

JANUARY 1, 2012



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD



Stewardship Thought for the Week

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”
Luke 2:19

How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.

Thank you for your participation in God's Plan for Giving. Your generosity for the following:
Sunday, December 25, 2011

Number of Envelopes	231
Envelope Amount	\$26,723.25
Loose Cash	
Electronic Offerings	\$8,184.00
Other	\$905.00
Total	\$25,812.25
Income for Dec. 26, 2010	\$27,306.05

CHRISTMAS, 2011

Number of Envelopes	382
Envelope Amount	\$58,572.00
Loose Cash	\$8,459.20
Electronic Offerings	
Other	
Total	\$67,031.20
Income for Christmas, 2010	\$79,764.12



*A Note from
Fr. Joe...*

Due to the holiday schedule and bulletin deadline, I'll have to keep this short and sweet. (Perhaps that should be my resolution!) Anyway, a Happy, Healthy 2012 to you and yours! On behalf of Fr. Allan, Fr. Art, everyone on the Parish Staff, and myself, thank you for the gifts, goodies, cards, and prayers sent our way during this Christmas Season. We look forward to ministering with you throughout the coming year.

Also, a note of gratitude to all those who helped make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful. The music, as always, created a heavenly atmosphere.

Finally, let us pray on this Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, that she watch over our families, homes, and world, bringing us closer to her Son and his peace.

God Bless!
Fr. Joe

DAILY MASS TIME
CHANGE

Monday, January 2nd is the Legal Holiday for New Year's Day. Our daily Mass is scheduled for 9:00am at the Rosemont Chapel. Parish Office is closed. There is no 12:05 Mass on this day.



FIRST FRIDAY
SOLEMN EXPOSITION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, January 6, 2012

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour following the 12:05 Mass in the Rosemont Chapel of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The solemn exposition of the Holy Eucharist offers the opportunity to the people of God for prayerful reflection on our call to a deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a more faithful living of the Christian Life.

Please join us.



Masses for this Week

Mon., January 2nd	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen
9:00AM-RMCH	
Tues., January 3rd	Christmas Weekday
12:05PM-RMCH	Judy Lewis - Marie Naulty
Wed., January 4th	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
12:05PM-RMCH	
Thurs., January 5th	Christmas Weekday
12:05PM-RMCH	
Fri., January 6th	Christmas Weekday
12:05PM-RMCH	Harry Burton - Burton Family
Sat., January 7th	Christmas Weekday
9:00AM-RMCH	Jose Luis Matton - Wife & Children
5:00PM-RMCH	Mary Lou O'Connor
Sun., January 8th	The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30AM-VNCH	
9:00AM-RMCH	Ann Marie Rodolico - Hennessy & Rodolico Families
10:30AM-VNCH	For the Parishioners of St. Thomas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:1-11
Sunday	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

"Masses in Interpreted American Sign Language"

We have an American Sign Language Interpreter at the 9:00am Mass in the Rosemont Chapel on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month. The Interpreter will be here on January 8, 2012.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Matrimony: Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements to meet with a parish priest at least 8 months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation: Fridays during Advent after the 12:05pm Liturgy, Saturday after the 9:00am Liturgy in the Rosemont Chapel or call the Parish Center to make an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: We are happy to offer many support services to the sick and homebound. Visits are made by the Pastoral Staff and Eucharistic Ministers to homes and hospital care facilities. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated each month, except during Lent. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements and to receive materials.

Schedule of Events for the week of: January 1, 2012 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, January 2, 2012

Parish Office Closed
Golden Living Ministry 10:00AM

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

BP Screening after 12:05 Mass
OLBS Mentors 2:30PM
Bible Study - PC2 7:00PM

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Exercise Class - Aud 10:00AM
BP Screening at Rosemont Plaza 10:45AM
Pilates - Aud 6:00PM
No Religious Education Program

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Walking with Purpose - Aud 9:00AM
Bible Study - PC2 10:30AM
Walking with Purpose - Aud 7:00PM
IHN Board Meeting - PC1 7:30PM

Friday, January 6, 2012

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:05 Mass

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Feed the Hungry Ministry in 69th Street 5:00PM

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Word of God 9:00AM
Religious Education Program 10:10AM
St. John's Hospice 10:15AM
Rosemont Presbyterian Village Prayer Service 10:30AM
RCIA 11:45AM

PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY— FRIDAY: 9:00am - 4:30pm
The Parish Center is closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm: Monday - Friday

STV YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Time Changes for Youth Group Meetings:
Middle School group will be meeting in the Youth Room on Sundays at 10:10am.

