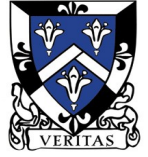




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Pastor's Corner

With the passing of Labor Day and the summer “officially” being over, it’s back to school time. Dreadful to say, I know, but let’s not think of school at its worst. School doesn’t necessarily mean buildings with that “schooly” smell, or classrooms, or writing utensils. In the Christian sense, all of us need schooling, all the time, all our life long: for we call Christ Lord and Master (rightly so), and “master” means teacher. He is the master, we the disciples—i.e., pupils. And the minute we cease to believe we have anything to learn, we cease being disciples and start being something else—but there’s nowhere else to go, since Jesus Christ and he alone has the words of Eternal Life. There is no such thing as “graduating” from the school of Christ.

But this doesn’t mean there is no progress. Progress for us in the school of faith is something different. It means growing in humility and docility, rather than in being puffed up with our knowledge. For the knowledge the faith gives us (and it is really is knowledge, the truest) teaches us the greatness of God and our radical dependence on him—for our mere existence, to say nothing of greater gifts—in our created state. The greater our knowledge God, the greater is to be our love of him and our gratitude to him for everything received—and the greater our love should be for everything and everyone that God loves. We should be increasingly grateful each day for the gift of faith itself, for not everyone has that gift.

“Back to school” time also means for our parish the resumption of CCD classes and the starting up of a new year of adult instruction in the faith, viz., RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please keep both the teachers and the learners in your prayers now and throughout the year—of course, we “teachers” are also called to learn constantly, and as with every other good thing, it is love of God that makes us more able to learn more and more about him. So, pray for us who are charged with teaching the gift of intense charity above all else—so that everything else (the ability to express things well, etc.) will come together. Please also—I have in mind here especially the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mass-goers—think of taking part in (and adding to) the social life of the parish by dropping in now and then at coffee and

doughnuts and meeting the parents of CCD students and in general “being seen.” It’s something our parish and most Catholic parishes need. Let it not be said that our Protestant brothers and sisters have outdone us in friendliness and fellowship. Love of God and love of neighbor stand or fall together, and we all need to be supported in the faith and good works. Who knows what graces the Lord may shower on us by something as simple as our being convivial with each other? *Oremus pro invicem.* —Fr. Peter

2nd Collections this month

One week from now, we’ll be taking up a special collection for our foreign mission in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania). Fr. Michael Dosch, pastor of Saint Patrick’s Church in Columbus, will be here as guest preacher that weekend.

Two weeks from now (Sep 20-21), at the request of Bishop Campbell, we will be taking up a special collection for the benefit of our Christian brothers and sisters undergoing persecution in the Middle East. Bishop Campbell actually asked us to take up this collection the weekend of Sep 13-14, but since the mission appeal was already in place, we will have to do it the following weekend.

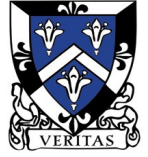
Finally, the last weekend of the month (Sep 27-28) we will take up a special collection for Muskingum Valley Right to Life. I have tried to distribute various 2nd collections throughout the year in such a way that there are no more than two per month, or three in a row like this—but it isn’t always possible to keep to that ideal. Your generosity, as always, is badly needed and greatly appreciated.

Mass intentions—The parish Mass intention book for 2015 opened up this past Monday. Until the beginning of Advent, I ask that people request no more than ten Masses (per family); after then, there will be no limit on how many Masses one may request. My reason for the temporary limit on Masses is to offer a grace period for everyone who wants to have Masses offered for their loved ones a chance to claim some before all the dates are gone. I don’t blame people for wanting as many Masses as possible for their loved ones—far from it! But everyone should have a chance. (Know also that even once all *parish* Masses are spoken for, you can still request Masses that can be said at other times, and even by priests in other locations, e.g., our large community in Washington, DC, foreign mission priests, etc.)



