have committed to *voluntarily* helping abuse victims whose claims are time-barred. I joined with bishops across the Commonwealth on September 21 to release a statement explaining our commitment. That statement can be found on our archdiocesan website. Please do take the time to read it. Obviously, this course of action will require extraordinary Church resources, but it can avoid the bitter litigations and diocesan bankruptcies that will follow any destructive changes in the statute of limitations. The details of such a proposed program are under development. I'll share them fully with you once finalized.

In the meantime, I encourage all our lay faithful and clergy to pray the Prayer of St. Michael in all our parishes and institutions. I have also asked our Office for Divine Worship to develop, again as soon as possible, appropriate weekly intentions for the Liturgy's universal prayer and a monthly schedule of Holy Hours for three purposes: the healing of abuse survivors; in reparation for the sins of sexual abuse; and for the protection of our local Church. The weekly intentions and Holy Hour schedules are now available on the website of our Office for Divine Worship in both Spanish and English.

Finally, I ask you to pray for and support your pastors and each other, and to remember me in your prayers as well, as I do you every day. The coming months will be challenging. We need to ground ourselves in the Lord, the Church and each other; and if we do, there will come a time when today's anger and confusion are behind us.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Monday **October 1, 2018**
8:30 AM Ramona Carrillo req by Marta

Tuesday **October 2, 2018**
8:30 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta

Wednesday **October 3, 2018**
8:30 AM Francisca Tirado req by Marta

Thursday **October 4, 2018**
8:30 AM Virginia DiTommaso req by DiTommaso Family

Saturday **October 6, 2018**
9:00 AM David Tryon req by Kathy Kaelin
4:30 PM George Stricker Jr req by Mary Anne Brown

Sunday **October 7, 2018**
9:00 AM Ida Daubert req by Ida & Family
11:00 AM George Stricker Sr req by Colleen & Fred Costello

Weekend Offerings

09/15	4:30 PM	$ 1,747.00
09/16	9:00 AM	$ 2,318.00
09/16	11:00 AM	$ 1,764.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		$ 1,172.00
Debt Reduction		$ 205.00
Summer Maintenance		$ 25.00
Other Collections (Parish)		$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		$ 82.00
Candles		$ 16.00
Poor Box		$ 0.00

TOTAL for Parish for September 16, 2018 $7,247.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) $82.00

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

Lectors

October 6, 2018
4:30 PM J Wallover & K Schafer

October 7, 2018
9:00 AM T O'Flynn & C Del Puerto
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

Extraordinary Ministers

October 6, 2018
4:30 PM J Berna & D Schafer

October 7, 2018
9:00 AM L Cinkutis & T Cinkutis
11:00 AM N Freer & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

October 6, 2018
4:30 PM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer

October 7, 2018
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel, Chaston Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures October 7, 2018

Reading I: Genesis 2:18—24 (140B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1—2, 3, 4—5, 6
Reading II: Hebrews 2:9—11
Gospel: Mark 10:2—16 or 10:2—12

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, Fritz Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Jennifer Litz-Bard, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Harry McGuire, 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*: Gloria Market and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.*

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 12:30 PM

The ***second collection*** *this weekend,* ***September 29th—30th,*** *will be for the* ***STA Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society****. The Society helps needy families, individuals, and those living in poverty with a wide range of assistance including utility costs, housing assistance, food, clothing, transportation. We are able to accomplish this through the generous donations from our parishioners. We thank you for your support and generosity.*

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Sept 19th to Sept 25th are as follows:

Date	*Winning #*	*Winners*
Sept 19	*548*	*Linda Panuccio*
Sept 20	*094*	*Unsold Ticket*
Sept 21	*307*	*Joe & Jean Hueber*
Sept 22	*974*	*Unsold Ticket*
Sept 23	*778*	*Russ Dunchock*
Sept 24	*236*	*Jerome DeMarchis*
Sept 25	*845*	*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 $1,495.00 in the pot****. You could be the lucky winner... so let's keep the pot growing.*

The Knights of Columbus Football Sweeps

The Knights of Columbus are selling football sweep tickets now through October 2, 2018. The tickets are $10.00 each and good for 10 weeks. How the sweepstakes works: Your ticket has four different football teams each week. If your four teams score the most or least points in any week—you are a winner. Tickets may be purchased from any Knight or in the Parish Office. You may also contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423. Thank you for your support!

