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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

May 17th, 2009

6th Sunday of Easter

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We live a
 dynamic orthodoxy
 that is a spirit-filled
 faithfulness to
 Jesus Christ
 and His Gospel
 and to
 His Catholic Church
 and its teachings.



Pastor’s Corner

My dear family,



I just came back from the Kindergarten “graduation” at our parochial school. My, those kids are cute. It’s hard to believe that we were once so cute, also!

When you see those kids, saying all the prayers they have learned, singing their little hearts out with songs of love for God and country, showing such good manners and self-discipline (for kindergarten kids!), you see how important a Catholic School is. It is worth every minute of effort and dollar of investment. You all have made this happen. You should be proud of what you have done for God and his children.

Here is some interesting news. The school will be paid off in seven months. The new rectory will be paid off about a year after that. Not bad, dear friends.

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Even now, I, together with our Business Manager and Finance Council, are looking ahead to the much needed repairs that need to be done to the church. This will be a big project, because it involves three things that must be done together – the roof (that I am told had leaked from the day the new part of the church opened), the pews (disintegrating, in good part because of the leaky roof), and the floor (which is also disintegrating, for the same reasons). All three of these are big-ticket items. And, of course, the parking lot needs to be redone – together with lots of other smaller things. This summer I plan on getting an architect to give us some preliminary ideas, including costs. Then, when the economy starts to turn around (which, please God, will be soon), we can see how best to go about doing this. I will keep you informed as things progress.

A blessed week to you all,

Msgr. Doug Raun

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Father Whorton is leaving to serve our Country!
 Dear friends, as we all know Fr. Whorton is leaving on deployment to Iraq this year. The time has arrived. **Fr. Whorton has six young children, one having just been born Friday, May 8th!** We would like to reach out to all of you amazing parishioners and ask that **if any of you can help in any way, particularly in the service of meals, please contact Audrey Walaszek: 792-8716 or Sandra Crum: tcrum@q.com!** In addition, we will have a **traveling Icon of Maximilian Kolbe** available for any family willing to host and **offer a novena for the protection of Fr. Jeff and for their family.** Please contact Deb Schaff:

jdschaff7@msn.com to be a part of this amazing opportunity to pray for our Priest and his family. God bless you and all that you do to witness God's precious love!

May



WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS
Alfonso & Tina Flores, Erica & Derik Gallegos, Jane Zawkiewicz, Presciliano Barron & Maribel Romero, Fernando Dominguez, Myrtle Elliott, Anthony Giaquinto, Ron & Jamine Carrion, Mark & Laura Garcia

FUNERALS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass.

Please call our Parish Office.

At St. John Vianney Mission

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1st Banns

Ana Marie Riggle and Nicholas Hester

2nd Banns

Veronica Lockwald and Simon "Gerard" Cordero

Deborah Gilbert and Rene Luis

3rd Banns:

Natalie VanDerWege and Timothy Magistro

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

CD's Available for sale at STA Parish Office 2009 Holy Week Masses, Homilies (Monsignor Raun) and Music

1. PALM SUNDAY:

"2 Tests that someone loves you:

- 1) Willing to do good for you;
- 2) Willing to suffer for you."

3. HOLY THURSDAY: "The Night of Love":

St. Bernard: "Lord, it is not befitting Your Majesty to appear under the form of bread."

Jesus: "It is true. It is not befitting My Majesty; but it is befitting My Love."

4. GOOD FRIDAY:

"A scapegoat, 3 Crosses, and a Woman."

5. EASTER vigil:

"Mark 16: 6-7, The Angel tells us:

- 1) Fear not,
- 2) Come and See,
- 3) Go and Tell."

(2 CD Set, suggested donation of \$5.00)

2009 ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan requests the honor of your presence at the 2009 Archdiocesan Evangelization Conference, a joyous gathering of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

"Hear, Speak, Live...the Word of God"!

This will be the focus of the 2009 Archdiocesan Evangelization Conference to be held on **Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th**

Next Week's Readings

17 May—24 May

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1Jn 4:7-10/
Jn. 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn. 15:26---16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn. 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn. 16:12-15
- Thursday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/
Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn. 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn. 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1Jn 4:11-16/
1Jn 17:11b-19

Six Saints of the 20th Century Talks on DVDS

The very popular "*Soup and Scripture Series*": Six Saints of the 20th Century, with talks by Fr. Jeff Whorton (*St. Maximilian Kolbe*), Fr. Scott Mansfield (*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta* and *Saint Padre Pio of Patrelcina*), Fr. Michael DePalma (*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*), Msgr. Doug Raun (*Saint Gianna Berretta Molla*), and Justin Bucalo (*Saint Maria Goretti*) is now available.

