

CHRISTMAS THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. - Mass - Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. - Mass - Children's Choir

7:30 p.m. - Mass - A Simple Family Celebration

9:00 p.m. - Mass - Life Teen Choir

10:45 p.m. - Final Christmas Novena,

Followed by carols and choir anthems.

12:00 a.m. - Solemn High Midnight Mass,

With choir and orchestra.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

5:00 p.m. - Mass

7:00 p.m. - Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. - Solemn High Mass

11:00 a.m. - Mass - organ and carols

12:30 a.m. - Mass - Spanish/English

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

8:00 a.m. - Mass

10:00 a.m. - Mass



PASTOR'S CORNER

My dear family,

Yet a few more days, and Christ is born! **Let us be fervent in our spiritual preparation** for His coming!

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This Christmas Novena continues all this week, until Christmas Eve. Remember that there are three priests confessing every morning, and four every evening. **THE LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS WILL BE DECEMBER 24, 8:30 AM.** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are just too hectic to hear confessions. Please plan ahead!

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Also, **plan ahead on which Christmas Mass you will attend.** A word to the wise: the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass is a zoo. The 6, 7:30 and 9 pm Masses are far less crowded and far more enjoyable. The choir is working on some special new music for Midnight Mass, and it should be a glorious celebration.

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Remember **our parish pilgrimage to the Passion Play** in Oberammergau, Germany : September 13-25, 2010. The most famous Passion Play in the world, performed only once every ten years. Also, we shall be visiting the shrines of our Lady in southern Germany and Switzerland. Call the parish office for more information.

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A suggestion – **pray the prayer on the holy card** we priests sent you **in front of your home Nativity set** for each day of the Octave of Christmas (that is, to January 1st inclusive.) Perhaps pray it together as a family!

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As always , any offering you may care to give at the Adoration of the Christ Child at the end of Christmas Mass will go to support our parish overseas mission of Msgr. Mukassa and Bishop Zziwa in Uganda.

In the name of all the priests, deacons, sisters and staff of the parish, I wish everyone a blessed and merry celebration of our Lord's Birth.

Msgr. Doug Raun

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY

A special memorial Mass for aborted, miscarried, and still-born children will be celebrated at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, 12/28/09.** Members of families who have thus lost children are invited to participate as part of their healing processes. Often, it is helpful to name these children. A special parish book of remembrance will be available to record their names and family members' reflections, if desired.



FUNERALS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

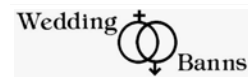
*Ely Forrester Wesley Bass
Addison Noel
Georgeanna DeHerrera*



**Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass.
Please call our Parish Office.**

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At St. John Vianney Mission
Tera Lee Hopper

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



1st Banns

Vitalia Calvo & Albert Lopez

2nd Banns

*Tiffany Beasley & Jonathan Zerangue
Samantha Rashad & Ray Silva*

3rd Banns

Elaine Villa & Michael Gallegos

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



Next Week's Readings

December 20th - December 27th

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The S.T.A. Altar and Rosary Society is holding its Annual Membership Drive during the month of December. Membership is open to any woman parishioner who is at least 18years-old and who practices her Catholic faith according to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church. For a membership application or for more information, please call Saralee at 792-5516 or Lorraine at 792-0663.

The STA Altar and Rosary Society will be selling prints of a beautiful reproduction painting done by Deacon Tom Burns of STA. The 8x10 prints of "La Madonna Nina" (aka The Madonna of the Streets") will be sold for \$5 each at the A&RS Religious Artcles Sales. You can also call Saralee at 792-5516 to reserve your print.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Jesus was born during the night of the year, when darkness is the longest. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to bring the light of Jesus to those in need. Your generous donations provide food and assistance in paying utility and rent bills. Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in helping in this meaningful work, please call the office at 892-0526.

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul, please call the office at 892-0526

Are you interested in encouraging young scientists? **St. Thomas Aquinas School is seeking qualified Science Fair judges for the school's Science Fair on January 26, 2010.** Please contact Mary Rogel at 948-0277 or email at mlrogel@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting our school.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1974 WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES EVERY DAY FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AND WEEKENDS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. IN THE YARD AREA IN FRONT OF THE LIFE TEEN HOUSE. BEST PRICES IN THE AREA.

“DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR A RECEPTION, A BIRTHDAY, OR FOR A MEETING?”

The Knights of Columbus in Rio Rancho rent out their hall for your receptions, meetings, birthday parties, and family gatherings. Please call 896-5599 or 792-0663 for more info.

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

ADORATION

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - Pope Benedict XVI.

"Loving Lord, how many times have I not welcomed your Son when he came to me? Forgive me, and in your mercy make me attentive to every knock of your truth and love on the door of my heart, in what the Church teaches, in the Eucharist, and in my conscience." (taken from the Magnificat Advent Companion)

May this Advent season bring you joy and comfort, happiness, peace, and a closer walk with our Lord. Please consider this most blessed time of the year as a knock at the door of your heart to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the coordinators listed for more information.

We need adorers for these hours: Monday noon Friday 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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: December 15 - 30 Ed & Mary Lou Lopez

Virgin II: December 15 - 30 Bob & Gerri 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: Carl Jeske, Celestine & Wilma by Frances Jeske (12-20 to 12-26).

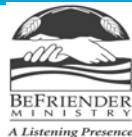
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

- For my new home.**
- For guidance and blessings.**
- For helping me in my illness.**
- For today and financial assistance.**
- For bringing my grandma back to us.**
- For getting my son (9 yrs. old) home safely on that horrendous night.**



BeFriender Ministry



Stressed out? Lonely? Holidays sometimes make us sad, rather than joyful. Need a companion for the Spiritual Journey? If you need someone to simply listen to you, give BeFrienders a call. We're a friend with a simple listening presence to walk with you through a difficult period. We're confidential and biblically-trained ministers commissioned by the Parish, who open our hearts and ears to your words. Feliz Navidad * Merry Christmas. See our brochures on the literature racks at church entrances or call Gloria at 891-0388.

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.

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.

Culture of Life Corner

"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"(Lk1:42). This unmatched beauty and "full of Grace" brought forth Jesus into the world, proclaimed first and foremost of his Mother when He said: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."(Lk11:27): her deep faith in God's word and the happiness that is due to faith."Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled (Lk:1:4,5)

Submitted by Charles Griego

ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS (Religious Education Building)

Blue Army: **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.;** Kathy-898-5591, Joann-899-9647. (Call Kathy or Joann with your prayer petitions.)

Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass

Al-Anon: Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6

Charismatic Prayer Meeting:

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Lucy Filippini Room)

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office

Rosary Makers: Fridays, 10:00 a.m.,
rm. 6, Religious Ed. Bldg., 896-6127

Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104

S.T.A. GIRLS CHALLENGE

The girls and their mothers are planning to offer baby-sitting for one night, **December 21st, at 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. for those mothers want to go to confession.** The challenge group will be **receiving children at 5:00 p.m.** in the Religious Education Building and the nursery.

BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright Rio Rancho is seeking volunteers to help with everything from counseling pregnant women to answering the phone to sorting clothes. Counseling experience is not a requirement, but a willing heart is! **We especially need help during weekdays including Tuesdays 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 – 4 p.m. and Fridays 10 – 2 p.m.** Please contact Debbie Schaff at (505) 331-3132, birthrightofrr@aol.com; or drop in at 2704 Southern Blvd. Birthright Rio Rancho is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting women with unplanned pregnancies.

IT'S YOUR LIFE

**Presented by noted psychologist,
speaker and author**

John Thurman L.P.C.

**Free—Saturday, January 16, 8:00 to noon
At St. Thomas Aquinas School**

This catholic seminar is a high energy class that will give you the tools needed to freely live a purposed filled spiritual life.

R.S.V.P. to parish office at 892-1511

"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? Is He inviting you to be a religious Teacher Filippini?, Call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, MPF (793) 538-2886x124 or email:srmelloyd@gmail.com

TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to: Contact @stanm.org.

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

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



Life Teen

Life Teen will resume January 10th.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will not be in session December 21st & 28th. Classes will resume January 4th. **Teens if you have not turned in your Saint Report please do so ASAP.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 WILL BE IN MADRID SPAIN!!

Are you a young adult who is interested in coming to WYD in 2011? We will be going on an 14 day pilgrimage in August 2011. We will travel to France and Spain. If you missed the meeting and are interested in coming please contact us at 896-8097. We still have spots available. Please note that you must be over the age of 18 by August 2011 (unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian) to attend. **No exceptions.**

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.