Parish Calendar of Events

Our **Sunday Social** is back and we hope you will join us on **Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 12 Noon** in the Church Hall. Donation of baked goods are always welcome.

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, October 1, 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 Meeting on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Croydon Civic Association** will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. For information, contact Donna Cuttle at (215) 788-7728.

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, October 4, 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*

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

Please join us for breakfast and fellowship at our **Church Breakfast on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM** in Father Crehan Hall. Cost is $5.00 per person.

The **Christmas Bazaar Committee** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. For information, contact Pat Bercute at (215) 458-8355.

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, October 16, 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, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

SETON Seniors & Curran Travel presents **Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Thursday, October 18, 2018**. Trip includes Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 9:00 AM, Arrive at Mohegan Sun at 11:00 AM and Receive $25.00 in Slot Play & $5.00 Food Credit, Depart for Home at 4:00 PM. Price per person is $41.00. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

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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.

Our Lady of Calvary Parish will begin their **Fall Bereavement Ministry Sessions**. The sessions run for seven consecutive **Wednesdays** beginning **September 26th.** The sessions are held in the rectory conference room (enter by way of the steps on the church side of the rectory) from 7:00 PM to approximately 8:30 PM. No registration is required. All are welcome. We hope you will join us for these helpful sessions.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia C.C.R. Holy Trinity Prayer Community Present **"The Life in the Spirit Seminars"** which will begin on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** at 7:00 PM in the Holy Trinity School Hall, Osborne & Stockham Aves., Morrisville, PA 19067. Come and experience the love and joy that the Holy Spirit will bring into your life. Come and join in the experience of a "Personal Pentecost." Come by yourself or bring a friend. Contact Marie Guaragno at (215) 295-6283 (evenings) or (215) 295-6900 (daytime).

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.

The **16th Crusader Classic 5K Run** to benefit the Lt Robert Neary Scholarship Fund will be held on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** at 9:00 AM at Father Judge High School. For details, please visit http://www.friendsoffatherjudge.com/crusader-classic.

Archbishop Wood High School Open House. Sunday, **October 7, 2018**. 9:30 AM Mass, followed by a continental breakfast, tours, meet the teachers, and activities fair until 12:30 PM.

The Catholic Tent Revival, **Sunday, October 7th** from 12 noon to 7:30 PM on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House. This is a FREE event for individuals and families endorsed by Archbishop Charles Chaput. Under a gigantic 1,000 person tent, Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Senior, Rosary in conjunction with The National Rosary Crusade, confessions in the field, adoration, and a national line-up of speakers including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jesse Romero, Fr. James Blount and Johnnette Benkovic. Music by Teresa Peterson and her band, and Marty Rotella, a 3-time Grammy nominee. Lay witnesses by Kathleen McCarthy and Jennifer Hubbard. FREE parking at Radnor Hunt Club w/shuttle buses all day. Food trucks. Inspirational teaching and music by the Donut man for children under 10 years of age. We are encouraging registration at www.malvernretreat.com or by calling (610) 644-0400.

Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities. A three-day retreat at Malvern Retreat House has been scheduled for **October 9, 10, & 11, 2018** for adults with disabilities. The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. The retreat directors are Fr. Jim DeGrassa and Fr. Mike Speziale. If you or someone you know would enjoy a three-day retreat that includes having your faith in God refreshed and strengthened please share this brochure and registration form. For information email OLCRetreat@gmail.com or call Malvern Retreat Center at (610) 644-0400. For the brochure and registration form go to: www.opdarchphilly.org. If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat contact Ed Seiders at OLCRetreat@gmail.com.

Archbishop Wood High School 8th Grade Scholarship/ Entrance Exam will be administered on the following Saturdays, **October 13 and October 20, 2018** at 8:30 AM and Monday, **October 15, 2018** at 4:00 PM. Register online at www.archwood.org. For information, contact Ms. Roschetz at (215) 672-5050 Ext 268.

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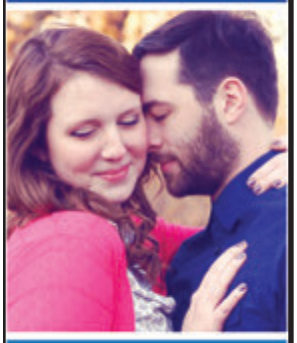

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