

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

MARCH 21st, 2010



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.

PASTORS CORNER

My dear family,



This weekend we welcome Fr. Celsus who come to preach our **PARISH MISSION that will take place this week, Monday through Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

A Mission is a time of spiritual renewal in preparation for the great events of Holy Week. Let's make every effort to attend the mission!

With **this Sunday we enter into the last two weeks of Lent, which we call Passiontide** - the season when in a special way we focus on the great and sorrowful events of our Lord's sufferings and death. It is a time to live our Lenten penance in an yet more intense way.

The great liturgical symbol of Passiontide is **the veiling of the statues**. The crucifix is veiled so that it will stand out anew when it is unveiled in Good Friday. The saints are veiled because they represent the Church in Glory, but in this season we focus on our Lord's earthly sorrow. When I was a little boy the Sisters taught us that the saints were veiled because it was too painful for them to
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PARISH MISSION

MARCH 22nd- 25th

Fr. Celsus

from the island of
Dominica will be
sharing with us
on the topic

“Baptized and sent to Evangelize”

**two missions each
day:**

**9:00 a.m.
and
7:00 p.m.**

look on the sufferings of our Lord. This is not "high theology", but it is certainly true.

This past week we received a letter from his Excellency the Archbishop **warning us against certain groups and persons claiming to be "Catholic" churches.** They are not. The definition of a Catholic is very simple - a Catholic is a Christian who is in obedience to the Pope and a bishop in union with the Pope. No one else is a Catholic, no matter what they call themselves.

The following groups, found in our area, are NOT Catholic churches:

- Guardian Angels Mission Old Catholic Church of Antioch
Bishop Michael J. Schamp
- Mission San Jose de Guadalupe Traditional Roman Catholic Church
- Bishop E. Anthony Wohrlin, Fr. Christian Fitzpatrick
- Our Lady Queen of Angels Liberal Catholic Church/ Traditional Catholic
Fr. Milton R. Shaw, Fr. N. Joseph Despres, Fr. Timothy Donovan, Deacon Durrall Carroll.

These churches are at best schismatic, at worst heretical: no Catholic may attend or receive their sacraments. Please spread this word to anyone you know who may think these are Catholic churches.

A blessed Lenten week!

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 59 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

Stefania Gray

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

Lexie Diana Jennings

Sebastian Troy Paboucek

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



1st Banns

Terese Hanlon and Juan Carrillo

Miranda Quinones and Matthew Steward

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

Liturgical Ministry Calendar

March 26th—Fridays

Stations of the Cross, **3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

March 28th—Palm Sunday

March 29th, 30th and 31st

Holy Week Stations of the Cross/
Benediction and Confessions.

April 1st Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass

SJV Mission 7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass

April 2nd, Good Friday - 12 Noon

Choral Passion Reading and Solemn Communion

7:00 p.m. Living Stations and simple service (Church)

SJV 7:00 p.m. Service

April 3rd Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

Next Week's Readings

March 21st - March 28th

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49



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

Lenten Fish Dinner
DELICIOUS CATCH OF THE DAY!
FRIDAY, March 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, coleslaw, tartar
sauce, dinner roll, butter, coffee and tea.**

A variety of cold soft drinks can be purchased
for only .50 per can.

Donation: Only \$6.00 per person.

Dine with us or take it home. Call ahead to 400-7627

and we'll have it ready for pick up.

Tickets available only at the door.

For information call:

Dewey Mann Jr. 898-2197

Sponsored by: Eugene Teatum

Council #6696 Rio Rancho, NM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast** on **Sunday, March 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

Your penance during Lent can give families in need the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. Through your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you are performing a good work; far greater than you may think. Whatever you can give is multiplied by the coins others give. The next general meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the church offices. You would be most welcome. For more information, call 892-0526.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary Society will be selling religious articles in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, March 28th, after the 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Masses. Come & browse for gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, & Graduation!"

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

ADORATION

Thank you for your response to Msgr. Raun's appeal for Eucharistic Adoration. Even though we filled several hours, there are still others we need your help with. Please consider taking an hour with our Lord in this most beautiful devotion of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact one of the coordinators listed to inquire further.

Also, please make a note that the Adoration Chapel will be closed beginning

**Holy Thursday, April 1st @ 7:00 p.m. and will
reopen Holy Saturday, April 3rd @ 11:00 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: Lorna Wells - March 15th—30th

Virgin II: Kenneth Benavidez - March 15th—30th

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: 3/21 to 3/27—In thanksgiving

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION TESTIMONIES**

**Posted in our Blessings Received Book
Thank-you:**

For your divine protection.

