

Thank you to all those who participated and assisted in our Parish Retreat! It was wonderful having Fr. Tom with us. As he said, though, that was just the beginning. Now we'll use our Lenten journey to focus more closely on the sacraments in our life. As I mentioned last week, beginning this Sunday, members of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team will be using this space to provide us some food for thought on each of the seven sacraments. Today, as you'll see below, Deacon Don sets the stage for us. Note, as well, the suggested "to do" items that can help us put our faith into action. Finally, Fr. Allan will be providing some reflective pieces throughout Lent to complement our theme. See his first – "Catholic Sacramental Imagination" – on the following page. God Bless! Fr. Joe

### What it means to be a 'Sacramental People.'

By Deacon Don

At the heart of our Catholic Christian faith is the conviction that a person does not have to seek God. There is no need because God has already come to find us. Our faith boldly proclaims that God made His presence visible at a particular time and place in human history in the person of Jesus Christ.

This profound claim underlies what it means for us to be a 'sacramental people.' In fact, nothing really can be said or understood about the seven Sacraments unless and until one understands Jesus to be the 'great sacrament.' Jesus, himself, in his physical humanity, is God's Sacrament. That is, He was (and is) the very real and the very visible sign of God's grace and love for us.

Only from that sacramental perspective of Jesus, can the Church's Sacraments begin to make any sense. For it is in that same line of thinking that the Church itself can be properly seen for what it is: also a Sacrament. Jesus Christ, while on Earth, gathered his people and founded the Church to continue His mission throughout time and space. And so, just as Jesus mediated God's real presence by walking in the world for a brief time, the Church continues to mediate Jesus' real presence until the end of time. The way in which the Church is to mediate that real presence to its people is through its Sacraments.

So you see, we are a sacramental people because the Sacraments are, in truth, our lifeline to God. When we receive and celebrate the Church's Sacraments, we really encounter the Church that Jesus founded. When we encounter the Church he founded, we really encounter Jesus Himself. And when we encounter Jesus, we really encounter the God who made us and loved us first.

From that perspective, we can begin to see the Sacraments for what they are: a gift from God to His people to keep them close to Him, until He comes again. Happy Lent and God's Blessing to all of you!

**For meditation:** How can we, by our lives, mediate God's presence to others? Why should we view our love and concern for others as being part of the Church's 'sacramental' mission?

#### **Suggestions To-Do this week:**

- If you attended the Parish Retreat this past week, follow up on some of the ideas from the Retreat as you journey through Lent this year.
- Consider attending an Ash Wednesday service on February 18th.
- Pray for those who will be attending the Living in Love Retreat or the Confirmation Retreat next weekend. Also pray for our RCIA Elect and Candidates as they prepare for the Easter sacraments.
- See this bulletin for information on submitting your sacramental photos and be sure to check out Fr. Art's Ordination photos.

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."* 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of "I want more". For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

#### **Thank you for generosity for the weekend of February 7 and 8, 2015:**

Number of Envelopes	332
Envelope Amount	\$18,193.03
Loose Cash	\$2,215.00
Electronic Offerings	\$3,622.88
Other	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,060.91</b>
10% Tithe	\$2,406.09
<b>February 9, 2014</b>	<b>\$14,902.99</b>

## Catholic Sacramental Imagination

St. Augustine knew the value of visible symbols (sacraments) as “bonds of union.” As he says, “The importance of these sacraments cannot be overstated and only scoffers will treat them lightly” (*contra Faustum* 19.11). His understanding of sacraments, however, was very broad: many things can manifest a deeper, inner reality or divine presence – as St. Paul wrote: “Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made.” (Romans 1:20) Creation points to God’s presence and action in a veiled way, both obviously and mysteriously. Augustine said the same thing about the Word of God. Sometimes we know quickly what the Word of God is saying; sometimes we have to read deeply ‘between the lines’ and with the heart. That makes the Word of God a constant invitation to deeper, fuller understanding. The words of Scripture are sacraments for Augustine ... as are many things

