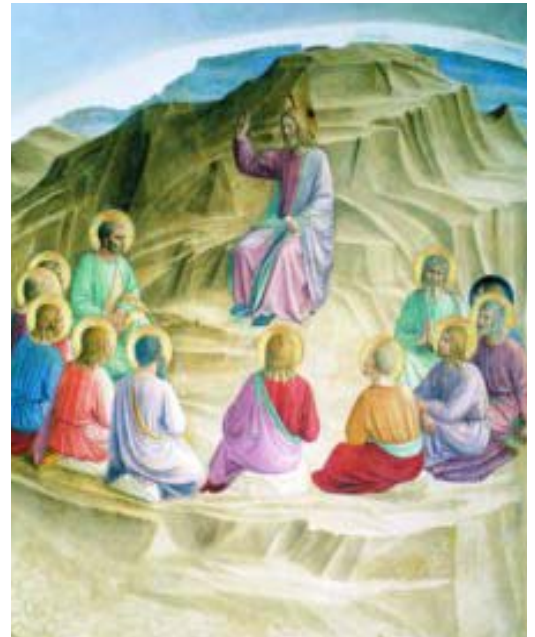


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

February 14, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 orthodoxy



PASTORS CORNER

My dear family,



This week is Ash Wednesday, the start of the Holy Season of Lent, when we join our Lord in spirit as He fasted for 40 days, and prepare to celebrate the great mysteries of Holy Week.

Please review the Lenten regulations that you can find on page 2. The days of fasting and abstinence are now so few, and the need to make atonement for sin so great, that we want to keep these days of penance with great care and devotion.

Now is when we should all be thinking about what voluntary acts of penance we should be doing during Lent – be it keeping the tradition of only eating one meal for the weekdays of Lent, or giving up any other lawful pleasure.

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ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th



6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
12:10 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

**St. John Vianney
7:00 p.m.**

*Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence
*Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence
Please see page 2 for all the Lenten regulations.

Stations of the Cross

Will be on Fridays
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
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Lent is also a time of greater prayer. Of course, **the best way to keep Lent is to go to daily Mass.** Remember that we have the 6pm Mass especially for people to attend after work. For everyone, but perhaps in a special way for those who cannot attend daily Mass, we have **the Stations of the Cross and Benediction each Friday** at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

We should also be mindful of what works of almsgiving and mercy we wish to do in a special way during Lent.

Plan ahead now for **our Lenten Mission**, which will be March 22nd-25th. Fr. Celsus Aguiuste, a wonderful preacher from the island of Dominica, will be our missionary this year.

A blessed Lent to you all!

Msgr. Doug Raun



Lenten Regulations – 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are DAYS OF FASTING. Fasting means eating only one meal. In addition, two small “snacks” may be eaten, but together they must not equal another meal. This binds all Catholics ages 18 to 50 inclusive under pain of sin.

ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM EATING MEAT. Meat here is understood as the flesh of any animal except seafood. This binds all Catholics age 14 and over under pain of sin.

Any serious health reason automatically excuses a Catholic from these laws if their health would be hurt by fasting or abstinence.

All Catholics are bound to make their EASTER DUTY during the Pascal Season, which in the United States is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. The Easter Duty consists of confessing one’s mortal sins in the Sacrament of Penance and receiving Holy Communion worthily.

The whole SEASON OF LENT is a TIME OF PENANCE. Marriage is not to be solemnly celebrated. The faithful are encouraged to practice voluntary works of penance and mercy during the days of Lent, and to keep the spirit of Lent in their daily lives.



FUNERALS

*Johnny Angel Arias
Santina Lisa m marie*

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Deanna Martina Sotelo



**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

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

**OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
PRESIDENTS DAY**

Liturgical Ministry Calendar

**February 17th– Ash Wednesday 6:30 a.m.,
9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:00 p.m.,
*6:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.**

February 19th and 26th, Fridays
Stations of the Cross,
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

February 21st and 28th Sundays,
First Reconciliation, **2:00 p.m.**

March 5th,12th,19th,26th—Fridays
Stations of the Cross

March 14th—Daylight Savings Time

Next Week's Readings February 14th - February 21st

Sunday:	Jer. 17:5-8/1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20/ Lk. 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Upcoming Events

FELICIAN SISTERS

The **Annual Baked Fish Dinner** by the Felician Sisters Ladies Aux. will be held on **Friday, February 19th in Fr. D'Arco Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Door prizes and raffles will be offered. **Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10 years.** Tickets are available at the convent or call Marie at 217-2348 or Frances at 892-2521.

BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright of Rio Rancho is celebrating life with their 5th annual **Hearts Afire for Life Spaghetti Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction** on **Saturday, February 20th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** at St. Thomas Aquinas Fr. D'Arco Hall in Rio Rancho. The **ticket price is \$5 for children under 12, \$10 for anyone over 12, or \$50 a family.** Tickets are on sale NOW. Get yours today! Hearts Afire for Life is our main fundraiser that celebrates life and raises money to provide the free services of pregnancy testing, material assistance, education, prevention and client counseling. Bring a baby item to the event and receive a chance in our Baby Benefit drawing. Tickets are available at Birthright of Rio Rancho, 2704 Southern Blvd. Suite 7 or Holy Family Religious Supplies, 9421 Coors Blvd. NW, ABQ. For more information call Debbie at 331-3132 or stop by.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast on Sunday, February 28th** after the **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall.** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies, **COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.** Please join us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel we find the blessing of Jesus standing with those who are poor and hungry. During the month of January, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 63 families in Rio Rancho by helping to pay rent, utilities, water bills, and other basic needs. This is possible only through your generous gifts each month, putting your faith in action as you stand with those less fortunate. The 63 families thank you for your help in their time of need. St. Vincent de Paul is most grateful. **General meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** For more information, please call the office at 892-0526.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

ADORATION

Choose a hidden place for yourself and delight to retire there alone, where you need not talk with anyone, but instead pour out your heart to God in prayer. In this way you will have a clear conscience and a contrite heart. Look upon the whole world as nothing, preferring to give your time to God before all external things." Taken from The Imitation of Christ.

Adorers Needed:

Monday, 2:00 a.m., Tuesday 5:00 a.m.
Wednesday 3:00 a.m., Thursday 2:00 a.m.
Friday 2:00 a.m., Saturday 3:00 a.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: Martha Abeyta = February 15th—28th

Virgin II: Martha Teteaultt = February 15th-28th

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

Confidence and Skills-Building for the Lector

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 p.m. In the church. Individuals seeking to serve the parish as Lectors are invited. All active lectors are encouraged to attend.

For questions please contact:

Maria E. Burns cell phone # 505-410-8278

TO ALL USHERS

Thanks so much for your continued service to the church. I will be hosting a **monthly meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Deacon Dave 890-6574

BeFriender Ministry



See our brochures on the literature racks at church entrances or call Gloria at 891-0388.

"Caring 4 Kids"

"Caring 4 Kids" would like to thank everyone who has helped and donated items. The meetings have become so popular we have added a P.M. meeting on Tuesdays and still have our AM meeting on Wednesdays. Our **next meetings are Tuesday February 16th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. or if you prefer Wednesday February 17th from 9:30 a.m. - Noon.** All meetings are held in the St. Lucy Room next to the church office on the 1st and 3rd week of the month. **NO EXPERIENCE necessary, we are in need of ALL type of volunteers**, so come by and make some new friends! We are currently **OUT OF YARN**, donations can be dropped off at the parish office. More info. Victoria 261-1488

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

The Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach to mothers during the times of celebration, challenge, and sorrow. The purpose of this ministry is to provide support, comradeship, spiritual guidance and encouragement to moms of any age. The **Elizabeth Ministry of STA has begun it's Spring study on Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Religious Ed. Bldg., Room 11.** The study runs through **May 6th.** Our study will be **Chocolate for Lent** by Hilary Brand. This Lenten program offers deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. All women are invited to come-child care is provided. Please call Rhonda Neel for more information at 899-3817.

Culture of Life Corner

"The Catholic understanding of the dignity of the human person of course begins with the right to life. But our dignity does not end once we are born. It includes our capacity to act responsibly, to work, to take risks, to build business, raise children, and help those who need our help." (Brian Burch). We take into account everything that builds up our culture of life. We are stronger for it. We fight for it. Rather than be labeled anti-abortion, tell the world how pro-life we are! Submitted by Charles Griego

Challenge is a club for girls in virtue and practicing their Catholic Faith. A place to learn about themselves and to make a positive impact for family, friends and the world. **Friday meetings from 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.** Contact Cathy Casaus at 321-3236 for further information.

