

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

July 9, 2017/14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S CORNER

On the 14th of July the Church celebrates a native American saint, a woman. Kateri Tekakwitha. She was the daughter of a Mohawk father and Algonquin mother, in modern day Auriesville, New York, the site of the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. When she was four, her entire family contracted smallpox, one of those dread diseases introduced to the New World by European explorers and missionaries. The rest of her family died from the disease (her parents and brother); she survived, with facial scarring and partial blindness. She was taken in by relatives, and it wasn't long before those relatives were trying to arrange for her to be married. But by this time, something had intervened in her life.

Kateri was her Christian name; it's a form of Catherine. Tekakwitha was her Mohawk name, and means "bumps into things" (apparently she was a clumsy child). Well, one of the things she bumped into was the Christian faith, through the preaching of French Jesuit missionaries. Her mother was also a Catholic, but Kateri was so young when she died she never received any instruction from her. Perhaps because of her mother's prayers, but when Kateri heard the simplicity of the Gospel preached by the good blackrobes, she was riveted. She was baptized when she was 19 years old. And not only was she baptized, she had resolved to give herself and her body to Jesus Christ alone. She refused all the attempts of her family to marry her off. She said that Jesus Christ would be her husband—and she did this without any hope of finding a monastery or community of other like-minded women to join. She meant to live in the world she always knew, but without taking a husband.

We often hear it said that Christianity isn't for everyone. That it just can't assimilate certain ethnic groups or mental worlds—this is said most often of Asian culture. It's all nonsense. Christianity is for every culture, and every person—that's the only reason why any of us should be disciples of Jesus Christ. If he's not for everyone, then he's not for anyone. If he's not the Savior of all mankind, then he is reduced to being simply a religious figure congenial to some people. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was born and raised in the darkness of paganism, found light and life in the preaching of the Gospel, and even "went the distance" by vowing virginity—and virginity and celibacy for the kingdom is perhaps the strangest feature of Christianity for any culture. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, August 13, 2017, 11:00 AM
Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell
for the installation of Fr. Jan Sullivan as pastor of
St. Thomas Aquinas
and the "passing of the torch" from the
Dominican friars

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Begins this week:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Saturday a.m. Mass

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

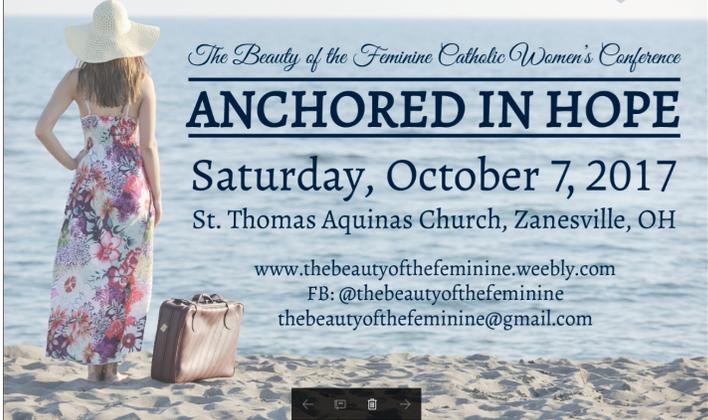
Begins the weekend of Aug 6th
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (same)
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Begins this week:

Wednesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.
(before Benediction)
Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

...we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged, to hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul..."
Hebrews 6:18,19



The Beauty of the Feminine Catholic Women's Conference
ANCHORED IN HOPE
Saturday, October 7, 2017
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, OH

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ATTENTION, LADIES: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The "Beauty of the Feminine" Zanesville Catholic Women's Conference will be held on October 7th this year, and we are still looking for some willing souls to help make this event a success.

