



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

The Roman amphitheater of Amiternum was the main amphitheater of the ancient Sabine city of Amiternum, whose archaeological remains are located near the village of San Vittorino in the Aquila.



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## Rely on the Cornerstone

One of the greatest accomplishments of Roman construction was the arch. It enabled them to span larger distances and make bigger buildings without sacrificing strength. Just think of the Roman aqueducts, basilicas, and coliseums standing today.

The key to the Roman arch is that each stone is well cut. Additionally, the cornerstone takes all the stress and stabilizes the whole. Saint Peter uses these construction images as a metaphor for the Church. We are all living stones, built into a spiritual house founded on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. Like the deacons in the early Church, we each have a role to play.

What is asked of a stone in a building structure? Every stone needs to be strong. It needs to be formed and shaped. Accepting and seeking formation in faith is key to finding our place in life and in God's house.

A stone needs to be connected to the stones alongside it. Finally, the stone needs to accept where the master builder places it. If a stone could move itself from one place to another, there would be chaos.

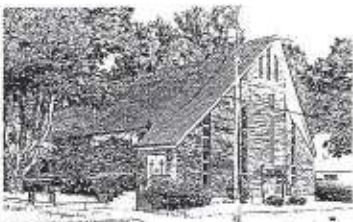
Our active participation in God's plan and the Church is important. We must build on the one sure foundation and follow the plan of the master builder and those who represent him. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the Church and in heaven. Jesus is the way. Follow him and he will lead you to your place.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Have I sought out a place to serve and build up the Church in my local area? What spiritual means do I use to discern Jesus' plan for me?*

*"Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones,  
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house"  
(1 Peter 2:4-5).*



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St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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**Mass & Confession Schedule**  
**Holy Trinity Catholic Parish**

Weekend Masses

*Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM*  
*Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM*

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

**\*\*First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**\*\*Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of May 15, 2017**

Monday

No Mass

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Nellie Cattani

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Charles & Jean Olivero

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mary Scott

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Eldon Stegen & Harold Newhalfen

**\*\*\* Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 20-21, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Bill Pozzi Sr.

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Eugene Weberski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Betty Klein

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Joseph Neidetcher Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig  
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell  
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -  
Payton & Berklee Linnig  
Sunday - 8:30AM -  
Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Joanne Oberheide

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -  
Carter & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -  
Need Decorations Removed

May 17 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy  
Trinity - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1525.00  
Needed Weekly - \$1700  
St. Patrick - \$868.00  
Needed Weekly - \$700  
St. Thomas More - \$2029.00  
Needed Weekly - \$700

New First Communicants

Congratulations to all the girls who will have made their first communion this weekend and last: Lyla Clayton, Kaitlyn Coutts, Hannah Zera, Olivia Hunter, Vanessa Schroeder, and Veronica Schroeder. May they all have a long life with Christ!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM (time change) will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of May. There has been a good turnout in Dalzell and the first week in Cherry. Father will drop going to the churches without good attendance, so please come! It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

Notes on Our Lady of Fatima  
100th Anniversary

Our Lady of Fatima gave us all a warning about how we have been living and how we have been turning away from God! Our Lady told us to pray the rosary for the help we need to beat evil and protect ourselves. If something has happened in the world around Saturday, May 13th, such as a new conflict in some region of the world which could spark many countries entering the conflict. We need to all take very seriously our prayer life. Our lives shouldn't be business as usual! God needs a bigger and more important part of our lives. The rosary on Wednesday night at 5:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm is another way to give God our time and show our appreciation of His Presence in our lives! Be wise and prayerful!

Upcoming Area Events

May 13th\*\* - Our Lady of Fatima Prayer/Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick Catholic Church, LaSalle - 10:30AM

For The Week

God has given so much for our lives so we can all have good lives. Then Jesus came to reinforce all of the good God gave us through Himself. Like any human being we can make mistakes but we need to do better. Turning to God is the way we do it and giving our lives to Christ and God our Father.

Many people through history, and today, have refused to give their lives to God in "the way" they lived. Even today we all can do a lot better. The teachings of the Catholic Church reflect "the truth" of what we are to accept to have Jesus in our lives and be in union with Him, unconditionally. "The life" Jesus calls us to is not easy but with sacrifice to show our love of God. May the Risen Christ always bless us with His Real Presence and help all of us live the "Truth" no matter how difficult! Have a Blessed Easter!

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

## Calendar

### Monday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday

May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

May 21

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

# Dear Padre,

## Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed.

According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law.

As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of



forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church.

Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism.

Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

"[When] the Apostle Peter speaks of the Church, he speaks of a temple made of living stones, which are us...the opposite of the other temple of arrogance, which is the Tower of Babel. This temple leads to unity.... Building the unity of the Church, constructing the Church, this temple, this unity of the Church,

is the task of every Christian, of each one of us."

—Morning meditation, October 24, 2014