

90 Years Young and Still Evolving

Corpus Christi

June 2, 2013

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

Monday

9 **Anne Bongard**

Req. by: Marian Baltrusaitis

Tuesday

9 **Francis Fishburn**

Req. by: George & Sandy Eble

Dorothy Fishburn

Req. by: George & Sandy Eble

Wednesday

9 **For The People**

Thursday

9 **NO MASS**

Friday

9 **Joan Carmody**

Req. by: Tom

Joseph Bongard

Req. by: Anne

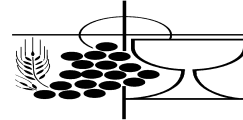
Saturday

9 **Louis Balot, III**

Req. by: Eleanor Keeton

Agnes Moore

Req. by: Nancy & Margaret



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2013

5PM **Dorothy Green**

Req. by: Janice Fratantaro

Dorothy Gibson

Req. by: Christi Bate

9AM **Thomas Neibauer**

Req. by: The Family

Kyle Schwab

Req. by: The Family

11AM **Lyla Rupp**

Req. by: John Rupp

Rose Ozar

Req. by: Mark & Joanne Garabedian

“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
June 23 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 today we have again adored Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I pray that all who are our parish family may have a deeper understanding of the true gift Who is Jesus. Belief in His Real Presence lies at the heart of being a Catholic.

Based on somewhat recent studies and polls, many practicing Catholics, that is, those who frequently participate in Mass and celebrate the sacraments, do not accept the doctrine of the Real Presence. Doubts can lead to understanding after a period of study and prayer.

May I offer a pastoral admonition, namely, that you who may not accept the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist learn more about Who Jesus is, and pray for a better understanding? The Church's Catechism is an excellent resource.

I will be on Retreat this week, and look forward to reflection, prayer, reuniting with priest friends, and simply "getting away from it all". I suggest you try it, too. Some of you go on Retreat every year and look forward to it as I do. Our friend, Father Mike Sheehan, will celebrate the daily Masses, and Msgr. McAteer and Father Katziner from St. Ephrem's will celebrate funerals while I am away. I am blessed by my brother priests who are always willing to help me and you.

*Peace and Love,
Father Mike*

Learn About the Holy Land

There will be a video presentation of the Holy Land followed by reflections and recollections of Father Mike's and Ro Fallon's recent pilgrimage on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 2PM in Father Crehan Hall. Please join us!!

St. Charles Borromeo

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

Masses

June 8 and 9, 2013

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

Sunday Scriptures, June 9

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:17-24
Reading II: Galatians 1:11-19
Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Lectors

June 8 5PM J. Berna & A. Bachman
June 9 9AM J. Jackson & J. Fritz
June 9 11AM L. Marion & S. Colvin

Extraordinary Minister

June 8 5PM J. Gibbs & E. Gibbs
June 9 9AM K. Schafer & D. Schafer
June 9 11AM JP Alitieri & R. Andrews

Altar Servers' Schedule

June 8 5:00PM
D. Ambrose, A. Ambrose, E. Kugler
June 9 9:00AM
K. Moyer, E. Moyer, A. Fields
June 9 11:00AM
O. Ogbonna, K. Ogbonna, L. Marion

Offertory Collection

May 26, 2013

Adults (241)	\$4560.00
High School (5)	\$31.00
Children (1)	\$2.00
Total	\$4593.00
Special Monthly	\$595.00
Ascension	\$90.00

Comparison of Sunday Offering

May 27, 2012

Total	\$4858.00
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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

5/21/13 #777 Lois Cinkutis \$50
5/23/13 #120 John Whelihan \$50

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**.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

Please join us on **June 23rd** 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.

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!

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, Marie Grafenstine, Arnold Patterson, Elizabeth Kane, Scott Batcho, Stephanie Yost, Art Horner, Harlow Adams, Jim Ryan, Edith Altieri
All those who are sick.

OUR DECEASED

Rita Kronenbitter
All the deceased of the parish.

Business Owners/Handy Persons

Own a business? Handy around the house? Your fellow parishioners would patronize you if only they knew about you. Please post a business card or small note listing your name, number and specialty on the table in back of church.

St. Thomas Aquinas' Suggestion Box

Your Pastor and your Pastoral Council would like to hear from you. We would like to know your thoughts; observations, concerns, and recommendations concerning **all** aspects of the St. Thomas Aquinas faith community.

For example:

What do you like about St. Thomas Aquinas Parish?

What do you not like about St. Thomas Aquinas Parish?

Are there programs you would like to see implemented?

Do you have a question you would like answered?

Box is located in the back of church by the entrance to the choir loft.

CYO Soccer Registration

Registrations will be accepted on **June 13th** from **6:30PM to 8PM** in Father Crehan Hall.

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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

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.

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.

Pastoral Council Nominations and Elections

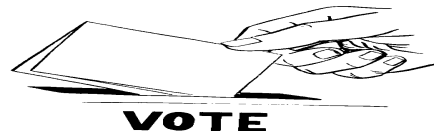
As it is time for nominations and elections to the Pastoral Council, two parishioners will be elected for 3 year terms as Russell Andrews and Richard Brown will be completing their terms. The work of the Pastoral Council is to advise Father Mike about all aspects of parish life, except Finances. The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

Ellen Bloom

Ruth McCall

Barbara Karpiak

Thank You

Thank you to each of you who gave up much of Saturday, May 18 to beautify our parish grounds by mulching and planting flowers. Our parish grounds are beautiful!!

Check Out CatholicPhilly.com

While we have probably missed "The Catholic Standard and Times" for many months, the latest news, including clerical changes, information about parish restructuring, and Archbishop Chaput's weekly column is available on CatholicPhilly.com.

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.

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.

It's "Curtains" at St. Katherine's

Do you like a good old-fashioned WHODUNIT? Well, you'll have to see SKS' production of CURTAINS-A MUSICAL COMEDY WHODUNIT taking the stage of McBride Hall on June 7 and 8 at 7:30PM and June 8 and 9 at 2PM. Tickets can be pre-ordered by contacting Brian Padia at 215-284-8680 or sienaplayers@aol.com. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. St. Katherine of Siena is located at 9700 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia. Don't miss this funny and clever musical comedy from the creators of "Caberet" and "Chicago."

Welcome New Parishioners!

Diego & Kathleen Carmona and Antonio
Celia Fernandez
Anna Balla
Kevin & Stephanie Egan and Madison
Laura McDonald