

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today marks the beginning of my 3rd year as Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas. As I look back, I must say it has been an interesting 24 months — never a dull moment! After each proud accomplishment, it always “what’s next?” And yet, I believe we have made some very good progress. Let me just mention a few...

- I am quite proud of our ability to introduce Life Teen & EDGE into our Youth Ministry program spearheaded by the enthusiastic leadership of Alley White, along with the beginnings of our new 6pm Youth Mass.
- I am quite pleased with the continuing improvement of our Spirituality Tuesday Assemblies with the addition of many new speakers and exciting topics.
- Our fresh, up-to-date, and informative web site has allowed us to bring the news and happenings of our parish into every home.
- I am grateful for all of the energy, enthusiasm, and hard work that have been directed toward the renovation of Dermody Center, The Thomas House, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, and St. Elizabeth Seton School.
- Finally, I look forward to the challenge of renewing and re-energizing all of our ministries for children. I am on the outlook for just the right person who will help us provide the very best faith formation programs for our youngest members.

Of course none of this would be possible without our parish leaders, volunteers, generous and supportive parishioners, and our talented and dedicated staff. Each and every day, I thank God for all of you. It is because of you that I wake up each day, ready and willing to provide the leadership and vision necessary to help our parish be true and faithful to its mission. I continue to ask for your prayers, so that God will give me the strength to be a healthy, holy, and happy priest in service to the Church for many more years.

Fr. Matt

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The next couple of months, the time of vacations and weekends away, are always quite challenging for our parish financially a **very good reason to consider using**



Our Weekly Offering

June 24 Actual \$9,400 • Goal \$11,000
 Peter's Pence..... \$2,500.00

Online Giving. Thank you for your generosity toward the work and mission of the parish. As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all of our parishioners for our livelihood.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 1:
 9:00 am SAG ... Fr. Matthew D. Stanley
 (sp. int.)
 10:30 am OLR .. Julie Crozier †
Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Monday, July 2:
 7:15 am STA.... Msgr. William Lenane †
 8:30 am OLR ... Pat Franklin †
 12:15 pm STA .. Delsie Aranha †
Readings: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 3: St. Thomas
 8:30 am OLR ... Agnese Cortopassi †
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 10:24-29

Wednesday, July 4:
 7:15 am STA.... James Joseph Kinsella †
Readings: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
 St. Anthony Zaccaria
 8:30 am OLR ... Rita Botti †
Readings: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 6: St. Maria Goretti
 7:15 am STA.... Msgr. William Lenane †
 8:30 am OLR ... Julius Backles †
 12:15 pm STA .. Francois & Maria Cecilia Torregrosa †
Readings: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 7: Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:00 pm SAG ... James & Edith Dubbs †
Readings: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday July 7 & 8, 2012
 St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas
 Sun 9:00 am Fr. Epie
 Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am..... Fr. Hester
 Sun 8:45 am..... Fr. Brown
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Seimas
 Sun 12 noon TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sun 9:00 am..... Fr. Gammad
 Sun 10:30 am..... Fr. Valenton



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraeve, Erika Staelgraeve, William McInerney, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Joan Sterling, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Robert Purcell, Judith Ann Canales, Msgr. William Lenane, Arminda Schembri, Frank M. Briggs, Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Medina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart, Rachel Salcedo, William J. Wall, Emil Trojak, Rose DeVasto

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 1: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)

Monday, July 2:

7:00 pm Hispanic Lectors (OLR)

Tuesday, July 3:

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day;
Pastoral Center Closed

10:00 am Adult Spirituality (PC)

7:00 pm Community Life (PC)

7:30 pm Latin Circle (TH)

Thursday, July 5:

10:00 am Faith Sharing (DC)

5:30 pm STAYouth (DC)

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, July 6: First Friday

7:00 pm Adoration (OLR)

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, July 7: First Saturday

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

*You changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.
— Psalm 30:13*

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for the late Emil Trojak will be celebrated at St. Albert the Great church on July 9th at 12pm. All are welcome. Reception to follow at SAG Hall.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Pastoral Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4th. There will be no 12:15pm Mass.

ON VACATION

Fr. Matt will be on summer vacation through July 15th. We wish him a restful and relaxing time.

