

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

April 16, 2017/EASTER SUNDAY

PASTOR'S CORNER

The great difficulty in believing is not seeing. Some people think we're gullible to believe what we can't see, but really, most of what people think throughout their lifetime are precisely things told them by others—which they never verify but just accept, if they trust the speaker.

Well, none of us has ever seen the risen Lord in his human form. No one but a tiny fraction of the early Church did: his own Mother (naturally), the apostles, Mary Magdalene, and some of the disciples. Jesus appeared to his disciples for forty days before the Ascension, so probably a few more. We don't know how many to be sure, but definitely a small number relative to the number of his disciples. And compared to those who would come to believe based on the preaching of



the apostles after Pentecost? Miniscule. And those who would come to believe down through the ages, based on the word shared by believers? Infinitesimally few. Yet the faith that exists in the hearts of believers today is the same faith—undiluted, undiminished—that was in the hearts of those few witnesses. This is how it pleased God that we should come to faith in the Resurrection of his Son Jesus. First, through the divine and human Word which is Christ himself, God translated into human nature, and then, by the spoken human word of others, all sinners, many of whom were called upon to give firmness to their testimony by sacrifice of their own lives. The truth of God is not subject to the wear and tear of time, like the relics of his saints or the burial shroud of Christ. Faith gives us access to God himself, a share in his own vision, and the only thing that limits that share for ourselves is the intensity of our own response to this gracious divine initiative in our lives.

If we trust the speaker of this message, is it insane to believe it? Why should anything be impossible for God? Should the fact that this news fulfills the deepest and most universal desire of the human heart count against it? *Resurrexit Christus, sicut dixit, alleluia, alleluia!*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP All parishioners should participate fully in parish life (*this especially means worshipping at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation*), be registered here, and contribute to the support the parish to the extent possible. We often get requests for recommendations and permissions for parishioners to serve as godparents and sponsors. If we don't know you, we can't give that testimony on your behalf. You may have been baptized here (or gone to Catholic schools) but you need to be currently practicing and registered in your local parish (children are obviously registered with their parents; adults need to make their own arrangements). The Church requires that baptisms and marriages be celebrated in one's own parish. If one is not an active parishioner, problems could arise at those important times.

Baptisms Usually 1st and 3rd Sundays. Contact the pastor to schedule. First-time parents please also schedule a "pre-Jordan" preparation class—offered the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:15 p.m. in the parish center.

Weddings Active parishioners contact the parish office no later than six months prior to the desired wedding date. Marriage preparation normally includes several meetings with a priest, several meetings with a mentor couple of the parish, a weekend of conferences offered by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, NFP training, and FOCCUS diagnostic. *If someone in your family is planning to get married*, please encourage them to speak to their pastor. The marriages of Catholics (whether or not they're marrying other Catholics) need to be conformable with Church law, and that requires that they receive suitable catechesis in preparation for marriage, and marry according to a certain rite.

Eucharistic exposition Wednesdays 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.

Knights of Columbus Contact Trinidad Cano at (740) 819-8002. The K of C offer a hot breakfast every 4th Sunday following morning Masses, and lead the Rosary after the 11:00 Mass on 5th Sundays.

Choir We're always in need of more voices in the choir. Contact the parish office or the choir director Mrs. Adams. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, after Benediction.

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.

Prayer requests (740) 453-8397, (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.



Monday, April 17

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00am Fallen away Catholics
12Noon Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)

Tuesday, April 18

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00am Herb & Emma Noll Family
12Noon James & Kay Hamme (+)

Wednesday, April 19

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00am Marcia Dunkle (+)
12Noon Schaumleffel Family

Thursday, April 20

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00am Julia Jeffrey (+)
12Noon Dominican Order

Friday, April 21

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00am Mary Norris (+)
12Noon Charles & Anna Labaki (+)

Saturday, April 22

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9:00am Roy & Eleanor Teeters (+)

Sunday, April 23

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER (LOW SUNDAY)

5:00pm Jane Whipple (+)
7:00am People of the parish
9:00am End to abortion
11:00am Bud Gookins (+)

Following the 11:00am Mass there will be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:00pm, at which time we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and end with Benediction. All are welcome.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 16: EASTER SUNDAY

No CCD, RCIA
Coffee and doughnuts after 11:00 Mass only

Monday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Scouts (Parish Center)

Tuesday, April 18

2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Fr. Luke (Book of Revelation)
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Life (church)
Catechism: No meeting

Wednesday, April 19

Eucharistic exposition following noon Mass
6:00 p.m. Festival Planning (Parish Center)
7:00 p.m. Benediction
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (church)

Thursday, April 20

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Parish Office)

Saturday, April 22

Pro-life Rosary in Columbus (leave STA 6:00 a.m.)