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Sep 7	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00pm	Dolores Heil (+)
7:00am	Eleanor Teeters (+)
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Thomas Pastier (+)
Mon, Sept 8	NATIVITY OF B. V. M. (F)
8:00am	Andrea Musselman Scot (+)
Noon	Zita M. Sheppard
Tue, Sept 9	St. Peter Claver, priest (M)
8:00am	Fallen-away Catholics
Wed, Sept 10	
8:00am	Ryan and Tom Montgomery (+)
Noon	Jo Mattingly (+)
Thu, Sept 11	
8:00am	Conrath Family
Fri, Sept 12	Most Holy Name of Mary (Opt.)
8:00am	Clarence & Jeannette Harnetty (+)
Noon	Lawrence McNally (+)
Sat, Sept 13	St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor (M)
9:00am	Woodrow & Valeria Haught (+)
Sun, Sep 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
5:00pm (Sat)	Peg Mattingly (+)
7:00am	People of the Parish
9:00am	Jeannette Harnetty (+)
11:00am	Floyd Denton (+)

(Incense will not be used at 7:00am Masses; it may be used at other Sunday Masses, as well as evening Masses on Holy Days of Obligation.)

Parish Finances

Week of August 25, 2014

Envelopes (278).....	\$8,239.00
Loose.....	1,017.70
Total	9,256.70
Weekly Budget.....	11,538.00
Deficit	2,281.30

Thank you!

BAPTISMS

Usually celebrated first and third Sundays of the month, after the last parish Mass. Contact the pastor to schedule. First-time parents please also schedule a "Pre-Jordan" preparation class.

WEDDINGS

Must be scheduled no later than six months before desired wedding date. Please contact the pastor for more information about marriage preparation.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Wednesdays: after Noon Mass until 8:00 p.m.
For information, contact Lynn Seward at (740) 688-0314 or 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 contact Mary Ann Ewart at (740) 319-0265.

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.

BISHOP FENWICK SCHOOL

Tel: (740) 454-9731; Fax: (740) 454-8755
www.bfw.cdeducation.org
Principal: Mrs. Kelly Sagan

TELEVISED MASS—WHIZ TV

Sundays on channel 2 at 7:00 a.m.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Sep 7

10:00 a.m. CCD (School)

Coffee and doughnuts after 9:00 and 11:00 (Rosary Hall)

Sr. Maureen's party!—following 11:00 Mass (Activity Center)

Monday, Sep 8

7:00 p.m.: Children of God prayer group (Parish ctr.)

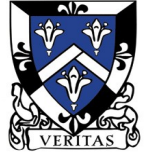
Tuesday, Sep 9

6:00 p.m. Rosary for Life (Church)



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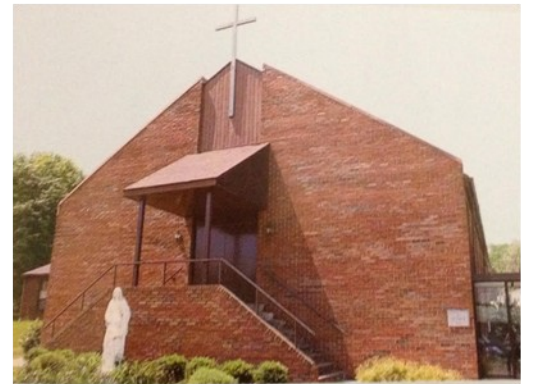


A History of St. Thomas Aquinas Church Part XV – A New Beginning

According to Mr. Robert John Joseph Harkins, when the cemetery east of the city had been purchased, the remains in the church lot had been removed to that cemetery. Apparently much confusion arose upon the removal of those remains. Those who knew their own burial plots had no trouble, but there were many whose relatives had been buried there and they had lost all recollection of the locality of their lots, and “nothing could be done but to gather the bones and put them in boxes made for the purpose, and bury them in the cemetery, which was done”.



Given that the bodies of the deceased members of the parish had been removed from the grounds, there was no hesitation to move toward the construction of a new Church and so St. John Church was razed in the fall of 1841. Mr. Harkins recounts that, “...there is a small frame church in Taylorsville (Philo), called St. Ann’s...which has parts of St. John in its walls. The widow sash and the frames, the doors and door frames, were once part of St. John’s; the bell, too, is the one Fr. Stephen H. Montgomery got on one of his trips to Europe, and is now in use in the cupola of St. Ann’s”. When a new church was built in Philo, that bell was placed in front of the new brick structure. Sadly, St. Ann no longer exists. The structure was razed a few years ago, and we are uncertain of where that bell has gone. The bell that once called the faithful to Mass and tolled at their passing at both St. John and St. Ann, has disappeared into the mists of history.