**7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE FOR
SPRING 2010 IN RELIGIOUS ED. BLDG.**

**February 18th, Session 5
February 25th, Session 6 & Graduation
Class 2
March 4th, Orientation Class
March 18th, 1st session**

For more information, call Parish Office 892-1511 ext. 103

Small-Group Bible Study for Men:

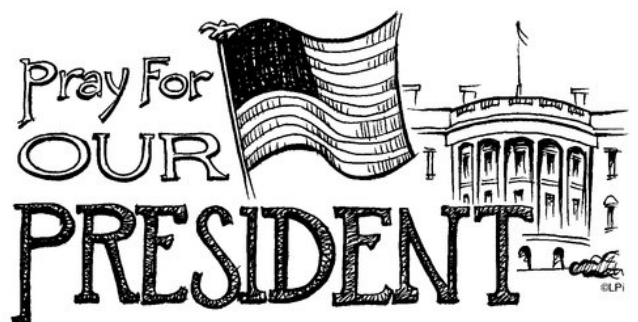
Adventures in Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom
A 20-session **Great Adventure** Bible Study,
by Jeff Cavins

**7:00 p.m., Thursdays,
Has begun, in the parish office**

The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**, builds on **The Bible Timeline** by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The biblical book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

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 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 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.



High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



Matt Maher will be in Los Lunas **Friday February 26th at 7:00 p.m.** The concert will be at **San Clemente** and the tickets are **\$10**. The concert will more than likely sell out so purchase your tickets early for more information contact Brenda Saiz at 865-7385.

Life Teen needs **parents to sign up to cook the teen's dinner**, for more information contact Rita at rita.montano@stanm.org it doesn't cost anything but your time.

We will have Life Teen every Sunday in February.

Confirmation is scheduled for **every Monday except: 2/15**. Parents, please make sure you students have turned in their Saint Reports and Letter to the Archbishop.

Please **keep our Life Teen Core members in prayer Feb 19th-21st** as we will be attending our annual retreat.

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 a 14 day pilgrimage in August 2011. We will travel to France and Spain. If you 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 February 26th**.

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

No RE Class Feb. 17th for Ash Wed.

Our children are making 1st Confession

Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 07, & March 14



Please Pray for them.

Church Calendars are still available in the office.

"Introduction to Church History"

DVD Albums Now Available. The six talks on the "Introduction to Church History" (over 12 hours of teachings) given by Msgr. Raun are now available in DVD album form for \$30.00. Call the office to place your order. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

DAYTIME ADULT STUDY GROUPS FORMING

Two new, daytime study groups are now forming:

- **Epic: A Journey through Church History**, 20 weeks, **1:00-3:00 p.m., Mondays, beginning 2/15**. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit costs **\$20**.

The Great Adventure's **A Quick Journey through the Bible**, 8 weeks, **10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fridays, beginning 2/19**. You will need a Catholic **Bible** and a **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit costs **\$14**.

Both groups will meet in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room in Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J, Rio Rancho. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to pre-register for either group—or *both* of them!

ADULT MINISTRIES ON FACEBOOK!

The Adult Ministries (adult faith formation) department now has a Facebook group page! Visit us at <http://tinyurl.com/ydr8q38>, and join the group to stay informed about what is going on for adults in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, participate in discussions, and much more.

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.

ST JOHN VIANNEY presents a **LENTEN SERIES ON THREE SACRED IMAGES** by Rick Torretto. **February 19th, Our Lady of Guadalupe; February 26th The Image of Divine Mercy, March 5th, The Shroud of Turin, and March 12th, All Three are a Message of Hope and Healing.** Each **Friday at 7:00 p.m. after the Stations of the Cross.** Call 892-1511 for more information.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book

Thank-you:

For all babies.

For no cancer found.

For protection from evil.

For my mother who loves me no matter what.

For my family to reunite with the church.

For the wonderful person you sent into my life at a very desperate time.





