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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

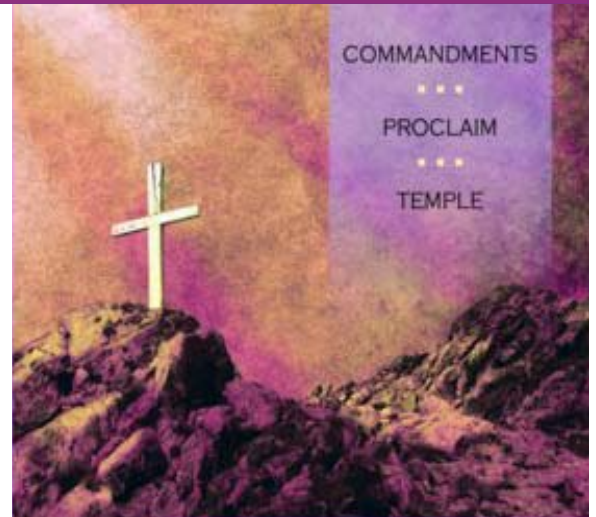
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Third Sunday of Lent

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The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to seek the greater honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls by sanctifying, teaching, and shepherding the faithful through dynamic orthodoxy.



Pastor's Corner

.My dear family,

This week I am off at St. Anne's Parish in Santa



Fe, with our former vicar Fr. Leo Ortiz, preaching the Lenten Mission. The mission in Portales was a great success, and I know that, thanks to your prayers, the mission in Santa Fe will be a great success also. After this mission, I will be staying home, getting ready for Holy Week!

Remember Fr. Charles Carpenter, the nice priest from Mexico who helped in our parish in February? He sent me an e-mail the other day, and I want to share part of it with you:

"Your parish is a model parish! It is such a joy for me to circulate among such vibrant people as you have at the Masses. And the Masses are so
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Of course I agree with – and it's all thanks to you, my dear parishioners. (Now, if we can only get a few of you to stop leaving Mass early... grrrrrrrrrrrr!)

I have been very happy with attendance at all the Lenten devotions: daily Mass, Stations, soup & Scripture. Keep it up! I ran across this very good article by Fr. Longenecker about one of our basic Lenten disciplines: the Friday abstinence from eating meat:

"A lot of questions this Lent about the 'no meat on Friday' rule. "Why do
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we not eat meat? I don't really like meat that much, and I like macaroni and cheese better, and what if we went for a nice seafood dinner on Fridays, that wouldn't be much of a hardship, so why not meat?"

Lots of good reasons: No meat because it is a way to do something together. No meat because it makes you stop and pay attention. No meat because even if the only hardship is that you have to re-arrange your menu, it's still a little hardship. No meat because it makes you ask yourself what it is that you really ought to give up. No meat because it makes you think again about the whole reason for Lent. No meat because it is a simple, universally understood way for the whole church to do something concrete as a sacrifice. It would be pretty hard to come up with any other rule that would be possible and universal, and just saying, "It is good to fast and abstain on Fridays in Lent" is not solid and concrete enough.

When the church gives just guidelines and not rules very often the discipline goes out the window completely. The specific rules are there not as an end in themselves, but to get us to examine the real reasons and ask the right questions and discover the real point of it all. If all you get is guidelines soon the discipline goes out the window entirely. Look at what has happened when the church shifted from 'No meat on Fridays' to 'fasting and abstinence on Fridays'. How many Catholics do you know who seriously fast on Fridays? Not many. Once it stopped being a specific rule it stopped being a guideline too.

So give up the meat on Fridays, but not blindly. Do it with an open heart, an open mind and with a searching intellect."

A blessed Lenten week,

Msgr. Doug Raun

SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, will present this year's Soup & Scripture topic, "Lent and the Saints," on **Mondays, 3/16/09-4/6/09, 6:30-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall.**



WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Bandilio Baca & Crystal Chapin, David & Martha Barrientes, Lehi & Evelyn Rose, Thomas Talty, Elizabeth Rivera, Kurt Whyte, Amelia Torres, Kimberly DiMiceli, Roendo & Yvonne Aragon, Priscilla Chavez & Davie Garcia, Patrick & Joan Boyle, Donovan Hurtado & Tina Cardona, Ernest & Agnes Chavez, Edward & Loretta Enlow, Rene Henrard & Joann Villa, Jeremy & Margo Jacoby, John & Paula Alexander, Juliette Rubi, Richard & Mary Blanco, George & Jamielyn Bleicher, John & Grace Casado, Maria Aurora Celino, Marcella Flores, Tenica Conway & James Mc Guire, Ray & Eugenia Danen, Lena Gachupin & Bernell Juanico, Rocky & Judith Garcia, Evelyn Garcia, Gabriel Guerrero, Michael & Cheryl Halbert, Magdalena & Julio Irra, Tammie & Joseph Jacquez, Diane Hendren, Paul Lombardi, Eryka & Ivan Martinez, Chad & Gina Luallin, Lisa Martinez, Sofia Martinez, Michael & Monica Molina, Alana Moniz & Manuel Green, Larry Montoya, Bradley & Shannon Morfeld, Al Paradis, Anastacio & Mary Alice Pena, Larry & Myra Pompeo, Sylvia Pottenger, Aaron & Pamela Quinones, Miranda Quinones

FUNERALS

*Julia Davis Gurule
Joan Mc Nally
Arpad Torma*

Please call our Parish Office as soon as possible in order to coordinate liturgical services.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jude Andrew Martinez
Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass.
Please call our Parish Office.

At St. John Vianney Mission

2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.

Next Week's Readings

15 March - 22 March

Readings for the week of March 15, 2009

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1
Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a (St. Joseph)
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21

The Mission Rosary Makers

The rosary sales and your generous donations provide us enough funds for beads or postage, but not both. We are working on a program whereby families or parish groups would pay postage for missions that they would adopt as their own. We greatly appreciate your constant and continued support.

We will be having a **religious article and rosary sale on March 22nd after 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COME ON COME ALL

To a delicious breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Fr. D'Arco Hall after the **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses on March 22nd.**

Pancakes, sausage or sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and other goodies.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Religious articles, Holy Communion, Confirmation gifts will be on sale March 22nd after the 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. masses.

BAKED FISH DINNER

The Felician Sisters Auxiliary is sponsoring a Baked Fish Dinner on **March 20th, Friday**, at Fr. D'Arco hall. The dinner will be served between **4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Delicious desserts are included **Tickets are \$7.00** (discount for children) For more information please call Frances at 892-2521 or Marie at 217-2348 or the convent 892-8862.

3D SUNDAY OF LENT



RESPECT LIFE

St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life monthly meeting will be on **Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** in the St. Lucy Phillipini Room. If you have any questions, please call Felicie Truscio, Chairperson at 891-1304.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Please consider joining us this Lent by taking a holy hour of adoration, either one that is convenient for you or one of the hours listed below which we need to fill in order to have two people present for each hour. Your Lenten season will never be the same as you experience a closeness with God you never thought possible.

The following is a list of hours where we need extra help in the adoration chapel. These hours are occupied by one person at present, but we want to secure them with two. Also, if you visit the chapel, PLEASE sign in. If you don't and the sign in sheet shows nothing for a certain hour, we have no choice but to think that Jesus was left alone. Thank you!

Sunday 1, 2, & 3 a.m., 8 p.m.

Monday 4 and 6 p.m.

Tuesday 12 noon, 1, 3, and 10 p.m.

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 2 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Saturday 3, 4, 6, and 8 p.m.

Please call the contacts listed for further information.

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata: (Midnight-6 a.m.) at 892-0524

Louie & Terry Santa Maria: (6-12 p.m.) at 896-0307

e-mail: flagshipsm12659@msn.com

Paul & Anise Yarbrough: (Noon-6 p.m.) at 899-0981

e-mail: yarburro@msn.com

Pat & Jolyn Murphy: (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at

892-4931 or e-mail: jpmurphrc@msn.com

PILGRIM VIRGIN: To have the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima in your home, and to receive Her Blessings in your life, call Gerri Hoover 892-0414

Virgin I: March 15-30 *Joanna Lovato*

Virgin II: March 15-30 *Bob & Gerry Hoover*

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: Please contact Betty Larson at 891-3577 or Elaine Jones at 922-9758 to reserve a week for your intentions. The weeks run from Saturday through Friday. The cost for two vases at the Tabernacle is \$50.00. You may share this cost with another person for both your intentions.

Adoration Chapel Candles: Please call the Parish office at 892-1511.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

For being able to pay our bills

For healing Ann Diaz after liver surgery.

For healing of strife and conflict.

For the blessing of another day.

For giving me strength and hope.

For my new friend and healing my aching heart.

For overcoming my battle with my feelings.



