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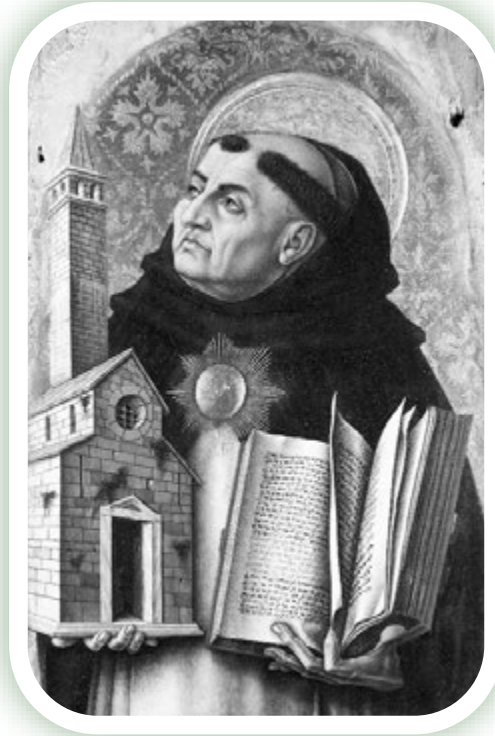
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)



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 Saturday before 9:00 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 9:00 AM -3:30PM with Benediction at 3:30 PM (Chapel)
(September to May)

January 14, 2018

*Come and Celebrate
The Patronal Feast Day of Our Parish*



*Sunday, January 28, 2018
The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
11:00 AM*

*The Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald
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*St Thomas Aquinas Church
601 Bristol Pike
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Light Refreshments to Follow

January 14, 2018

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday January 15, 2018
8:30 AM Genevieve Mitchell req by Benny Reilly

Tuesday January 16, 2018
8:30 AM James Carmody req by Tom

Wednesday January 17, 2018
8:30 AM Mildred & Lewis Girard req by Gangloff Family

Thursday January 18, 2018
8:30 AM Joseph Lawlor req by Gallagher Family

Friday January 19, 2018
8:30 AM Francisca Tirado req by Marta

Saturday January 20, 2018
4:30 PM Our Parish Community

Sunday January 21, 2018
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving/Infant of Prague req by Jet Jabla
11:00 AM Edward Mitchell req by Denise Mitchell & Fam

Weekend Offerings

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|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 12/30 | 4:30 PM | \$ 1,643.00 |
| 12/31 | 9:00 AM | \$ 1,781.00 |
| 12/31 | 11:00 AM | \$ 1,269.00 |
| Mail Ins/Parish Giving | | \$ 1,371.00 |
| Debt Reduction | | \$ 148.00 |
| Winter Maintenance | | \$ 35.00 |
| Other Collections (Parish) | | \$ 1,152.00 |
| Other Collections (Archdiocese) | | \$ 5.00 |
| Candles | | \$ 15.00 |
| Poor Box | | \$ 22.00 |

TOTAL for Parish for December 31, 2017 \$7,436.00
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$5.00

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

Lectors

January 20, 2018
4:30 PM K Shafer & P DeMichele

January 21, 2018
9:00 AM A Ditzler & T Marion
11:00 AM J Kochuvelli & A Scheck

Extraordinary Ministers

January 20, 2018
4:30 PM M Bosco & B Balot

January 21, 2018
9:00 AM R Daubert & J Shirley
11:00 AM E Marra & C Mehaffey

Altar Servers

January 20, 2018
4:30 PM Mason McMahon, Effie McMahon
Bailey McCormick

January 21, 2018
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,
Chaston Gabriel

Sunday Scriptures January 14, 2018

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

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: Helen Amato, Lou Balot, Terry Barner, Ynes Bruno, Stephanie Burris, Kathy Cameli, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Dolores DeBeaumont, Linda DeLuccia, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, George Doran Jr., Dolores Doran, Greta Duczkowski, Richard Fieramosca, Marcella Ghost, Joseph Hailstone, Jean Hennessey, Bart Houck, Catrina Hudome, Tom Hynes, Luisa Jabla, Janet Jackson, Ruth Lang, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, 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, Erin Wright, and all their relatives and friends.

Our Deceased: Charles R Kelley Jr and all the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

We are collecting your old palm. Please feel free to drop off your palm at the Parish Office during normal business hours.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr

The 2018 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to schedule Masses for June to December 2018

The second collection on the weekend of January 20-21, 2018 will be for Catholic Relief Services. This agency works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care. Your generosity is appreciated.

St Thomas Aquinas Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The results for Jan 3rd to Jan 9th are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Winning #, and Winners. It lists lottery results from Jan 3 to Jan 9, including winning numbers and names of winners like Elizabeth Blum and Brenda Bushnell.