The **High School group** will be moving to every other Sunday, beginning with Sunday, January 8th at 7:15pm to 8:30pm.



We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Parish:

Stephen & Kathleen Addazio & Family of Rose Valley
John Belisari of Bryn Mawr
Bernadette Hentschel of Ardmore

Resting in Peace:

Mr. William Noone, Father of Barbara Rader
Mrs. June Albrecht Hart

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Julia Barlow, Rita Burns, Patrick Campbell, Marty and Peggy Caulfield, Mary Ann Dadourian, Mary Jane DiCarlo, Bob Ellison, Jack Geraghty, Theresa Green, Patricia Ann Harley, Ellen Heiser, Mary Iannacone, Bridget Kelly, Garrett P. McAleer (baby), Rita O'Connor, Dante Roccario, Alice Rogers, Debbie Scalpato Dan Schultz

Please pray for our soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayerline is waiting for your prayer request. This week call Helen Viggiano at 610-527-3933 to activate the parish prayerline. Two parish teams are available for your special intentions.

PROJECT HOPE

This is a transportation ministry for our Parish. If you need a ride to your medical appointments or to food shop this week, please call Anne Hennessy at 610-525-2112. Please give at least 3 days notice.

DINNERS TO THE DOORSTEP

This ministry is for parish families who are in crisis or for parish couples welcoming a new baby. Homemade dinners are delivered. Two parish coordinators keep a list of volunteers who are called as needed. If you are in need of this delicious community support, please call Maria Gunn at 610-291-3945.

ST. FRANCIS INN

We are forming a parish work group to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, January 15th. The Inn tries to meet the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality. For more information and to sign up, contact our parish coordinators, Ruth and Joe Reeder at 610-662-2055 or villanovaruth@aol.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

Feed the Hungry Ministry needs your help with St. Thomas Dinner Night on Saturday, January 7th, at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. Salads, cooked potatoes and meatloaf, desserts, and sandwiches are needed and can be delivered to the Steele's house in Villanova the afternoon of January 7th. If you can help, call Denise at 484-343-4473 or email steelecreativity@gmail.com.

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons is a parish ministry that helps you with job loss, career changes, retirement, relocation, etc. — One on One mentoring by very qualified parishioners. This ministry is designed to provide information, guidance and assistance in dealing with change. Please contact Paul Frank at STVNewHorizons@aol.com or 412-370-0299 for more information.



Make this Valentine's Weekend extraordinary and romantic. Plan to attend the upcoming Living in Love weekend workshop. It's the best gift you can give each other and your marriage this year. Workshops are led by parish couples with plenty of time for you and your spouse to share alone privately.

If you are considering working with the engaged couples of the parish, this is the initial training for "Preparing to Live in Love", our parish pre-cana mentoring program. Living in Love offers liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and help couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their passion. Includes a romantic Sat. eve meal.

Date: February 11-12th, 2012
Time: Sat. 8am-9pm, Sun. 8am-3pm
Place: Rosemont Auditorium

Childcare may be available upon request.

For more information or to register contact Dave and Stephanie D'Arcangelo (610)489-4869 or darkangels5@verizon.net or see website www.livinginlove.org

*St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
Community
invites you to start your New Year's
off by cleaning out your closet and
basement for*



*Cradles to Crayons (C2C)
Giving Factory
www.cradlestocrayons.org*

C2C's vision is that one day every child will have the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn and valued.

What is needed:

Kids clothing (newborn to 14 years)
Shoes, sneakers, boots
Toys smaller than 24" in any direction, puzzles and games
New socks and underwear
Books
Baby supplies and equipment (no cribs)
New arts and crafts or school supplies

**Drop off your gifts on MLK Day of Service
Monday, January 16, 2012
8:00am to Noon to the Rosemont Auditorium**

Questions? Call Kate Kopp at 610-527-3824.

You are invited to a Parish Forum
Brown Bag Lunch on
Monday, January 23, 2012

*Topic: "Indomitable Ladies:
Clara Barton and Florence
Nightingale"*

Presenter: Dr. David Burton

Parishioner Dr. David Burton is a professor emeritus of history and former Chair of the History Department at St. Joseph's University. He is an author, co-author and/or editor of twenty-five books.

Bring your lunch!
Drinks and dessert will be provided.
Please join us!!