For finding a place to work.

For keeping my marriage alive.

For graces given to loved ones.

For every wonderful thing you do.

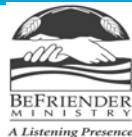
For all surgeries that have gone well.

For peace and guidance of our teenage sons.

For my brother wanting to learn about his faith.



BeFriender Ministry



BeFriender Ministry will begin training classes April 11. The next training class runs five Sundays, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, and 16. April 23 is reserved should we have to cancel a class. You are welcome to come to the training if you want to *learn how to listen* but do not want to join the ministry. 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. We have to order training supplies for the classes, so be sure to register early. 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.

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.

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

All over the country, we are seeing women leaving Abortion Clinics and deciding not to have an abortion. "Don't worry, I didn't do it!" Our God is awesome. We have to be aware that our prayers are being answered." I just want you to know that I came out of the clinic today. I decided to have my baby. I love her and wanted to thank you." (In Providence, RI.). It doesn't have to be a "they" thing, Let it be a "I too am doing something."

Submitted by Charles Griego

CARING FOR KIDS

We will be having a spring **Mother's Day Arts and Crafts Fair on May 7th & 8th at St. John Vianney church.** We are currently taking applications for this event. Applications will be mailed out and tables are on a first come first serve basis. Different table and space sizes are available. For more information on booth rentals please call 999-6132.

There are still a few Ignatius Press book orders that have not been picked up. If you ordered books from Ignatius Press and have not received them please contact Jean Marie Skipp at 899-1313 to make arrangements. Thank you.

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

Class 2

March 25th Session 2

April 8th Session 3

April 15th Session 4

April 22nd Session 5

April 29th Session 6 & Graduation

All classes will be held from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

For more information,

call Parish Office 892-1511 ext. 103

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.

List of DVD's

- 5 Mass, November 27, 2008—**Thanksgiving Day**
- 9 Mass, December 24, 2008-- **Christmas Eve & Midnight Mass**
- 7 Mass, December 14, 2008—**3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 1 Mass, December 28, 2008—**The Most Holy Family**
- 4 Mass, January 4, 2009-- **The Epiphany of the Lord**
- 2 Mass, January 11, 2009—**The Baptism of the Lord**
- 7 Mass January 18, 2009—**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8 Mass, January 25, 2009—**Mass of Parish Patron: St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 1 Mass, January 30, 2009—**(St. Paul (Fr. Michael DePalma)**
- 9 Mass, February 1, 2009—**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Michael DePalma, Homilist)**
- 7 Mass, February 22, 2009—**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (1st Mass Fr. Jeffrey N. Steenson)**
- 8 Mass, March 1, 2009—**1st Sunday of Lent (Fr. Michael DePalma, Homilist)**
- 8 Mass, March 8, 2009—**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Msgr. Doug Raun)**
- "Introduction to Church History"** six talks (over 12 hours of teachings) given by Msgr. Raun DVD album form for \$30.00.

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.

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.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



Life Teen Summer Camp!! We will be attending **summer camp this JULY 19-24 in Prescott, AZ.** It is open to all high school aged teens (incoming freshmen through newly graduates) for more information contact the Life House at 896-8097

Confirmation is scheduled for every Monday in March. Parents, please make sure your student has turned in their Saint Reports and Letter to the Archbishop.

We have **Life Teen every Sunday in March.**

For Christ I Stand, Rita Montano

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 **March 26th.**

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

No Religious Education Classes on Sunday, March 21st, for Spring Break.



Congratulations to the children who won awards for the "Support Life" poster contest: First Place - Nicholas Chimento, 2nd. place - Dominique Abeyta, Third Place - Dean Gontis, Well Done Award - Samantha Jackson, Spirit Award - Mrs. Kathy Fucile's 6th Grade Class. We thank the Respect to Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus who sponsored the contest, provided the awards and presented every child who made a poster with a "Certificate of Appreciation".

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.

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

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

UPCOMING GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

FIRST CORINTHIANS (11 sessions), **Fridays, beginning 4/9, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room** (Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J). Optional--but highly recommended--**study kit, \$16.**

ADVENTURES IN MATTHEW (24 sessions), **alternating Saturdays, beginning 4/10, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at Queen of Angels Indian Chapel hall**, SE corner of Indian School Road and 12th Street, one block north of I-40. Optional--but highly recommended--**study kit, \$20.**

You will need a Catholic Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church for either study. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to register.

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.

GOOD SEARCH

You can help raise online with GoodShop.com. Simply visit www.GoodSearch.com, type "St. Thomas Aquinas Parish" in the "Who do you GoodSearch 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 GoodShop. Thank you, and God bless you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- March 21st** Rev. Clement Niggel, Pastor, St. Patrick, Chama; San Jose, Los Ojos; Santo Nino, Tierra Amarilla
- March 22nd** Rev. Paul Nkumbi, Pastor, Holy Family - St. Joseph, Roy - Mosquero
- March 23rd** Rev. Nicholas Nirschl O. Praem., Santa Maria de la Vid Priory
- March 24th** Rev. Emeric Nordmeyer OFM, Chapel Administrator, Queen of Angels Chapel, Alb.
- March 25th** Rev. Pio O'Connor OFM, Hospital Chaplain, Santa Fe
- March 26th** Rev. Msgr. Olona, Pastor, Risen Savior, Alb.

Also remember in prayer those priest who have died.

GOD DETERMINES WHO WALKS INTO YOUR LIFE...IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHO YOU LET WALK AWAY, WHO YOU LET STAY, AND WHO YOU REFUSE TO LET GO.



Mass Intentions

Monday March 22nd Weekday Lent

9:00 a.m. † Gina Rossman birthday by Kathy Holguin
Our Lady of Guadalupe by Annabelle Díaz
Juana Brabila by Karen Navarro

6:00 p.m. † Edward Alvin Martinez by family
† Karl Kelly by Elaine Jones
Arthur Baca and Connie by Dolores Sanchez

7:15 a.m. For Fr. Celsus as he conducts the Parish Mission
@ STAS

Tuesday March 23rd Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m. † Philip Groenewold by wife Jeanne
† Anita Land anniversary by Ernest & Elena Duran
In thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary by Mary Coon

6:00 p.m. † Angela Mastroiannie by Bobbie & Arlene
Karl Kelly by Richard Thomas family
Gregg T.

7:15 a.m. @ STAS Rick & Penny Torretto by MMP

Wednesday March 24th Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m. † John Millea by Florence
† Juana Brabila by Karen Navarro
Deceased & living family & friends of the Xaviers'

6:00 p.m. Ben Schaff for healing by the Kahle family
† Vera Mioduski by Arlene Rambow
Karl Kelly by Derrick Jones family

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For those still struggling with Lenten sacrifice

Thursday March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. † Anne Marie Talty by brother Tommy
† Myles W. Farnham by nephew Tommy
Gary Sullivan by Henry

6:00 p.m. † Emma Mae by Dolores Sanchez
† Mary Jane by Dolores Sanchez

7:15 a.m. @ STAS with school work and studies

Friday March 26th Day of Abstinence

9:00 a.m. † Antonio Soriano by Marilou Bridges
† Thomas John Hoover by Mom & Dad
† Thomas Kavalam by Toby Thomas

6:00 p.m. † Thomas Kavalam by Toby Thomas
Dora Martinez & Armando by Dolores Sanchez

8:15 a.m. @ STAS Stefania Gray by Mrs. Donlin

Saturday March 27th Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Lois and Tom Davidson for a speedy recovery
by MSC High Energy Aerobics
Ester Stevens for a speedy recovery
by Marilyn Policastro
Rick Torretto for a speedy recovery
by STA Liturgical Choi

5:00 p.m. † Lawrence Rodriguez
† Amelia Guzman by Emma Cordero
Paul & Fred Sanchez by Dolores Sanchez

4:00 p.m. @ SJV Carol & Yvon Fafard by son

Sunday March 28th Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 a.m. † Tony Gregory
† Agnes Paul by Marie & Joe Pennington & family
† Julie Beyersdorfer by Marie & Joe Pennington

9:00 a.m. † For the People of the Parish
† Andrew Kistingner by Jean Keaveny
† Earl Yont by wife Elaine

11:00 a.m. † Teresa Gallegos by Ida Montoya
† Elizabeth Egan by children
† Ed Journey by Jeana Journey

12:30 p.m. † Ernest Moya by Avenicio Tofoya & family
† Tarsila Garcia by Avenicio Tofoya & family
† Jessica Aldaz by Martin & Antoinette

6:00 p.m. † Joanne Parris by Jim & Cruz
† Jane Matuszewski
by daughter Susan, Glenn, Jonathan and Vanessa Pier

8:00 a.m. @ SJV For the people in the parish

10:00 a.m. @ SJV determination to sacrifice for others

THE MISSION ROSARY MAKERS are very grateful for your continuing support for our ministry. We have now sent over 125,000 rosaries to missions here and around the world. Of course, we still need your help and support for our sales, with donations, and especially with adoption of missions to help cover our mailing costs. **Our next Rosary and Religious Articles sales will be on Palm Sunday, March 28th; we hope to see you there.**

It is important to understand the reverence and love we should have for our priests. This is the year for priests and it is a difficult time we are living in, we must pray for our priests as much as we pray for ourselves and our families.