Of course, the rituals we call sacraments are also sacraments for Augustine. How is it possible to show the tight connection between these ritual celebrations and the sacramentality of the world? It can be said that the sacraments we celebrate in the Church are the tips of icebergs, the visible celebrations that have deep foundations. We know that sacraments are not isolated from the rest of Christian life, but that is not always something that we pay much attention to. Why talk about sacramentality at all? The Vatican Council noticed that there is today a gap between faith and life. Paying attention to the fact that we can see and know God through the things that he made. That is a call to see the world as sacramental so that we will look more closely – *with the eyes of the heart and of faith* – at the world that God has given us. The discovery of the hidden presence of God in our day-to-day life will enrich the way we are present to all that surrounds us and help us discover again the special gift of being nourished by the Eucharist and committed to our Christian vocation. We may not always ‘notice’ the rest of the iceberg, but the tip can’t be there without it.

Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A.

# LENT 2015



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th**, when our foreheads are blessed and marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross, calling us to “repent and believe in the Gospel.”

### Ash Wednesday Services/Distribution of Ashes at the Villanova Church

8:30am—Morning Prayer (Please note new time.)

12:05pm - Mass

3:00pm - Ecumenical Liturgy of the Word

5:30pm - Mass

7:00pm - Mass

### Ash Wednesday Services/Distribution of Ashes at the Rosemont Chapel

12:05pm - Mass

5:30pm - Liturgy of the Word

7:00pm - Mass

**Lent concludes on Holy Thursday, April 2nd**, before the celebration of the Sacred Easter Triduum Commences with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8:00pm in the Villanova Church

## Letter from Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

February 15, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After the devastating flood that Noah and his family experienced, God established a covenant with them, promising never again to let such harm come to them. He promised to watch over them and take care of them through his Providence. The sign of this covenant was the rainbow that appeared in the sky above them. God is now again asking you to be a sign of this covenant and providence to his priests who have faithfully served you and your families in the past.

Our priests have cared for you spiritually, and many times physically and emotionally, through their ministries in parishes, schools, hospitals and many other areas of your lives. Many of them have gone to their reward with God, but there are still many more who need your help. They are in retirement or are unable to minister actively because of physical ailments. Villa St. Joseph in Darby, PA and Regina Coeli in Warminster, PA provide happy homes for all our retired priests. Other nursing facilities throughout the Archdiocese provide for those with special needs. At this time in their lives they depend on your prayerful and financial support to meet their needs.

Our annual 2015 Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up on the weekend of February 21 and 22, 2015, throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You have always been so faithful and generous to them in the past and we are deeply grateful to you. Through your love and gratitude, God will continue to watch over them and care for them for their remaining days. You are in their daily Mass intentions and prayers, and we ask you to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As part of our penitential practice, Catholics who are 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Those who are younger or older than the requirements freely may embrace the disciplines of fasting and abstaining. But for all concerned, please note that these Lenten practices should never endanger your health.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

#### Villanova Church

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays** 3:30pm-4:30pm  
(except Ash Wednesday, Tuesday, March 3rd  
& Wed, March 4th)

**Wednesdays** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
(except Ash Wednesday)

#### Rosemont Chapel

**Fridays** after the 12:05pm Liturgy

**Saturdays** after the 9:00am Liturgy

**Wednesday of Holy Week** 6:30pm-7:30pm

#### **Communal Reconciliation Service**

**Monday of Holy Week, March 30th**

**Villanova Church 7:30pm**

### Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Wednesdays at the  
**Villanova Church**  
(except Ash Wednesday)



### Led by various groups:

February 25th	Campus Ministry Interns
March 4th	Parish Volunteers/Healing Intentions
March 11th	Campus Ministry Liturgical Council
March 18th	Living Stations with Fr. Joe Mostardi, O.S.A. (through the University Campus & concluding at the Church)
March 25th	Pastoral Musicians
April 1st	Parish RCIA Team, Elect & Candidates

### Looking for Volunteers

We are responsible for Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Villanova Church and wanted to open the possibility of assisting to any parishioner who might be interested. This could include carrying the cross or a candle, or leading the prayer for a particular station. Books will be provided for everyone's use that evening. Please contact Cathy Van Kula at [cathyvankula@verizon.net](mailto:cathyvankula@verizon.net), if you'd like to volunteer.

