



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

MAY 10, 2015, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Pastor's Corner

Last Saturday the First Communion Mass went beautifully. Let me express a special thanks to all the teachers at Bishop Fenwick and in our own CCD program here at the parish. I once heard a beautiful homily given by Dominican Fr. Gilbert Graham at the funeral of a fellow Dominican, Fr. Damian Fandal, in which Fr. Graham spoke of the deceased as "first Communion boy." For all his learning and his highly-tuned and ironic sense of humor (and sneaky poker-playing, for that matter), Fr. Damian never lost a childlike awe of God, and most especially of the Blessed Sacrament. The way he celebrated Mass was striking to all who paid attention to his face and his gestures as he said Mass, and the care he took in preaching in the name of Jesus Christ—all of this deeply affected many of those who attended his Masses. Would that with all of our grown-up ways all of us could always remain first Communion boys and girls. After all, the spiritual childhood Jesus commands us to have is a hard-won state of perfection, not something that just happens: he says we are to *become* as little children, not to *remain* as spoiled brats. The childlikeness (which is not a childishness) is a settled disposition that comes from taking God very seriously indeed, and ourselves lightly. Let's pray for it, daily. Because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

By the time you have this in hand, we will have a new class of newly-confirmed parishioners too, something to be grateful for.

I would like to call your attention to the Bishop's Appeal for this year: "Until he comes again, this is our work." Very timely right now, especially Ascension so close upon us. The Lord will return, as he promised when he disappeared from sight—but his "coming again" will only be a re-appearance. Just as he never left the Father by coming to us, so he never leaves us by returning to the Father. All the more reason to work in concert with the local successor to the apostles in doing the works of God. Financial contribution to such good works is much needed. Please give if you can, whatever you're able to afford.

Finally, on p. 5 you will find the first of what we hope are many weeks of "Ask a Dominican!", to help people better understand the teachings of the Catholic faith and how to explain them. The friars at Saint Thomas will take turns from week to week answering questions put to us. You can submit questions to us in writing or to my email address, posted on the front of this bulletin. I hope we have helpful reading for you each week. —Fr. Peter



The Solemnity of the Ascension will be celebrated next Sunday, May 17. In most dioceses of the United States, the solemnity has been transferred to the Sunday following the Thursday on which it would otherwise fall (the 40th day after Easter).

LECTIONARY

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ◇ Acts 10: 25-26; 34-35; 44-48
- ◇ Psalm 98
- ◇ 1 Jn 4: 7-10
- ◇ Jn 15: 9-17

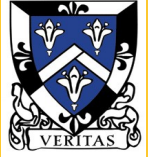
Solemnity of the Ascension

- ◇ Acts 1: 1-11
- ◇ Psalm 47
- ◇ Eph 1: 17-23 or Eph 4: 1-13
- ◇ Mk 16: 15-20



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MASS INTENTIONS *week of May 10*

The Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm People of the Parish

7:00am Eleanor Teeters & Family

9:00am Marilyn Morrison (+)

11:00am Eva Pishner (+)

7:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Sentivany & Linda Ann (+)

Monday, May 11

Easter Weekday

8:00am Annis M. Rhinehart (+)

Noon Steve R. Coyle (+)

Tuesday, May 12

Easter Weekday

8:00am Dorothy J. Rhinehart (+)

Noon Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima (Opt. M.)

8:00am Joe Jamiolkowski (+)

Noon John T. Downs (+)

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle (F)

8:00am Shirley Mack (+)

Noon Fr. Bruno Cadore, O.P.

Friday, May 15

Easter Weekday

8:00am Suzanne Hanifan (+)

Noon Anna Morosco Labaki (+)

Saturday, May 16

Easter Weekday

9:00am John Weimer (+)

Sunday, May 17

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00pm William Morris (+)

7:00am William E. Schneider

9:00am Doris Lake (+)

11:00am Edwin Sawyers (+)

7:30pm People of the parish

Nota bene: Incense may be used at any Sunday Mass except the 7:00 a.m.

Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 10

Mon, May 11

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

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group (Parish Center)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)

Tue, May 12

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society Dinner

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

Wed, May 13

Eucharistic exposition 12:30-8:00 p.m. (Confessions during last hour)

Sat, May 16

Muskingum Valley Right-to-Life Rosary at Columbus Abortion clinic. Cars leave Saint Thomas Aquinas

Parish Finances

Week of May 3

Envelopes \$10,272.85

Loose 937.70

Total 11,210.55

Weekly budget 11,538.00

This week's deficit 327.45

Thank you!

Upcoming second collections:

May 17 Catholic Communications Campaign

June 7 Catholic Home Missions

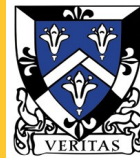
June 28 Peter's Pence

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



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A History of St. Thomas Aquinas Church Part XXVIII – Progress Continues

The Dominicans had occupied the same parish house since the year 1827. The building had managed to withstand the ravages of time, the cyclone of 1912, and the flood in 1913. The need for new housing was evident. Two lots were purchased fronting North Fifth Street, at the southwest corner of Spruce Alley. Work began on a new rectory in May 1920, and the sturdy three-story yellow brick building was completed in March, 1921. The furnishings for the rooms were donated by the Rosary Altar Society and the Holy Name Society.



The Catholic Ladies War Relief Association, after completing their work for the war effort, decided to continue as an organization, but changed their title to The Catholic Ladies

Building Association. In this capacity they did much to raise funds for the new rectory and school.

In 1923, a rare distinction was accorded to St. Thomas Parish. Fr. A. P. Curran, O.P., one of the assistants at the Church, was appointed to the American Dominican Foreign Missions in China, the first American Dominican to be so designated.



The need for a new altar had long been felt by the congregation and in 1926, plans were begun for the repairing and redecorating of the church. The new altar, made in Italy of Tuscan marble, was installed at this time, as well as a new altar rail and pews. The organ, which had first been installed in 1912, was remodeled, and a new console was built.

The storm of 1912 which wrecked the steeple did not separate the clock and the bell in the tower of the Church. They continued providing good service until 1928, at which time a crack in the bell had widened until it was so large that it was considered imprudent to ring the bell any longer, lest it split and crash downward through the floors. A

new bell was donated by Mr. J. J. Luby, bearing the inscription, "In loving memory of Mrs. Bridget E. Luby and Harry W. Luby." First used at Christmas 1928, this was the third bell owned by the Church, weighing 2300 pounds, and considered to be graceful in line and dulcet in tone. It was named in honor of St. Brigid of Ireland and inscribed, "Vocor Brigida et plebem congreco"---"I am called Brigid and into a flock I gather the people." At the time of its installation, two simple machines brought forth its voice: one would toll the bell, and the other rang it with a free swinging movement. Both were motor driven and controlled by two small switches in the sacristy.





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ASK A DOMINICAN!

Q. In the event of laws or court decisions saying that those officiating weddings must also recognize and officiate at same-sex weddings, how will the Church respond?

It's hard to predict actually what tack the Bishops' Conference will take on this, but one thing is absolutely certain: the Church could never witness any "marriage" between two people of the same sex (or a "marriage" of more than two persons).

Much clarity is needed on this very garbled issue. There are two big mistakes people make on this, and getting past them makes all the difference. First, what's involved here is not a matter of marriage equality, but rather a redefinition of what the meaning of the word "marriage" is. *No one is forbidden by law to get married*—unless it's someone who is already married, or who is underaged, etc. Aside from that sort of cause, no one—no class of persons—is ineligible to marry. Homosexual men and women have now and always have had the right to marry, and many have married, and have had children, and have even found happiness and peace, even if they have not been able completely to lose their attraction to those of the same sex (who of us can claim perfection in matters of chastity?). What's required of couples who would marry is not that they think they're "straight" but that one of them be a man and one of them be a woman. Period. There's no sexual orientation quiz at the county clerk's office. Just: "is one of you a man? And is one of you a woman?" The demand that men be able to marry men and women marry women is not a request to join the institution of marriage. It is an attempt to *redefine* what marriage is, plain and simple. Ironically, you might even say it's the institution of something completely different and thus *unequal*.

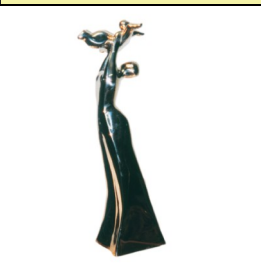
The second mistake is to conflate the issues of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. You can be in favor of civil rights for homosexuals and against same-sex marriage, and without contradiction. Many are. Even many homosexuals are against the same-sex "marriage" movement—but you don't hear much about that in the press, do you? Some oppose it because they think married commitment is the antithesis of the "gay" lifestyle. Some are religious believers who understand the importance of marriage and children. And some are able to see the issues clearly and want no part of a political movement that needs sophistries to advance its aims.

One thing that is regrettable for me is that some people feel the need to retreat into to the protection of "religious exemptions." But this is not just a religious issue at all. It's a natural one. What's more natural than marriage and procreation? It's so natural we have it in common with the rest of nature. "In the beginning, God made them male and female," says Genesis. From our very origins, humanity is divided into two sexes, and that and only that is the reason why marriage simply is—for everyone, not just us—the union of one man and one woman, consummated in sexual intercourse apt for the begetting of children. Even if you don't believe in the Bible, it's still obvious that there are still just two sexes, and only when those opposites get together can you have new members of the human race. If the intention of the Creator isn't evident from a fact as clear as that, I don't know what is. As Catholics, we respect not only sacramental marriages, but all true marriages, because it's one of God's greatest gifts.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Fine Art at the Jubilee Museum

As part of its new exhibitions program, the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center is pleased to announce a new exhibition, *Celebration of Life: The Sculptural Work of Alfred Tibor*, an exhibition on loan from the collection of Argo & Lehne Jewelers. The show will be open to the public from April 18 through June 14, 2015 and it will feature 24 sculptures.



Columbus artist Alfred Tibor is an internationally recognized sculptor whose work is included in museums and private collections across the globe. He survived the Holocaust and six years in a Russian Gulag, and then arrived with his family in the United States in 1957 as one of many Hungarian refugees. These extraordinary trials have informed Tibor's direction as an artist: *"I believe that my life was spared to do work so people may enjoy it. Whether it is one of my*

Holocaust sculptures, a biblical figure, or a woman standing proud and tall, the human aspect of the piece is what is being expressed to the viewer — that there is beauty and value to be found in all our lives, for I truly believe that life is a celebration."

In addition, the Jubilee Museum is dedicating the month of May to Our Lady with a special exhibit, *Behold Your Mother*, comprised of the museum's Marian-themed works of art. The exhibition will be accompanied by a special Marian tour offered every Saturday and Sunday (at 1:00 pm only) throughout the month. Come and join us and celebrate Our Lady's month!

A suggested donation of \$10 per person is greatly appreciated. For more information please visit the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center's website at www.jubileemuseum.org or call (614) 600-0054.

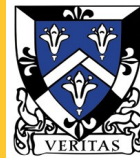


Catholic Family Night Enjoy baseball action at the Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Clippers on Wednesday, May 20! Watch the Clippers take on the Buffalo Bisons at Huntington Park—beginning with a pre-game parade of Catholic youth at 5:45 p.m., followed by game time at 6:45 p.m. Family admission provides seating for two adults and up to four youths 18 and under; reserved seating on the 3rd base side is available at \$25, bleacher seating also available at \$15. Seating is limited, place your order ASAP! For ticket info, visit www.cdeducation.org/DiocesanRecreation.aspx



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PARISH/ZANESVILLE GOINGS-ON

Please pray for the home-bound of the parish:

Margaret Gladys **Abbott**, Maxine **Anders**, William & Jan **Barry**, Josephine **Basalla**, Mary **Battiger**, Gertrude **Bell**, Madelyn **Bronkar**, Mathilda **Clark**, Bart & Josephine **Cooper**, Mary **Cowden**, Michael **Curtis**, Ernestine **Dailey**, Jeanne **Dittmar**, Ralph **Dosch**, Marcy **DuBeck**, Betty **Fedor**, Jenni **Finnen**, Beverly **Foley**, Isabel **Gilchrist**, Mary Ellen **Grafton**, Florence **Herbert**, Gabrielle **Hinkle**, Patricia **Huck**, Mary **Imlay**, Mary Caroline **Johnson**, Eileen **Johnston**, Henry **Long**, David **Macenko**, Josephine **Marshall**, Alice **McGonagle**, Betty **Mercker**, Loretta (& Charles) **Paynter**, Patricia **Perone**, Glenna **Pfeifer**, Alice **Pitcock**, Mary **Polascak**, Mary **Postlewaite**, George and Barb **Ridenour**, Charles & Mary Lou **Scott**, Loretta **Silfko**, Roy **Teeters**, Theresa **Tracey**, Teresa **Woods**, Terri **Woods**

Please pray for the recently deceased:

FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- Friends of the Festival donations may be placed in the first collection basket or sent directly to the parish office.
- There is an easel in the back of church where you may take a tag for items we are collecting for this year's Irish Raffle baskets. This year's basket themes are: Berry Good Time (anything with berries); Candles Galore; Barbie; Planes, Trains, and Automobiles; Coffee and Dessert; Tee Time; Grilled to Perfection; Happy Hour; and Ohio State. If you have your own ideas that fit these themes, we will graciously accept them! Items may be dropped off at the parish center.
- Please be on the lookout for volunteer forms (either in the back of church or in pews).
- Donations of 2-liter soft drinks are appreciated for the children's games.
- Next festival meeting is Thursday, May 14.

Lay Dominicans Fundraiser

The Lay Dominicans & Friends for Historic Preservation fund-raiser continues to raise monies to secure and preserve St. Thomas Cemetery. We are offering St. Thomas Aquinas blankets for sale that have the beautiful emblem that is seen on the floor of our church. This item is exclusive to St. Thomas. The blanket is made of lightweight material measuring 50"x60" and is machine washable. This item is available in red, royal blue, navy, forest green, black and gray for \$25 per blanket. Order forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please pre-pay with your order by cash or check which may be made payable to: Dominican Laity. Completed order forms and payment may be left at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann Ewart at (740) 319-0265 or Melanie Von Gunten at (740) 453-3301, x 15.



The Daughters of Isabella seek to promote the welfare of the community according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Nicholas parish office. All women and girls 16 and over are welcome!

Sadie Corry Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Basilica & Shrine May 27th The bus will be leaving the K of C at Sunrise Center at 7:50 a.m. and returning about 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$25. Lunch may be purchased at the cafeteria. Pre-paid reservations should be made to Margaret Kronenbitter by May 6. For information, please call Mary Margaret Murphy at (740) 452-4454 or Margaret at (740) 453-7657.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ALERT !

As everyone knows, the concrete work around the church (sidewalks, stairs, side ramp) are in a sorry state of disrepair. We'll be remedying that soon. We have found a contractor to remove the old concrete and pour new sidewalks, curb & gutter, and side ramp within the next couple of months. This will be good for us, although during the ramp's being reconstructed the side entrance will be unavailable for at least one Sunday—possibly for more than one. We will get you more exact information on the construction dates as soon we confirm with the contractor.