

90 Years Young and Still Evolving

Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2013



5PM **Stanley Alexandrowicz**

Req. by: John Brochon

Mary Roba

Req. by: Al & Rose Litz

9AM **Rose Picciani B-day**

Req. by: Ron & Barb Picciani

John Masko

Req. by: The Family

11AM **Angela DeMarchis**

Req. by: Joe Bongard

Dorothy Noone Green

Req. by: Gen, Gert, Donna, Lynn & Nick

Monday

9 **Anne Bongard**

Req. by: Jo Ann Foder

Tuesday

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Req. by: Kay Schroeder

Wednesday

9 **Dorothy Noone**

Req. by: A Friend

Thursday

9 **NO MASS**

Friday

9 **For The People**

Saturday

9 **Louis Balot, III**

Req. by: Lee & Bernadette Balot

Jack Thornhill B-day

Req. by: Edna Thornhill

The Most Holy Trinity May 26, 2013

5PM **Stanley Alexandrowicz**

Req. by: Jaime Roth

Larry Vogt

Req. by: Joe & Dot Cochran

9AM **Marjorie C. Bryan**

Req. by: Stella Stockunas

Ernest & Nancy Hamm

Req. by: The Dwornitski Family

11AM **Hugh McFadden**

Req. by: Brian & Mary Brennan & Family

Charles Graffelter

Req. by: Ladies of the Knights
of Columbus

“Ever generous Father,
You have made each of us in Your image
and likeness through Jesus.

We rejoice in our unique goodness
and in the abundance of creative gifts
you have freely given us. Open our minds
and hearts to know our talents and gifts,
and grace us with courage and conviction
in using them for the good of our
St. Thomas Aquinas parish family.

Stir us with courage that we may point out
others' talents and gifts and encourage
them to bring their creative gifts to the
work of our parish.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.”

Sunday Social

Social will be held in the Church Hall on
May 26 after the 11AM Mass. If you would
like to donate a baked good, please call
Connie Lombardo at 215-781-2318.

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Father Mike's Musings

Some things are worth repeating or rewriting. I have often said and written that you are the parish, and I am your pastor. The parish is not my property; I am serving you as I assist Archbishop Chaput in his role as chief shepherd of this local Church of Philadelphia. In a moment of extreme frustration last Sunday, I had asked some parish leaders to continue their work without asking my permission in my absence. A major time-consuming responsibility currently is attending to my mother as she is a bit less functional after a fall last week. My reference to my absence is not to suggest that I am leaving St. Thomas Aquinas. I will continue to minister to you and to all who live within our parish boundaries. I anticipate that I may not be able to return phone calls immediately, as I usually attempt to, and may be out of the Rectory more often than usual at times. Please be patient with me and please realize that I am most willing to assist all who call on me. I will return phone calls as quickly as possible, and will make appointments for those who wish to see me. Please understand that I cannot usually meet with you on a moment's notice. Parish Leaders: I trust you and thank you for sharing your time and talents with our parish family; "Keep Keeping On!" Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Peace and Love,

Father Mike

Sunday Bulletin

The Sunday Bulletin is now available on the www.staq.org website. Follow the link under News and Events.

Masses

May 25 and 26, 2013

Confessions and 5:00PM Mass: Fr. Mike
9AM Mass: Fr. Mike
11AM Mass: Fr. Mike
Baptisms: Deacon John

Sunday Scriptures, May 26

Reading I: Proverbs 8:22-31
Reading II: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Lectors

May 25 5PM A. Bachman & R. Fallon
May 26 9AM D. DiTommaso & V. Kemp
May 26 11AM M. Kelly & R. Kelly

Extraordinary Minister

May 25 5PM R. Brown & E. Brown
May 26 9AM G. Eble & S. Eble
May 26 11AM M. Wasielewski & A. Scheck

Altar Servers' Schedule

May 25	5:00PM
A. Ambrose, D. Ambrose, S. Aykit	
May 26	9:00AM
E. Moyer, T. Fusaro, A. Fields	
May 26	11:00AM
E. Kugler, S. Hynd, R. DeStefano	

Offertory Collection

May 12, 2013

Adults (265)	\$5160.00
High School (10)	\$42.00
Children (1)	\$2.00
Total	\$5204.00
Special Monthly	\$290.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$1297.00

Comparison of Sunday Offering

May 13, 2012

Total	\$5655.00
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Father Mike, Deacon John and the Finance Council: Joe Gergo, Elaine Gibbs, Susan Horger, Lynn Mooney, John Wrightson, and John Duffner, part-time Business Manager, thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Lottery Winners

Dates not printed were unsold tickets.
STA Lottery Tickets...are sold after all the Masses. They are \$5 each for one month or \$50 for the year.

