

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MEET NEW PARISH ORGANIST DAVID KENNEY

Connecting to the Sacred Word Through Sacred Music

David Kenney believes that to play music most effectively, you need to go beyond the mechanics and really experience the music. Over the years, experiencing sacred music like this has helped him foster his spiritual life.

“Music helps you connect to and understand the Mass,” David says. “It is different and deeper than reading or listening, and sacred music helps connect you more deeply to the sacred Word.”

Since he was 7 years old, sacred music has been part of David’s life. At this young age he began taking organ lessons and was encouraged by his mother, a parish choir member.

“I always seemed to do best with liturgical music,” David says. “When I started high school, I began playing at the Sunday early morning Mass at St. Joseph’s.”

David was raised in Wakefield, Mass., and his home parish shares a history similar to that of St. Anthony. Coincidentally, St. Joseph’s also suffered a catastrophic fire in 1977 and was rebuilt in the same style as St. Anthony’s. It reopened in 1980, and like St. Anthony’s, the parish purchased an Allen organ.

“Organs can differ substantially from one to another,” David says. “The first time I sat down on the bench here, it was interesting how it all seemed



St. Anthony’s David Kenney

familiar to me, even though I hadn’t played on the organ at St. Joseph’s in almost 34 years.”

During his senior year of undergraduate studies at Catholic University, David played for one of the campus ministry Masses.

“That Mass was often celebrated in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, so that was a great honor and opportunity,” says David.

Then he attended graduate school and focused on his career as a school psychologist and an administrator. In 2005 he began playing organ again shortly after

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Chosen to Do His Will

THE FEAST OF ST. ANNE – JULY 26

Did you know that St. Anne is the patron saint of miners? In medieval times, the Virgin Mary and Jesus were often compared to precious metals of silver and gold. Hence, the lives that came from the womb of St. Anne made her the source of precious riches.

Unlike Mary, St. Anne was not conceived without sin — but nevertheless, she would one day raise the Mother of God. That's a pretty big deal! What was it about St. Anne that prompted God to give her such a significant role in the history of salvation? There's no way to know for sure, but there is one thing we can definitely say about St. Anne — God uses those who put themselves at His service, and that is precisely what St. Anne did.

Not much is mentioned about St. Anne in the Bible, but her name derives from the longer name “Hannah,” or the Hebrew word for “grace.” We understand that, having believed herself to be barren for 20 years, an angel appeared to Anne and told her that she would soon have a daughter that she should name Mary.

When Mary was finally born, after many years of frustration and infertility on her parents' part, Anne did just as she promised — she dedicated Mary to the Lord, and raised a holy woman who would mother Christ Himself!

Early Christians are said to have been very intrigued by the story of Jesus' grandmother and, around the year 550, erected a church in Jerusalem where St. Anne, her husband, Joachim, and Mary are said to have lived.

Although we do not know much more about St. Anne, we can assume that she was a very holy woman based upon the woman her daughter, Mary, grew to be. Anne was the one from whom Mary learned to be a mother. She was the one from whom Mary learned to serve God. She was the one who instilled in Mary the confidence and faith to say “yes” to God — “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

There is no doubt that St. Anne was a humble, holy woman. She was given a great gift — a child — who she readily gave back to God. And, thanks to her faith-filled gratitude to God for His gift, Mary opened her heart to the will of God, and became the mother of Christ.

Talk about stewardship in action!



The Feast of St. Anne is celebrated on July 26.

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Remembering America is a Gift from God

Dear Parishioners,

We're all familiar with the song "America the Beautiful." Many of us share the feelings that inspired Katharine Lee Bates when she composed it as a poem.

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*



Katharine Bates drew her inspiration from her experiences during the summer of 1893. An English professor at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, she went to teach summer school at Colorado College, necessitating a journey across the country. The trip's highlight came when she reached the pinnacle of Pikes Peak and could gaze upon range after range of the Rocky Mountains on one side and the expanse of the Great Plains on the other.

Moved by the vistas around her and the varied features of America she had seen, an idea for a poem and some of its words formed in her mind atop the mountain. That night, back in her hotel room, she completed the poem.

I think the reason for the popularity of "America the Beautiful" is that it combines several themes into one coherent whole. The beauty and immensity of America's natural creation, the rich abundance

of our harvests, and the recognition of God's generosity are woven together. The final product forms a hymn of thanksgiving for our land that goes beyond national pride to prayer, for God is the spiritual source for all the goodness we have.

I think it's a suitable theme for July, the month we celebrate Independence Day, our national holiday. Thankfulness, after all, is the basis of stewardship, the recognition that we've been given all we have. We're then responsible to the Giver for how we use His gifts.

The gifts we celebrate are manifold. Some are of a spiritual nature — our salvation by Christ and the sacraments, for example. Others are in the natural order, such as the beauties of creation and abundant harvests. Still others relate to social relationships, like families, friends and national life. Whatever the class of these gifts, God is their ultimate source, and they are blessings.

Let us then receive these gifts — the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us — with thanksgiving. Let us offer praise to the Father of mercies for them, and let us use them in His service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Roland Bunda

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

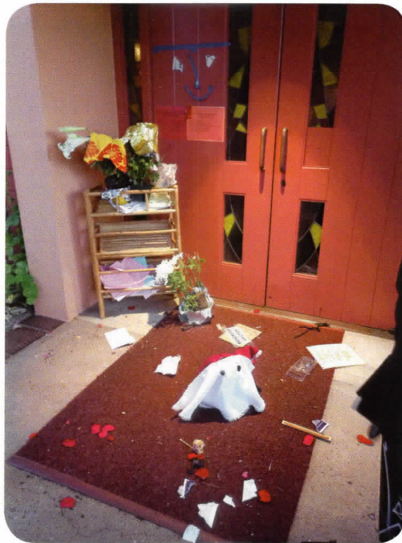
Good From Evil: AN ACT OF DE

Sometimes, in the midst of destruction, God brings restoration in surprising ways. It is often in dark moments that the light of God's love shines most brightly.

Earlier this year, on Easter Monday, St. Anthony Catholic Community experienced the shock of finding our chapel vandalized, after the chapel was unintentionally left unlocked overnight.

"[On weekdays] we have 6:30 a.m. Mass, and the parishioners come and say the Rosary before, at 6 a.m.," says Fr. Roland Bunda, recalling the day. "On Easter Monday, they came to the rectory and said, 'Father, we don't want to go in the chapel,' and I said, 'What happened?' They said, 'It's been vandalized.' I went over and as I approached the door of the chapel, there was all kinds of graffiti, and flowers were on the floor of the chapel and there was paper on the floor, plants torn apart — it was just trashed. The relic of Fr. Damien was defaced and the picture of Mother Marianne, the frame was broken. There was graffiti on the walls, written in lipstick."

"It was shocking because we just had a beautiful Easter Sunday liturgy," Fr. Roland adds. "It was a shock. And it was almost like they were sending a



On this past Easter Monday, our chapel was vandalized.

message. On the altar, they had a little prayer book and it was turned to the page that was a prayer for people with addiction."

It wasn't long before members of the parish arrived to help our maintenance staff clean and restore the chapel.

"Our parishioners came in the morning and in the early afternoon and I was amazed, they cleaned up the place, and the next morning we were able to open it up for our group that prays the Rosary," Fr. Roland says. "We were really blessed."

Support flowed in from all over, including from the mainland, as well

as from other local religious groups.

"Even though a lot of parishioners were disturbed about what happened, our community kind of came together and supported us and prayed and rallied," Fr. Roland says. "There was a profound sense of community and of support not only throughout the Catholic community, but also from the Protestant churches and the Jewish community. It was so good to witness that kind of support."

Fr. Roland also felt that in times when many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing persecution and martyrdom

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DESTRUCTION THAT BROUGHT UNITY AND HOPE

in their places of worship, this incident was a call to be united with them, in prayer and suffering.