For more information, call 890-6574.

The Young Adult Group We **will meet again January 8, 2010**. If you could please put this in the bulletin that would be wonderful.

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

For the Christmas Break there will be no Class from Dec. 21 thru Jan. 4. Classes will resume on Jan .5th.

NEW ACTS COURSE SCHEDULED!

What is ACTS? ACTS is our parish's Adult Catholic Theology School. Rick Torretto, a parishioner who holds a master's degree in theology, will present a special, seven-week, three-part course: Part I—"Spiritual Warfare and Angelology;" Part II—"Putting on the Armor of the Lord is an Offensive Act;" and Part III—"Deception and Discernment: the Devil's Poison and God's Antidote," Mondays, 1/4/10-2/15/10, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. There is no charge for the course, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. Registration is appreciated so sufficient handouts may be provided for each session. Call 892-1511, x104, to reserve your place.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

ALPHA IS COMING!!!!

The Alpha Course is an **18-week course in basic Catholic/Christian teaching**. Participants share a meal, listen to a talk usually presented by one of our own parish clergy, and then discuss the current topic. Some of the topics are, "Who is Jesus?" "Why and How Do I Read the Bible?" and "Who Needs the Catholic Church?" All adults, whether Catholic or not, may participate in our Alpha Course. For people wishing to receive sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) in the Catholic Church, Alpha serves as the first phase of their preparation to receive any or all of those sacraments in our parish. Attendance in "Alpha for Catholics" is free of charge, and we will provide you all necessary materials. Participants' donations to offset the cost of food are gratefully accepted whenever personal finances allow, however!

Our next Alpha session will begin in Fr. D'Arco Hall on Tuesday, 1/5/2010, at 6:00 p.m., and will continue to meet on Tuesday nights. In addition, there will be two special events offered to participants: a Saturday retreat and a day of reflection on a later Saturday.

Contact Viana at vianasikes@yahoo.com for more information and to register.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal process by which the Catholic Church prepares adults who wish to become Catholic. At our parish, this process begins with The Alpha Course. **RCIA will begin on Sunday, 1/3/10, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the Religious Education Center, room 7. RCIA is only open to adults who have completed Alpha (or its equivalent), and their support people (spouses, sponsors, friends, etc.).**

If you completed Alpha prior to the 2008-2009 year, but have not yet participated in the rest of RCIA, and now wish to, please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to register. If you participated in the pre- and early catechumenate at another parish, but now wish to complete the RCIA process here at St. Thomas Aquinas, please contact Jeannette about this, as well.

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

A new, 24-session Great Adventure Bible Timeline study group is forming. This is the foundational Bible study course. It **will meet on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the Religious Education Center, room 8, beginning 1/7/10**. You will need a Catholic version of the Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit will be \$30, payable the first night of class. Contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to pre-register.



Mass Intentions

Monday December 21st, Monday of the 4th Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. † James & Irma Serna by family
- † Robert Duke by Rosie Root
- † Florence Dickman by Rosie Root

- 6:00 p.m. † Robert Gallegos 5th anniversary by Terry Gallegos
- José & Helen Trujillo by Lydia Lerma
- Don & Pat Weidner 24th wedding anniversary by Don

Tuesday December 22nd, Tuesday of the 4th Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. † Sidney Nather by Bob & Saralee Wisner
- † Zora A. Jurkas by Peter J. Jurkas
- Elizabeth Flint for health by Jerry & Nathan Mathews

- 6:00 p.m. Jonathan Zerangue by Tiffany Beasley

Wednesday December 23rd, Wednesday of the 4th Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. † Dennis Virnig by Rick & Penny Torretto
- † Robert Groppe by the prayer group
- Ashlee Garcia for her to do well in school by Schawnee

- 6:00 p.m. Theresa Zerangue by Tiffany & Jonathan

Thursday December 24th, Christmas Eve

- 9:00 a.m. † Joseph & Dorothy King
- by Mary & Carol Bryant & Son Christopher
- Ben Koren by Tiffany & Jonathan
- † Leopoldo (Grandpa) Marquez by Bernardoni family

- 4:00 p.m. † John Krewer by family
- † The Karl Kelly family by Elaine Jones
- † Carmela Molitano by her family

- 6:00 p.m. In thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Nadine Candelaria
- Miriam & Richard Sooley by Vickie
- Mary Ellen & Don Mateyka by Vickie