The album set of 6 DVDs is available for a donation of \$25.00. All profits will go to producing additional albums for Prison Ministry, shut-ins, evangelization, etc. Call the Parish Office 892-1511 to place your order. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas.

Upcoming Events

MISSIONARY ROSARY MAKERS

“**Adopt a Mission**” The Missionary Rosary makers need your help to keep sending rosaries over seas to India, Uganda, Tanzania, Philippines, South America and many other countries. Please Adopt a Mission which you will pay to mail rosaries. We now have 5000 rosaries that we are unable to mail because of lack of funds.

SAVE YOUR POSOLE APPETITE FOR TODAY. The Mission Rosary makers will be selling **posole, tamales, enchiladas, beans and rice and delicious desserts TO-DAY after the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. masses.** All proceeds will help us to mail rosaries to the missions overseas. Thank you for your support.

FELICIAN SISTERS AUXILIARY

A garage and Bake sale will be held at the convent at 4210 Meadowlark lane in Rio Rancho on **May 22nd and 23rd at 9:00 a.m.** A large variety of items will be for sale. All baked goods will be homemade. This sale will benefit the sisters at the convent. Donations are accepted. For more information please call 217-2348 or 771-1759.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Thank you to all who support our Religious Article Sales. The **proceeds are for our Seminarians, Sisters who are studying for their final vows and for our parish special projects** as designated by Msgr. Raun.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast** on Sunday, **May 24th** after the **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. masses.** The delicious breakfast will be served in **Father D’Arco Hall.** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies. **COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3 for children.** Please join us.

“**Art reproductions of “THE CRUCIFIXION”** are available!

Some **8 x 10-inch color reproductions of Michael Carpenter’s** beautiful painting still can be purchased at the Knights of Columbus breakfast in Fr. D’Arco Hall on Sunday, **May 24th.** Stop by or reserve a print in a protective sleeve by calling Ron Porath at 890-5354. **Only \$10.00.”**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

For saving my marriage.
For saving our home when we almost lost it.
For this beautiful parish and wonderful priests.
For helping those who are ill endure their pain.
For the strength to move on in one of my most turbulent times



Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

May

24th– Feast of the Ascension

25th– Memorial Day—**9:00 a.m. Mass only**

31st– Feast of Pentecost

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Thanks to everyone for their devotion to the Eucharist. There are days when there is absolutely no where to sit in the chapel. That is an awesome sight to see and I pray it continues so that this beautiful devotion of meditation before the Blessed Sacrament continues for many years to come.

Please remember to sign in when you visit the chapel. There have been some recent situations in the adoration chapel where the sign up sheets are being tampered with and removed. Please call Gay Bitonel @ 806/676-0333 if there is any issue with any of the sign in sheets or prayers request sheets. It is very hard to stay on top of this if someone is removing these most important pieces of paper. Also, I can't emphasize enough the importance of clearing every kind of prayer material with Msgr. Raun before it is left in the chapel.

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!

Monday: 2:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 2:00 a.m.

Thursday: 2:00 a.m.

Friday: 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 Noon, 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 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: May 15-30 Mary Lou Calerone

Virgin II: May 15-30 Kathy Giron

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.

BeFriender Ministry



BeFriender Ministry will begin a **training class for new volunteers**. The next training class will be sometime between **July and September and runs for 5 Sundays, 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 pm.** You are welcome to come to the training if you are currently serving in a ministry and want to learn how to listen. BeFriender Ministry is a listening presence reaching out to those who are in any difficult transition including the homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, elderly, job loss, or alone. For more information about BeFrienders Ministry, **contact Gloria at 891-0388**. You can pick up a brochure located in the book racks by all the church doors.

PENTECOST PARISH NOVENA

A novena for the feast of Pentecost and for the renewal of the gifts and graces of Confirmation, will be prayed during Masses beginning **May 22-29**. “Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love.”

Caring 4 Kids is open to ALL, young and not so young. We provide warmth and comfort for children in need. We make blankets, collect t-shirts, and new or lightly used stuffed animals. We donate to Police and Fire departments, Birthright of RR, and St. Felix Pantry. **We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly in the St. Lucy Room from 9:30am-Noon.** Snacks, refreshments and material to make blankets are provided. No experience necessary. For more information call Victoria at 261-1488. **We will meet June 3rd.**

Bereavement Support Group

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

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.