With the generous donation of John C. Howard, the future looked bright for the Catholics of Zanesville. Early in 1842, the construction of the foundation of St. Thomas began. The cornerstone of Saint Thomas Aquinas Church was laid on March 17, 1842, and blessed by Bishop Richard Pius Miles, O.P., who had served here in Zanesville as pastor at St. John Church, returned for this monumental event although at this time, he was serving the Church as Bishop of Nashville, Tennessee.

An early newspaper account reports that the weather was very cold for the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harkins and Louis Henry Dugan resided at Duncan Falls and drove by way of the river in a sleigh drawn by two horses. The ground was covered by a deep fall of snow, which had set in sometime before and laid upon the ground for a long time. The first Mass was celebrated in the basement of the building on the following Christmas morning of 1842. A correspondent from the *Freeman’s Journal* and who was present for this occasion, writing on December 29, 1842 said that, “St. Thomas’s Church was finer than any temple of Catholic worship then in New York or Philadelphia” (*Freeman’s Journal*, January 21, 1843).



Fr. George A. J. Wilson was pastor of St. Thomas in 1842, but only for a brief span of time. In 1843, Father Wilson became Provincial, although he maintained his residence in Zanesville. Father C.P. Montgomery resumed the office of Pastor which he held until 1857.



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Parish Life

CCD Classes begin this weekend, at 10 a.m. Sunday and end at 10:50 a.m. just in time for the 11 a.m. Mass. It's not too late to register your children. Please call Melanie Von Gunten, the Director of Religious Education, at 453-3301, extension 15.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Fall is rapidly approaching with changes all around us. We may recognize some changes within us as well, as God invites us to draw closer to Him in the Catholic Faith. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who may have been baptized Catholic, but never raised or fully initiated in the Catholic Church, why not join us for the RCIA process? **If you have any questions, please call Melanie Von Gunten at (740) 453-3301, extension 15.** Why not "come and see"? **First meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 16, at 7:00 p.m. in parish library for participants only. The following meeting (and most meetings thereafter) will be in Rosary Hall and open to all parishioners.** A schedule will be kept in the pages of this bulletin.

Youth Group resumes this weekend! **High School Students Welcome to our Sunday, September 7 "Welcome Back" cookout at St. Nicholas Teen Center 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Join us for great food and lots of fun! Bring a friend. *Also*, Youth Ministry is providing breakfast after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, September 14th in the St. Nicholas Basement. All are welcome.

Sign Language Classes resume on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm at St. Nicholas Parish Office. Classes are through the Main Street entrance. All skill levels are welcome, beginners to advanced.

St. Thomas Aquinas Rosary Altar Society will start their new year with a annual Potluck Dinner on Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 pm followed by a brief meeting in the Rosary Hall. Come and bring a friend with a covered dish. Support the Society as we continue to assist the Church. Your participation is needed. For more details call Lori Gnau at (740) 453.8501.

Altar linens. One parish need the Society supplies is the laundering and ironing of sacristy linens. If you can help, please call Lori Gnau or stop by the parish office for more information.

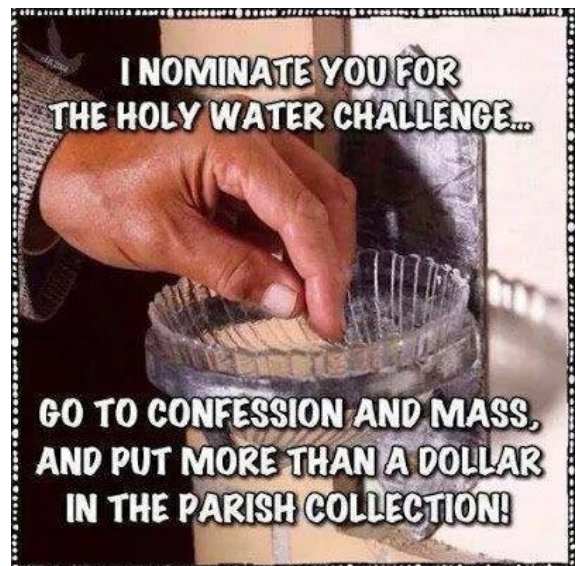
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Neighbor Helping Neighbor Saturday, September 27th. 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. High School Students will be available to help with fall projects and minor home repair. In the past our students have washed fences, painted, washed windows, cleaned garages and helped with minor home repairs. If you have a job for our students, call Patty Boggs at (740) 453-5173. We will be happy to put you on the list.