- 7:30 p.m. † Clementina Gabella by Mr. & Mrs. Negri
- † Alice Raybal by family
- † Thomas Prosser by sister

- 9:00 p.m. For those out in the cold to find shelter and warmth

- 12:00 a.m. † Peter Miller by Jerry Miller
- Midnight † José Ramon & Fannie Armijo by the Bratt family
- Mass † Fr. William G. Most by Jeannette & Rex Schlicher

5:00 p.m. For a Blessed Christmas for all
SJV

7:00 p.m. For Peace and love in the world
SJV

Friday December 25th, Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas

- 9:00 a.m. † Leonard Baker by wife Nila Baker
- † Cywinski, GŁód, Mazurkiewics, Pochron families
- by Paul & Helen Cywinski
- † Robert & Harold Gallegos by Terry Gallegos

- 11:00 a.m. † Alfred & Anna Kohl by Mariam & Bob Kohl
- Barbara & Shigezi maehara by Vickie
- John & Heather Sooley by Vickie

- 12:30 p.m. † Deceased family & friends of the
- Montañez & Denman family by the Denman family
- Jim & Nikkie O'Brien by Vickie
- Leslie & Darcy by Vickie

- 8:00 a.m. SJV –For those without families.

- 10:00 a.m. † William Rodgers by family
- SJV

Saturday December 26th, St. Stephen

- 9:00 a.m. † Mary Angela Cismoski by Irene Green
- † Fannie Armijo by the Bratt family
- Dolores Healing by daughter Schawnee

- 5:00 p.m. † James Doyle & Amy Louis Johnson by Parents
- † Genevieve Konkol by Anne Lazar
- † Charles & Alicia Ela by Monica

- 4:00 p.m. Melissa Glennon 15th anniversary of baptism
- @SJV by Mom & Dad

Sunday December 27th Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

- 7:00 a.m. † Edward Lichtensteiger by June & family
- † Elenor Sooley by Vickie
- † Susan Stamp by Geoffrey Stamp

- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
- † Czachron, Bredberg, Hilty & Carlson families
- by Paul & Helen Cywinski
- † Anne Carbone by the Society of SVdP

- 11:00 a.m. † Joseph & Anna Ventura by Aldo & Maria Ventura
- † Linda Di Rito by Mr. & Mrs Bart Ariola.
- † Frank Torres siempre con coriño Lorraine Torres

- 12:30 p.m. † Pelagia Delgado by Cris O'Grady
- † Frank Gallegos by Antoinette Baca
- † Luciano Martinez by Antoinette Baca

- 6:00 p.m. In thanksgiving to St. John Vianney
- by Edward Archibeque

- 8:00 a.m. † George Bartlett by Anderson family
- @ SJV Carlos Bruno happy birthday by the Torres family

- 10:00 a.m. † George Bartlett by Anderson family
- @ SJV



Merry Christmas



"PRO LIFE ROSARY"

Come pray with us for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, the pre-born. **sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood office in the NW corner of the Target mini mall West of Hwy 528.** We always pray the last **Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS

Everyone Welcome!

Come and share the love of the Father, by acclaiming the Lordship of Jesus the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praise and Worship - Teachings

Intercessory Prayer

Fellowship

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Lucy Filippini Room.

Bring your Bible. Bring a Friend.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Is on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday, of the month

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. In the Church.

NO pre-sign up required.

Just show up. Ages 3 and older.

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 Open House

An Open House for families interested in finding out more about St. Thomas Aquinas School will be **Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 am.** We will meet in the school cafeteria for a presentation by our principal. Sister Anne will give a power point overview of St. Thomas Aquinas School after which there will be Q & A time.

Tours will be conducted following the presentation.

St. Thomas Aquinas School is located at 1100 Hood Road SE, Rio Rancho. For more information, please call 892-3221 or visit www.stasnm.org.

Tremendous Response

Our school and parish families responded in a most generous fashion to Father Whorton's request for the troops he serves in Iraq. Over 400 bottles of foot powder were sent overseas! Now we have a happy dilemma. Since your generosity was much greater than anticipated, the cost to mail was greater as well. If you'd like to donate funds to help cover the postage expense, please make your donation check out to St. Thomas Aquinas School. Your contribution can be dropped at the school or parish offices or mailed to St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Any amount donated is very greatly appreciated.

STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic Priest?

Without obligation or commitment, you are invited to attend a weekend retreat to learn about a priestly vocation.

When: Friday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Thru: Sunday, February 7, till 1:00 p.m.

Where: IHM Retreat Center, Santa Fe
QUESTIONS?

Call: Fr. Michael De Palma - 831-8143

Knights and New Colors!

The administration and students of STAS thank the Knights of Pope John Paul the First Assembly 1905 in Rio



Rancho for their continued good works at the school and in the community. In November, 5 members of the Knights retired the old colors and presented new colors and conducted a short flag ceremony to explain what the colors mean. Assembly 1905 graciously accepts responsibility for the cost of the flags and changes them when necessary. Assembly 1905 has approximately 100 members and keep a busy schedule of events to improve the community. Many Catholic students have received college scholarships from the Knights, who recently erected an Unborn Memorial at St. John Vianney Parish. Mr. Allen Rowbotham, (State Treasurer) says the Knights also hold prayer vigils in support of Right to Life, as well as sponsoring sports and essay contests.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St. Thomas Aquinas church was alive with the sounds of sheep, cows and a magical mouse, all part of the school's annual Christmas pageant. Students in grades 1-4 spent weeks learning songs, music and scripts to



usher in this blessed season, and the church was filled to capacity. This most anticipated of annual events is the product of our dedicated music teacher, Mrs. Teresa Bency. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Bency plus the parents who assist in many ways, including instrument transportation and costuming. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Leyba and Tony Quinones for handling audio and video.

RESPECT LIFE

The St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini Room adjacent to the Parish Office. For information, please contact Felicie

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
.....	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
Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Deacon James Baca
Bulletin Editor (Ext. 111).....
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
Special Mass Schedule.....	Extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
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

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and returned to you, O Lord. Lord give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

December 20th -	Rev. Michael De Palma, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Santa Fe
December 21st -	Rev. Berard Doeger OFM
December 22nd -	Rev. Dennis Dolter SOLT, Regional Procurator, Bosque
December 23rd -	Rev. Vincent Dominguez, Parochial Vicar, Queen of Heaven, Albuquerque
December 26th -	Rev. Edward Domme, Pastor, Our Lady of Assumption, Albuquerque

December 23, 2009 our Mom's Ministry and Gabriel Project volunteers will gather with **25 of our moms, babies and children** to celebrate the coming of Jesus. All are invited to join us at Project Defending Life from 5:00pm-7:00pm for this joyous Christmas event. We are expecting approximately 60 adults and at least 30 children, and are in need of some volunteers. Please contact Bobbi at bcuddihy@msn.com or 505-821-0396 if you can help us with any of the following items:

- **Become a gift giver** for one of our 5 moms or over a dozen children who are still in need of Christmas gifts. If you are interested in adopting one of these mothers or a child, please contact Bobbie for specific gift needs, ages and genders.
- **25 nativity sets** will be given as gifts, one to each of our families. Please contact Bobbie for more information about donating a nativity set.
- **Cooks needed!** We are planning a Mexican menu, and are still in need of many items. Please see the menu below and sign up to bring a dish!
 - Posole: 2 electric roasters
 - Beans and Chili: 5 crock pots
 - Enchiladas: 8 casseroles
 - Tortillas: 6 dozen
 - Tamales: 3 dozen
 - Biscochitos: 10 dozen
 - Pastillitos or Empanadas: 3 pans
 - Ginger Ale: 15 liters
 - Lemonade: 8 cans
 - Orange juice: 3 gallon jugs

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
Caring 4 Kids: Victoria at 261-1488
Catholic Daughters of America: Mary Chambers - 896-0256
Charismatic Prayer Group: Nila Baker
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: 892-1511 ext.101
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 Hanko - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Coleen Maddy - 404-1392
Pre-Cana: Michael & Michelle Beglau 270-6137
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Felicie Truscio 891-1304
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260
Venture Scouting: Mike Jacobs — 962-2126

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry: Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322

Usher/Greeter: NA

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: 724-4670

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: Cathy or Rick Dobbins at 896-2467

Children, Youth & Families: 841-4482

Concerned for Disabled: 892-6467

Consumer Credit Counseling: 884-6601

Cub Scouts: Bob Schick at firnum@aol.com

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