Note from Fr. Michael ...

The word “Today” is an important and recurrent word in the Gospel of Luke. When the angels announce the birth of the Savior to the shepherds they proclaim, “Today in the city of David a savior is born for you who is Christ the Lord.” When, at the outset of his public ministry, Jesus appears in the synagogue and proclaims from the prophet Isaiah the announcement of the coming of the Messiah, he announces, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing”. As He hung from the cross he promised the Good Thief, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Viewed in this light, we recognize the word “today” as referring to a time of opportunity or “kyros”, a moment pregnant with possibility.

In the gospel story, of Zacchaeus, “today” is used in this manner twice: “Today I must stay at your house,” and “Today salvation has come to this house.” For Zacchaeus this is a time when the energy of the Holy Spirit is focused on him.

As a tax collector, Zacchaeus was despised by his fellow Jews, but after Jesus singled him out, he stood his ground before the crowd who hated him, and turned his life around. His encounter with the Lord resulted in one of the classic examples of the overflowing mercy of God in the gospel of Luke. Zacchaeus, an extremely wealthy tax collector gave half of his wealth away to the poor, he made fourfold restitution to those he has extorted, and he gave his heart in its entirety to the Lord. Salvation came to his house that day, but its journey likely started long before with tugs at his heart and pangs in his conscience.

As we draw to the close of the Year of Mercy, we can reflect back on the various gospel readings from Luke that we have been prayerfully reflecting on these past several weeks with profound gratitude. No one and no situation is beyond the mercy of God. Daily he calls us to recognize that conversion is an ongoing process. There is no such thing as a plateau in our spiritual journey. This day and every day the Lord call us to recognize the moment of grace offered us. “If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.” Like Zacchaeus let us always respond with wholehearted joy to the Lord’s willingness to enter our lives. We may have to give something up, but what we gain is inestimable.

***IMPORTANT VILLANOVA TRAFFIC & PARKING INFO***

As you may have noticed, the intersection at Lancaster Avenue and Church Walk has closed and a new driveway & crosswalk – St. Thomas Way – has opened. This intersection is located across from Moriarty Hall, about 50 yards or so west on Lancaster from the previous intersection at Church Walk. St. Thomas Way, named after our patron saint, is clearly marked and features new traffic signals, as well as an improved driveway in and out of the recently created surface parking areas along Lancaster Avenue (designated as L-2 and L-3.) Work will be continuing in this area, as turn lanes are added, Lancaster Avenue is repaved, and the previous driveway and intersection at Church Walk are removed.

In terms of Church parking, particularly for Sunday Masses, there are a few options. After entering St. Thomas Way, the preferred option is that you turn right at the top and head to the spaces behind Moriarty or beyond. You also can turn left and park in the spaces behind the old Visitor’s Lot or proceed to the Main Lot, which will remain open for now. As always, if you have special mobility needs, you can park on campus near the Church – but please be respectful of spaces near the Monastery reserved for the friars who live there.

Please be sure to use the crosswalk and follow the pedestrian signals at the new St. Thomas Way intersection. This is the only safe way to cross Lancaster Avenue in that vicinity, as the signals at Church Walk have been removed and vehicular traffic will no longer stop at that location. A new temporary walkway leads up to the Church from the St. Thomas Way crosswalk.

As of now, the anticipated construction start date for the Pedestrian Bridge is February 2017 and will last through much of the year. The Bridge will extend from the plaza in front of the Church to the parking across Lancaster Avenue; I hope you’ve been able to check out the renderings placed at the back of the Church & the Rosemont Chapel. The old Visitors’ Lot will reopen after the Pedestrian Bridge project is completed.

For more information, visit www.designconceptforlancasteravenue.com. A link is available on our parish website.
**Mass for the Intentions of the Week**

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**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” Luke 19:8

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of October 22 and 23, 2016.

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Dr. Mark Bani, Villanova University Campus Ministry’s Music Director, will have a concert for “Catholic Imagination in the Arts” on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7PM in St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The concert will be an all Bach program of organ compositions of sacred music.