Mass Intentions

Monday February 15th Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Woody Heims birthday by Jane
 Bill & Mary Chambers 41st wedding anniversary
 † Emily Nevada by Kathy Holguin
 6:00 p.m. James Sandoval happy 50th birthday
 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For difficult situations

Tuesday February 16th Weekday
 9:00 a.m. † Margarto Aragon by the Aragon family
 † Bruce Franco Sr. 4th anniversary by wife & family
 † Gary Hartman by Larry & Carol Larson
 6:00 p.m. † Diana Anaya by Nadine Candelaria
 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For discipline

Wednesday February 17th Ash Wednesday
 6:30 a.m. For those away from the Church
 9:00 a.m. † Walter Lemerich Jr. by sister
 † Helen Ross by Bonnie & John Snowdon
 † Helen O'Neill by Patricia Woolley & children
 12 Noon For those who are persecuted
 4:00 p.m. For a willingness to change
 6:00 p.m. † Gerald Oakford by Dennis & Sharon Kuchar
 † Diana Anaya by Nadine Candelaria
 7:30 p.m. For those who don't feel welcomed
 8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For those who feel isolated
 7:00 P.M. For those still suffering in Haiti
 @ SJV

Thursday February 18th Weekday
 9:00 a.m. † Agnes Hvizda
 by George Hvizda, Fran & Robert Fanning
 † Lewis O'Neil by Bonnie & John Snowdon
 6:00 p.m. † David Mader by Bill & Judy Mader
 † Bill Mader Sr. by Bill & Judy Mader
 Nicole & Jeanette Bitsie baptism anniv.
 by Rex & Jeannette Schlicher
 7:15 a.m. For those who have difficulty making friend
 @ STAS

Friday February 19th Weekday in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † Joseph & Anna Scherer by Marian & Bob
 † Ismael Sanchez Davis by Bonnie & John Nowdon
 6:00 p.m. † Diana Anaya by Nadine Candelaria
 8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For our safety

Saturday February 20th Weekday in Lent
 9:00 a.m. † Armond DiCirbo by Theresa DiCirbo
 5:00 p.m. † Charles Epping by Cinthia Garrison
 † Leona Francis by Arleen Rambow
 4:00 p.m. † @SJV—For those who are in despair

Sunday February 14th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times
 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family
 † Francis Jeffrey Moyna by the Moyna family
 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 Melissa Swanson birthday by Grandma
 † Betty & Bill Johnson by Jeannette & Rex Schlicher
 11:00 a.m. † Jasper Piano by Larry & Mary Rogel
 † Dan Thomas by Richard & Marcy Kercher
 12:30 p.m. Tina Garcia & the Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. For acceptance
 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For the ability to sacrifice
 10:00 a.m. @ SJV For the Parish



**KNIGHTS
 OF COLUMBUS**
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Lenten Fish Dinner

DON'T LET THIS ONE GET AWAY!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

3:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
 In Fr. D'Arco Hall**

**2-Delicious baked Cod fillets,
 hot vegetable, baked fries, cole-
 slaw, tartar sauce, dinner roll,
 butter, coffee and tea**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

February 14th - Rev. Robert Lussier OSB Oliv., Abbey of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pecos
February 15th - Rev. Anthony G. Maes O. Praem., Chaplain, St. Pius X High School, Alb.
February 16th - Rev. Clarence Maes, Pastor, Sacred Heart, Albuquerque
February 17th - Very Rev. Francis Malley, Pastor, San Francisco de Asis, Rancho de Taos
February 18th - Rev. Scott Mansfield, Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
February 19th - Rev. James Marshall, Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle, Abiquiu
February 20th - Very Rev. Timothy A. Martinez, Chancellor, Catholic Center, Albuquerque
Also remember in prayer those priest who have died.

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

Enrollment Openings

St. Thomas Aquinas School has a limited number of **openings in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th through 7th grades.** Interested families should contact Rosanne Sloan, school registrar at 892-3221, ext. 37 for more information on the enrollment process. All incoming students are given placement tests. Please visit the school's website at www.stasnm.org for information on tuition costs and other facts about the school.

Team Up With St. Thomas Aquinas School

There are many ways to support our Catholic school and one way you can help is by shopping at Smith's grocery store. This school year, Smith's will donate \$1,000,000 to local participating schools!

When you enroll in the Smith's Earn & Learn program and use your Fresh Values Card each time you shop, St. Thomas Aquinas School benefits. Smith's will donate a percentage of sales to St. Thomas Aquinas School at the end of the school year. To enroll you'll need your fresh values Card and an enrollment barcode.

You can print out a copy of the enrollment barcode by visiting www.stasnm.org or you can call the school office at 892-3221 and request a copy.

The mission entrusted to us as teachers of the faith consists in recalling, in the words of the Apostle of the Gentiles, that our Savior "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"

(1 Timothy 2:4). This, and nothing else, is the purpose of the Church: the salvation of individual souls.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Brazilian Bishops.

