

St. Thomas

THE Apostle
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"God's people in *Extraordinary variety*"

Serving Hyde Park's Catholic Community since 1869

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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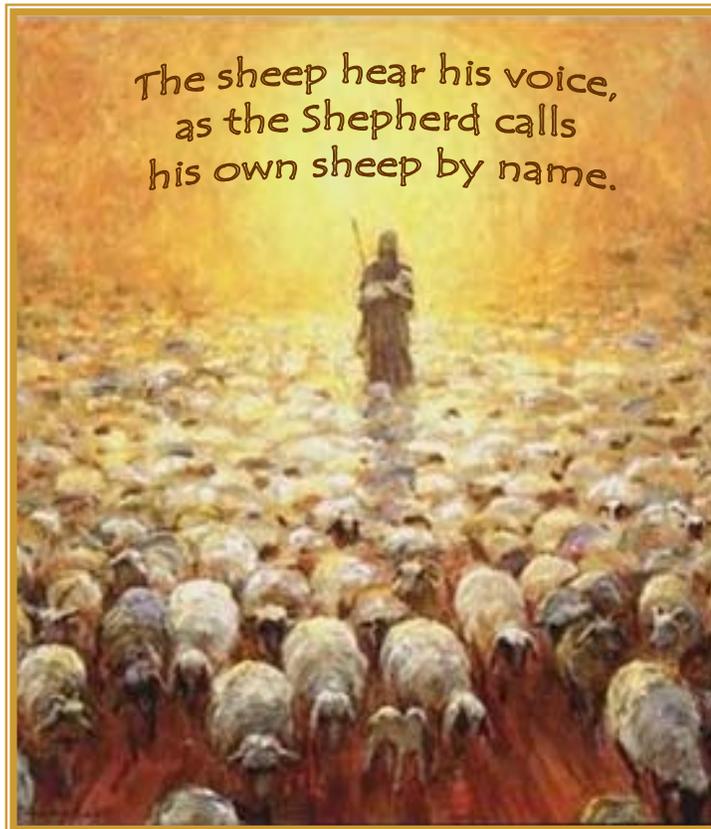
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Blessings to our First Communicants

- Colette Barkley
- Louis Calderwood
- Scott Cullen
- Delilah Guillory
- Sophia Guillory
- Julia Herring
- Alexandra Kopec
- Nicholas Lodato
- Via McEwen
- Penelope McGovern
- Mary Julie Ngwueke
- Lyann Nieves
- Fernanda Pichardo
- Carlos Pichardo
- Lucy Porwoll
- Cecelia Renz
- Nicholas Souris

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Mass Schedule

Sunday
8:30am & 11am

Monday-Friday
8:30am

Saturday
8:30am & 4pm

Holy Days
8:30am

Confession

Saturdays, 3-3:30pm.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Please make arrangements eight months in advance.

Membership

Please register at the Parish Office

Come visit us at www.stapostleparish.org



Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25 ♦ John 10:1-10

✠**Dr. Herman Neal; Lissa Romell** (Birthday blessings!)

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9 ♦ John 14:1-12

Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are held in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, May 8

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 ♦ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 ♦ Jn 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me. Jn 10:14

✠**Maricar Frazer**

Sr. Mary Virginia (Speedy recovery)

TUESDAY, May 9

Readings: Acts 11:19-26 ♦ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Jn 10:22-30

He encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart. Acts 11:23

✠**Maricar Frazer, ✠Karen Tyskling**

✠**Elizabeth Ashman-Williams**

WEDNESDAY, May 10

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a ♦ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 ♦ Jn 12:44-50

I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. Jn 12:46

✠**Maricar Frazer**

✠**Sr. Jean Marie Hobbes, S.M.**

THURSDAY, May 11

Readings: Acts 13:13-25 ♦ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 ♦ Jn 13:16-20

If one of you has a word of exhortation for the people, please speak. Acts 13:15

✠**Fr. Charles Payne, ✠Maricar Frazer**

✠**Elizabeth Ashman-Williams**

FRIDAY, May 12

Readings: Acts 13:26-33 ♦ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab ♦ Jn 14:1-6

Do not let your hearts be troubled, you have faith in God; have faith in me also. Jn 14:1

✠**Maricar Frazer**

Vivian Faye Gould (Birthday blessings!)

