Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2013

5PM The Mothers of STA

9AM Doreen Kaelin
    Req. by: Joseph

Dorothy Tryon
    Req. by: The Family

11AM Jennie Rudzinski
    Req. by: Carol Rodriguez & Family

Ginny Guiffre
    Req. by: The Schulz & O’Byrne Families

"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."

Breakfast Club
Please join us on Sunday, May 12th. Bring
your Mother and anyone that has been like a
Mother to you for great food and fellowship.
This will be the last Breakfast for the summer
break and we will return in September.
Father Mike’s Musings
On this first Sunday of May, we congratulate the children from our parish who received Holy Communion for the first time yesterday; their enthusiasm and joy are good for us as we approach Holy Communion each time. Tonight we begin our Parish Mission under the direction of Father Paul Bryan, CS.S.R; and Sister Mary Snisky, O.S.F. While none of us will fully understand the kind of love Whom God is, it is good to celebrate His love. Celebrate with your parish family tonight and each night at 7:00PM until May 8. I want to give a bit more information about our school building. On April 18, Deacon John convened the Finance and Pastoral Councils concerning a possible year long lease of the school’s first floor by Bucks County Head Start, for children 3-6 years of age. They desire to use the school from 7AM-5:30PM Mondays-Fridays, with occasional weekend and evening use. They would need 8-10 parking spaces and use of the Church Hall as a cafeteria (as it was when our school was open). As of now, $35,000.00 will be given to the parish for the year, although more has been requested, while they would assume 50% of the expenses of the school building. They are bound by annual budgetary limitations, so it is not known whether more money for leasing is available. Thus far, the input from councils’ members who have responded is favorable. Once the few remaining members express their opinions, Jim Scott of Colliers International will be notified and proceed to draw up a lease agreement effective August 1, 2013- July 30, 2014. Prior to leaving for the Holy Land, I emailed Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, our Regional Bishop, and Deacon Thomas Croke of the Office for Property Services alerting them to a possible lease. A lease agreement would help our parish to begin a Debt Payment Agreement with the Archdiocese. Please remember, the lease agreement is subject to diocesan approval. We continue to pray for God’s will for our parish and for each of us.

Peace and Love,

Father Mike

Masses
May 11 and 12, 2013
Confessions and 5:00PM Mass: Fr. Mike
9AM Mass: Fr. Mike
11AM Mass: Fr. Mike
Baptisms: Fr. Mike

Sunday Scriptures, May 12
Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: John 17:20-26

Lectors
May 11 5PM M. McGovern & S. Berna
May 12 9AM D. DiTommaso & A. Ditzler
May 12 11AM L. Marion & J. Roth

Extraordinary Minister
May 11 5PM B. Burton & J. Wrightson
May 12 9AM J. Vaughan & M. Martin
May 12 11AM R. Kelly & M. Kelly

Altar Servers’ Schedule
May 11 5:00PM
D. Ambrose, A. Ambrose, A. Bachman
May 12 9:00AM
E. Moyer, T. Fusaro, A. Fields
May 12 11:00AM
C. Brogan, A. Fowler, R. Andrews

Offertory Collection
April 28, 2013
Adults (270) $4672.50
High School (6) $9.00
Children (1) $2.00
Total $4683.50
Special Monthly $6.00
Home Missions $610.00

Comparison of Sunday Offering
April 29, 2012
Total $4564.00

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.
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Lottery Winners
04/27/13 #329 Michael Sims $75
04/28/13 #623 Lois Cinkutis $100

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.

Senior Mother’s Luncheon
Saturday, May 11th at 1PM
Looking to do something special for Mom this year? STA is going to have a senior Mother’s luncheon (Mom’s over 55) on Saturday, May 11th in Crehan Hall. Why not treat Mom to lunch and spend some quality time with her. We promise a pleasant afternoon and good memories. Tickets are $25 and now on sale in the Parish Office and will be available until May 6th. All are welcome to attend the 5PM which will be celebrated for all Mothers of STA.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help resurrect the love in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 23-25 in Elverson, PA and October 5-6 in Bryn Mawr, PA. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Mary Liz Heumann at 610-449-1859.

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.
Tony Bartal, David Bowman, Scott Batcho, John Gantz, Helen Amato, Erin Goglia, Jacqueline Cheney, Harlow Adams, Daniel Beisel, Joan Mundy, Ryan Weeks, Elizabeth Kane, Barbara Bongart, Evelyn Doyle, Mike Reynolds, Stephanie Yost
All those who are sick.

