

90 Years Young and Still Evolving

The Most Holy Trinity May 26, 2013



Corpus Christi June 2, 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

Monday

- 9 **Anne Bongard**
Req. by: Betty Wunsch

Tuesday

- 9 **Theresa McCloskey 14th Ann.**
Req. by: Carol Rodriguez & Family
Mary Sytnik 15th Ann.
Req. by: Carol Rodriguez & Family

Wednesday

- 9 **For The People**

Thursday

- 9 **NO MASS**

Friday

- 9 **Robin Martin B-day**
Req. by: The Martin Family
Anne Bongard
Req. by: Peggy

Saturday

- 9 **The Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Req. by: STA Parish Family

- 5PM **Stanley Alexandrowicz**
Req. by: Michael Karaim
Lou Balot, III
Req. by: Joe & Dot Cochran
- 9AM **Annette DiTommaso B-day**
Req. by: Tony
John Masko
Req. by: The Family
- 11AM **Chad Serventi**
Req. by: Father
Hugh McFadden
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

As we have this opportunity again tomorrow to remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the rights you and I enjoy as citizens of the United States, may our rest and recreation include a few moments to stop and thankfully remember them. Last Sunday was an especially festive day in our parish. I so appreciate all of you who participated in the May Crowning ceremony, and especially thank the following members of the Level 6 PREP Class who led the prayers before Mary's crowning: Savannah Carpenter, Julianne Citro, Brandon Corridon, Madison Duvoli-Bate, and Savannah Mena. I thank Sarah Hynd for helping with the crowning ceremony, and Brittany Gabriel and Michael Winstanley for singing and music. After the May Crowning, I had the privilege of baptizing Christopher John Krall, Jr., and brothers Ryan and Travis Pierson. May God bless them as they grow in the Catholic faith. Blessings to their parents, Christopher John, Sr. and Colleen; Michael and Jaclyn. I am elated our parish is welcoming new members as our parish family grows.

Peace and Love,

Father Mike

St. Charles Borromeo

There has been a change in the Kindergarten graduation. It will be held Thursday, June 6 at 9:30AM.

Sunday Bulletin

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

Masses

June 1 and 2, 2013

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

Sunday Scriptures, June 2

Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Lectors

June 1 5PM J. Mundy & R. Fallon
June 2 9AM K. Schafer & A. Ditzler
June 2 11AM W. Scenna & J. Kochuveli

Extraordinary Minister

June 1 5PM J. Kelly & M. Kelly
June 2 9AM M. Bosco & M. Ghost
June 2 11AM R. Kelly & M. Kelly

Altar Servers' Schedule

June 1	5:00PM
June 2	9:00AM
June 2	11:00AM

Offertory Collection

May 19, 2013

Adults (264)	\$4714.00
High School (6)	\$31.00
Children (1)	\$2.00
Total	\$4747.00
Special Monthly	\$50.00

Comparison of Sunday Offering

May 20, 2012

Total	\$4947.00
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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.

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, June 18, 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, Scott Batcho, Stephanie Yost, Art Horner, Harlow Adams, Jim Ryan, Edith Altieri

All those who are sick.

OUR DECEASED

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!

Experience Italy, May 18 to May 30, 2014

Join Father Timothy O'Sullivan, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Levittown for a 13 day trip. The cost of \$3,895.00 per person includes roundtrip airfare, a tour guide throughout the trip on a private bus, accommodations in a first class hotels, breakfast daily, many lunches and dinner. Call Immaculate Conception Rectory, 215-946-1638, for a brochure and make plans to be part of this incredible trip of a lifetime!

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Note from the Missionaries

We are grateful for your gracious hospitality during your Parish Mission. It was rewarding to experience your faith life witnessed in the various aspects of the mission. We appreciated the work done in the preparation of your mission. We are grateful to the lectors, the music ministry, ushers, and all who participated in this time of grace and renewal. We thank you for your generous offering of \$1,333.00 to further the missionary work of the Redemptorists. By your offering you share in the Redemptorist apostolate in bringing the Good News to God's people. May you continue to enjoy the abundance of graces from our God. You are remembered in prayer so that you continue to grow in your life in Christ.