Congratulations go out to two of our Catechists who were recently honored for their years of service at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at the Basilica. Mary Pierce received the St Charles Borromeo Award for 25 years and Cecilia Mehaffey received the St Martin De Porres Award for 20 years. We are most grateful for both of these women and all of the parish Catechists who share their faith with the children of the parish on a weekly basis.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry strives to bring God's love to folks in need through the comfort and warmth of their handmade shawls. If you know of someone who is sick or could just use the comfort and warmth of one of our handmade shawls, please contact Eileen Brown at (215) 785-6132.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your 2017 contributions, you may contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office via the collection basket or drop off at the office.

Envelope # _____
Name _____
Telephone # _____

Parish Calendar of Events

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

The **STA Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For more information, please call (267) 554-7109.

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, January 25, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

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, February 4, 2018**. 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 next meeting will be on **Monday, February 5, 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.

Saints and Legends of Ireland. September 5-15, 2018 with Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd. Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends that made Ireland great. We will travel all around Ireland, including Belfast in the North. Enjoy dinner in a Medieval Castle, Kissing the Blarney Stone, tasting Irish Whiskey at the Jameson Distillery, visiting the Cliffs of Moher, the Knock Shrine, the Country of St. Patrick (Downpatrick) and his tomb, St. Bridget's Well, the Rock of Cashel, Guinness Center, Kylemore Abbey, Wooden Mills, Celtic Crystal Factory and so much more. Different cities daily, including Galway, Knock, Adare, Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Ennis, Connemara, Burren, Cashel and the Dingle Peninsula. We get the best of both worlds with this tour, a little bit of the sacred and a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3845 includes all tours, round trip airfare from Philadelphia to Dublin or Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (four-star hotels), daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an Irish evening with dinner and a show. Meetings will commence soon. For more information or brochure contact Helen Holroyd at 610-213-4141 or Helenshorizons@gmail.com

Participants Needed. March for Life—Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 19, 2018. On the above date thousands of people from all over the East Coast will be traveling to the nation's capitol in support of life. Will you join us? We would like to take a full bus (50 people) from St. Ephrem. Bus will leave St Ephrem approximately 7:30 AM from the parking lot behind the rectory (after 7 AM Mass). It will return around 8:30 PM. Brown bag lunch. Dinner will be at a restaurant north of Baltimore. Cost: \$40.00 donation to pay for dinner and to subsidize cost of bus (\$1,900), Please bring your cell phone. For more information please call the Rectory at (215) 245-1698 or Pete Cattie at (610) 633-5383. Donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Archbishop Ryan High School 7th and 8th Grade Dance on January 20, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Permission forms available online. Appropriate Dress Required. No backpacks allowed. Cost is \$5.00 at the door. D.J., Raffle Prizes, Giveaways, Water/Soda/Snacks Provided, Fun Games/Activities. In order to register, complete the online permission form, please go to the Archbishop Ryan website. For questions/additional information call Mr Matt Beyerle (Asst Principal for Student Affairs) at (215) 637-1800.

Father Judge High School Winter Open House on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30—8:30 PM. Pre-register at fatherjudge.com for a free gift. Mandatory **8th Grade Placement Test.** All students applying to Father Judge must take the Placement Test. Must pre-register at fatherjudge.com. Test Dates are **January 13th and January 20th** at 8:00 AM.

Christ the King Parish is offering the **Pre-Cana Program on Friday, January 26, 2018** and all day **Saturday, January 27, 2018.** Engaged couples of neighboring parishes who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact rgreen@christthekingparish.net

Flame of Love Event - Candlemas Day on Friday, February 2, 2018 at St Charles Seminary. Begins at 6:00 PM—Mass at 8:30 PM. Celebrant and Homilist is Father James Blount, SOLT.

Young Adult Retreat—February 9-11, 2018 at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost is \$130 per person (double occupancy). Some financial aid is available. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829.

Day of Recollection for Married Couples on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM concluding with renewal of vows at 5:15 Mass. Sponsored by St Augustine Parish, 240 N. 4th Street (4th & Vine Sts) Philadelphia, PA 19106. The day, based on Pope Francis' Reflections on "Love in Marriage" will include reflections by married couples, opportunity for discussion and quality time with each other. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day (free will offering welcomed). For further information go to St Augustine's website at www.augustinechurch.com. Limited availability. Registration is required. To register email pastorstaugustine@gmail.com. Let the love of your life know you would do it all over again.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrovaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the **weekend of February 16** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Maternity BVM Pre-Cana Session is required for all engage couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Maternity BVM is located at 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115. They will be holding their Spring Pre-Cana on **Saturday, February 24, 2018.** Advance registration is necessary. To register, call (215) 673-8127.

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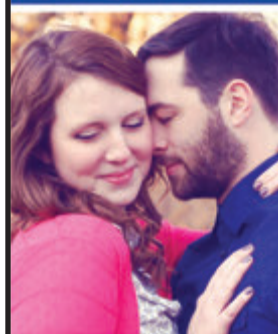


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