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**& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1976-2014)**

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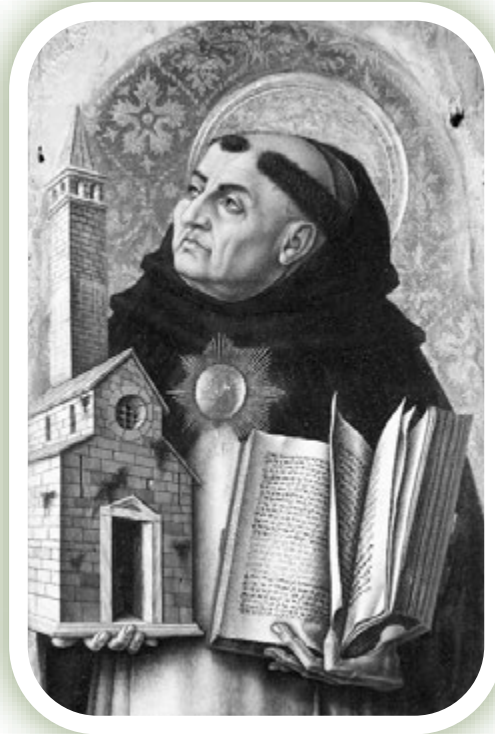
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Monday-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)



**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 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)  
(September to May)

July 15, 2018



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Archbishop  
222 North 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

*Attention pastors: Kindly have this letter read at all Masses  
on the weekend of June 23/24*

Dear friends:

In the next few days, a Pennsylvania Grand Jury report involving incidents of sexual abuse in six Catholic dioceses over the past seven decades will be made public. The Grand Jury did *not* investigate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or our clergy; therefore we are not part of the report. Nonetheless, the findings will be a difficult experience for all of us -- especially for survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones. We deeply regret their pain. We are committed to helping survivors heal. Our efforts to ensure the safety of children and families in our parishes, schools, and ministerial programs will continue.

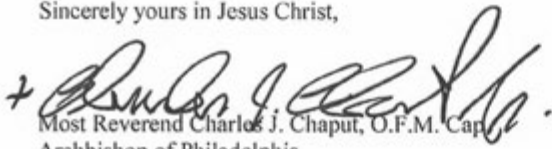
Over the past 15 years, the Archdiocese has put in place a wide range of reforms to protect young people. I want to reassure you today, as forcefully as I can, that we have a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in the abuse of children or misconduct with minors. We cooperate promptly and fully with law enforcement. And we take immediate action when an allegation is made.

Finally, the Archdiocese has -- for many years -- published a database of living and deceased priests known to have sexually abused minors that can be found online through our Office of Investigations at <http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/office-of-investigations/>. We also provide ongoing and significant support for survivors of abuse and their families. Details can be found online through our Office for Child and Youth Protection at <https://childyouthprotection.org>.

Research and experience have shown that sexual abuse plagues every corner of society from sports and public institutions, to the entertainment industry and the political arena. Prevention of abuse comes from training and constant vigilance, and the prevention of abuse -- along with support for survivors -- is and will remain a constant priority for our Church.

Thank you for your fidelity to Jesus Christ and his Church under difficult circumstances. May God bless you, your families, and all those you love.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

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

July 15, 2018

*Mass Intentions*  
*for the Week*

**Monday July 16, 2018**  
8:30 AM Theresa McCloskey req by Carol Rodriguez & Family

**Tuesday July 17, 2018**  
8:30 AM Enrique Carrillo req by Marta

**Wednesday July 18, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joan Carmody req by Tom

**Thursday July 19, 2018**  
8:30 AM Joseph Lawlor Jr req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Saturday July 21, 2018**  
9:00 AM William Berg req by Marta  
4:30 PM Margaretta Lonergan req by Deacon & Mrs Gallagher

**Sunday July 22, 2018**  
9:00 AM Edward J McCrea Jr req by William & Katherine Morrison  
11:00 AM Mary L Capozzi req by M/M Stephen Pritchard

*Weekend Offerings*

06/30	4:30 PM	\$ 1,551.00
07/01	9:00 AM	\$ 2,199.00
07/01	11:00 AM	\$ 1,971.00
Mail Ins/Parish Giving		\$ 1,035.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,124.00
Summer Maintenance		\$ 82.00
Other Collections (Parish)		\$ 0.00
Other Collections (Archdiocese)		\$ 122.00
Candles		\$ 29.00
Poor Box		\$ 11.00