OUR DECEASED
All the deceased of the parish.

Manna Bags
Manna Bags will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 11-12. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 18 or Sunday, May 19. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

Manna Prayer
Jesus, many times throughout Your life You fed hungry people and You called others to help.

You called the young child with the loaves and fishes to share his gifts. You call each one of us today.

Open our eyes to see the needs of others. Open our ears to hear your call to share. Open our hearts to welcome all people to the table of love.

Amen,
Cross Catholic Outreach
Father Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings will be the first Monday of the month in Fr. Crehan Hall. Our first meeting will be **May 6 at 7PM**. Anyone interested, please stop in and join us for good conversation and share your talents ie (crocheting or knitting).

Attention All Ladies!
The Women’s Group is starting up again! All ladies of the parish & surrounding area are invited! The book we will be using is called “Wrapped Up - God’s Ten Gifts for Women.” The introduction meeting is Thursday, May 16 at 7PM in Fr. Crehan Hall. Snacks will be provided. Please call Jaime Roth by Sunday, May 5 at 215-817-2821.

Redemptorist Parish Mission
Our parish welcomes Father Paul Bryan, C.S.S.R. and Sister Mary Sninsky, OSF, who will lead our Parish Mission from **May 5 to May 8**. We encourage you all to begin praying the Mission Prayer. Please invite all whom you know from the parish to “Come Home To Christ.”

Holy Family Regional Catholic School
The Kindergarten Information Session will be held Wednesday, May 8 from 5PM to 7PM. Registration information for 2013-2014 will be available. For more information, contact Nicole Kinniry at 215-269-9600 ext. 209 or email nicole.kinniry@hfrcs.org.

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 our 7th year for this event, which provides 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 is our fifth year for this event, which will again be held at Malvern Retreat House. For more information on either event please visit the website at: HeedTheCall.org

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service
The North Vicariate Prayer Communities will hold a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on Friday, May 17, 2013 at St. Martha Church, 11301 Academy Rd. Philadelphia. Prayer and Praise at 6:45PM and Liturgy at 7:15PM. Celebrant will be Father Mike. If you need any additional information or directions call Bobbie at 215-637-5441.

The Life in the Spirit Series
All are invited to the Life in the Spirit Series. You are invited to experience a personal Pentecost. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you. Joel 3:1 “I will pour out My Spirit upon all mankind.” Rev.22:17 “Let the one who thirsts come, receive the gift of life-giving water.” Beginning Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM and continues every Tuesday through June 18th at Holy Trinity School Hall, Morrisville, PA. To register call Marie Guarangno 215-295-6283.
St. Thomas Aquinas Visiting Ministry
If you have someone in your family, or a friend who is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital and would like a visit from the St. Thomas Aquinas Ministry, we would like to hear from you. We are also asking for parishioners, men and women, who have a few hours weekly or monthly to help with our new Visiting Ministry. We have many sick and homebound in our parish who would enjoy a visit or maybe just a phone call. If you would like to become a member or would like someone to visit a family member or friend, please call Floss Mason at 215-788-2094.

Separated/Divorced Support Group
Please join us on May 26th at 2PM in the School Meeting Room. 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.

Knights of Columbus News
The Knights of Columbus Council #4765 will host their 7th Annual Bake Sale to benefit ARC on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11th and 12th, after all Masses. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please call Mark Martin at 215-681-7253.

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 can be purchased from a member of the Knights of Columbus or at the Parish Office. Cost is $11 each.

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 Feminity-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.

Employment Opportunity
The St. Katharine Drexel Mission Center and National Shrine is looking for a FT Office Coordinator/Marketing Assistant. Responsible for coordinating, hosting visitors, scheduling retreats, developing and implementing marketing strategies to increase the visibility of the Mission Ministry of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Please apply at Human Resource Office, 1663 Bristol Pike, Bensalem or 215-244-9900, ext. 348.

Also:
There is an opening available for a full time, Monday to Friday, Security Guard. Security experience or related training is required. If interested, please Call Barbara in HR at 215-244-9900, ext. 348.

St. Michael the Archangel School
Registration for the 2013/2014 school year is open. An excellent and affordable Catholic education is available for our family. There is full and half day programs for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Please call 215-943-0222 to arrange a visit.

Sanctuary Fund
Stanley Alexandrowicz
The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus