

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of June, I hope you are all having a great and relaxing summer. Two major events this year for us were Confirmations and the diocesan Capital Campaign. I am sharing with you today two letters I received, which bring to a closure and climax these two major events, and indicate how we were all involved as a parish to be effective and successful in these important journeys.



1) Dear George,

Just a note to thank you and your staff for all that you did in regard to the recent **Confirmation** of candidates from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

I thought that everything went well, and I know that was due to your preparation and that of your staff. On my behalf, please convey my thanks to all those who were involved with the Confirmation in any way whatsoever, whether it be with the preparation of the candidates or the planning of the liturgy. Again, my sincere thanks. With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours, Patrick J. McGrath, Bishop of San Jose

2) Dear Father Aranha,

I want to congratulate you and your volunteer team for successfully exceeding you **Rooted in Faith – Embracing our Future** campaign goal. The leadership and support of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is an inspiration to me as our Church proceeds on this journey. I ask you to please thank your volunteer team personally for me.

It is encouraging to see that your parish is not only raising funds to meet the needs set forth in the Foundation's Campaign, but that your parish and many other parishes are significantly exceeding the minimum goal allowing for the additional dollars to address local parish projects.

I am personally grateful for your leadership, and I offer my heartfelt gratitude for all you do to foster God's kingdom in our midst. I join my prayers with yours that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our efforts and inspire the hearts of the faithful. With every best wish and prayer, I remain

A friend in Christ, Lon Normandin, President, The Catholic Foundation of Santa Clara County

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 24:

9:00 am SAG Norman Swope (health)
*Readings: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12;
 Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26;
 Lk 1:57-66, 80*

Monday, June 25:

7:15 am Welmer (Bing) Tully †
 8:30 am Kathleen Eccles †
 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 26:

7:15 am No Mass Today
 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:15 am
 8:30 am Mary Twilley †
 12:15 pm James Cesano, Sr †
Readings: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 28: St. Irenaeus

7:15 am No Mass Today
 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Readings: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 29: Ss. Peter and Paul

7:15 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
*Readings: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
 Mt 16:13-19*

Saturday, June 30: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm
 5:00 pm SAG Mark & Agnes Valentine †
Readings: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday June 30 & July 1, 2007

St. Albert the Great
 Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Medina
 Sun 9:00 am TBA

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Sun 7:30 am TBA
 Sun 8:45 am TBA
 Sun 10:30 am TBA
 Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sun 9:00 am (español) TBA
 Sun 10:30 am TBA

PLEASE PRAY



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — David Simmons, Tina Reyes, Marian, Mary Lou, Marian Partelow, Laurie, Dave Carlson, Chet Maksim, Mary Hansen, Joel Roberts, Judy Smith, Ron Price Jr, David Rapisardi, Phil Lutz, Filip Koperwas, Mary Ann Rundell, Bee Gasser, Barbara Woods, Vincent Boyle, Phillip Chang, Mary Imbomene, Devin Wakefield, Crescentia, Jennifer Wagner, Laury, George Falkenthal, Bill Wall, Jack Morrisroe, Nicholas Humy, Mary Lau, Sadie Young, Charlene Briggs, Steve Alba, George Schardt, Patricia Ann Berwald-Jones, Carmen Fuentes, Norman Swope, Diane Galdes Baum, Bob Carlstead, Paul Deschamps



FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Dean Miller, Patricia Gildea-Vaden, Renata Wood, John Fontaine, Elizabeth Cunningham, Patricia Leu, Alamtaj Shirazian, Sue Lubaise, Hal Lesser, Welmer (Bing) Tully, William McGillivray

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
 July 8 . . **Wed** June 27 noon
 July 15 . . **Thu** July 5 noon



Our Weekly Offering

June 10 \$ 8,620.74
 Catholic Communications \$ 1,673.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . . \$ 602,934.06
 Budget YTD . . . \$ 576,563.00
 Variance + 4.57%