SATURDAY, May 13

Readings: Acts 13:44-52 ♦ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ Jn 14:7-14

"I have made you a light to the gentiles..." Acts 13:47

✠**Doris Clarke, ✠Maricar Frazer**

✠*deceased*



Join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for Hospitality hosted by the parish.

Save the Date!

Fr. Simon Nolan, O.Carm., Ph.D. will perform a short organ concert on Sunday, May 21st after the 8:30am Mass.

Watch next week's bulletin for more information.



St. Vincent de Paul Society News

The members of St. Vincent de Paul thank everyone who helped out at our dinner last Sunday. We appreciate your willingness to help give others a good time—our guests really enjoyed themselves!

Needed for single mom: small kitchen table and two chairs; small coffee table, preferably wooden; floor lamp. Call SVDP at the parish if you can help: 773-324-2626, x 108.

Countdown to Bundle Weekend on June 10 and 11!

Start cleaning out your closets because the SVDP trailer will be in the STA parking lot Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11, to collect clothing and household items in good repair. We cannot take: mattresses, box springs, furniture, computers, console TVs and stereos, typewriters, baby furniture or accessories, sewing machines, stuffed animals, or exercise equipment. Wanted: footwear, clothing, working small appliances, books, bric-a-brac, dishes, flatware, linens.

Meeting change: our next meeting is today, Sunday, May 7th, at 12:30, because we are not meeting on May 14th (Mothers' Day).



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, May 7

8:30am: *Baptism*

11am: *First Communion*

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group, 107*

12:30pm: *St. Vincent de Paul, Gym*

TUESDAY, May 9

8:30am: *School Mass*

WEDNESDAY, May 10

3pm: *Prayer Vigil, Church*

7:30pm: *Contemporary Choir*

THURSDAY, May 11

9am: *Bible Study, PH*

SATURDAY, May 13

3pm: *Confessions*

3pm: *Motet Choir, Church*

SUNDAY, May 14

Happy Mothers' Day!

Noon: *May Crowning*

12:15pm: *RCIA*

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer Group, 107*

12:30pm: *Knights of Columbus, Gym*

Visit www.carmelites.net for more information on the Carmelites.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends
of Saint Thomas the Apostle,



This fourth Sunday of Easter we ready from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, reminds us that he is the gate by which we enter into the safe place of his protection. He leads us by his

voice and by his example through the gate which leads to life.

I am the gate.

*Whoever enters through me
will be saved,
and will come in and go out
and find pasture.*

Jesus carefully leads us to a place of safety and nourishment. When we listen to his voice, he calls us into the pasture of his providing, and there we are nourished and satisfied. These words remind us of the Mass, where we receive the sacrament that nourishes us spiritually and sustains us in faith and love. Today, many of our young parishioners will be receiving their first Holy Communion, and I pray that the Good Shepherd will lead these young Catholics today and always into the safe places of his loving provision. May the sacrament of the Body and the Blood be for them a surety to Salvation!

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. I am so grateful that my own Mom is visiting Chicago during this month of May, and I will be able to spend the day with her. Mom is approaching her 88th birthday in a couple weeks, and I thank God for her good health and continued strength.

Many of you have plans for the day, but I think it is my place to make a humble suggestion? If the opportunity arises, I ask you to consider how you can

make attendance at Mass something special? If you are "Mom" and if your family asks you what you would like to do, would you consider asking the family to join you at Mass, giving thanks to God for the gift of your family? If you are a son or daughter, would you consider asking Mom and other members of your family to attend Mass with you? Perhaps there will be meals or visits during the rest of the day, but consider if you might use this opportunity to encourage the family to join you at Mass.

Perhaps you are remembering Mothers, Grandmothers and others who are no longer here, and you are missing them. Because of this, you cannot attend Mass with them this Sunday. But, attending Mass is a wonderful way to be with them, to honor them, to share a meal with them (even the Holy Table, a partaking here on earth of the heavenly banquet). Again, gather the family, invite the clan, and pray for your departed Mothers and Grandmothers. It is part of our faith that we pray for the departed, and it is our faith that enables us to be united with them, rejoicing in the Resurrection of Christ and through him, in the Resurrection of all the Faithful.