**Schedule of Events for the week of October 30, 2016**

**Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.**

**Monday, October 31, 2016**
- Centering Prayer—RMCH 7:30AM
- Golden Living Ministry 10:15AM
- Art Class - PC1 11:00AM
- Vigil Mass-RMCH 5:30PM
- Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 7:00PM

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - ALL SAINT’S DAY**
- St. Thomas Preschool Closed 10:00AM
- Scripture Reflection Session - PC2 12:05PM
- Holy Day Mass-VNCH 12:05PM
- Holy Day Mass-RMCH 12:05PM
- BP Screening after 12:05 Mass
- Holy Day Mass-VNCH 5:30PM
- Holy Day Mass-VNCH 7:00PM
- Scripture Reflection Session - PC2 7:00PM
- Mercy Ministry Meeting - PC1 7:00PM

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**
- Women’s 11th Step Spirituality - PC1 6:00AM
- Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 9:30AM
- Exercise Class 10:00AM
- Honickman Ministry 10:15AM
- Boost Your Brain — PC1 12:45PM
- Religious Education Program 4:45PM
- Bereavement Evening of Prayer - PC1 7:00PM

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**
- Walking With Purpose - Aud 9:00AM
- Golden Living Mass 2:00PM
- Altar Server Training - RMCH 4:30PM-5:30PM
- RCIA - PC1 7:00PM
- Walking With Purpose - Aud 7:00PM
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training—RMCH 7:00PM-9:00PM

**Friday, November 4, 2017—First Friday**
- Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction after 12:05 Mass
- Honickman Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul Truck in Rosemont Lot Feed the Hungry Ministry 12:00-4:00PM

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**
- St. Vincent de Paul Truck in Rosemont Lot Feed the Hungry Ministry
- RCIA - Aud 10:10AM
- Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service 10:30AM

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**
- Word of God 9:00AM
- Religious Education Program 10:10AM
- RCIA - Aud 10:30AM

**CENTERING PRAYER ROSEMONT CHAPEL**
Centering Prayer is held on Monday mornings at 7:30am in the Rosemont Chapel.
All are welcome...even if you have never been in a Centering Prayer group.
We wish a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish:
David Chipolina of Ardmore
Danielle DeNardo & Family of Villanova
Daniel & Jennifer Evans & Family of Bryn Mawr
Gregory & Seana Martinelli & Family of St. Davids
Kaitlin Polamar of Admore

Congratulations to the newly Baptized member of our parish:
Brendan Daming Kemal, son of Ali & Christina Yuan
Molly Kathleen, daughter of Edward & Shannon Doran
Anthony Christopher IV, son of Anthony & JoAnne Modarelli
Charlotte Ann, daughter of Keith & Keeley Seymour

Resting in Peace:
Mr. David Burton,

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:
Julia Barlow, Frank Beston, Katherine Breck, Eileen Gillen,
Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Jerry O’Connor, Bert Rodgers, Annie Sears, and Robert J. Wahl.

ALL SAINTS DAY
Tuesday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will celebrate the following Liturgies for this Holy Day …
Monday, Oct. 31st - Vigil Mass at 5:30pm at the Rosemont Chapel
Tuesday, November 1st, the Masses are 12:05pm in the Rosemont Chapel, and 12:05pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm in the Villanova Church.

ALL SOULS NOVENA
Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. This will be the start of our All Souls Novena.

2017 MASS BOOK
Our 2017 MASS BOOK opens on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The donation for each Mass is still $10.00. You can make arrangements for an Announced Mass at the Parish Center.
YOU ARE INVITED TO A
LECTURE BY
FR. MICHAEL DIGREGORIO, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Order

Topic: The story of Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. And His Journey toward Sainthood

Sunday, October 30th at 10:15am in the Rosemont Auditorium

Coffee and donuts will be available!
Please join us.

Bereavement Evening of Prayer On All Soul’s Day

Wednesday Evening, November 2nd 7:00pm in the Rosemont Parish Center

Everyone is welcome.
Any questions, call Mary Kate McCauley at 610-525-4801 or email nurse@stvparish.org

You are invited to celebrate our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Veterans at a Brown Bag Lunch

Monday, November 7th at 12:45pm in the Rosemont Auditorium

Topic: Citizen Soldier... VietNam 45 Years Later
A reflection on what it meant to have served and what it did to/for a generation who did.

Speaker: Dennis Murphy
Dennis served in an Infantry company in VietNam as part of the 196 Light Infantry Brigade in the Americal Division. Recently, Dennis encountered a North Vietnamese soldier who served in the same area and they shared stories of experience. Dennis is presently the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Rosemont College.