***** Pre-Jordan Classes*****

The next class is on **Tuesday, May 21, 2013** at **7:30 PM** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. Parents and godparents must attend a class within the last 3 years. If you have any further questions, please call the Parish Office at **215-788-2989**.

Tribunal Information Night

Father Sean Bransfield, Assistant Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal, will be in Father Crehan Hall on Wednesday, June 12 at 7PM, to provide information about annulments and to answer questions. As annulments can be easily misunderstood, seize the opportunity to learn the facts from an expert. Father Mike especially encourages parishioners who are in civil marriages because one or both spouses were previously married in the Church to learn about annulments.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

Please join us on **May 26th** at 2PM in the **Father Crehan Hall**.

Open forum. Come ask your questions and find answers. "All are welcome in the eyes of the Lord."

If you have any questions please contact Peg Duffy at 215-788-1947.

Trenton Thunder, July 6th

The Knights of Columbus Council #4765 are now selling tickets to the Trenton Thunder game against the Reading Phillies on **July 6**. **Tickets are available** and can be purchased from a member of the Knights of Columbus or at the Parish Office. Cost is \$11 each.

**Remember in your
prayers.**



OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY.

Many of our parishioners have family members serving in dangerous assignments around the world. Please keep them in your prayers.

OUR SICK.

Helen Amato, Joan Mundy, Marie Grafenstine, Jacqueline Cheney, Arnold Patterson, Elizabeth Kane, Mike Reynolds, Scott Batcho, Stephanie Yost, Art Horner, Harlow Adams, Jim Ryan, Edith Altieri
All those who are sick.

OUR DECEASED

Helene Fields
All the deceased of the parish.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., encourages the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray for the Church in China on May 24 this year and for the future. May 24 is the optional *Memorial of Our Lady, Help of Christians*, a title of the Blessed Mother especially venerated by Chinese Catholics. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI established this observance in 2007 in his letter to the Catholic Church in the People's Republic of China. The Holy Father, in that letter, acknowledged the ongoing suffering of the faithful in China and offered guidance for the life of the Chinese Church and evangelization. The prayers of the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese reach deeply within China as a source of communion in faith and oneness in Christ for the perseverance of the Chinese in the way of the Gospel. The evident openness of many people in China to God and the urgent needs for religious freedom in that country further require our prayers!

Sanctuary Fund

Anne Bongard
The Sautter Family
Kathleen Coya
Marge Keller

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2013 Catholic Charities Appeal Collection Update

As the Appeal continues, our parish with \$10,629.00 already paid, with \$867.00 due in unpaid pledges, has reached 52% of our goal, according to Michael Wixted, Parish Representative from the Office for Stewardship and Development. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and greatly helps thousands of our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are served by the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. As you are accustomed to, our parish will participate in the In-Pew Weekend next weekend. Please remember: the purpose is to provide an opportunity for you who have not yet contributed to this vitally important cause to contribute according to your means. Experience the joy of giving. Thank you for your generosity.

Employment Opportunity

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem are looking for someone to work doing seasonal grounds keeping during the Spring to Fall growing season. Mowing lawns, edging, trimming shrubs and landscaping. If interested please apply to SBS, 1663 Bristol Pike, Bensalem or call Barbara at 215-244-9900, ext. 348.

Vocation Office Summer Programs

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Congress is a summer day of fun, food and formation for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Boys of the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity for boys to have a day of healthy fun at St. Charles Seminary on Wednesday, June 26.

