

# Steeple Talk

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## News from the STA Mass communities:

**7:15 Daily Mass:** Losing Frs. Brown and Miller, who are being posted afar, is a sadness for the daily Mass attendees, but they are trusting in the Spirit that change brings growth.

**7:30 Sunday Mass:** This early Mass is popular with folks who like to get an early start on their Sunday activities.

**8:45 Sunday Mass:** A blessing for all men present on Fathers' Day was offered by the women.

**10:30 Sunday Mass:** The STA 10:30 Mass Choir will be taking a break for the summer. 10:30 Mass music ministry will continue with Cantor and guitars, and fewer harmonies.

**12:00 Sunday Mass:** The St. Ann Choir has added 5 new young singers, whose voices substantially augment the choir's sound.

**12:15 Daily Mass:** Residents of Channing House are frequently in attendance at this Mass.

## Italian Dinner July 27:

The 3rd Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Italian Dinner is happening on Saturday, July 27, at the Thomas House, 745 Waverley Street, Palo Alto—in the former rectory adjacent to St. Thomas Aquinas Church.



No host bar for beer and wine opens at 5:00 pm; dinner service starts at 5:45. For a modest \$15 per adult (\$5 per child), you will

experience a truly gourmet meal: spaghetti or polenta (gluten-free) with an Italian sausage Bolognese sauce or zesty vegetarian marinara.

This is definitely NOT a typical church spaghetti dinner! Chef Ted Baer has a master's touch with his sauces—you will be more than satisfied with the tongue-teasing flavors he so carefully blends.

The Thomas House basement hall is the center of the action, with additional seating upstairs for those who need handicapped access (reservations required). Seating is limited, so don't wait.

Tickets are on sale July 13 and 14 and July 20 and 21 after all Masses, or contact Helen Baumann at (650) 327-9236, or at the parish office. Food



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will be prepared to serve all who have purchased tickets; Let us know if you prefer to donate the price of a ticket, especially if you find that your plans have changed after you've purchased a ticket.

Questions? Kay Williams, (650) 328-2781, kaywill@pacbell.net

## STA Site Committee plans:

**Monthly Meeting:**  
2nd Thursday of the month

**Next regular Site meeting:**  
Thursday, July 11, 2013  
7:30 pm, Thomas House Library

### Agenda (tentative):

- Italian dinner July 27
- Movie nights
- Kitchen
- Craigslist sales

**Monthly newsletter:**  
Sunday before 2nd Thursday

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## Meaningful movie night July 21: *The Mission*

The next "Meaningful Movie Night" in the Thomas House basement hall is Sunday, July 21. Two showings of "The Mission" will be presented—at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share for the hour in between showings.

***The Mission***  
Directed by Roland Joffe [PG]

This is a powerful, compelling, and spiritually stirring film directed by Roland Joffe (*The Kill-*

*ing Fields*) and written by Robert Bolt (*A Man For All Seasons*). Filmed entirely on location in Colombia, South America, *The Mission* won the Golden Palm (Best Film) Award at the 1986 Cannes Film Festival.

In 1750 in the rain forest of central South America, Guarani Indians tie a Jesuit priest to a tree, push this crucifix into the river rapids, and watch it plunge over the ma-

jestic Iguazu waterfalls. Soon Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons), another Jesuit, arrives to carry on the work of the martyred priest. After scaling the cliffs beside the falls, he takes out an oboe and begins to play. Indians emerge from the dense jungle and surround him. Through the music, however, they recognize him as a man of peace and take him into their midst... #

**NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. THOMAS  
AQUINAS CHURCH SITE COMMITTEE**

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**St. Thomas Aquinas Site Committee:**

Ted Baer	Bob Barron	Helen Baumann
Philip Boudart	Lorraine Dabney	Judy Foley
Anna Jaklitsch	Bill Mahrt	Bob March
Mike McMahon	Bea Peterson	Patti Robison
Mario Veloro	Kay Williams	and occasional others

**Mission Statement:** The Site Committee for St. Thomas Aquinas Church works to encourage community-building within our six individual Mass communities, among our Mass communities, and within the larger parish community. We do this by enhancing our liturgies, exercising responsible stewardship of our facilities, and working to improve communications at all levels of our parish community.