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL - NARBERTH, PA

Open Houses:

Sunday, January 22 - 12:30pm - 2:00pm

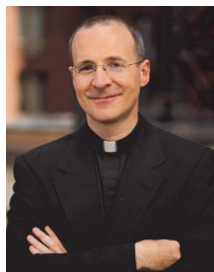
Thursday, February 2 - 9:00am - 12 Noon

Choose a Catholic Education for your family, exceptional Catholic Education from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool Registrations:

Registrations are now being taken for the Winter Toddler Two's Session.
Applications for September 2012 are now available.

Please call the Preschool Office at 610-525-7554



Fr. Jim Martin, SJ
Will be speaking at
St. Thomas of Villanova Church
Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm

Fr. Jim is the **Official Chaplain of The Colbert Report**, is a frequent commentator for CNN, NPR, Fox News, Time Magazine, and is the award winning author of *My Life with the Saints* (2006). He will be discussing his new book, **Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life.**

This event will be co-sponsored by Villanova University Campus Ministry, St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel parishes.

Steve Molinari went on the parish mission trip to El Salvador last summer. Here is Steve's reflection.....

The Journey of a Saint Thomas of Villanova Missionary

I never considered myself a missionary, but one hot July day, along with twenty other STV parishioners, I set off to El Salvador to meet Sister Gloria Petrone, who runs the F.I.A.T. Project in El Salvador. Traveling for what seemed like a day, my wife and I started to think deeply about the journey upon which we had embarked. We struggled in making the original decision to leave our ten year old with her grandparents and go together to El Salvador.

As we arrived at the mission house in San Salvador and met the other people from God's greater community, the reality of the trip started to set in. It could have been the simple rice and beans we had for dinner or our trying to figure out what project I should work on but at some point I realized that I was on a road I had never traveled down, with companions I barely knew. With the exception of my wife, I don't think I had spent more than a couple of hours with all of the other STV parishioners combined, and yet I knew I was in the right place. The feeling of peace and community overwhelmed every aspect of this journey. I felt as much a part of every place we visited as I do at STV or the soccer fields in Radnor.

Sister Gloria did a wonderful job keeping our minds and thoughts focused on the whole of El Salvador, showing us the rich culture and the violent history, which gave us a real understanding of the people with whom we were sharing this experience. During the days, we dug ditches, mixed cement, played with the children, and some days we visited places of historical importance. At night, we ate, and attended mass in the small Chapel at the mission house, and reflected on the day's events. I was deeply affected by the people of El Salvador. In their poverty, they found joy, grace, and God. During our nightly reflections, I was affected by the presence of God in everyone's experience. I was inspired by the younger members of our group, especially those from STV, who seemed to never run out of energy. I was glad to have made this journey with my best friend and wife of eighteen years by my side and to have shared the road with people of STV whom I now consider my friends.

As we packed our bags and started our long trek home, I thought it was the end of the road. I was wrong. Since I've been back, I have spoken of God; our wonderful parish of STV; and how the experience of the journey has touched every aspect of my life. It is as if I am walking around with ashes on my forehead on Ash Wednesday, letting every person know who I am and who I believe in. I thank God for surrounding me with the loving family and blessing me with the good fortune to embark on this endeavor which has strengthened His presence in my life.



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISHIONERS INVITE YOU TO A PRESENTATION ON

The Parish Mission to El Salvador
Facilitated by: Francesca Molinari

Sunday, January 22, 2012
10:15am Rosemont Auditorium

Coffee and donuts provided!

We will be organizing a mission trip
To El Salvador for the week of
June 22-30th.

This presentation will be very helpful to you.

**The Blue Ribbon Commission:
Charting the future course of catholic education**

December 2011

In January 2011, the Blue Ribbon Commission appointed by Cardinal Justin Rigali began a comprehensive study of the elementary, special education and secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as well as the Parish Religious Education Programs (PREP) in the parishes across the Archdiocese. The Commission identified the critical trends facing the future of Catholic schools: declining Church attendance and contributions, shifting demographics, diminishing enrollment and rising tuitions as well as underutilized school buildings. Parishes that support a school have also seen their finances strained as they work to offset operating deficits of their schools. In the last ten years, parish subsidies to schools have increased from an average of \$255,450 per school to an average of \$319,162 per school—an increase of 24.9%.

As a result of this study, the Blue Ribbon Commission developed a comprehensive strategic plan focused on the ability to provide quality, affordable and sustainable Catholic education for present and future generations across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Simply leaving each school on its own to achieve this goal has become much more difficult over the years, as indicated by the announcements of school closings each year.