After speaking about Christ, the Good Shepherd and Mothers' Day, I do have a matter of business I need to mention. I need to ask the parish to consider our *Building Fund* at this time. The Fund is empty and so we are considering cancelling or postponing repairs we had hoped to fund this summer. Each year we need to do something to update our facilities and to continue necessary repairs on our church, rectory and school buildings. This year we may need to pause, and scale back what we can do? During the month of May, I have asked Mary the Mother of God to find some benefactors who are in a position to help us to plan some urgently needed repairs. Please join with me in prayer, and ask Mother Mary to provide what is needed. If you are in a position to help, but would like more information about our most urgent needs, do have a word with (Cont'd on p. 6)

First Communion Blessing



May your First Communion
celebrate your
friendship with Jesus.
As you grow in this friendship
may your words be Gentle
and your touch be Kind.
May you hear
whispers of Love
in your heart each day.
May you have fun
discovering God
hidden everywhere!
And, may you remember
to thank God often
for the Gift of Life.

Attention All Ministries!!

It's that time of the year again! The Annual Calendar meeting will be held at the end of June. Please review your July 2017-June 2018 meetings, activities, events, etc.! Time to reserve your dates, rooms/locations & times for the upcoming 12 months. Space is a little limited this year so please give a second choice date & location. The activity & space request forms will be available on our website, the parish office & parish hall beginning this week.

Every ministry is required to host at least 2 Sunday hospitalities. The cutoff date for your requests is June 2, 2017. Please email them or bring them to the Parish Office. Contact Lisa at 773-324-2626 if you have any questions.

First come,...first served!



Dates to Remember!

May 7 — Today
First Holy Communion
11:00am

May 9
All School Mass
8:30am

May 12
Spirit Day!

May 14
Happy Mother's Day!

May 15
Re-Scheduled Poetry Café
2:30pm

May 16
All School Mass
8:30am

May Crowning
2:30pm

Are you interested in learning more about Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle School? Join us for one of our weekly tours!

Tours are every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am and 9:30am.

Sign up on our website or by contacting our Admissions Coordinator, Tareema Jean-Baptiste tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com

St. Thomas the Apostle School website: www.stapostleschool.com



Pre-K 3—2nd Grades Celebrate Week of the Young Child!

Last month, our young students celebrated the annual Week of the Young Child! The theme of the week was “We Can Save the Earth!” Throughout the week, the students participated in a variety of activities around this theme: recycling, eating healthy, learning about animals, planting new plants, and even a virtual visit with a park ranger! It was a fun-filled week that the students, teachers, and parent volunteers enjoyed.



Have you seen the STArRY Night video? Want to watch it again? Visit this link to view it on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9os9sb3AWA&feature=youtu.be>

Our Sesquicentennial Anniversary

YOU are a significant part of St. Thomas the Apostle's legacy!

What does St. Thomas the Apostle Church mean to you and your family?

What does it mean to the Hyde Park Community and beyond?

We are interested in your perspective on these questions.

Please give us your input at the first of three listening sessions:

Sunday, May 21, 12:30-1:00 PM, in the Parish Hall

We invite you to join us at the tables near the picture of St. Thomas.

Steering Committee: Candace Scheidt, Paula Jones, and Gwen Anderson

Time to Celebrate!

Have you pledged your help with our upcoming parish anniversary celebration yet? Here's your chance! We have already held one meeting in which we explained the various committees that will be designing our special events. We think there is something for everyone.

Your next opportunity to learn about what is involved with each of the committees and what YOU can do is on **Sunday, May 21st from 9:35-10:20 AM**. Pick up refreshments in the Parish Hall and join us in the school gym for a short presentation about what is involved for each committee and then please sign up to join in the celebration.

A Look Back in History...

St. Thomas has always welcomed VISITORS to Mass and to our many parish events—especially Catholics and members of other faiths who attend the University of Chicago and neighboring universities. As Father Elias always says, "If you are looking for a parish home, consider St. Thomas. You are always welcome here!"

Looking back in time to the early 1900s, Monsignor Shannon was very conscious that the parish was in the neighborhood of one of the world's great centers of learning. He had many distinguished friends, including members of the University of Chicago faculty. Sometimes he entertained such scholars in the rectory.

"You are always welcome here!"