Site committee meetings are (usually) held the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Library of the Thomas House. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend, send questions or suggestions to Kay Williams, 328-2781, [kaywill@pacbell.net](mailto:kaywill@pacbell.net).

## Parish pathways:

### *Drive campers to camp?*

Can you offer to provide transportation to three children in either the morning or evening for one week (or more) from East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park to Hidden Villa Summer Day Camp?

The driver picks up and returns each child at their home. The average distance is 12 miles and the average driving time is 30 minutes. Hidden Villa is two miles from Foothill College.

The camp began on Monday June 17 and ends Aug 23.

For more information and to schedule a time to drive, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350.

### *“From Dachau to Rome: A New Look at Vatican II:”*

A talk by Deacon William T. (Bill) Ditewig, Ph.D., Saturday, July 13, 2-4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. Talk and Q & A will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Center, free and open to the public. (Donations gratefully accepted.)

Illinois native Bill Ditewig studied for the priesthood, served in the Navy as a cryptologist and linguist, was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Washington DC while on active duty. From 2002-2007 he was the Executive Director of the Secretariat for the Diaconate at the USCCB. Currently Bill serves as Dean's Executive Professor of Theology at Santa Clara University and as director of Faith Formation, Diaconate and Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Monterey. He has written extensively, focusing on ministry in general and on the renewed ministry of the Catholic diaconate in particular.

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## From the church steps:

**Parish eBulletin a valuable tool:** Be informed about STA parish events and changes by subscribing to the parish eBulletin. Published each Friday morning, the eBulletin lists up-to-the-minute news of funerals, meetings, requests, changes to scheduled events, plus providing a listing of web resources (such as Mass times around the country, Vatican news, prayer resources, etc.). Contact [eBulletin@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:eBulletin@paloaltocatholic.org) and asked to be added to the recipient list.

### **St. Ann's Day July 26 concert:**

The St. Ann Choir will celebrate St Ann's Day, July 26, Friday evening, 8:00, with a sung Mass. The choir will sing the Missa Ave Maris Stella by Josquin Des Prez with Gregorian chants for the day.

### **10:30 Sunday Mass notes:**

Kitty Moran, new lector at the 10:30 Sunday Mass, and husband Scott are ex-

pecting their first baby in September.

Monique Castell and James Harris, long time lectors and EM's at the 10:30 Mass, are to be married in September at STA!

### **Fr. Franklin Epie is back:**

Temporarily in residence at the St. Albert the Great Rectory mid-July to the end of August, Fr. Franklin Epie (eppie-ay) returns to our parish from Cameroon, in Africa. While he is on vacation this summer, he will assist our parish with both daily and Sunday Masses. He has been able to visit the last three summers. This will be especially helpful when Fr. Matt and Fr. Peter take summer vacation. Welcome back, Fr. Epie!

### **Library volunteers:**

Ted Baer reported that the four library volunteers (Bob March, Philip Warman, Jean Doten and himself) are staffing the library

for 2 hours Monday through Thursday, usually around the lunch hour. At least one or two people have stopped by each time the library is open. Jean Doten has taken it upon herself to staff the library on Sunday mornings in between Masses. Take a minute to stop in on a Sunday morning and say hello to her.

### **Church interior progress:**

The new sound system is still being tweaked by the various users; the bell will be fixed as it exists now (meaning that there will be no electronic bell system installed instead of the real bell), using appropriate bolts and supports; and the interior lighting job is being put out to bid (it includes LED lights), now that Fr. Chris Bennett from the Diocese of San Jose has approved the design