WELCOME BACK, FR. EPIE

Temporarily in residence at the St. Albert the Great Rectory from July 8 through the end of August, Father Franklin Epie (eppie-ay) is from Cameroon, in Africa. While he is on vacation this summer, he will assist our parish with masses. He has been able to visit the last two summers. This will be especially helpful since Fr. Randy is studying at Stanford Hospital and Clinics in the Pastoral Care program. Welcome back, Fr. Epie!

FR. MATT APPOINTED DEAN BY BISHOP MCGRATH

Effective on July 1 and continuing through June 30, 2015, Bishop McGrath has appointed Fr. Matt as Dean of Deanery 2 which includes the parishes of Palo Alto, Stanford, Los Altos, and Mountain View.

A Deanery is an important regional bridge between the ministry of the Bishop and the Christian Faithful throughout the Diocese, and it functions best in fostering cooperative and collaborative programs in which people share common concerns and hopes.

The Dean (Vicar Forane) holds an office of considerable pastoral importance; he is a close collaborator with the Bishop in the pastoral care of the Catholic Faithful, and an attentive 'elder brother' towards to the priests of the deanery. It falls to him to coordinate the common pastoral activity of the parishes, to see to it that priests are living lives in conformity with their state and that parochial discipline is duly observed.

HOTEL DE ZINK

Our parish will be talking food to the Hotel de Zink (shelter for the homeless) during the last two weeks of August. The Hotel will be at the Christian Reformed Church on Arastradero Road. I will be signing folks up to bring food after the Masses during the month of July. Please check your calendars to see when it would be a good time for you to help. If you have questions, or if I miss you at Mass, please call me at 856-6350. Thanks, Ruth Chippendale

ROSARY RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

It's time to bring the Rosary into the public square once again! On Saturday, July 14, Catholics from across our parish will gather at St. Thomas Aquinas for Mass at 11:00 AM, followed by a short procession to Lytton Plaza in downtown Palo Alto, where we'll pray the Rosary starting at noon. Because the Bishops of the United States have been urging everyone to pray for the protection of religious liberty in our country, this Rosary will be dedicated to that intention. Please mark your calendars and take part in this vital public witness.

ONE DAY MASS TIME CHANGE ON JULY 14

The 12:15 p.m. Mass on Saturday July 14 at St. Thomas will be changed to 11:00 a.m. and there will not be an opportunity for confessions before Mass. Confessions will still be at 4:15 p.m. that day at St. Albert the Great.

July 1, 2012

INTRODUCING ERINN BAATRUP

"Hi everyone! My name is Erinn Baatrup and I am the new Assistant to the Director of Youth Ministry. I grew up in Antioch, CA with my mom, dad, and my older brother and sister. We have always been an active family and active in the Church. When I was a freshman in high school, I joined a Life Teen youth group at my former parish; it was love at first sight. Since then, I have been a participant in weekly youth group meetings and became a leader in the group as a junior.

When I graduated high school, I took a sixth month leave from the weekly meetings to reassess my plans and call to ministry. At the end of that period, I was back as a Core member and growing stronger in my faith than ever before. As for my education, I had no idea what I was going to do or what I wanted to study so I attended a junior college in Pleasant Hill. As the time to apply for schools came, I put all my eggs in one basket so to speak. I applied to only Franciscan University of Steubenville studying Theology and was accepted.

Two years later, here I am: back in the Bay Area. The lessons I learned and the experiences I was blessed to have are immeasurable. In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors, exercising, reading, and spending time with my friends, family, and fiancé. It has been a whirlwind, but I couldn't be more excited to be joining this parish, the team of leaders, and the youth. Everyone has been so great so far and I look forward to meeting many more people in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to grow with you!"

SUE CLINGSMITH RESIGNS POSITION

On Thursday, June 21, Sue Clingsmith delivered her letter of resignation to Fr. Matt. Sue has worked as our Director of Faith Formation for the past 7 years. We wish to thank Sue for her dedication and service to the children and their families. We wish her well on her continued journey.

YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. July 10th at 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, Palo Alto — Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Twenty Arguments for the Existence of God". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us this summer!

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.