

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

July 10, 2016/15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S CORNER

In the current Sunday cycle of the Lectionary for Mass, we're working through the Gospel of Luke (for the most part). There's a lot of stuff in Luke that has no parallel in any of the other Gospels: such as the Annunciation and most of the infancy narrative, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and in today's reading we get another: the parable of the Good Samaritan.

We know well the main outlines of the passage: Jesus enunciates the two-fold law of love of God and love of neighbor, and immediately someone asks "who is my neighbor?" Not a bad question. Instead of prosaically answering the question directly, Jesus answers in good Rabbinic style by telling a story and then asking a question of his own. A man—a Jew—is beaten by bandits and left for dead, and then ignored by two privileged members of the Jewish nation, a priest and a Levite. He is eventually helped, but by a Samaritan. And Jews hated Samaritans, and *vice-versa*. Yet it is the Samaritan, not the priest or Levite, who lifts him onto his own beast of burden and gets him lodging and medical attention all out of his own pocket, and promises even more help if needed. After the story, Jesus asks the question: Who showed himself a neighbor to the man? They cannot even say, "the Samaritan," so they say, "the one who treated him with mercy." "Go and do likewise," Jesus says.

But notice a peculiar wrinkle in the dialogue: Jesus is asked "who is my neighbor?"—in other words, "whom must I love?" You would think the neighbor in the story would be the victim, but in fact, as Jesus tells it, it's the Samaritan: "which of the three was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" In other words, the dialogue begins with the question "whom must I love?" and ends with Jesus' question, "who is the one that shows love?"

Of course, "neighbor" is a reciprocal term of relationship: if you're the neighbor of another, that other is your neighbor, by definition. And neighbors, in the Kingdom of God, are to love one another. Love should be mutual. But we only have control of one end of this relationship, however, ourselves. We must love our neighbor, and our neighbor is, in a word, "everyone else." Our neighbors are not for us to choose; they are given to us. But whether our relationships are with people of our own choosing (friends, spouses) or those providentially given, fulfilling the perfect law of God means loving them. Not liking them, but loving them, and perhaps even discovering it's easier to love those we once disliked, by the transforming power of God's love. For many have discovered that the cause of dislike was actually in the disliker and not in the disliked. God's grace is greater than ourselves, so much greater, and if we're called to eternal friendship with all other human beings, is it so surprising that God should want us to start habituating ourselves to loving them *now*?

I mentioned that Fr. Athanasius (our August help) would be giving a lecture series on Evangelization. Those talks will be **August 2, 9, 16, and 23, at 7:00 p.m., in Rosary Hall.** Save the dates! —*Fr. Peter*

PARISH PRIESTS: DOMINICAN FRIARS *of the PROVINCE OF SAINT JOSEPH*

Fr. Peter Fegan, O.P. (Pastor), Fr. Luke Tancress, O.P.
Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P., Fr. Christopher Saliga, O.P.

MASSES

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. (Sat.),

7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Saturday & civic holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Saturday: 8:30-9:00 a.m. & 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m., following Benediction

No confessions on holidays or days Benediction is cancelled

EMERGENCY LINE: (740) 607-8863

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. *Closed weekends and holidays*

PARISH STAFF

Secretary

Mrs. Sheila Branson (ext. 10)
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Music Director

Maintenance and cemetery grounds

Mr. Bruce Paul

Baptisms Contact the pastor to schedule. First-time parents please also schedule a "pre-Jordan" preparation class

Weddings Active parishioners contact the parish office no later than six months prior to the desired wedding date

Eucharistic exposition Every Wednesday following the noon Mass until 7:00 p.m. Benediction. For information, and to volunteer to take hours of adoration, contact Regina Cano at (614) 582-8588

Funeral luncheons Contact Mary Margaret Murphy at (740) 452-4454

Rental information To reserve Rosary Hall or Activity Center (i.e. the school gym) contact Mary Ann Ewart at maewart@gmail.com or (740) 319-2449

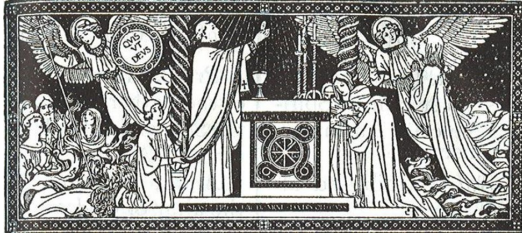
Pregnancy counseling Heartbeat Family Center/Pregnancy Distress: (740) 450-5437, www.heartbeats.org

Rosary Altar Society Contact Lori Gnau at (740) 453-8501

Prayer requests (740) 454-2700, (740) 297-7164, (740) 588-0314, or (740) 704-3136

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Mass Intentions

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.
cf. 2 Maccabees, 12.