Culture of Life Corner

Our Blessed Mother Mary did more than just give her “Fiat...Let it be done unto me according to Your Word.” “Mary conceived and gave birth to the Son of God. Mary enters, in a sense, into the circle of life of the divine family.” (From: “Mary... Reflection of the Trinity and First-Fruits of Creation” by Rosa Lombardi, MPF). She nourished Jesus as an infant; she presented Him to the Temple and later found Him there doing “His Father’s business;” then, she encouraged Him at Cana; she stood below the cross at Calvary; she received Him as He was lowered down from the cross. Can we do no less?

There are key elements to opening our minds and hearts to the Pro-Life movement. We cannot afford to be passive, meaning: just reading this article, agreeing in half-convinced tones, waving as we go by those praying in front of Abortion Clinics,. By doing something positive, we mean: joining the movement, writing and calling Legislators to speak out against Abortion and in favor of Pro-Life Laws. We must do more to protect our unborn or we will not see our generation and our future generations become truly free under our Constitution and worship God as His people. For our passive attitude, we may not get the same lucky chance to be redeemed as did one of the thieves hanging next to Jesus!

Submitted by Charles Griego

“A wedding is a day, a Marriage is a lifetime,” is the message that **Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend** presents to the engaged couples attending their weekend retreat. For more information, call 352-1177 or 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

Pre-Cana couples must attend **one** introductory session on Natural Family Planning. We suggest couples attend a session 4-6 months before their wedding date. To schedule a session and for more information, contact Rosanne Sloan at 892-2927.

Marriage & Family Life Deacon Hill 892 1511 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.

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



MAY
17th- Hitch
24th- No Life Teen
Memorial Day Weekend
31st-
SUMMER KICK OFF BBQ!!!

Congrat! To the Class of 2009
From Justin and Rita and Life Teen Core

PARENT LIFE
17th- Hitch
24th- No Parent Life
Memorial Day Weekend

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

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 **May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.** Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

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

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 Religious Ed classes are now available in the Religious Ed Building.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of **July 6-10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. **Registration Forms** will be available the week of **April 26** in the **Religious Ed building**.

**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

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

FOR RCIA & ALPHA

GOOD SEARCH

You can help raise money for our parish just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo), or shopping online with GoodShop.com. Simply visit www.GoodSearch.com, type "St. Thomas Aquinas Parish" in the "Who do you Good Search for?" window, click "Verify," and search or shop to your heart's content! Our church receives one cent for every search, and a small percentage of every online sale made through merchants "clicked-through" to from Good Shop. Thank you, and God bless you!

Cursillo Ultreya

There will be an Ultreya on **Tuesday May 25th** at St. Thomas Aquinas Religious 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.

En Fuego! Spread the Word!

To: Every adult, teenager, and child in our parish

From: Monsignor Douglas Raun, Pastor

What: A special free gift—the New American Bible dramatized recording of the New Testament

When: Distribution will take place on the weekends of **May 30/31 and June 6/7**

Where: Father D'Arco Hall, immediately following all Sunday obligation Masses.

Why: A) We are being encouraged to spend more time in Scripture each day in conjunction with "The Year of God's Word" initiative.

It only takes 28 minutes a day to listen to the entire New Testament in 40 days. "You've Got the Time!"

Why: B) We have an opportunity not only to receive this gift and use it, but to also help others who have never heard the Scriptures in their language.

Facts: It takes \$25,596 to make recordings for these poor indigenous regions. Let's bring our best gift for this effort. Our Catholic Church will benefit greatly. We will be collecting a free-will offering to support this important work of making disciples of all nations. We hope that our parish will be able to fund an entire translation.