“I really feel a kind of camaraderie, ‘Wow it’s happening here, close to home,’” Fr. Roland says. “When it’s far away, you pray for them, but when it’s close to home, you realize the gravity of violence. We’re very fortunate that nobody got hurt or killed and we’ll be on alert.”

Although many local parishes lock their church building during the day, St. Anthony hopes to continue to keep the chapel open for those who wish to pray, either with a group, or as individuals.

“Our chapel is busy,” Fr. Roland says. “A lot of people come during the day to light candles, students come to pray between classes, teachers bring over students for rosaries and prayer services. It’s really active and I like to have people come and pray throughout the day.”

Thanks to generous donations, cameras, motion detecting lights and other security measures have been taken, ensuring the safety and the security of the chapel.

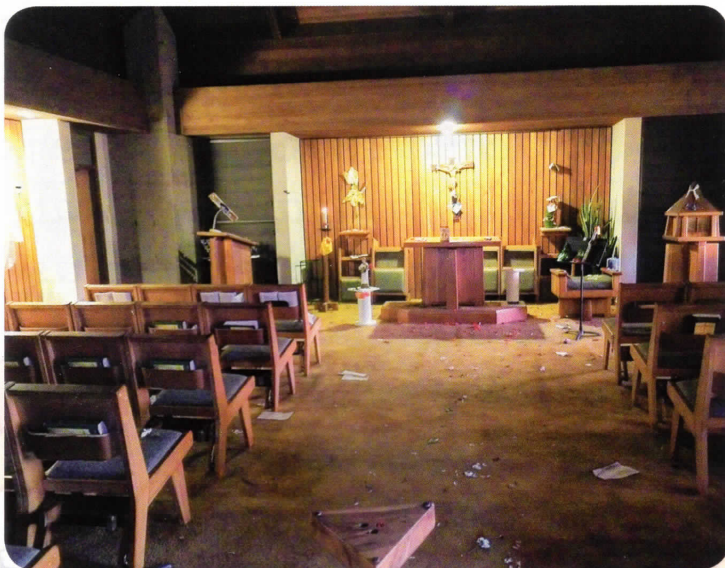
“Our stance is that we forgive those who did it,”

Fr. Roland says. “But for the greater good of the community, take your anger someplace else.”

Fr. Roland thanks the parishioners for their support in the wake of this event and encourages them to remain hopeful and confident in God’s care.

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“That is my hope and prayer, that in union with our Blessed Mother, we can be keenly aware of the action of the Holy Spirit, and look back in gratitude and forward in hope, in a spirit of thanksgiving and confidence,” Fr. Roland adds. “If we trust that the Holy Spirit is alive within us, we will keep on despite every set-back. We will keep on loving, keep on believing, keep on being compassionate.”



The community came together in support to clean and restore our chapel, as well as make it more secure for the future.

DEACON DARIO RINALDI REFLECTS

As funny as it might sound, you could say that Deacon Dario Rinaldi's path to a vocation in the priesthood all began with the donuts. When Deacon Dario was a child, it was the promise of this sugary treat that encouraged him and his brother to attend Mass with their father, Steve. And now, thanks to one father's creativity and persistence, our diocese just gained a new transitional deacon headed for the priesthood!

Once Deacon Dario and his brother, Victor, began going to Mass with their father to obtain their donut reward, it wasn't long before the whole family was regularly attending their home parish of St. Joseph in Makawao. Then, at the age of 12, Deacon Dario had an experience that led him to start thinking about a vocation to the priesthood for the first time.

"That was the year Pope John Paul II died, and my teacher, Sister Georgina Delgado, showed us a broadcast of the funeral that she had recorded the previous night," Deacon Dario says. "I was amazed at the great example that Pope John Paul II appeared to be for the entire world. There were presidents and prime ministers of countries who were at war with one another sitting together at his funeral, and that got me thinking about what kind of man he was that he would have had this effect on people."

Inspired by what he had seen in class, Deacon Dario began reading everything he could find about the life of St. Pope John Paul II. What he found was a powerful example of a man who had devoted his life to being a living example of Christ in the world.