Birthday Open House Come celebrate Joe Pishner's 90th birthday! Sunday, September 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Join us out at the Knight's of Columbus Hall, Sunrise Center, Zanesville. Light refreshments will be available. No gifts - your presence is your gift.

The Daughters of Isabella will be sponsoring a card party September 18, at 6:30 p.m., at Saint Nicholas Church basement. \$3 entry fee. There will be door prizes and refreshments. For more information, please contact Sandy Black at (740) 454-4879.

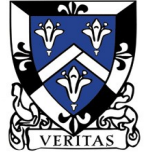
A "Protecting God's Children" Session will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. until noon. **All employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Columbus must take one of these sessions and be fingerprinted.** Register on-line at www.virtus.org and follow the registration prompts on the left side of the screen. If you have any questions or difficulty registering, please call Melanie Von Gunten at 453-3301, extension 15.





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Catholic Community News & Events

Bishop Rosecrans Athletic Boosters will be having their Booster Mania on Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:30 p.m. You may purchase your numbers for the next year and enjoy the food and drinks, compliments of the Boosters. *Thank You!*

Boosters Mum Sale forms are available at the Knights of Columbus Hall or at Bishop Rosecrans High School. Pick up will be on Wednesday, September 10 at the Knights of Columbus beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions you may contact Marvin Paul at (740) 453-4482.

Breakfast with the Bishop Friday, October 3, 2014 7:45 - 9 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency, 350 N. High Street, Columbus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Speakers for the event are Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and Jodi Pfarr, Minneapolis, MN, *Bridges Out of Poverty* certified trainer, advocate, and teacher. All proceeds from the breakfast will support the programs and services of CSS. For tickets or event sponsorship call Peggy Welch at (614) 857.1254 or visit the website: www.colscss.org.

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TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOR IF FAITH IS SO IMPORTANT
TO OUR SALVATION,
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Around the Diocese

Healing for Divorced People: A Catholic Divorce Survival Guide Training will be offered Thu., Oct 2, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Grove City. Key-note Speaker is Rose Sweet, author and frequent speaker on divorce and annulments. Registration fee: \$45. Contact the Marriage & Family Life Office of the Diocese at familylife@colsdio.org or at (614) 241-2560.

Diocesan Family Rosary Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, Oct 12, at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Cathedral. Bishop Frederick Campbell will preside. Success for this celebration requires your prayers, but also your material support. Please consider making a donation of \$20 or more. All contributors will be named in the Family Rosary Day program booklet. Printing deadline is Sep 19, so please respond by then to have your name included. Checks should be made out to Diocese of Columbus, and all donations should be sent to: Family Rosary Day, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.
—Deacon Thomas M. Berg, Jr., Chancellor of the Diocese



Sadie Corry Pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio is on October 1, 2014. The cost is \$25.00 and you may purchase your lunch at the cafeteria. Paid reservations are needed by Monday Sept. 8, 2014. Bus departure time is 7:50 a.m. from the K. of C. Sunrise Center Zanesville. For more information call Mary Murphy at 452-4454 or Margaret Kronenbitter at 453-7657. Make checks payable and send to Margaret Kronenbitter, 2700 Wayne Ridge Rd., Zanesville OH 43701-9240.

Unaccompanied Children The Church of the Resurrection Social Concerns Ministry is sponsoring a panel discussion to provide an opportunity to learn about the current conditions in Central America, the causes of child immigration, and how we can respond to the crisis. Wednesday, September 10, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center, 6300 E. Dublin - Granville Rd, New Albany, Ohio.