Marriage & Family Life Deacon Hill 8921511 x103
Deacon.Hill@stanm.org

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COUNSELING CENTER offers individual, couple, and family counseling with afternoon and evening appointments. A fee is charged for each hour session. For more info call the



Counseling Center, 417-2467
or Deacon Burns, 892-1511, ext. 113
or for e-mail go to
www.trburnscounselor.mysite.com.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Thomas Aquinas Bereavement Support Group meets **Mondays at 5:00 p.m.** in the **St. Lucy Filipino room**, adjacent to the Parish office. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.

Natural Family Planning

Attention Married and Engaged Couples

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church prohibits unnatural forms of birth control? For most of us the answer is NO. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. Course starts March 29, 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho. For more information and registration call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

RETROUVAILLE, a lifeline for troubled marriages.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help you. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience and a series of seven follow-up sessions over a three month period. For more information or to register, please call (505) 890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230.

Children's Religious Education
Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

First confessions are TODAY

There are **no** Religious Ed. **Classes** the week of **March 22nd**, Spring Break. There are **no classes** also on **Sun. March 29.**

Director of Catholic Social Concerns
Deacon.Smith@stanm.org

Culture of Life Corner

What must we do to enter into eternal Life? What must we do this lent to flush out the assault on life, caused by the "Federal No-Limits-On Abortion?" We know that this is the real meaning of the "Freedom of Choice Act." (FOCA). Together with our relentless prayers, hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, kneeling at the foot of the Cross in tearful remorse for our own sins and those of others, we must consider what we can and must do. Why? " Because by Your Holy Cross, O Lord, You have redeemed the world." Then we can realize that " Our job is to defeat proposals where we can; minimize the damage where we cannot; and raise high the banner that signals that we are growing stronger...It can be done...It will be done." (Dave Andrusko). All this will eventually end Abortion!

Submitted by Charles Griego



BeFriender Ministry

Losing a job is one of the most stressful events that can happen to a person. It feels personal even when it is part of a mass corporate layoff or the closing of a business. Involuntary unemployment evokes a lot of emotions, from anger to sadness. If you (or a family member) has lost a job and are dealing with the transition it brings, you can request a BeFriender to be a companion on your journey. BeFrienders provide a listening presence that is respectful and nonjudgmental. To request a BeFriender or to find out more about BeFriender Ministry, call Gloria at 891-0388.



The St. Thomas Aquinas **Elizabeth Ministry** has begun it's **Spring Semester meetings at 9:30am in Fr. Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

Our study will be Praying with John Paul II and day-care is available. All women are welcome. Please call Rhonda Neel at 899-3817 for more information.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097
Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



March

15th Project Hope:
22 No Life Teen- Spring Break
23 No Confirmation
29 Freed

Life Teen Camp Tepeyac

Dates: **July 19-24**

Price: **\$450**

Location: **Prescott AZ**

For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 896-8097.

PARENT LIFE

March

29th Freed

Parent Life meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 in the Religious Ed building. For more information contact Cindy Langlois at 892-4702

**Bring a Friend to Mass.
Our Lord will thank you!**

Young Adults Catholic Group Deacon Little
890-6574 Deacon.Dave@stanm.org

Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. We meet each month at **my house**. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare. Our next meeting is **March 27th, at 7:00 p.m.** Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

Catholic Singles Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Date: TODAY, March 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Event: Talk on St. Paul the Apostle

Contact: Family Life 831-8117

Location: Catholic Center, Sandia Room, 4000 St. Joseph's Place, NW, Albuquerque, NM.

Description: Msgr. Richard Olona will be giving a talk on St. Paul the Apostle.

Sponsored by: Archdiocese of Santa Fe, \$3.00 per person.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher
892-1511 x104
AquinasAM@yahoo.com

FOR RCIA & ALPHA

Please call **Jeannette** at 892-1511, x104, for more information.

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FORMING!

Two new, ten-week Great Adventure Bible study groups are now forming. Both examine the biblical book of Revelation. Each group is limited to 17 participants. Each person will need a Catholic Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). Optional study kits will **cost \$15**.

Adventures in Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come will meet in the St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room, Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J, Rio Rancho:

Tuesdays, 4/14-6/17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Please contact Marguerite Gallegos, 892-1558, to register and reserve your kit.

Fridays, 4/17-6/19, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Please contact Jeannette Schlicher, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to register and reserve your kit.