From that summer on, Deacon Dario began to nurture a more active faith life.

"I started becoming more proactive in the life of my parish," he says. "I'd done altar serving before when I was younger but it had dwindled off, so I decided to get back into it that year, and I just fell in love with it. With that came a deeper and deeper love and appreciation for the liturgy."

Deacon Dario attended high school at St. Anthony, where he played football and enjoyed spending time with friends. After his 2011 graduation, he entered Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.

At this Benedictine seminary, Deacon Dario witnessed monastic life for the first time.

"At Mount Angel, I discovered a whole new kind of liturgy, prayer, music and worship within the monastery that really impacted me quite deeply," he says. "I fell in love with the monastic style of prayer, particularly monastic chant."

After four years of undergraduate work at Mount Angel, Deacon Dario began his theology study at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif.

On July 5, Deacon Dario received his holy orders as a transitional deacon and is now one step closer to being ordained a diocesan priest. Looking forward to his future role as parish priest, he is excited about being able to preach and share with others all of the knowledge and insight his years at seminary have given him.

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— Deacon Dario Rinaldi

ON HIS PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Deacon Dario Rinaldi

“The other thing I’m looking forward to the most is being able to preside over the sacraments of the Church — confession, Anointing of the Sick, weddings, baptisms — all these things where Christ can be present to people through me,” he says. “A big part of my personal notion about what it means to be a priest is to be the doctor of souls.”

Deacon Dario’s parents, Steve and Laurie Rinaldi, have no doubt that their son will touch many lives someday as an ordained priest.

“Dario’s strength is leadership,” Steve says. “He is a passionate orator and he is an expert on Latin rite and Church history. He is so smart, he could have done anything, and he decided to help others, the less fortunate, and the Catholic people as leader of the flock. After eight years of watching this young man doing what he loves, I firmly believe that he will be known as a man of God.”

Grateful for the many blessings he has received on the path to priesthood, Deacon Dario asks the parishioners of St. Anthony — and all of the parishes in the diocese — to continue praying for all seminarians and for vocations.

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All of us here at St. Anthony would like to offer our prayers and best wishes to Deacon Dario Rinaldi as he continues to draw ever closer to his ordination as a diocesan priest. And as a Church, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who — like Steve Rinaldi with his donut incentive — go the extra mile to ensure that their children grow up in the faith. After all, you just never know where it may lead them!

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MEET DAVID KENNEY *continued from front cover*

he was married and living in Plymouth, Mass.

“From our marriage preparation, the pastor knew that I had a background with the organ and asked if I would help out,” David says. “I enjoyed getting back into playing and hadn’t realized how much it helped me connect more fully with the liturgy.”

David and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Maui three years ago when David was offered a job with the Department of Education. Maui had always been a favorite place of theirs to visit.

“The people, the culture and the climate were always most attractive,” David says. “We began attending St. Theresa’s, and for the past couple years I played the keyboard for the Tongan choir at the weekly Saturday evening Mass.”

Last year, longtime St. Anthony’s parishioner Lester Yokote invited David and Kathleen to attend the parish.

“I was excited for and appreciative of the

opportunity to get back to playing organ,” David says. “My first impression of the parish was how welcoming the faith community is.”

David has been playing at the 7 a.m. Mass since the end of Lent and has enjoyed working with Anna Silva, Brother Fred and the 7 a.m. choir.

“Everyone has been so encouraging and supportive,” David says. “I also enjoyed playing together with Raymond Andrade at Easter. Hopefully we will have more opportunities to play together.”

David would encourage others to participate in our Music Ministry and to share their talents in enriching the liturgical experience for our faith community.

“I am grateful for the warm reception and welcome I have received from everyone at St. Anthony’s and believe that music should help move you,” David says. “If you leave Mass with one of the hymns running through your mind, I think that is a great thing.”

LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHURCH CENTER :: **Saturday** 5:00 p.m. | **Sunday** 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

SAINT DAMIEN CHAPEL :: **Monday - Friday** 6:30 a.m. | **Saturday** 7:00 a.m.