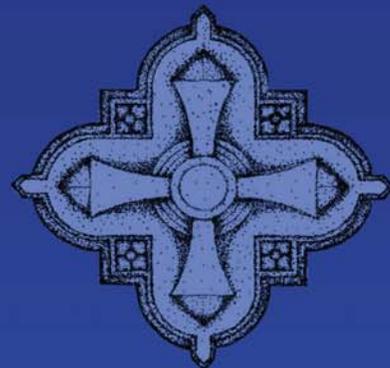
Over the years since Msgr. Shannon's tenure (1916-1941), some very distinguished faculty members from the University of Chicago have been members of the parish. One of these professors was the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who was a member of the parish during the turmoil of liturgical changes in the 1970s and 80s. Many University of Chicago faculty and student scholars have belonged to our parish since its founding in the 1890s.



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Receive Communion at Home or in a Nursing Home.

Call our parish secretary, Lisa, at 773-324-2626.

Offerings

April 30, 2017

Sunday	\$5,326.67
Sunday Give Central	\$1,207.75
Building Fund	\$112.00
Building Fund (GC)	\$130.00
Candles	\$128.51
Easter	\$661.00
Easter (Give Central)	\$100.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Stipend	\$10.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$124.88
Ministry of Care	\$100.00
Class	\$475.00
Donation/chairs	
Church Hall	\$250.00

Sunday Total	\$303,303.16
Give Central	\$92,717.50
Less budget:	\$506,000.00
Under budget:	-\$109,979.34

THANK YOU!!

Please Remember in Prayer Parishioners & friends who are ill:

Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Dorothy Bonds, Romy Crena, Sandra Dammons, Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps, Fr. Jack Farry, Lina Garcia, Pamela Granicz, Stefan Hessing, Effie Hinton, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, Kathleen Holden, Gwendolyn Holliday, Wm. G. Howard, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Charlie King, Pat & Tim King, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Norma McCall, Theresa McDermott, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Chris Mureiko, Caridad Neal, Jeffrey Paul, Edmond Peirre, Selwyn Revish, David Nathaniel Robinson, Elizabeth Ruyter, Melba Sales, Bobby Sims, Coletta Tinley, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Edward Wong, Jr., Marie Bijou Wong

For those who have died:
Elizabeth Ashman-Williams

	May 13, 4:00 PM Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 14, 8:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 14, 11:00 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Minister	Sandra Ham (BC) Joseph Alulis (CL) Denise Martin-Echols (CL) Dennis Johnston (CR) Teresa Vazquez (CR)	Kurt Davis (BC) Jacqueline Callery (CL) Agatha Ngweke (CL) Marie Tobin (CR) Vida Benn (CR) Donald Ayers (BL) Pat White (BR) Daryl Moresco (CL) Carla Kupe-Arion (CR)	Yvonne Brooks (BC) Brittany McGhee (CL) Lena Williams (CL) Dorothy Bennett (CR) Betty Brewer (CR) Jacky Grimshaw (BL) Elizabeth Watson (BR) Judith Lake (CL) Enid Collins (CR)
Lectors	Seletta Nichols (Lector 1)	Felicia Carr (Lector 1) Kirk Willis (Lector 2)	Joanne Glass (Lector 1) Kila Ngambong (Lector 2)
Altar Servers	Anna Stephanov Wanda Castro Peter Renz	Christopher Auguste David Auguste Kene Obiaya	Lawrence Amadi Gwen Anderson Janise Harris



Prayer Vigil for Peace Resumes May 10

On Wednesday, May 10th St. Thomas will resume our weekly summer Prayer Vigil for Peace from 3-5pm every Wednesday in the daily mass chapel. This will be the third summer that the STA Charismatic Prayer Group has sponsored this silent vigil for Peace in Our City before the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to come for some or all of the time. We begin with a short, spoken prayer liturgy followed by silent prayer. You can pray the rosary, do centering prayer, pray using your Bible, or other spiritual reading as you wish. We will also provide written prayer aids. The vigil ends with a priest offering benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a sign-up sheet to schedule people to help with the simple tasks of setting up and closing and we will show people how to do this. Questions? Call Lisa at 773-324-2626.

The Food Pantry Needs You!

The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing food, Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; Maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. Contact Jan Deckenbach, 773-702-7034, jdeckenb@uchicago.edu.