Quo Vadis Days, June 27 to June 30. This program provides a unique and extended opportunity to assist high school men in leading a life of virtue, desiring a deeper faith and discerning a call to serve God in priesthood. This will again be held at Malvern Retreat House. For more information on either event please visit the website at: HeedTheCall.org

Pastoral Council Nominations and Elections

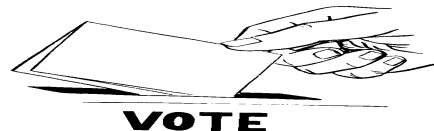
As it is time for nominations and elections to the Pastoral Council, two parishioners will be elected for 3 year terms as Russell Andrews and Richard Brown will be completing their terms. The work of the Pastoral Council is to advise Father Mike about all aspects of parish life, except Finances. The Finance Council, appointed by the Pastor, advises him on financial matters. The nominees for Pastoral Council must be at least 18 years of age, and be registered and participating members of our parish. An additional requirement is what the nominee will bring to the work of "growing" the vibrancy of our parish. Our Parish Council will be composed of 11 members, including Deacon John, and Ms. Noone. Usually 6 members are elected by the parish, while 3 others are appointed by the Pastor. For this year, you need to elect 3 new members who will join the Council in place of Jo Ann Foder, Taylor O'Keefe, and Jaime Roth whose terms will finish this May. For nominations, consider parishioners (including yourself) who meet the requirements, and fill out the attached Nomination Form, and return to the Parish Office or put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Parish Council Nomination" by June 9. The nominees will be contacted to insure their willingness to be a nominee. Elections will take place on the weekend of June 29 and 30.

Pastoral Council Nomination

I nominate _____
for election to the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Pastoral Council.

Address of Nominee: _____

Phone # of Nominee: _____



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Knights of Columbus News

On Sunday, May 5th in Fr. Crehan Hall, our Knights of Pope Pius XII Council and the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus held their Awards Dinner. The Award Honoree's were:
Rich Blinn: Knight of the Year
Russ Andrews Family: Family of the Year
Joe Cochran: Special Intentions Award
Eileen Brown: Lady of the Year
As always, our Knights and Ladies are always looking for new members.

CYO Soccer

Soccer registration forms are now available. Please visit our website at www.staq.org and follow the link under Parish Ministries.

Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

Join the Archdiocesan Choir of Philadelphia comprised of members of 44 parishes in our Archdiocese and the Archdiocesan Girls' Choir of Philadelphia as they present:
From the Choir Lofts of Paris!
Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 3PM
Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
For tickets: www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org, purchase online, print at home, and skip the lines! For more information 215-587-3696. Tickets are \$15 and \$25 for Special Front seating.

Symposium and Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal

IV Theology of the Body International Symposium: June 13-16, 2013. Learn from internationally recognized experts who will unfold the topics explored by Blessed John Paul II in his *Theology of the Body*. The Symposium venue is the Domus Carmeli, within walking distance to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Early bird registration by April 30, 2013 is \$150.00. Learn more at www.4tobis.pt.

A Follow Up To Letters of Eligibility For Sponsors and Godparents

In an effort to address some confusion about these necessary Letters before the Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism are celebrated, this information is provided. The Letter of Eligibility is NOT simply an acknowledgement that the proposed sponsor or godparent is a catholic who has celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation, and is validly married. The key to obtaining a Letter of Eligibility is that the proposed sponsor or godparent participates in Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and celebrates the Sacraments of Reconciliation frequently. The Letter must come from the parish in which the proposed sponsor or godparent is registered; that in which he or she currently lives, and not a former parish. As the Sacraments are given by Jesus, the Church has the profound responsibility to make sure Godparents and Sponsors are suited to the task of helping parents as the First Teachers of the faith or of being excellent models of Catholic life for Candidates for Confirmation. For parents who are preparing to present children for Baptism, after the Pre-Jordan Class on the third Tuesday of the month, please be sure that the godparents have given you their Letters of Eligibility before you schedule a Baptism in our parish. Please speak to Deacon John or to Father Mike if you have questions about Letters of Eligibility.

Ladies Spirituality Day

Sponsored by the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Council #4765, Ladies Spirituality Day will be held June 1st from 9AM-2PM in Father Crehan Hall. Gift of Femininity-Revelation of God's Glory. The guest speaker will be Meghan Cokeley, Assistant Director of The Office for Formation of the Laity. Light refreshments will be available but bring a brown bag lunch. All are welcome, free of charge. Register at mariekelly0623@msn.com or call 215-788-3331.