At a meeting for priests, school administrators and directors of religious education on January 6, 2012, the Blue Ribbon Commission will provide the specifics of its plan. As Archbishop Chaput indicated in his Pastoral Letter on December 8th the Blue Ribbon Commission will likely recommend that some, and perhaps many, schools must close or combine. It will also offer a framework for strengthening our schools going forward.

This renewed vision provides great hope for the future of Catholic schools and their service to children and families in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The time is here for all of us to step forward with the support, good will and ongoing involvement enabling our long held tradition of Catholic Schools to be here for our children and for the children of future generations.

On Friday, January 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. there will also be a news conference with Archbishop Chaput unveiling the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations. You will be able to view the news conference live on the Archdiocesan website at www.archphila.org. At the conclusion of the news conference a new website, www.faithinthefuture.com, will go live. This site will offer tools which will guide us all through the coming days, weeks and months ahead.

During this time of transition in Catholic education let us ask the intercession of Saints John Neumann and Katharine Drexel. May they comfort and inspire us to provide the best quality Catholic education possible for today's children and tomorrow's generations.

THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE
of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Community
invites you to



Villanova Women's Basketball Team Game
vs.
Providence
Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 2:00pm
at the Villanova Pavilion



Pre-Game Refreshments in the
Fitzgerald Suite (VIP) - (behind student
section, above concession stand)

RSVP A MUST — Tickets for those who have
Pre-registered will be available at the Family Life
Table
in the lobby of the Pavilion

RSVP by February 1, 2012

Family Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

*Return to parish center, put in collection basket, email Kathy
Roethlein at office@stv.comcastbiz.net.*

*Please join us for a
fun-filled afternoon.*



**MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY OF SERVICE
JANUARY 16, 2012
SPONSORED BY
ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
AND
OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL**

OUTREACH TRIP FOR MONDAY

St. John's Hospice is a community grounded in faith where homeless people find dignity, respect and nourishment. We will prepare and serve lunch and do all the cleanup work. We will leave the Rosemont Auditorium at 9:30AM, travel by bus and return to Rosemont by 2:00PM. You must be 7th grade or older and you must wear closed toe shoes.

OUTREACH TRIP FOR MONDAY

Philabundance located at 3616 S. Galloway Street in South Philadelphia is the region's largest food bank and hunger relief organization. We will pack food for distribution. We will leave the Rosemont Auditorium at 8am and travel by bus and will return at 12:30pm to Rosemont. You must be 6th grade or older and you must wear closed toe shoes.

Service activities are held on site at St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel for ALL AGES on Martin Luther King Day. Please see the flyer on the website: www.stthomasofvillanova.org and click on Schedule of Activities.

OUTREACH TRIP FOR MONDAY

Mother's Home in Darby is a residential shelter for vulnerable, pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Help is needed with a variety of clean up projects. We will leave STV Auditorium at 9:15am and return by 2pm. Open to adults, middle schoolers and older.

**RSVP a must! Parental Release forms at must! Forms need to be signed by parent and are available on the website: www.stthomasofvillanova.org
Please call Anne Murphy at St. Thomas 610-525-4801**

MARTIN LUTHER KING
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Sponsored by St. Thomas of Villanova
And
Our Mother of Good Counsel

**AID for Friends Meal Making
and Stewardship Projects
at Our Mother of Good Counsel
Gym
10:00am– 12:00pm**

For Middle School Teens and Parents
We will assemble single trays of balanced meals. Bring
a cooked main entrée, e.g, meatloaf, ham or chicken
Questions? Call Coordinators: Joe and Karen Carey
610-525-0147-ext 258
or email: kcarey@omgcparish.net

GLOBAL GIFT FAIR
St. Thomas of Villanova
Rosemont Auditorium
10:00am-11:30am

All ages join hands to create practical gifts for
Children in El Salvador, Cambodia, and
refugee children in the U.S. Any questions, please
contact Denise Rinear at derinear@gmail.com
or call 484-343-4473.

**Children's Clothing and Toy Drive
for Cradles to Crayons
8:00am-12:00pm**

Drop off your gently used children's clothing, toys,
and/or school supplies to the truck parked in the
Rosemont Auditorium parking lot. Call Kate Kopp
610-527-3224 or email KateK1007@aol.com

Service projects are available for you all over the Greater Delaware
Valley. Trips are open to middle school students, high school
students and adults.

Please see outreach flyer or access online at
www.stthomasofvillanova.org,
click on MLK Weekend Outreach Projects
Parental permission is needed. Form is on website:
www.stthomasofvillanova.org

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.