**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

6 **Bible Study:** Jeannette, 892-1511 x104

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 or Patricia Furlong 831-5428. If no response within two days, please call back.

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, 5th, and 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.

"Magazines help our parish school".

You can help our school! Just renew any magazines that you are currently receiving through QSP.com and our school receives 40%! The prices are already rock bottom and up to 89% off newsstand prices. 'Of course you can order new magazines, Cd's, and books for the first time too.'

For example...

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Family Fun -2 years newsstand \$79, QSP.com \$15, you save 81%.

Reader's Digest- 1 year newsstand \$47, QSP.com \$19, you save 60%

Easy: go to QSP.com, go to "just shopping" look up our school, St Thomas Aquinas and order. The best part is even if your subscription is not up for renewal yet, it automatically adds a year on to your expiration date. So you don't have to wait to renew. 'Over 1000 magazines, Cd's and books to choose from - order for the first time or renew. Thanks for your support!'

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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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Roman **Catholic Homeschoolers (STRCH)** meets for field trips, playgroups and First Friday Mass and Fellowship. Please join us at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM>

for our full calendar of events or

contact Andrea Bass at 323-9222 LactationRN@yahoo.com.

Parish Directory

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

Oasis, Day of Prayer for Women

There will be a Day of Prayer for women 18 years and older on **Saturday, April 24th**. The day is called *OASIS* and is hosted by The Religious Teachers Filippini, the community of sisters that serve in our Parish. The theme for the day is “Women of the Church” and will be presented by Fr. Robert Lynam, Pastor of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, Kendall Park, New Jersey, Diocese of Metuchen.

The day **will take place at Villa Walsh, the Motherhouse of the Filippini sisters, in Morristown, New Jersey**. The day begins at 9:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. **Registration is due no later than April 10th**. For more information or to register for the day you can contact our own sisters at (*phone number of local Filippini convent/contact goes here*) or contact Sr. Joan DiRienzo at 718-236-1560 or email us at oasis.mpf@gmail.com

There is a **\$10.00 fee for the day**. Participants are asked to brown bag a lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day. Villa Walsh is handicap accessible.

We are called to be compassionate as our God is compassionate (Luke 6:36), but what does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How do I become a more compassionate person? Come learn about the roots of our Catholic social teaching at this national JustFaith workshop, **Sowing the Seeds of Justice, on Monday, April 12th, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Santa Maria de la Paz, 11 College Ave in Santa Fe. Please pre-register for this free event at 505-831-8167**. Call the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life for more information or to register. Don't miss this opportunity to explore some new possibilities for your life, your parish, your heart!

The next Risen Savior Pro-Life meeting will be at 7:30 PM on April 7th. Our guest speaker will be Thomas J. McBride and the topic will be Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, and Will to Live vs. Living Will. Mr. McBride is a senior attorney at a top Albuquerque law firm that is committed to caring and ethical representation. He is an expert on end-of-life issues and we are fortunate to have him share this vital information with us. For more information please contact Curt or Carol at 897-3139 or email rsplm@catholic.org. “Euthanasia is a false solution to the drama of suffering, a solution that is not worthy of man. The real answer cannot be, in fact, to give death, as ‘gentle’ as this may be, but to testify to the love that helps us to face pain and agony in a humane way”.~ Pope Benedict XVI, Audience & Angelus, February 1, 2009 ~

The Wonder of Myself

A special one-day class for mothers and their adolescent daughters ages 10 to 12, designed to emphasize the beauty and gift of human sexuality. Self esteem, friendships, peer pressure, the physical and emotional changes of adolescence, reproductive systems, the menstrual cycle, reproductive hygiene, decision making, and chastity will be discussed in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

April 24th, 2010

Cost \$15.00 per person

Call Family Life to Register 831-8117, Albuquerque

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 or
Patricia Furlong 831-5428
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: Channele Leonhardt 239-2866
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: 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 896-2447
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
Venture Scouts: Mike Jacobs 962-2126