

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

June 25, 2017/12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S CORNER

This past week we had the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, two of the first martyrs of the English Reformation. They died in witness to the Gospel, in particular that part of the Gospel that says that marriage is something designed by God himself—not invented by individuals or societies—that lasts until death. Marriage is in essence a bond, or a “tie” as some used to call it. But this bond is not a shackle or prison. It’s the kind of bond that unites and gives freedom. This part of the Gospel, like the whole Gospel, is “good news” not bad. The Church today speaks with the same clarity concerning the nobility and integrity of marriage as it did then, with the same clarity that the Lord spoke about it, for the Church is his: we are his body. Jesus’ statement that whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery is often taken as a “hard saying,” i.e., as if marriage is a drudgery like a prison sentence. Well, that’s a pity. It wasn’t supposed to be a “shaming” but an exaltation of marriage as a great project that two people—a man and a woman—can set out upon, with God’s help, to have a life together and bring new lives into the world. And when John the Baptist reproved King Herod, and when Thomas More and John Fisher balked at Henry VIII’s pretended power to divorce and remarry—not to mention declare himself head of the Church in his realm—they were not just being difficult. They were giving witness to the beauty and integrity of truth, come what may. May the Church of Christ always give firm and loving witness to marriage as God intended it: loving, because enduring.

Some people have been concerned about the change at the 11:00 Mass: the **chalice** has not been offered to the people the last several weekends. The proximate reason is that there was an accident recently, where some of the precious Blood was spilled due to an accidental collision between. Now, that kind of thing is bound to happen now and then, but there have been three such incidents over the last few years, and remember, we’re not talking about ordinary liquid being spilled. It’s the Eucharist. And the thing is, the Communion stations we have in our church are awful. We have very narrow aisles and the horizontal break halfway up the church sometimes has people three-abreast at Communion time, and it’s hazardous—when I’m standing there ministering the chalice I often notice just how close the space is, and how the spillage of the Eucharist is just waiting to happen every Sunday. To people concerned, two things: First, I intend to create some space up toward the front of the Church where ministers of the cup can stand. I intend to have two cup stations on each side of church—to avoid the problem at the middle, the precious Blood will not be administered there (except to the infirm). This will of course require the removal of some pews from church, which I regret, but if you look, you’ll find that they’re packed in pretty tight with not a lot of room to spare at all. We really need

to open up some space, if it is the desire of the parish to continue having Communion under both species administered.

Secondly: it’s important for people to realize that by receiving under one species alone (usually the species of bread), one is not receiving any *less* of the Eucharist or of Christ. The glorified Christ, entirely present in any tiny smidgen of the host or any one drop from the chalice, cannot be divided (or multiplied). This is what is meant by Christ’s “substantial” presence in the Eucharist. What Christ is in heaven, he is that in the Eucharist, only without the revelation of his glory. So, those who receive a crumb and those who receive a huge quantity receive the same substance of Jesus Christ, no more, and no less (they will receive different calories, but that’s immaterial to the presence and power of Jesus in the sacrament). By the same token, those who receive just one species (say, of the bread) receive everything that someone receives who takes both species. Because what’s in both species is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. It is the ages-old traditional teaching of the Catholic Church that the faithful need not receive both species in order to receive the entirety of Christ. The contention that that the laity need to receive both species to obey the command of Jesus is both a heresy that found expression in both the ancient and late Medieval Church (“Utraquism”) and has been constantly condemned by the Church. It was dealt with thoroughly at the Council of Trent. If you want a good brief history of the idea and the Church’s teaching, you might try reading the excellent short article in the old Catholic Encyclopedia (accessible online through newadvent.org—just search “utraquism”).

It is true that there is a fuller sign-value to the Eucharist ministered and received under both species—the problem is, it becomes very difficult for large congregations to supply ministers enough (and in our case, *space enough*) to minister both species in a dignified manner, and without risk of spilling. If you truly love the Lord in the Eucharist, be grateful to Him for what he has given us. The word “Eucharist,” after all, means “thanksgiving.”

SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, August 13, 2017, 11:00 AM
Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell**

*to make the installation of
Fr. Jan Sullivan as pastor of
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
and the “passing of the torch” from the
Dominican friars*

**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT THOMAS
AQUINAS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 25

12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm Ray Hankins (+)
7:00am People of the parish
9:00am Barbara Greulich (+)
11:00am Mary A. Garrett (+)

Monday, June 26

8:00am Mary Garrett (+)
12Noon Mick Norris (+)

Tuesday, June 27

8:00am Cecil Mary Soller (+)
12Noon Fallen away Catholics

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (M)
8:00am End to abortion
12Noon Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)

Thursday, June 29

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (S)

8:00am Mary Norris (+)
12Noon Jason, Nicholas Honeywell

Friday, June 30

8:00am Thomas Thien (+)
12Noon William Heil Family

Saturday, July 1

9:00am Lela Beatty (+)

Sunday, July 2

13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm Carolyn Awalt (+)
7:00am Ralph Dosch (+)
9:00am People of the parish
11:00am Ted Paulus

Beginning next week there will be just one weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Rummage Sale! We're seeking donations! Cleaning out your basement, closets, etc.? The Beauty of the Feminine Catholic Women's Conference will be hosting a Rummage Sale the last weekend of July. Proceeds will help pay for conference expenses including food and speakers. To make the event a success, donations of clean and sellable items is requested. This can include children's clothes, toys, books, household items, appliances, tools, decorations, furniture, clothes etc. **Donations can be made after weekend Masses the weekends of July 2, 9, 16, & 20, at the School Gym/Activity Center** (parking lot entrance nearest 5th Street). For more information visit www.facebook.com/thebeautyofthefeminine or www.thebeautyofthefeminine.weebly.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29

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

PARISH FINANCES

Weekend of June 18

Main collection total\$6,724.49*
Weekly Budget11,538.00
This week's deficit-4,813.51

Thank you!

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

Upcoming special collections

This weekend Peter's Pence
Aug 6 The Church in Latin America
Aug 27 Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the Natl. Shrine

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, Evelyn DiVincenzo, Shirley Echemann, Betty Fedor, Frances Feerick, Beverly Foley, Isabel Gilchrist, Mary Ellen Grafton, Sandra Honeywell, Patricia Huck, Eileen Johnston, Mike Kline, Dorothy Loewendick, Henry Long, Nancy Longstreth, David Macenko, Dolores Mahon, Josephine Marshall, Charles & Patricia Perone, George Phillis, Alice Pitcock, Mary Polascak, Mary Postlewaite, Mary Rosta, George and Barb Ridenour, Joe and Barbara Ritchey, Regina Ritchey, Mardy Ryan, Mary Lou Scott, Barbara Schumacher, Loretta Silfko, Terri Woods

...and for the recently deceased:

Charles (Jeff) Booth, Jeanne Dittmar, Jane Stephens, Isabel Gilchrist



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And congratulations
to our raffle winners!

IRISH RAFFLE: Father's Day basket – Anita Budde; OSU basket – Nick Gurnicke; Wine basket – Elaine Pitcock; Patriotic wine basket – Michelle Young; Garden basket – Patty Drumm; Garden basket with ceramics – Harry Wilson; Bike and helmet – Todd Rock; St. Thomas Stained Glass Print by Mary Ann Bucci – Abby Mumford; Painting by Judy Ivoska – Jim Savage; Memories of Northside Beach by Mary Ann Bucci – Jamie Searls; Children's craft basket – Brandon Longstreth

Quilt: Shawna Bates;

Half 'n' half: Ruth Bowman;

Fieldhouse Membership: Angelo Rosta;

\$250 Pugh's Certificate: Margaret Kronenbitter.

A very special and heart-felt thanks to all who put in so many hours every year preparing for the festival, operating various booths, sweating under hot tents while slinging burgers and bratwurst and fries and elephant ears. To all who run the children's games and Bingo. To all who do the grimy work of cleaning out the grills and get them all prepped for next year's festival. To those who take so much care and time to run the electrical wiring so that we all don't get electrocuted. Thanks to everyone. And to the principal organizers/committee. Some people say, "oh, it's okay, I enjoy it!" All the more reason to say thanks to you.

RESOURCE SPECIALIST WANTED The Coming Home Network International, Nashport, OH is seeking a part-time Resource Specialist. Job Requirements and Areas of Responsibility (not limited to): • Answering the phone • Data entry • Shipping and Receiving • competence with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, and email • Have the ability to work in a team and independently • Must understand, support, and embrace the mission of The Coming Home Network International. A copy of the job description is available upon request. Interested individuals may send their resumés (**deadline extended till June 30**) to: The Coming Home Network International, Attn: Personnel Dept., PO Box 8290, Zanesville, OH 43702-8290 or via email to ann@chnetwork.org.