

Steeple Talk

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News from the STA Mass communities:

7:15 Daily Mass: Msgr. Boyle has moved to the Glenwood Inn, where he is saying Mass for the residents on Sundays. He has said this STA daily Mass once this month.

7:30 Sunday Mass: Regular presider Fr. John Hester is a rose gardener extraordinaire.

8:45 Sunday Mass: Recent presiders have included Fr. John Sandersfeld, retired pastor of St. Francis Parish in San Jose, and Fr. Jerry Brown, S.S., former rector of St. Patrick's Seminary.

10:30 Sunday Mass: Sacristan Charlotte Gross made a poster thanking the gardeners who planted the Homer St. side garden on Sept. 4. It is in the church vestibule.

12:00 Sunday Mass: Gregorian chant by the St. Ann Choir draws worshippers from all over the Bay Area to this Mass.

12:15 Daily Mass: Stop in for Mass on your lunch hour and stay on for the Rosary.

STA Site Committee plans:

Monthly Meeting:
4th Wednesday in Thomas House,
745 Waverley Street

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010
7:30—9:00 p.m.

Tentative agenda:

- Time & Talent planning
- Thomas House update
- TH fundraising
- Recycling education

Monthly newsletter:
Sunday before 4th Wednesday

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New Parish Directory in the works: sign up for your photo appointment!

All registered parishioners have received a letter from pastor Matt Stanley, inviting them to participate in the creation of a new Parish Directory, with pictures and contact information for each family.

The Directory is a very useful publication for all of us, especially if each of us makes an appointment to have the photo portrait taken by the Directory publisher, Olan Mills. (Of course, there is no obligation to purchase the photo(s) taken by Olan Mills.) The advantage to the parish is the building of community among parishioners who can identify each other more easily through the photos in the Directory.

Our parish is unique in the Diocese—and very likely in the country—with its three churches, each of which has individual communities that have coalesced around particular Mass times. Reaching out beyond the comfort of familiar faces in the pews next to you is easier when one can refer to the Directory to put a face with a name.

Even if you come from out of Palo Alto's boundaries to celebrate with your Mass community each week, you

are part of St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Claim your place by putting yourself in the Directory. You are welcome!

Fr. Matt's letter spelled out a simple procedure for making a photo portrait sitting appointment on line, through the Olan Mills website. **One can sign up any time at: <https://signup.olanmills.com/default.htm>.** The password to use is: (650) 494-2496. This number is the Parish Office phone.

On the Olan Mills EZSignup page, click on the "New Appointment" box, and fill in the boxes with your information. The parish office phone number has to be entered both in the two "Password" boxes and on the left side of the registration page as verification in the "Church phone number" area. Continue filling in the Church Membership List Information" section, too.

Sign-ups for portrait sittings will also be available at STA today, and Oct. 3, 10, and 17, for dates and locations as follows:

St. Albert: Oct. 25-30
OLR: Nov. 15-20



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Time slots available at both sites are:
Weekdays, 2 p.m.-9:20 pm.
Saturdays, 9:30 am-5:10 p.m.

If you are not able to do your own signup on line at home, we will have a computer or two available each of the next four Sundays at STA. There will be helpers to assist you in signing up. Just bring your calendar, so you can pick the best day and time for your portrait sitting. (There is an option to change your appointment time on the Olan Mills site, too, if your schedule changes at any time before your appointment.) Sign up early to get your preferred appointment time.

Call the Parish Office at (650) 494-2496 if you have questions or concerns. Don't be absent from the Directory!