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry

meets Thursday nights at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Monday

May 18th Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Joseph S. Bithoney by Herb Bethoney
 † Robert Lehmkuhl by Mary Sterk
 † Bill Moore Sr. by Bill & Debbie Moore

6:00 p.m. † Joe B. Lujan 3rd anniversary
 by Bernie, Karen & the Lujan family
 Souls in Purgatory
 † John Chávez by Maura Jans

7:15 a.m. For those looking for work.
 @STAS

Tuesday

May 19th Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Mary E. Moore by Bill & Debbie Moore
 † Charles Salvo by Prayer Group
 † Charles Salvo by Geraldine Ryan

6:00 p.m. † Uvaldo "Waldo" Armijo by Joe Vigil & Chris
 Miriam Sooley by Vickie
 Sr. Maria Faustina Large OP by Mom & Dad

7:15 a.m. Jackie Stumm-Mygatt 35th anniversary
 by Sister Carol Donlin
 @STAS

Wednesday

May 20th Weekday

9:00 a.m. Rick Torretto 75th birthday by Penny
 Corine & Joey Torrez by the Aragon family
 Manuel & Idela Romero for helath by family

6:00 p.m. † Matilda Hernández by Camille Fanelli & Debra Almarez
 † Francine Vigil by Ray Vigil
 † John Chávez by Olga Cusumano

8:15 a.m. For all teachers.
 @STAS

Thursday

May 21st, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Grace Sutherland birthday
 † Dick Beggans by Bill & Debbie Moore
 † Charles Salvo by Mr. & Mrs. Santo Genco

6:00 p.m. † Myron & Eleanor Sanchez by Ron Sanchez
 † Uvaldo "Waldo" Armijo by Joe Vigil & Chris
 † Charlie Salvo by Laura Erker

7:15 a.m. @STAS For the graduating class

Friday

May 22nd Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Rogers by Bill & Debbie Moore
 † Uvaldo "Waldo" Armijo by Joe Vigil & Chris
 † Charlie Salvo by the McClusky family

6:00 p.m. † Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski
 Leslie Hillen by Vickie
 To my children by Rosemarie Martinez

8:15 a.m. † For families affected by any crisis.
 @STAS

Saturday

May 23rd Saturday

9:00 a.m. † Mike Rogers by Bill & Debbie Moore
 † Charlie Salvo by Christine Perez
 † Roger Legendre by the Legendre family

5:00 p.m. Irma Giamboi birthday by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
 † Leo Tedeschi by Henry & Angela Pacelli
 † Don Hasselstrom 4th anniversary by wife Barbara

4:00 p.m. For all families affected by the recession.
 @ SJV

Sunday

May 24th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. † Susan Stamp by Geoffrey Stamp
 Darcy Copeland by Vickie

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Fr. Andrew D'Arco birthday by Mom & Dad
 † E.M.

11:00 a.m. Joe Diaz for health by Susan Sedoryk
 † Uvaldo "Waldo" Armijo by Gloria García
 † Chris Lavadie by Loretta Lavadie-sanchez

12:30 p.m. Jimmy Trujillo by Darlene Trujillo

6:00 p.m. Emily Fernandez birthday by Dolores Schnieder
 Patricia Martinez birthday by Dolores Schnieder
 Connie Proulx birthday by Dolores Schnieder

8:00 a.m. For those struggling with addictions.
 @ SJV

10:00 a.m. † Alice Roybal by Larry & Rose Chávez
 @ SJV † Francine Salazar by Micki Salazar

PRESENTING



Robert Martinez and I wrote several new songs and decided to try our hands recording them. In a few short weeks we were able to record ten songs, most being God centered tunes. The result of our effort is available at the St. Thomas Aquinas office or at Holy Family Religious supply. All proceeds benefit project defending life. Enjoy!

Fr. Scott Mansfield

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.

If you would like something to be considered for the bulletin you can email me at Jeannie.Pinel@stanm.org

More Parish News

As of 1 July, we will need new members for the Pastoral and Finance Councils. We would like you to be part of discerning who should serve in these important roles. Both of these committees are advisory in nature; they assist the Pastor in his duties of overseeing the spiritual and temporal well-being of the Parish. Nominees must be at least 18 years old, a confirmed and practicing Catholic, registered in the parish, and accepting the doctrine and discipline of the Catholic Church. Nominees will be invited to a discernment meeting with the Pastor and present council members. There the information will be shared, and after prayer and discussion, those who feel called to serve the parish in this ministry may offer to serve in this position. If there are more people willing to serve the positions, the candidates will decide among themselves who will serve.

Please provide names of those you nominate for this position on the form below. **Return the form to the parish office in the tithing box, in person, or in the mail no later than 18 May.**

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS FOR FINANCE COUNCIL

St. Thomas Aquinas School
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221
1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinaschool.org
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

St. Thomas Aquinas School will once again offer the **Summer Academy program. Reading and math will be offered** for remedial and advanced levels of students entering grades 1-8 in the fall. You may register for a two-week or four-week session. **The sessions start on Monday, June 1st. A 10% discount is offered for enrolled siblings.** The **registration deadline is Friday, May 22nd.** Applications are available online at www.stasnm.org, at the school office and also at the parish office. For more information, visit our website or call 892-3221.