Bring Your Lunch! Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please join us!

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA AND OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHES invite you to a Year of Mercy

Presentation by Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ
On Wednesday November 16th at 7:00pm in the Rosemont Auditorium

Topic: “Advocacy: Love at the Root of the Problem”
- What are some ways we as people of faith can deepen our response to the suffering of people in the world.
- Does it matter how we respond? Does it make a difference?

Mary Elizabeth Clark, a Sister of St. Joseph, is the Director of the Earth Center at Chestnut Hill College. She serves as an ambassador for the U.S. Catholic Bishops Climate Change Covenant.

She has served on the national board of NETWORK a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby in Washington and the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.
INTRODUCING YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2016-2017

Fr. Joe
Cathy Van Kula, Vice Chair
Greg DiCocco
Bob Leggiadro
Sweta Nazareth

Fr. Michael
Joan Hawley, Secretary
Jim Holman
Dean Miller
Chrissy Quisenberry

Deacon Don
John Cellucci
Kate Kopp
Michael Murphy
Mimi Null
Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov 18 DELCO Lock-In, Grades 8-12
"Mercy Me" an overnight of faith, food, fun, and friends! Lock-in will be held at SKS parish center from 8pm-9am.
For more information, visit the website or contact Maria Luby fl-youth@stvparish.org

Friday, Nov 18 11:00AM and outside of the Villanova Church before 11:30AM
Your gift will be delivered that day to the waiting families. If you have any questions, call the Tobia’s 610-527-7075 or email allboysnmom@aol.com or call the Overbeck’s at 610-525-9788 or overbeck1@verizon.net.

Suggestions for your gift: Frozen turkey (any size), canned goods, a bag of potatoes, boxed pies, condiments, coffee/tea, stuffing mix.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS (21-35)

We will be holding events on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
11/8 Young Adult Social @ Gullify’s 7pm
11/22 Movie/ Discussion 7pm, Rosemont Auditorium
- Marian Apparitions in the 20th Century
- Dinner provided
12/6 Lessons & Carols 7pm
- Villanova Church, meet us in the back of the Church
12/13 2017 Planning Meeting, 7pm
- Parish Center
12/20 Dinner & Adoration 7pm
- Meet in Rosemont Auditorium

For more information, contact stvyoungadults@gmail.com

Welcome Visitors
Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church or chapel, please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish community, please call the parish office at 610-525-4801.

Volunteers Needed for Advent Giving Tree
Advent Angel sellers are needed for “Selling” Angels earmarked for gifts of clothing or gift cards for five faith communities in Philadelphia. You are needed for 1/2 hour after the Mass you attend during the Advent season.
Please contact Parish Coordinator, Joan Mauriello at 610-254-5061 or email camdo@comcast.net

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Community invites you to help...

Turkeys to the Table

This is a stewardship ministry for the families and local community of our sister parish of St. Cyprian’s in West Philadelphia. You are asked to bring a Thanksgiving turkey dinner (exactly what you will be preparing for your own Thanksgiving dinner) box or bag it and bring it to the U-haul Trucks on Sunday, November 20th outside of the Rosemont Chapel by 11:00AM and outside of the Villanova Church before 11:30AM.

For more information, visit the website or contact Maria Luby fl-youth@stvparish.org
CLEANING OUT YOUR STUFF??
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would love your donations.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is all about caring people helping their neighbors in need of basic necessities.

Bring your donations to the Rosemont Chapel Parking lot on Saturday, November 5th, from 12:00-4:00pm. Look for the GREENDROP truck where an attendant will help you to unload your donations. A tax deduction form will be provided to you.

What is needed? Place your donations of men’s, women’s and children’s clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CD’s and videos are accepted.

Furniture, large appliances, TV’s or computer monitors CANNOT be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com.

Healing Mass & Baptism in The Holy Spirit
will take place at St. Katharine of Siena in Wayne on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30pm. This will be the last scheduled Healing Mass of 2016! Fr John Masson will be the celebrant. He will also preside over the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for those candidates who have taken the Life in The Spirit Seminars and will be reaffirming their Baptism & Confirmation commitment for a deeper personal relationship with our Lord. Father and prayer teams will pray over all for any special intentions they may have. It is encouraged for all to go to Reconciliation before asking for God’s blessing.