God bless you,
Father Paul Bryan, CSSR
Sister Mary Sninsky, OSF

Our Parish Celebrates!

We rejoice with Christopher and Colleen, proud parents of Christopher Kralle, Jr. and with Michael and Jacklyn, proud parents of Ryan and Travis Pierson, who were baptized at St. Thomas Aquinas on May 19, 2013. Welcome Christopher, Michael and Travis, to your parish family; blessings Christopher, Colleen, Michael and Jacklyn as you are their first teachers.

Discernment Retreat

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for a retreat, June 7-9, 2013 from 6PM Friday to 3PM Sunday at Villa Maria House of Studies. This retreat will focus on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Please contact Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan or Sister Mary Jo Ely at ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.

Pastoral Council Nominations and Elections

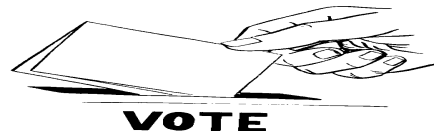
As it is time for nominations and elections to the Pastoral Council, two parishioners will be elected for 3 year terms as Russell Andrews and Richard Brown will be completing their terms. The work of the Pastoral Council is to advise Father Mike about all aspects of parish life, except Finances. The 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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What is a "Contributing Parishioner?"

At times, certain expressions which circulate around parish offices or Finance Council meetings may be a bit confusing. In an effort to rid you of confusion regarding the expression "Contributing parishioner," your parish offers this explanation. Simply put, a "Contributing parishioner" is one who uses his or her Sunday envelopes for weekly contributions to the parish, which are the monies for paying usual parish bills. While many people continue to struggle with the economic "fall out" of 2008, Father Mike, with the support of the Parish Finance Council, urges each of you to use your envelopes for your contributions, regardless of how much you are able to contribute each week. Your use of envelopes will enable him and the Finance Council to have an accurate number of our contributing parishioners. A sincere "Thank you" for your generosity and cooperation.

Sanctuary Funds

Anne Bongard

Ms. Patricia Rossbauer

Ms. Dot Williams

Stanley Alexandrowicz

Rebecca Brown

St. Hubert High School

St. Hubert will be offering courses for incoming freshman from June 17th to July 3rd in the following subjects: Developmental English, Developmental Math, Creative Writing and Enrichment Math. The fee is \$115.00 per course. For more information call Ms. Mary Clifford at 215-624-6840, ext. 335.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with the planting of flowers and mulching in the flower beds. Specially Richard & Vincent Powers for supplying lunch and to Spor's Nurseries.

Thank You!

Thank you for each of you who donated food to this year's Manna Drive. Your donations will go to "Mary's Cupboard" at Catholic Social Services in Levittown; each of you has performed the Corporal Work of Mercy: "to feed the hungry."

Thank you all for receiving the message of the "In Pew Weekend" for the Catholic Charities Appeal last weekend. While times have been hard for all of us, they truly are consistently harder, in fact, desperate for thousands of our brothers and sisters in the local Church of Philadelphia.

"Women of Wisdom in a Worried World"

Being a woman, a wife, a mother and a person of faith in America these days is a complex challenge. This retreat at Malvern Retreat House, June 21-June 23 offers women of all ages a place to not only find the answers they seek, but to enjoy the support and fellowship of other women who are facing the same challenges. To register or for more information, visit www.MalvernRetreat.com (click on Retreats for Women) or call 610-644-0400.

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.

Market Day

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting this tasty fundraiser! We had 31 customers and earned \$281.51 for the month of May. Orders for June are due on Monday, June 3rd and pickup will be Saturday, June 8th from Noon to 1PM.