Frassati Academy, a new concept in Catholic homeschooling, will continue to accept applications throughout the school year. We offer classes every Tuesday at the Religious Education Building after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call Janice Martinez at 352-0698 or Chris LaLonde 891-1488.

Pastoral Council

Purpose: To advise the pastor in the decision making process of planning, goal setting, and evaluating the quality of the parish's spiritual life and activities.

Special Qualifications: Be endowed with an overall knowledge of parish life and sensitivity to the values of the Gospel.

General Requirements:

- *Must be willing to serve the Council for three consecutive years.
- *Attend all committee meetings (normally monthly) unless reasonably excused.
- *Willing to chair committees of the Council and occasional special projects.
- *Willing to work in harmony with the Pastor and fellow Council members.

Finance Council

Purpose: To advise the pastor in the decision making process of the administration of temporal goods of the parish, such as the annual budget, annual financial report, stewardship, building and extraordinary expenditures, and general financial administration of the parish.

Special Qualifications:

- *Free of any conflict of interest arising from his/her occupation or relationship to the pastor.
- *Have expertise in regard to temporalities (Finance, Accounting, Management, Law, etc.)

General Responsibilities:

- *Must be willing to serve the Council for three consecutive years.
- *Attend all Council meetings (normally bi-monthly) unless reasonably excused.
- *Willing to chair committees of the Council and occasional special projects.
- *Willing to work in harmony with the Pastor and fellow Council members.

SCHOOL NEWS THROUGH THE EYES OF HOPE June 6th and 7th (Overnight)

Many struggle with so many issues. Getting along with your parents, school work, stress and many major life decisions! What is it God wants you to do with your life?!

Learn how to live life through the eyes of hope
Two day experience based on Pope Benedict's Encyclical *Spe Salvi* will bring your life to a new level. You'll learn how to work, exercise, sing, cook, play and pray in a spirit of hope!

Spaces are limited apply today! For all girls 16 and over.
Please bring a sleeping bag.

Place: St. Thomas Convent - 1408 Bertha Rd., Rio Rancho
Arrival: June 6th at 2:00 p.m.
Departure: June 7th at 11:00 a.m.

There is a \$10 reservation fee for this workshop.
Please cut off this portion and send to Sr. Anne Louise at St. Thomas Convent or contact her by phone: 891-9335 or e-mail. srabascal@hotmail.net

Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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
 Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....Liz Large
 Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....Jeannette Case Schlicher
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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 - Saturday9:00 a.m.
 Monday - Friday6:00 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 Confessions3:00 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

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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

CCD Coordinator

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MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION - June 13, 2009

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan invites all men to the 3rd Annual Men Under Construction Conference on **Saturday, June 13 in Fr. D'Arco Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Sign in begins at 7:00 AM** with a continental breakfast provided. The **program begins at 8:00 AM and ends with a closing Mass celebrated by the Archbishop about 4:00 PM.** This year's **theme is Family-Church-World.** The **purpose** of this conference is **to unite Catholic men and help them to be strong in their faith and to take responsibility for their actions as men in the secular world and as husbands, fathers and single men.**

Our **keynote speaker** will be the internationally known speaker from Catholic Radio, **Tim Staples.** Breakout **sessions include: Youth Ministries with a perspective for fathers; Unemployment and Spirituality; Apologetics and Catholic Responsibilities; Divine Mercy; the Five Catholic Non Negotiables; and Stewardship.** Opportunities for **Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available** throughout the conference.

The **advance registration fee is \$25 or \$30 at the door on a space available basis.** (Scholarships are available for those in **financial need.** Don't let financial stress keep you away.) A **complimentary continental breakfast and box lunch is provided to all attendees.**

To register go to:

www.MenUnderConstructionNM.org

Or send a check for \$25 made out to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and your name, address, phone and E-mail to:

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
 1502 Sara Road
 Rio Rancho, NM 87124

For questions or further information, phone (505) 217-4652 or send an E-mail to CatholicMensConference@gmail.com

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Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
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BeFriender: Gloria Hultine - 891-0388
Bereavement: Mary Davidson - 892-9886
Caring 4 Kids: Victoria at 261-1488
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
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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
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St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center: 417-2467 or 892-1511 ext. 113
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