There will be live music for the Mass. God loves to heal His people! Bring a Friend! Questions call Paul Hayes 610-687-8835. #54

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

The Family Life Committee meets quarterly to plan and implement ministries and events designed to strengthen our families in faith. Throughout the years, the Family Life Committee has sponsored programs that support marriage, families with young children and parenting in today’s world.

We need VOLUNTEERS!
If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Maria Luby, fl-youth@stvparish.org.

Annual Events: Breakfast with Santa — Skate Party — Splash Party

NEWS FROM SAINT FRANCES CABRINI
REGIONAL SCHOOL
405 N. 65th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19151

The school is holding a “Bid N Buy” Basket Auction on Sunday, November 6th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. This event is being organized by the West Catholic Girl’s Alumnae. All proceeds benefit Saint Frances Cabrini Regional School.

Join us and bid on fabulous brand new items and baskets! Admittance Fee: $5.00 — Refreshments will be available.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

| Monday     | Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14 |
| Tuesday    | Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12 |
| Wednesday  | Wis 3:1-9; Rom 4:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 |
| Thursday   | Phil 3:3:8a; Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday     | Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8 |
| Saturday   | Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday     | 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 1 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20-27-38 or 10:27, 34-38 |

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE Benefiting DAWN’S PLACE
Saturday, November 19, 2016, 5:30pm-10:00pm
The Townsend Room, 12273 Townsend Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154
Tickets: $70 for one, $125 for two, $500 for a table of 10. Pay via check: (write “mystery” in subject line), Dawn’s Place, PO Box 48253, Philadelphia, PA 19144 or online at www.ahomefordawn.org.

Dawn’s Place is a residential safe haven for women who have been trafficked or affected by commercial Sexual exploitation. At Dawn’s Place, women receive trauma recovery services and vocational training. Come and enjoy food, drink and friendship and cast your vote. Perhaps YOU can solve this Mystery!
From the peace and Justice Committee: “Jubilee Year of Mercy — Sustaining the Action”
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” (Mt 5:7)

When Pope Francis called for the 2015-2016 church year to be a Jubilee of Mercy, he challenges us to demonstrate compassion and mercy for those who are suffering pain and poverty and experiencing exclusion. Inspired by the Pope’s words, our parish responded with many actions and activities during this past year, including those focused on food insecurity, which has been a priority for us for a number of years. As the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy approaches, we are planning ways to expand and sustain these actions.

First, we plan to broaden our current ministries that feed our brothers and sisters in need. For example, STV parishioners donate time and non-perishable food and bring it to the Parish Center which is sent to our sister parish of St. Cyprian’s in West Philadelphia. We provide time and delicious dinners to support Interfaith Hospitality Network and make casseroles for St. John’s Hospice. We regularly serve mid-day meals to several hundred impoverished families at St. Francis Inn in Kensington. For our Feed the Hungry program, volunteers serve dinner the 1st Saturday of the month at the Life Center in Upper Darby. For the Turkeys to the Table (scheduled for Sunday, November 20th) parishioners put together a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a frozen turkey and drop it off at either one of our churches. Our high school teens along with experienced parishioners deliver the food to our sister parish that day.

Second, we plan to seek additional ways to advocate for change in policies, programs and systems that allow hunger and poverty to persist. For years our parish has participated in an annual offering of letters to our nation’s decision makers through Bread for the World (BFW), a Christian, bi-partisan organization. In 2015 the offering of letters focused on the Global Food Security Act. That act was passed earlier in 2016 by Congress in great part due to the letter writing campaign of BFW. The 2016 campaign focused on funding for the actions called for in this act and STV sent 350 letters. The 2016 presidential election has slowed the budget process but we hope to see that funding included after the election. These campaigns have helped reduce the number of people who experience by over 200 million worldwide since 1990 but 795 million remain under those conditions. This includes 42 million in the United States, 13 million of whom are children.

What can you and your family do now? If you are not already involved in our current ministries to feed the poor, please consider doing so. Consider joining Bread for the World by visiting their website: www.Bread.org to learn more. Attend the presentation by Sr. Betsy Clark, SSJ that will teach us how to advocate for change that will reduce hunger. This presentation is scheduled for November 16 at 7:00pm in the Rosemont Auditorium.