Sunday, April 23

No CCD, RCIA
No coffee and doughnuts

Parish Finances

Weekend of April 9

Main collection total\$7,406.13*
Weekly Budget11,538.00
This week's deficit - 4,131.87

Thank you!

* This figure includes envelope and loose amounts. It does not include automatic electronic donations.

Upcoming special collections

Apr 23 Catholic Home Missions
Apr 30 Church in Central & Eastern Europe
May 7 St. Vincent de Paul Society
May 21 Catholic Communications Campaign

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*Join us for
a special*

MOTHER~ DAUGHTER *Brunch* *Saturday, May 6*



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9am Mass followed by brunch
in Rosary Hall

*Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother,
granddaughter, aunt, niece or friend!*

*Enjoy a time of fellowship as sisters,
mothers and daughters in Christ.*

Suggested donation: \$7/person

RSVP to the parish office
740-453-3301





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St. Catherine of Siena Feast Day Dinner

Saturday, April 29th

at 6:00 p.m.

Rosary Hall

Join us in celebrating the feast of St. Catherine with a dinner of salad, spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. And, perhaps, a little bit more for your dining pleasure.



Ticket prices: \$10 for ages 12 and over; \$4 for children under 12; \$40 max for families (parents + minor children). Available for purchase at the parish office. Call (740) 453-3301. We hope to see you there!



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Please pray for the home-bound of the parish:

Margaret Gladys Abbott, Nancy Arledge, William & Jan Barry, Mary Batteiger, Gertrude Bell, Madelyn Bronkar, Mathilda Clark, Bart & Josephine Cooper, Mary Cowden, Herman Crock, Michael Curtis, Jeanne Dittmar, Frances Feerick, Evelyn DiVincenzo, Betty Fedor, Beverly Foley, Isabel Gilchrist, Mary Ellen Grafton, Florence Herbert, Sandra Honeywell, Patricia Huck, Eileen Johnston, Mike Kline, Dorothy Loewendick, Henry Long, David Macenko, Dolores Mahon, Josephine Marshall, Patricia Perone, Alice Pitcock, Mary Polascak, Mary Postlewaite, Mary Rosta, George and Barb Ridenour, Joe and Barbara Ritchey, Mary Lou Scott, Barbara Schumacher, Loretta Silfko, Terri Woods

Festival News

This year's festival will be held June 8-10. The children's games chairpersons (Jill Phillips and Kacie Bell) are in need of gently used stuffed animals and 2-liter soft drinks. Donations may be dropped off at the school or parish offices. Next planning meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 in the Parish Center. Anyone who wants to help in any capacity is welcome to attend.

Thursday Bible Study

This Thursday the Jeff Cavins Bible Study Program resumes in the parish office, at 6:30 p.m. This is part of a 24-party Bible Study designed by Jeff Cavins, and is being headed here in our parish by Mary Baker. Cost for the materials is \$34.95 + shipping. For more information, call Mary Baker at (740) 297-5851 or email at marytbaker@hotmail.com

St Nicholas Youth Group

Strong Guys Retreat will take place the weekend of April 22-23. Keynote Speaker is Dave Eppley. Young men ages 13-18 are invited to participate in this all male retreat. Students will enjoy overnight camping, cooking over an open fire, participating in service projects and more. Pre-registration required, and cost is \$15.00 per person, scholarships available. Contact Patty Boggs (740) 453-5173 or St. Nicholas parish office for registration materials.

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The Catholic Schools of Zanesville are currently seeking an Athletic Director for the K-12 athletic program. The Athletic Director will supervise all Bishop Rosecrans High School and Bishop Fenwick Elementary School athletic programs, and manage all coaches and athletic staff, under the supervision of the school principals.

The job responsibilities are as follows:

- ensure OHSAA rules compliance and eligibility requirements;
- supervise high school and 7th & 8th grade athletics, and be a liaison to K-6th grade athletics;
- prepare and coordinate activities for game days and officials;
- work with off-site administrators in the use of athletic facilities;
- maintain school's eligibility and compliance with Diocesan and state requirements;
- oversee athletic finances, budget and fundraising management;
- negotiate and coordinate schedules of athletic events for participation of athletic teams;
- attend league, state, and school meetings;
- organize parent meetings required by OHSAA;
- coordinate athletic recognition ceremonies and awards;
- work with athletic staff and associations to incorporate Catholic Schools of Zanesville mission and philosophy;
- promote and develop the Play Like A Champion Today program from the University of Notre Dame;
- be committed to academic excellence.

Applicant must have current BCI and FBI background checks and complete the Protecting God's Children program, be eligible for a State of Ohio Pupil Activity Permit. Current coaching certification preferred. Catholic preferred. Send letter of interest and CV to Ms. Jennifer Mallett, Rosecrans principal, at rosecrans@cducation.org.