"A Day on Divine Mercy"

In preparation for Passion Week and Divine Mercy Sunday, Rick Torretto--speaker, teacher, and researcher for The John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy and Life Foundation International--will give four talks on Divine Mercy, on **Saturday March 21, 2009, in Fr. D'Arco Hall**. Teachings begin at **10 a.m. and go to 4 p.m.**, with breaks for lunch, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Topics include: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Original Vilnius Image of Divine Mercy, the Novena of Divine Mercy, and the First Miracle of Divine Mercy. No registration is necessary, but a free-will offering is appreciated.

The Shroud of Turin presentations:

For the first time in New Mexico, Dr. & Mrs. John Jackson from the Shroud of Turin Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado, will present an all-day seminar on the Shroud on **Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Fr. D'Arco Hall**. Dr. Jackson led the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STRUP), in 1978 that examined the Shroud firsthand, and concluded that stains on the linen are indeed blood and the body image is "chemically a form of degraded cellulose."

Presentations begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue all day with breaks for lunch and supper. No registration is necessary. However, if you wish to order a lunch packet, you must call and reserve one. A free-will "Love Offering" would be appreciated. For information and lunch reservations, please call the parish office at 505-892-1511, or Rick



Mass Intentions

Monday March 16th, Week day in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † Frank Sanich by Charles & Carolyn Sanich
 † Pete Baratta by Irene Green
 † Johnny Gallegos by Charles & Lucy Griego
 6:00 p.m. Virgen de San Juan de los Lagos by Merlinda
 † John Lane by Patricia Woolley
 † Joan Hebda by Dave & Donna Smith
 7:15 a.m. @STAS For the students of STAS

Tuesday March 17th, Week day in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † August Cismoski by Irene Green
 † Frank Ganssle by Geraldine Ryan
 † Precilla Baca by Charles & Lucy Griego
 6:00 p.m. † Marvin & Sadie Cordova by daughter Merlinda
 † Fred Head by the Denman family
 7:15 a.m. @STAS For those who have lost their homes

Wednesday March 18th, Weekday in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † Mary Joan Falaska by Geraldine Ryan
 † Precilla Baca by Charles & Lucy Griego
 † Richard & Jeannie Villalobos by Rose Chavez
 6:00 p.m. For those who have lost their jobs
 8:15 a.m. @STAS For the poor and lonely

Thursday March 19th, St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 a.m. For the benefactors of the Rosary markers
 † Emilio Cordova by his wife Cecilia Cordova
 Moira Potter 50th birthday by Joan Whalen
 6:00 p.m. To St. Joseph by Mr. & Mrs. Negri
 Fr. Imbarrato birthday by the Rake family
 † Elsie Avila by family
 7:15 a.m. Richard Triesise by Henry
 @STAS

Friday March 20th, Week day in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † José Avila by family
 Healing for the family by Henry
 Holy Souls
 6:00 p.m. Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski
 8:15 a.m. @STAS For those who need our prayers

DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE
 WHO DOES NOT LIKE YOU.



ARMCHAIR AEROBICS

“Mild exercise” group (for men & women) meets **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Religious Education building from 10:00-11:15 a.m.** Call Betty Larson at 891-3577 if you’re interested.

Saturday March 21st, Week day in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † Theresa Pedretti, FSPA repose of her soul
 by Coleen Maddy
 † Yvonne Shattuck by Larry & Carol Larson
 † Alfonso Tedesco 1st anniversary by wife & family
 5:00 p.m. † Myron & Eleanor Sanchez by Ron Sanchez
 Riannon Rakes 16th birthday by family

4:00 p.m. For the dignity & respect for family life by Della
 @ SJV

Sunday March 22nd, Fourth, Sunday of Lent
 7:00 a.m. † Susan Stamp by Geoffrey Stamp
 † Yvonne Shattuck by Richard & Donna Vellon
 † Wynn Jenkins by Richard & Donna Vellon
 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Phillip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne
 † All deceased volunteers of Adult Ministries department
 11:00 a.m. † Joseph & Barbara Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
 † Virginia Pruitt by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
 † Joan McNally by Betty Larson & Anna Puglisi
 12:30 p.m. For those who feel hopeless
 6:00 p.m. † Sylvia, Bill, Anne & Catherine Doody
 by the Doody family
 8:00 a.m. † Narciso Aragon by Martin Aragon & Frances Perko
 @ SJV † Enrique Armijo by the family
 10:00 a.m. For those who have addictions
 @ SJV
 4:00 p.m. For the poor souls in purgatory
 @ SJV

Cursillo Ultreya

There will be an Ultreya on **Tuesday March 24th** at St. Thomas Aquinas Re. Ed. Bldg. Individual visits to the Blessed Sacrament will take place between **7:00-7:30 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel** on the Westside of the church. **Ultreya beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Rel. Ed. Bldg.** Ultreya’s take place on the 4th Tuesday of every month. For additional information contact Jonathan Baca 238-1080, Camille Romero Melton at 263-6927 or Juliana Jaramillo at 980-1259.

ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS (Religious Education Building)

Al-Anon: **Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6**
Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
Blue Army: **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.**;
 Kathy-898-5591, Joann-899-9647
 (Call Kathy or Joann with your prayer petitions.)
Rosary Makers:
Fridays, 10:00 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
(Father D’Arco Hall)
Charismatic Prayer Meeting:
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass

YOUNG AT HEART

Parish seniors are invited to join our social meetings every **2nd & 4th Thursday**, in the Fr. D'Arco Hall (**2nd Thursday**) – **Bingo 1:00 p.m.**
Questions? Call Earl 896-2400



St. John Vianney Mission Church

New Mass Schedule

Saturday (Sunday Obligation) **4:00 p.m.**
Sunday **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Saturday Confession **3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**
Sunday Religious Education **11:15 a.m.**

Sacrament of Baptism

2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

1000 26th Ave N.E., Rio Rancho



"The Eucharist is the point where God and the soul meet - God with all His graces, the soul with all its wants." Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
Come meet your God in Eucharistic Adoration!



CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.
CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas School

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinasschool.org

Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

GIRLS SWEEP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Rio Vista Shining Stars soccer team captured 1st place in the NM Clash Fiesta Kick off Classic, division U-9, held at the soccer complex in Bernalillo. Three STAS students are on the Shining Stars: Katiana Otero, Lexi Baca and Cera Moots. The team is coached by Katiana's father, Pete Otero, who has been coaching for 8 years.



Says parent & parishioner Carey Moots, "Hands down, Coach Pete possesses the skills and the heart to bring out the very best in our girls. They love the game, they love their coach, and they love their teammates, and Coach Pete has made that all happen. Coach Pete makes it fun for them, and they're learning and excelling at the same time. We couldn't ask for any more." Congratulations to Coach Pete, Katiana, Lexi and Cera!

St Thomas Aquinas Roman **Catholic Homeschoolers (STRCH)** meets for field trips, playgroups and First Friday Mass and Fellowship. Please join us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM> for our full calendar of events or contact Andrea Bass at 323-9222 LactationRN@yahoo.com.

Frassati Academy, a new concept in Catholic homeschooling, will continue to accept applications throughout the school year. **Please join us for an information night Tuesday, March 17 in Room One at the Religious Education Building at 7:30 PM.** This is for Elementary through High School. We offer classes every Tuesday at the Religious Education Building after the 9 a.m. Mass. For more information call Janice Martinez at 352-0698 or Chris LaLonde 891-1488.

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
Vicar (Ext. 116).....	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Whorton
.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
Deacons.....	Rev. Mr. Roger Ayers, James Baca, Tom Burns,Kenneth Hill, David Little, Leroy Sanchez, Frank Smith
Business Manager (Ext. 101).....	Martin Sedillo
Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martinez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
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Catholic Social Action (Ext. 112).....	Deacon Frank Smith
Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....
Funeral Notices.....	Extension 353
Maintenance (Ext. 129).....	Gilbert Garcia & Manuel Fernandez
Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....	Deacon Ken Hill, Director
Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
Music & Liturgy (Ext. 105).....	Steven Woodbury
Receptionist.....	Maria Harrington
Religious Education (892-1497).....	Sr. Alma Blume MPF
Administrative Asst (892-1497).....	Laura Smith
Sacristan.....	Anne McCluskey
Secretary to the Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Kathy Girón
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Web Site.....	www.stanm.org
Youth Ministries (896-8097).....	Justin Bucalo
Assistant (896-8097).....	Rita Montano

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (fulfills Sunday obligation).....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (Bilingual) & 6:00 p.m. (Life Teen)
Monday - Saturday.....	9:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday.....	6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

**24 hours each day in the Adoration Chapel
located on the west side of the Church**

Mission Church St. John Vianney

1000 26th Ave N.E., Rio Rancho

Mass Times

Saturday.....	4:00 p.m.
Saturday Confessions.....	3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
Sunday.....	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Religious Education.....	11:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday.....	8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday.....	8:30 a.m., 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Around the Archdiocese

Upcoming Retreat @ Pecos Benedictine Monastery

April 3 - 5

“Restoration of the Soul:
An Introduction to Art and Spirituality”
Presented by Madeline Rugh Ph.D

Madeline has been teaching for over 30 years. She has developed numerous programs in the U.S. and Canada inter-facing art, interspirituality and ecology. While teaching at St Gregory’s University in Oklahoma, Dr. Rugh co-developed the “Art at the Abbey” program to assist people in learning about art as a contemplative practice.