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday, June 25: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, June 26:

No YLI (at convention)

7:00 pm..... Hispanic Board (PC)

7:30 pm..... Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, June 27:

5:30 pm ICF (SAGC)

7:30 pm STA Site Committee (STAH)

7:30 pm Transitions (PC)

Thursday, June 28:

Friday, June 29:

7:00 pm Spanish Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, June 30:

CASINO TRIP

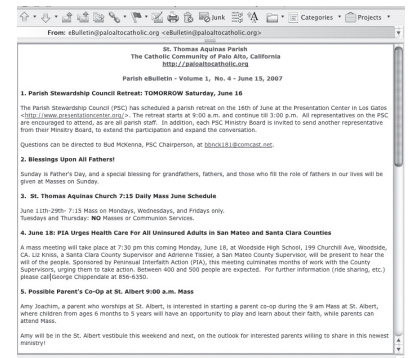
Casino Trip to Laughlin, NV, **September 25-28**, 2007. Optional trip to Las Vegas. Trip **sponsored by Palo Alto YLI and Menlo Park ICF**. Cost: \$190.00 double; \$225.00 single. Bus pick-up at OLR, Dermody Center. Call Betty Gildea (650) 494-7496 or Theresa Geneviro (650)324-0421 for reservations or information before August 1st.

SUCCESSOR SOUGHT

We're seeking a St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner, or two, or three, to take over leadership of the "Age of Aquinas" 40+ singles group. Event planning skills are a plus, but not necessary. And it's not even a requirement to be single! But you should have a calling to the "older" (40 to 60 and beyond) singles ministry. If you're interested in finding out more about this important ministry, please contact me, Randy Jones, email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, phone: 408.739.2881. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS eBULLETIN

In an effort to supplement the weekly printed Bulletin with a communications vehicle that can have a later publication deadline, our parish Communications Board has initiated a **St. Thomas Aquinas eBulletin**. The intent is to publish the eBulletin **every Friday morning via email** to interested parishioners. The eBulletin is intended to carry brief reminders for the upcoming weekend and coming week, including event reminders, 2nd Collection notices, last minute changes of venue or schedule, etc. To subscribe to the eBulletin, send an email request to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org, and your email account will be added to the email list. When submitting events and other notices to the printed Bulletin (sent to bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org) consider also sending a copy to ebulletin@paloaltocatholic.org for inclusion there. The submission deadline for the eBulletin is 6:00 p.m. Thursday evenings, for publication the following morning. – *STA Communications Board, submitted by Chris Lundin*



GUIDELINES FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The weekly bulletin published in our parish and distributed at all our church sites is a primary communications vehicle for our parishioners and visitors. The guidelines are intended to clarify expectations on bulletin submissions.

St. Thomas Aquinas Communications Board – October 5, 2006

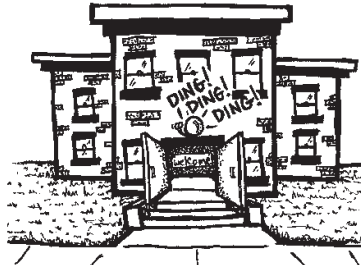
1. Submitted material must relate to parish activities and information, or those of the universal church, including upcoming events, parish group activities, church teaching, etc.). City or local events, when parishioners have been invited to attend, are also suitable for inclusion, space permitting.
2. The Bulletin Editor reserves the right to edit any submissions for space and appropriateness of language. All submissions must be respectful and polite in tone and content.
3. In cases of substantial revision, the Bulletin Editor will make an effort to communicate with the submitter to advise them of the changes being made.
4. All bulletin submissions must be published with attribution as to author/submitter to permit interested parties to contact the submitter. Anonymous submissions are not accepted.
5. When space constraints dictate, the general hierarchy of publishing activities and information is:
 - a. Parish --> Deanery --> Diocesan --> World-wide church
 - b. Near-term event --> Event in the future
6. Advocacy for individual political candidates or specific political parties is prohibited, but advocacy for ballot measures, initiatives, etc. is permitted when in keeping with Church teaching. "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation." See www.nccbuscc.org/faithfulcitizenship/ for more information.
7. Comments and suggestions about this policy can be directed to the parish Communications Board c/o Chris Lundin, Chair, clundin@stanford.edu

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL NEWS

St. Elizabeth Seton School extends a big thank you to the St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners for another year of faithful support. Your generosity gives low-income, minority children the gift of a private, Catholic elementary education.