For further information contact Ann Rafferty at raffertyannh@gmail.com or call 610-687-2764.

SHARE THE HARVEST THANK YOU LETTER

Eldernet of Lower Merion-Narberth
9 South Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

October 11, 2016

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas:

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations throughout the entire summer. Your church’s participation in the Share the Harvest program is such a blessing for our pantry and we are so thankful for your compassion and commitment. Your excess vegetables were gratefully received by our clients and helped us to offer a wide range of healthy options. Many of our clients have young children in the home, and being able to offer nutritionally balanced options helps improve their lives immensely. The individuals we serve are often faced with the hard decisions of paying to avoid eviction, paying to keep their lights or heat on, or paying to have food on their table.

The Ada Mutch Community Resource Center is managed by ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth. Last year our pantry dispensed 263,120 pounds of food to 249 households, many of whom come in every two weeks for food. Already your donations have been placed onto our pantry shelves and making a difference in the lives of our clients.

Thank you again,
Lisa Schlansky MSS, LSW
Social Worker at Ada Mutch Community Resource Center
MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE
Sunday Women’s Tea
Malvern Retreat House will host its next Women’s Tea on Sunday, November 6th from 2pm-4pm. The featured speaker will be Martie Gillin, founder of the organization SpeakUp! This nonprofit fosters communication in families on issues, including stress, substance abuse, anxiety, and healthy relationships. At the tea, Martie will discuss the topic Women Transformed By God’s Great Love – Lessons from St. Therese of Lisieux. The cost is $25, including tea and refreshments. To register for this retreat, please call 610-644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com for more information.

Healing Retreat
Renowned Retreat Director Kathleen McCarthy is returning to Malvern Retreat House in November for her Ad Lumina Christi Healing Retreat. The mid-week retreat, held November 14-18, offers the opportunity for medical, emotional and spiritual healing. McCarthy has been actively involved in the healing ministry for more than four decades and has changed numerous lives with her documented healings around the world. Her message focuses on the “fire of the Holy Spirit” and the Eucharistic presence of Christ. For more information or to register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER FALL OFFERINGS:
November 8 - “Come to the Quiet” - Sister Catherine Kaporch, IHM—9:30am-2:30pm. $40 (includes continental breakfast and lunch).
November 9 - “Soup’s On” (a bowl and a roll and dessert)... reflection: Gratitude - Sister Beth Woodward, IHM...private prayer time, 6:00pm-8:00pm. $15.
To register, call: 610-581-0120 or email: ihmconferencecenter.org

Mass for Religious Liberty:
All are invited to participate in the annual Mass for Religious Liberty on November 7. In Delaware and Chester Counties the host site will be St. Anastasia Church (3301 Westchester Pike), in Newtown Square, PA. The Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm, and will be offered in thanksgiving for our Religious Liberty, and for continued protection of this sacred right. In the past, more than 35,000 Catholics in more than 50 of Pennsylvania’s counties have participated. A number of additional states have begun this devotion. All are welcome. Spread the word.

Women’s 11th step meditation – each Wednesday from 6am to 6:45am in the Parish Center
Step 11 – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. Join us, even if you are not part of “program”, for a great way to start our day as “we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives.” Page 86 of AA Big Book

SHOP & SIP at Malvern Prep on November 10th
Malvern Prep’s Mother’s Club will be hosting its annual SHOP & SIP event on Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 7:00-10:00pm in the Stewart Hall with a variety of vendors and their specialty items. Admission is $10.00 at the door. For more information, contact Patty at: szipsky@verizon.net.

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Make a Difference in Your Community
VOLUNTEER with the American Red Cross
Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer

BOY SCOUT NEWS
Boy Scout Troop #752 meets at the Mt. Zion AME Church in Norristown every Monday night from 7:00-8:30pm. There are 15 kids aged 11-16 years old. A few of the scouts have cognitive disabilities. Adult leaders are needed especially to help with periodic camping trips on weekends through the year. A one year commitment is helpful and background checks are required.
Can you share some time to make a difference in the lives of Boy Scout Troop 752?
Contact our parishioner, Dave McCarraher, at davemci@yahoo.com or 610-275-3313.