- Follow-up phone calls/visits to parishes and businesses
- Phone calls to local media outlets to promote the event
- Coordinating volunteers for event breakfast
- Assisting with registration the day of the event
- Event setup and teardown

If you feel called to help with any of these tasks or as a general volunteer before or during the event, please contact Cate at 740-705-0982 or thebeautyofthefeminine@gmail.com with your interest and availability.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 9

14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm Ernestine Dailey (+)
7:00am John & Anna Beardsley (+)
9:00am David & Melvina Sullivan Family
11:00am People of the parish

Monday, July 10

9:00am Michael Strohl (+)

Tuesday, July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot (M)
9:00am Joseph Hanh (+)

Wednesday, July 12

9:00am Lawrence & Susan Mallett

Thursday, July 13

9:00am Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)

Friday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (M)
9:00am Larry & Thomas Morosco (+)

Sunday, July 15

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm People of the parish
7:00am Herb & Myrtle Durant Family
9:00am Gerald Pfeifer (+)
11:00am Daniel Kline (+)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 10

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

Wednesday, July 5

Eucharistic exposition following Mass
Confessions 6:15-6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, July 6

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

PARISH FINANCES

Weekend of July 2

Main collection total\$8,942.38*
Special collections]
Weekly Budget11,538.00
This week's deficit-2,595.62

Thank you!

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

Upcoming special collections

Aug 6 The Church in Latin America
Aug 27 Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the Natl. Shrine

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 weekend of August 6th** (note the date has been moved since this was last announced). 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 all weekend Masses during July** (i.e., the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th) at the School Gym/Activity Center. Donations can **also** be made July 19 and 26 (Wednesdays) from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information visit www.facebook.com/thebeautyofthefeminine.

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

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



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FROM THE DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

The Diocese of Columbus has a new website:

www.columbuscatholic.org. The new website provides greater access to news and information from both the Catholic Times and Catholic News Service, improved navigation and search capabilities, language translation, mobile device compatibility, and numerous other features. So make sure to bookmark www.columbuscatholic.org in your computer, tablet, or phone: it's your gateway to everything Catholic in central, southern, and eastern Ohio. For additional information contact George Jones (not the country music legend) at gjones@columbuscatholic.org.

FROM THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Introducing the Mother Teresa Award of Charity, Compassion, and Service: To recognize those special women in our Diocese who exemplify the life of Christ and the spirit of St. Teresa of Calcutta, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a reception for the inaugural class of award recipients on Sunday, August 27, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbus. For nomination, table, and ticket information, visit columbuscatholic.org/mother-teresa-award or contact Mickey McCormick at (614) 228-8601 or mjmccormick@columbuscatholic.org.

FROM WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"We should have done this a long time ago!" That's what you'll be saying after a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus on one another. The next weekend for central Ohio is September 15-17. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit www.wmecolumbus.org.

Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment: Pope Francis announced that the theme for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2018 will be "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." The Holy Father has asked that the voices of young people be heard and considered in the Synod. In the Diocese of Columbus, we are proposing two methods to collect the thoughts of young people, and we need your help. The first is to have individual youth and young adults, as well as parents of young people and ministry leaders, complete online surveys found at cducation.org/YouthYoungAdult/Synod2018. The second way is to have parishes, Catholic high schools, college campus ministries, and other groups serving young people conduct focus groups with adolescents and young adults; guidelines for this process can be found at the web address listed above. The responses from surveys and focus groups should be submitted by September 1, 2017.

IHM DAYTON HOMESCHOOL

CONFERENCE: JULY 14 & 15, 2017

will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church/Family Life Center, 6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights.

Friday, July 14th (12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 15th (9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org

GUEST SPEAKERS: Gary Zimak, Tara Brelinsky, Ken Davison, Amy Kalscheur

HEALING MASS

A healing Mass and service will be celebrated **July 17th, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus.** Following the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person to speak individually with a priest and receive a prayers of healing for what they seek; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Service of Healing will close with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those in seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Parking is available at the rear of the Cathedral off East Gay Street; handicap accessible elevator is located in the courtyard (west side of the Cathedral) on East Broad Street.

Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of alternating months. After this month, the Masses for remainder of 2017 are scheduled for: September 18, and November 20. If you have any questions about this special Mass please call the Cathedral: (614) 224-1295.

Catholic Medical Association: Please assist the Columbus chapter of the Catholic Medical Association and the Knights of Malta in their joint project to establish a free medical clinic for the needy in downtown Columbus. Dr. Marian Schuda needs your assistance in creating a list of physicians and dentists registered in local parishes. She will be contacting you this summer. She can be reached if needed via cell at 614-769-5150 or by email at schudamarian@gmail.com. Thank you.