Pastor's Letter (Continued from page 3)

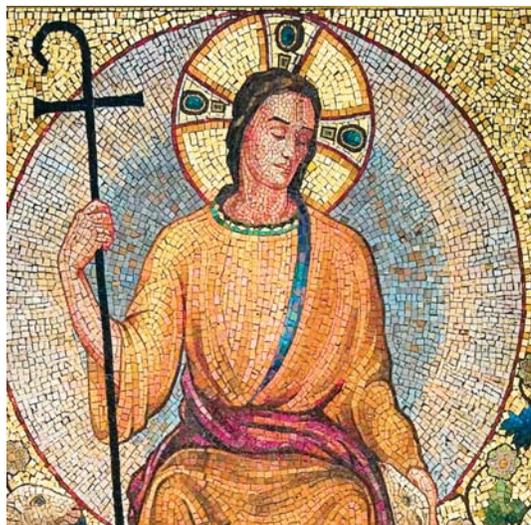
me, and I would be very happy indeed to show you our most urgent issues. If you are not in a position to help with the *Building Fund*, perhaps you would consider increasing your tithe at this time. If you are giving a dollar each week, can you give two? If you are giving five, perhaps you could manage six or seven dollars? If everyone could stretch a little that would really make a difference, especially during these costly summer months. Are you in the habit of paying bills online? Please reflect on what you can manage, and register to give your tithe at *Give Central*. Thank you!

During these bright days of Easter, I pray that God is blessing you with life and good health. May the Mother of God, the Mother of our Risen Lord, enfold you in the mantle of her protection! ~Elias

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

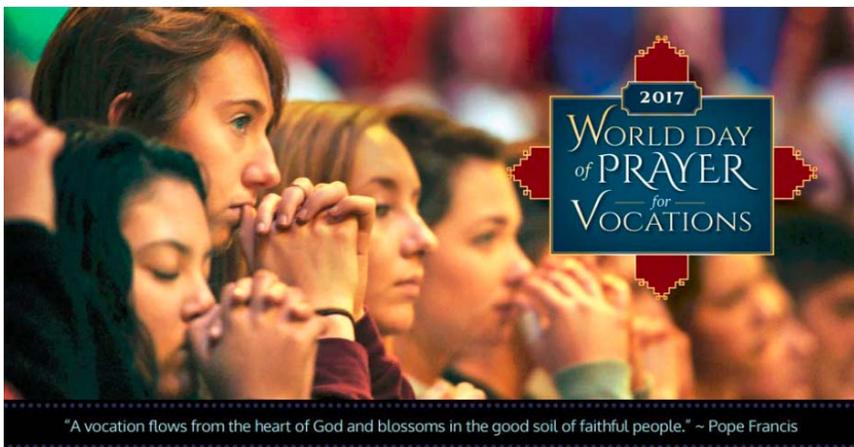
World Day of Prayer is observed today, Sunday, May 7th, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord’s instruction to “Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

And for a peek into the lives of those who have answered the call, we invite you to check out some of these websites & blogs: www.carmelites.net; chicagopriest.com; beyondthehabit.org; oppeace.org; and www.monasteriesoftheheart.org.



Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



“A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.” – Pope Francis

Be a Vocation Missionary!

In his letter for 2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis has a personal message: You are called to be a missionary, to share the Gospel of Jesus with the world!

“As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God’s love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves... We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God’s love, who cannot keep this experience to ourselves.”

What does that have to do with vocations? Pope Francis explains that to be a missionary disciple means sharing actively in the mission of Christ, including praying for vocations:

“I ask parish communities, associations, and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the lord will send workers into his harvest .May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God’s merciful love.”

To read the full text of Pope Francis’ message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, visit: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/upload/MESSAGE-OF-HIS-HOLINESS-POPE-FRANCIS-FOR-THE-54TH-WORLD-DAY-OF-PRAYER-FOR-VOCATIONS.pdf>.

Wisdom Unveiled

A recent study estimates that as many as 250,000 never-married women have seriously considered becoming religious sisters—though the number actually entering religious orders is far lower. Part of the problem? Lack of guidance. A forthcoming book, *Discerning Religious Life* by Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR (pictured here) helps women navigate this important life decision. 160pp. At www.vianneyvocations.com.



For Love Alone. A Documentary.

Are women still becoming religious sisters? Is there anyone responding to the call? This inspiring journey showcases the stories of Sisters from multiple communities from their first hearing of the call to their daily lives now. *For Love Alone* is available at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/for-love-alone/id1064334101>.