This retreat will introduce participants to the forgotten language of the soul: art, symbol and ceremony. Using a variety of art media, participants will examine issues surrounding the meaning and experience of “soul” from a cross-cultural perspective. Please join us for a joyful experience of “making” where we will discover, renew and celebrate the depths of being called “soul.” No previous art experience required.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

From **February 25th through April 5th**, our community will be uniting with more than 125 communities for a simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers across the country are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. Archbishop Michael Sheehan, along with many other prominent national leaders, has endorsed the 40 Days For Life campaign in Albuquerque. In Albuquerque the 40 Days for Life campaign will be made up of two key components:

Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local Planned Parenthood at 719 San Mateo NE between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm.

Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. In order to maintain a constant vigil we are asking our parishes, churches and organizations to be assigned specific days that their people will silently pray and witness outside the abortuary from 7 am to 7 pm., 7 days a week during the 40 days of the prayer campaign. **We are asking St. Thomas Aquinas parish to fill the following Saturday: April 4th.** To learn more about the plans for the nationwide effort, you can visit online: www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque To learn more about the local Albuquerque campaign you can also call Project Defending Life at (505) 266-4100. I look forward to talking with you.

St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

Altar & Rosary Society: Saralee Wisner - 792-5516
Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima: Gerri - 892-0414
BeFriender: Gloria Hultine - 891-0388
Bereavement: Mary Davidson - 892-9886
Catholic Daughters of America: Mary Chambers - 896-0256
Charismatic Prayer Group: Nila Baker - 892-1511 x361
Counseling Center: 417-2467 or Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511, ext. 113
Elizabeth Ministry: Rhonda Neel - 899-3817
Eucharistic Adoration: Ben & Gaylene Bitonel - (806) 676-0333
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Doug & Karen Taylor - 896-7985
FAMILIA: Phil & Cathy Casaus 890-3222
Finance Council: Bill Cortez - 892-6559
Greeters: NA
Home & Hospital Ministry: Eileen Walling - 891-1775
Catholic Homeschoolers: Andrea Bass - 323-9222
Girl Scouts: Joyce Sypher - 896-1205
Holy Cross Association: John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245
Knights of Columbus #6696: William M. McCarty II - 681-0570
Lectors: Maria Burns—771-2005
Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator: Jeanette Mata - 250-5489
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanco - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Coleen Maddy - 404-1392
Pre-Cana: Michael & Michelle Beglau 771-0756
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Felicie Truscio 891-1304
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry: Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322
Welcoming Team: John & Mecki Kahrs - 890-6534
Young Adult Catholics: Deacon Dave Little - 890-6574

Crisis & Immediate Help

Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center: 266-7711
All Faith's Receiving Home: 271-0329
Catholic Charities: 247-9521
Child Abuse/Neglect: 841-6100 or 1-800-797-3260
Haven House: 896-4869 or 1-800-526-7157
Missing Children's Hotline: 1-800-587-4357
National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-621-4000
S.A.F.E. House 247-4219
Suicide Crisis Hotline: 247-1121 or 266-7711

Support & Other Groups

AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-2437
Ala Teen or Al Anon: 262-2177
Alcoholics Anonymous: 266-1900
Birthright Rio Rancho: 891-1430
Blue Star Mother: 792-4552
Boy Scouts: Bob Ortiz - 891-8941
Children, Youth & Families: 841-4482
Concerned for Disabled: 892-6467
Consumer Credit Counseling: 884-6601
Cub Scouts: Carol Donlin 6a@stasnm.org
Gamblers Anonymous: 260-9899
NAMI (Mental Illness): Betty Rivera 867-1087 or Lee Stevens 792-8871
NM Commission for the Blind: 841-8844
Overeaters Anonymous: 896-1359
St. Felix Pantry: 891-8075 - Food & Clothing Support
St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center: 417-2467 or 892-1511 ext. 113
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 892-0526
United Way Information & Referral Help Line: 247-3671