"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.**

Frassati Academy,

A new concept in Catholic homeschooling, **will continue to accept applications.** For more information call Janice Martinez at 352-0698 or Chris LaLonde 891-1488.

From Iraq to Rio Rancho...

Father Jeff Home on Leave



From black vestments to military fatigues, Father Jeff was home on a 2-week leave and took the time to visit his beloved children at STAS... other parents children AND his own. Three of Father Jeff's 6 children attend STAS. Students were wide-eyed for his one-on-one chat after celebrating school mass, where he talked about his experience on the front lines of battle and shared with them the importance of bringing daily communion to the soldiers who fight for the dignity and freedoms of all people. Father Jeff is a major in the Army reserves and will be ministering to the men and women of our armed forces overseas until this summer. Please keep Father Jeff and his family in your prayers.

Do You Give Gift Cards? Then Try SCRIP.

Get your favorite gift cards and support St. Thomas Aquinas School at the same time. SCRIP carries gift cards for over 100 retail businesses, and it is easy and convenient to use. **How does it work?** The many participating SCRIP retailers agree to sell gift cards to our school at a discount. Families like yours buy the gift cards for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue.

How do you order? You can order online at www.shopwithscrip.com. You'll need to setup an account, and you'll also need the school's enrollment code: E1A29FF51L639. Another way to order is by going to the school's website at www.stasnm.org and click on **Support STAS.** Under **SCRIP Gift Card Orders** you'll find printable order forms that you can complete and bring to the school office. If you have any questions, call the school office at 892-3221. Please consider using SCRIP for all your gift card needs. And thank you for your continued support.

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

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
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.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
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Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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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

The **3rd Annual Blue Mass** is to celebrate a **blessing of all Police Officers, Firefighters, Military, and Emergency Medical Personnel in New Mexico** to pray in Thanksgiving for the work done by our Public Safety, Military and EMS personnel and their families. This is an All Faith Community Celebration.

Location is at St. Pius X High School Gym, 5301 St. Joseph Place NW, Albuquerque, 87120. Time and Date is Tuesday, February 16th. Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan will celebrate Mass at 12:00 noon after Mass there will be a reception for the personnel and their families.

Lenten Parish Mission at San Clemente Church in Los Lunas, Sunday through Thursday,

February 21st-25th with Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P. The Mission will be at 7:00 PM each evening. Child care is not available. Call 865-7385 for information.

Fr. Mullady taught moral theology for six years at the Angelicum in Rome and for three years at St. Thomas Seminary in Houston, Texas. Currently he teaches theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and as adjunct professor at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College as part of the Vita Consecrata Institute. In addition to conducting retreats and missions around the country, Fr. Mullady also serves as theological consultant for the Institute on Religious Life.

You are invited to join the Wings Ministry at Risen Savior Catholic Community (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE) on Sunday, February 21st at 12:30 p.m.

Following Mass, there will be a potluck lunch in the Marian Center Gathering Hall. The main entrée will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Wings Ministry invites those who are physically or mentally challenged, blind, hard of hearing, and their families, friends and caregivers. Please call the Parish office a 821-1571 to RSVP.

The 40 Days for Life Kick-Off is on Feb 16th at PDL. The Mass starts at 6 PM, followed by a prayer gathering and potluck social. The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil runs from **Feb 17th – Apr 2nd**. Nationwide over 600 babies were saved during the Fall 40 Days. Join us in prayer, fasting, and public witness during Lent in front of the Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo NE or at PDL's Holy Innocents Chapel, 625 San Mateo NE. For more information, go to this web site: www.40daysforlife.org/albuquerque. The upcoming Parish requested participation day is: **Sun., Feb 28: St Thomas Aquinas in Alb.**

Summer at St. Pius X - Fun classes with hands on activities open to all area middle school students ages 10 - 14. Two week sessions run from June 17-18, June 21-July 2, and July 6-26. Contact 831-8400 for more information.

Are you a youth minister or a director of confirmation classes? Are you looking for an interactive way to teach students about poverty and social justice? The Catholic Campaign for Human Development intern, Alicia Sedillo, is available to all parishes in the diocese to give presentations about poverty in the U.S. and how students can help their communities break the cycle of poverty through service learning. Contact Alicia at 505-831-8235 or justice2@archdiosf.

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 Hanco - 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: Brad Hayden, 890-3151
Usher/Greeter: Deacon David Little 890-6574
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