TOTAL for Parish for July 1, 2018 \$8,002.00  
TOTAL for Other Collections (Archdiocesan) \$122.00

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

*Lectors*

**July 21, 2018**  
4:30 PM C Ryan & J Brogan

**July 22, 2018**  
9:00 AM E Callery & R Gutherman  
11:00 AM W Scenna & J Kochuvelli

*Extraordinary Ministers*

**July 21, 2018**  
4:30 PM K Schafer & D Schafer

**July 22, 2018**  
9:00 AM R Daubert & T Berna  
11:00 AM M Kelly & R Kelly

*Altar Servers*

**July 21, 2018**  
4:30 PM Nicholas Freer, Connor Freer,  
Mary Rose Okwara

**July 22, 2018**  
11:00 AM Lawrence Gabriel, Chasity Gabriel,  
Chaston Gabriel

**Sunday Scriptures July 22, 2018**

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1—6 (107B)  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1—3, 3—4, 5, 6  
Reading II: Ephesians 2:13—18  
Gospel: Mark 6:30—34

**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, Stephanie Burris, Bill Campanelli, Tama Cary, Thelma Clee, Joe Cochran, Dolores DeBeaumont, Tony DiTommaso, Ruth Donnelly, 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, Tara Lessard, Duncan Lewis, Angelo & Connie Lombardo, Debbie Lyons, Kathy Maddaloni, Margaret McGrory, Gladys McLean, Carletta Minor, Gen Morrin, Bernadette O'Brien, Casper Pepe, 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:** All the deceased members of our parish and their relatives and friends.

**Memorial Fund....**

We would like to thank  
Barbara McAllister, Betty Wunsch,  
Kathleen Coya, R.B. & Rita Arthur,  
Rick & Brenda Copp, Peg Duffy & Tony Hiller  
for their donations

**In Memory of Joseph Powell**

**Congratulations to...**

Connor Ferry  
for receiving Second Honors from  
Conwell-Egan High School  
and  
Joseph Covey  
for receiving Second Honors from  
Archbishop Wood High School

**St Thomas Aquinas  
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

The results for June 29th and July 10th are as follows:

Date	Winning #	Winners
June 29	355	Jim Meade
June 30	510	Steve Helmlinger
July 1	449	Unsold Ticket
July 2	401	Peggie Hagan
July 3	728	Ida Pearsall
July 4	976	Unsold Ticket
July 5	136	Chuck Scullion
July 6	831	Karen Niland
July 7	357	Kevin Egan
July 8	339	Jackie Biedrzycki
July 9	709	Unsold Ticket
July 10	608	Unsold Ticket



**Save the Date:**

We are making plans and preparations for our **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 12, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** We hope you will plan on joining us for a day of good food, fun and conversation with family and friends.

Volunteers for set up/clean up are always needed and welcome.

**Donation of Salads & Desserts are appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you could donate any of these items.**

# Parish Calendar of Events

The next **Pre-Jordan Class** will be held on **Tuesday, July 17, 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, July 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. 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, July 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room. 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, July 26, 2018. Beginning June 21st and through the summer, we will be showing faith-filled movies.** All are invited and welcome. We hope you will join us. For more information, please contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus #4765** as they host the **5th Sunday Rosary** to be held in the Church **following the 11:00 AM Mass on July 29, 2018.** Rosary Guides and Rings will be available. So please join us in prayer and strengthen your faith. For information, contact Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

The **Ladies of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their next meeting on **Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM** at Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Marie Kelly at (215) 788-3331.

**Knights of Columbus "Night of Bowling"** at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes on **Sunday, August 5, 2018** from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. \$15.00 Per Person (maximum of 6 people to a lane). If a Private Lane is desired, please contact Wayne Freer or the Parish Office for pricing. Food and Drinks Extra. Names and payment must be received by Friday, July 27, 2018.

For reservations, contact the Parish Office at (215) 788-2989 or Wayne Freer at (215) 266-6423.

**The Giving Tree is Celebrating "Christmas in July"** Together we can stand, heart to heart and hand to hand, in sand or snow to help our families in their time of need. With your help, we would like to bring back "*Christmas in July*" this year. The tree will be decorated with summer ornaments, please take one. These gifts will be for our families this holiday season. Gifts should be returned by July 29, 2018. Any help we provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you! You are always in our prayers. The Giving Tree Committee, Janice Fratantaro and Donna Pierce-Bongart

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel** presents **Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 16, 2018.** \$51.00 per person. Payment due by July 9th. Trip includes Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 9:00 AM. Arrive at Resorts at 11 AM and receive \$25.00 in Slot Play. Depart for home at 5 PM. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**SETON Seniors & Curran Travel** presents "**Jesus**" at the Sight and Sound Theater on **Thursday, November 8, 2018.** Trip includes Departure from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parking Lot at 10:00 AM, Family Style Luncheon at Good-N-Plenty Restaurant, Admission to Sight and Sound's "Jesus" show at the Millennium Theatre at 3:00 PM, Depart for home at 5:45 PM. Price per person is \$122.00. For information/reservations, contact Betty Keller at (215) 638-1594.

**Archbishop Ryan High School Shore Reunion.** Calling all Archbishop Ryan Alumni. Join us for the Annual Ryan Shore Reunion on **Saturday, July 28th** at The Inlet on Olde (formerly Westy's), 101 East Walnut Street, North Wildwood, NJ from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Reconnect with classmates, neighbors and friends, while enjoying drink specials and a complimentary buffet. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For more information and tickets, contact John Langan '78 at [jlangan@archbishopryan.com](mailto:jlangan@archbishopryan.com) or (215) 637-1800 Ext 221.

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**St Ephrem's Senior Group** in Bensalem, PA will be running the following **bus trips** in 2018-2019:

"The Hills Are Alive" in Vermont: September 9—12, 2018

Pine Ridge Dude Ranch: Sept 30 to Oct 5, 2018

Caesar's Casino "Voices of Legends" Show: Oct 9, 2018

New England/Canada Cruise: May 18—25, 2019

For pricing, flyers or additional information, please contact Ray at (215) 757-3473.

### **Mercy & Mary Retreat - Fr. Michael Gaitley**

**Sep. 21-22, 2018** at St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church 999 Reading Ave., Yardley, PA 19067. Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring retreat featuring best-selling author and acclaimed speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. This retreat begins with one conference on Friday evening, September 21 at 7:15. Saturday will begin with Mass at 7:45 and end at 4:30. The day will include: Coffee and donuts, Five dynamic conferences from Fr. Michael Gaitley, Lunch with the Marian Missionaries, Retreat Mass/Adoration/Benediction/Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Book signing with Fr. Gaitley and much more.

**To register online:**

<https://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-philadelphia-pa/>

**To register using a printable, mail-in registration form:**

<https://events.marianmissionaries.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Mail-in-Registration-Philadelphia.pdf>

**Cash Bingo and Dinner Plus Designer Bag and Basket Raffles** presented by Family and Friends of Holy Family University. Benefiting the Student Scholarship Fund at Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 on **Sunday, October 21, 2018**. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Dinner served promptly at 12 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:30 PM. Three Course Sit Down Dinner and Bingo for only \$40/per person. Advance purchases by October 7, 2018. No tickets will be sold at the door. Must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, contact Joan Fiorentino at (215) 804-6194 or email at [FamilyFriends@HolyFamily.edu](mailto:FamilyFriends@HolyFamily.edu)

The **50 Year Reunion** for Bishops Conwell and Egan High Schools will be held on **October 27, 2018** at 6:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel in Trevese followed by 4:00 PM Mass at the school. For ticket information, please visit the school's website or contact Drew McQuade at [creekmud@hotmail.com](mailto:creekmud@hotmail.com).

### **Pilgrimage to EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament NEW- Dinner and Mass with the Benedictine Monks at the St. Bernard Abbey.**

Join us on a glorious **Pilgrimage Tour from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>** as we travel to both the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the Eternal Word Television Network, (EWTN), founded by Mother Angelica. **Cost:** \$879. (Based on 30 pilgrims). The tour includes Daily Mass, Motor Coach Transportation, 5 Days, 6 Nights, 5 Breakfasts, 2 Kick Back Buffet Dinners, 1 Dinner at the Abbey, 1 Show and 1 Dinner at Natural Bridge Hotel. \$200 deposit due with registration on or before July 20<sup>th</sup> balance by Sept.20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Helen @ New Horizons Spirit Journey, 610-213-4141



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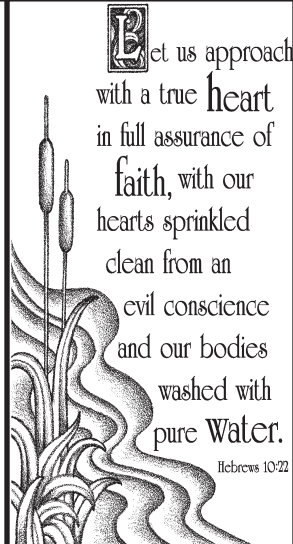


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