Sunday, July 10

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Sat.) Dolores Montgomery (+)
7:00am John Hartnett (+)
9:00am Ernest Noll (+)
11:00am Josie Basalla (+)
6:00pm People of the parish

Monday, July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot (M)

8:00 a.m. Wanda Lynn Family
12Noon Michael E. Nestor (+)

Tuesday, July 12

Feria
8:00 a.m. Sally Andrews (+)
12Noon Lori Clifford (+)

Wednesday, July 13

Feria
8:00 a.m. Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)
12Noon Mary Lou Cush (+)

Thursday, July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin (M)
8:00 a.m. Jacob Adams
12Noon Souls In Purgatory

Friday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor (M)
8:00 a.m. Cecil Mary Soller (+)
12Noon John & Catharine Finan (+)

Saturday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Opt. M)
9:00am Brandon Merriam (+)

Sunday, July 17

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Sat.) John & Peg Mattingly (+)
7:00am Roy & Eleanor Teeters (+)
9:00am Paul Carpenter (+)
11:00am Marianna Russo (+)
6:00pm People of the parish

Nota bene: Incense may be used at any Sunday Mass except the 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses

Weekly Calendar

Sun, July 10

Coffee & doughnuts (following 9 & 11 Masses)

Mon, July 11

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group (parish center)

Tue, July 12

2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Life (church)
[6:00 p.m.: Daughters of Isabella, at St. Nicholas parish office]
6:45 p.m. Women's conference planning
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

Wed, July 13

Eucharistic exposition following noon Mass
7:00 p.m. Benediction
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Sat, July 16

6:00 a.m. Pro-life Rosary in Columbus.

Parish Finances

July 3, 2016

Envelopes	\$10,638.38
Loose	916.92
Total	11,555.30
[Other	920.44]
Weekly Budget.....	11,538.00
This week's surplus:.....	17.30

Thank you!

(Note: collection total does not reflect electronic donations. The parish receives \$3,230.00 monthly through automatic electronic deposits.)

You'll notice a large, 2-page advertisement on the following pages for a pilgrimage in October to the California Missions. There's a reason I'm plumping for it. You see, if 20 of our parishioners register for it, I (your beloved pastor) get to go for free.

Even if we don't manage that many—and even if I wind up not going—you should consider this trip. First, it's being hosted by Patrick Madrid, a great Catholic writer and radio host, and also a great friend of the Dominicans (parishioner at St. Patrick's in Columbus). And being with Bishop Wall during those days and hearing his preaching would be a great grace.

Moreover, pilgrimages are good for the soul and spiritually refreshing, and in days when many are reasonably reluctant to risk traveling abroad, this is a pilgrimage to holy sites in our own fair land.

Please consider going on this pilgrimage. —Fr. Peter

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Please pray for the home-bound of the parish:

Margaret Gladys Abbott, Pat Barrett, William & Jan Barry, Mary Batteiger, Gertrude Bell, Madelyn Bronkar, Mathilda Clark, Bart & Josephine Cooper, Mary Cowden, Mary Lou Crawford, Michael Curtis, Ernestine Dailey, Jeanne Dittmar, Ralph Dosch, Marcy DuBeck, Betty Fedor, Jenni Finnen, Beverly Foley, Isabel Gilchrist, Mary Ellen Grafton, Florence Herbert, Carol Hoffman, Patricia Huck, Eileen Johnston, Henry Long, David Macenko, Dolores Mahon, Josephine Marshall, Betty Mercer, Patricia Perone, Alice Pitcock, Mary Polascak, Mary Postlewaite, Mary Rosta, George and Barb Ridenour, Mary Lou Scott, Barbara Schumacher, Loretta Silfko, Theresa Tracey, Theresa Woods, Terri Woods

800th Anniversary of the Order of Friars Preachers



Until January 21, 2017, the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph, along with the Order of Preachers worldwide, will celebrate the 800th anniversary (or "Jubilee") of the approbation of the Dominican Order by Pope Honorius III in 1216. For more information, see jubilee.opeast.org

"Can you not watch one hour with me, and pray?"



We have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday afternoon, following noon Mass until 7:00 p.m., with Benediction.
Venite, adoremus. Come, let us adore.

Hiring at Bishop Fenwick School

Bishop Fenwick School is currently accepting applications for the positions of 3rd grade teacher and Intervention Specialist. Requirements for this position:

- an appropriate state of Ohio teaching license (or be eligible to obtain it by August 2016);
- Current BCI&I and FBI background checks;
- Attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment seminar;

Complete the online teaching application for the Diocese of Columbus. Please contact Principal Mrs. Kelly Sagan by e-mailing resume and letter of interest to: ksgan@cducation.org.



Deacon Bob Ghiloni's Italy Pilgrimage

Last call for our Pilgrimage to Italy! The trip includes Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Loppia, and Venice: 11 days in all. If interested, *don't hesitate*. Call Deacon Bob Ghiloni at (740) 258-4912 or e mail at dcnbohg@gmail.com for information and make reservations.

Help is at Sisters of Children of Mary convent in Newark, OH. We just excavated 4 acres of land and need help clearing the trees and building permanent pastures for our cows. Any day! Please call (740) 323 1977 or email childrenofmary@juno.com.

The Children of Mary also are having OPEN DOORS at their new convent in Columbus at 40 N. Grubb Street, just west of Holy Family Church on Broad St. August 6, First Saturday, will be the second of a series on persecution. Rachel Muha, whose young son was murdered, is living out an outstanding witness of forgiveness and returning evil with a blessing, just as the Lord commanded. All welcome. Come hear her inspiring story Saturday, Aug. 6 at 12:30. Talk followed by adoration, praise and worship ending with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00. Bring a dish to share if you would like to stay for supper. (Phone for Columbus convent: (614) 867-8334.) Come and bring a friend. All are welcome!