Note too that these Stations will tie in with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which we'll be highlighting the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each station will be dedicated to a healing intention, such as those struggling with cancer and those dealing with an addiction. Please join us for a powerful evening of prayer!

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Mon., Feb. 16th** **Weekday; Blessed Simon of Cascia**  
 9:00AM-RMCH For All Our Presidents

**Tues., Feb. 17th** **Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
 12:05PM-RMCH Deceased Members & Benefactors of O.S.A.

**Wed., Feb. 18th** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30AM-VNCH Morning Prayer & Distribution of Ashes  
 12:05PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 12:05PM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 3:00PM-VNCH Liturgy of Word & Distribution of Ashes  
 5:30PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 5:30PM-RMCH Liturgy of Word & Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00PM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes

**Thurs., Feb. 19th** **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
 12:05PM-RMCH Devon Feher - Family

**Fri., Feb. 20th** **Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
 12:05PM-RMCH Caroline Scioii

**Sat., Feb. 21st** **Saturday after Ash Wednesday; Saint Peter Damian**  
 9:00AM-RMCH  
 5:00PM-RMCH Peter Dooner - John & Tanya Braithwaite

**Sun., Feb. 22nd** **First Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30AM-VNCH Devassey & Rosa Poulose - Family  
 9:00AM-RMCH Jeanne Stokes - Powers Family  
 10:30AM-VNCH For the Parishioners of St. Thomas

## “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 February 22, 2015.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 10:15-20; Lk 2:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Palms to Ashes

You are invited to bring last year's blessed palm to church during the next few weeks.

We will have baskets in the back of church for the palm. The palm will be burned to become this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Thank you!



## Schedule of Events for the week of: February 15, 2015

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



### Monday, February 16, 2015 - PRESIDENT'S DAY

Daily Mass—RMCH 9:00AM  
 Parish Office Closed  
 Preschool Closed  
 Golden Living Ministry 10:15AM  
 Food Addicts in Recovery - Café 7:00PM

### Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Bible Study - PC2 10:00AM  
 BP Screening after 12:05 Mass  
 Staff Meeting 1:00PM  
 SFC Mentors 2:15PM  
 Bible Study - PC2 7:00PM  
 Genesis Bells - Aud 7:00PM

### Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - ASH Wednesday

8:30AM-VNCH Morning Prayer & Distribution of Ashes  
 12:05PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 12:05PM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 3:00PM-VNCH Liturgy of Word & Distribution of Ashes  
 5:30PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 5:30PM-RMCH Liturgy of Word & Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00PM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Food Addicts in Recovery - Café 9:30AM  
 Exercise - Aud 10:00AM  
 Honickman Ministry 10:15AM  
 No Religious Education Program

### Thursday, February 19, 2015

Rosemont Presbyterian Village Mass 9:00AM  
 Walking with Purpose - Aud 9:00AM  
 Walking with Purpose - Aud 7:00PM

### Friday, February 20, 2015

Reconciliation after 12:05 Mass

### Saturday, February 21, 2015

Living in Love Weekend  
 Confirmation Retreat - Parish Center 6:00PM-9:30PM

### Sunday, February 22, 2015

Living in Love Weekend  
 Religious Education Program 10:10AM  
 Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service 10:30AM  
 RCIA 11:45AM

## Monday, February 16th is PRESIDENT'S DAY.



The daily Mass is at 9:00am in the Rosemont Chapel.  
 The Parish Office and STV Preschool are closed on President's Day.