The tranquil St. Elizabeth Seton School campus, which is tucked behind St. Albert the Great Church, has been filled with activities and excitement as the school year draws to a close. The entire student body entertained family and friends at the annual Spring Musical Concert. The second graders made their First Holy Communion. The eighth grade students graduate June 8, and will continue their education at the fine local public and private high schools including Eastside Prep, Menlo Atherton, Menlo School, Notre Dame High School, Sacred Heart Prep, Serra High School, St. Francis High School and Woodside High. Many friends of Seton School enjoyed a gorgeous day at Stanford Golf Course participating in the Seton Scramble for Kids Golf Tournament. The event was a big success and raised funds for scholarships.



STAYOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

STAYouth [middle school (6–8), high school (9–12), confirmation (8–high school)]

St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) www.paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/

Registration for 2007-08 – Updated STAY information for fall, session calendar, registration form, and maps to our church/meeting sites are available via the STAY web site under the appropriate link. Please pre-register so we may plan and purchase materials. Checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; submit forms & checks to the Pastoral Center. Our first session will be September 9.

Tahoe Retreatants return – We welcome back our 16 youth and 3 adult leaders from the annual diocesan youth Tahoe experience! A great time was had by all and we are closer to God and “Godspace” (retreat theme) because of our time away together.

Raging Waters water park (High School welcome) – Wednesday, June 27 – 10:30am-3:00pm at 233 S. White Rd., San Jose, 95147. Permission Slip required. Contact ROB for details.

YOUNG ADULT [college-age, 20s, 30s, early 40s – single and/or married]

Our **Deanery 2 Young Adult** web site is www.YoungAdultCircle.org Young Adults from our local parishes gather regularly for social, spiritual, service, and sports.

Game Night – Saturday, June 23 – 7:00pm at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Spread the word and invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Monthly Deanery Mass – Tuesday, June 26 - 7:30pm - theIntersection Chapel / St. Nicholas School in Los Altos. See map link on the Young Adult page of the STAY web site. Invite your friends to this special intimate young adult Mass with personal introductions and dialogue homily with our presider, Fr. Warwick James, pastor of St. Simon Parish. Reception to follow.

Rob Manfredy, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator; 650-494-2496 ext. 21, STAYouth@paloaltocatholic.org

OLR SITE / LITURGY COMMITTEE

Quarterly Report, May, 2007

Evaluation of Lent through Easter

- 80 parishioners attended the parish evening reconciliation service.
- 114 people attended the seder dinner. This is the largest attendance in many years. The donations totaling \$700. were sent to Fr. Jack Donald, along with the SOUP donations. We were happy to have a young adult group join us this year---19 young people from our deanery.
- At the Holy Thursday bi-lingual liturgy there was a good presentation with one language read out loud while the other language was projected on the wall. There was evening prayer immediately after the procession to the altar of repose.
- On Good Friday, the evening presentation of the Lord's passion was part of the Hispanic liturgy.
- Attendance at the 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass was larger than the last few years. The role of the ushers in facilitating smooth distribution of the Eucharist and Precious Blood was obvious.
- Laura Chiu will continue as the OLR site representative to the PSC until another member offers to serve in this role.
- There was discussion about growing our own palms so leaves will always be available for decorating the church during this season.
- Parishioners have been bringing their own vacuum cleaners from home to clean the rug, so the Committee has requested the purchase of a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner.

Submitted by Laura Chiu