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

Frank & Suzette Baird of Villanova  
Krystn Mundy and Family of Wayne  
Scott Preston of Bryn Mawr

**Congratulations to the newly Baptized member of our parish:**

Luke Nicholas, son of Stephen & Sarah DiOrio  
Maeve Grace, daughter of Joseph Ryan & Kristin Schippert  
Charlotte Sophia, daughter of Jonathan & Joanna Stott

**Resting in Peace:**

Mrs Margaret Caulfield  
Mr. Biagio DeMento  
Mrs. Elfrieda Mary Raisch Wheeland, mother of  
Craig Wheeland

**Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:**

Julia Barlow, Peggy Caulfield, Mary Ann Dadourian, Bob Ellison, Jack Geraghty, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Joseph Maiorana, Ellen McFadden (Dalton), Madeleine O'Callaghan, Julia Boland Paparella, Alice Rogers, and Annie Sears.

**Please pray for our soldiers assigned in Afghanistan and in other parts of the world. Please also pray for the soldiers who are returning from their assignments, especially the wounded soldiers.**

**Calling All Men!**

Two Big Events this week!!

First is our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Mardi Gras" Men's Gathering at the Bryn Mawr Beef & Ale this Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Come share in some pre-Lenten fellowship and hear an inspirational talk by a **special surprise guest!**

Second is **our monthly morning Men's Gathering this Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am in the Rosemont Chapel.**

**We're honored to welcome Fr. Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova,**

who will celebrate Mass and then join us in the Auditorium to share his story and to hear our thoughts. It's a great way to begin Lent!

We're hoping for a good turnout at both events, so make the effort to join us, even if you haven't had the chance before – and feel free to invite a friend from the parish or otherwise.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**PRAYERLINE**

The parish prayerline is waiting for your prayer request. This week call Mary Ann Barrow at 610-525-4164 or email [stv1964@verizon.net](mailto:stv1964@verizon.net) to activate the parish prayerline. Two parish teams are available for your special intentions. **We NEED new prayerline partners. Please contact Mary Ann for details.**

**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 Von Herstenberg at 610-525-6026. 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 610-291-7205.

**ST. FRANCIS INN**

We are forming a parish work group to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, March 15th. The Inn tries to meet the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality. This ministry is open to anyone 16 years or older. For more information and to sign up, contact our parish coordinator, Sheila Holst at 610-659-5828 or [hagan1126@verizon.net](mailto:hagan1126@verizon.net).

**FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY**

Feed the Hungry Ministry will be serving dinner on Saturday night, March 7, 2015 at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Your food donations are greatly appreciated. If you can prepare a meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert and deliver it to the Steele's home in Villanova on March 7th, contact Dennis Steele at [steelecreativity@gmail.com](mailto:steelecreativity@gmail.com) or call Denise at 484-343-4473.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**  
**Giving Hope 2015**

**Please Give Generously!**

## Catholic Relief Services (CRS)



*"The scandal that millions of people suffer from hunger must not paralyze us, but push each and every one of us to act: singles, families, communities, institutions, governments to eliminate this injustice." Pope Francis*

Pope Francis' quote reminds us of our call to action on behalf of those in need. We invite you to live out that call this Lenten season by participating in **CRS Rice Bowl**. Now in its 40th year, this faith formation program highlights the beauty of the traditional Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** and encourages us to live out the spirit of Lent fully.

The contributions made during Lent through CRS Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' development projects around the globe. Once again, there are five countries highlighted in an effort to focus our understanding. We will meet families and learn about projects in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger, Lebanon and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Another important aspect of **CRS Rice Bowl** is the fact that 25% of all funds collected remain here in the Archdiocese and are used to purchase food to stock local emergency food cupboards and soup kitchens. It is a real blessing during these difficult times for so many of our hungry neighbors!

Pick up your **Rice Bowl** materials at the back of the church.

## Calling All Parishioners!



With our Lenten theme this year being Sacraments, we thought it would be fun to share pictures of you/ your family participating in Sacraments of our Faith. Once collected, we will display them on boards in the back of both the Villanova Church and the Rosemont Chapel during Lent.

We ask that you write your name and a description of the sacrament on the front of the picture. Pictures or collages should be no larger than 8.5x11.

**Pictures will not be returned**, so we highly recommend that copies (preferably color if available) of the photos be submitted. **Two copies** of the pictures can be dropped off in the back of the Villanova Church or at the Rosemont Chapel at any time or at the Parish Center during business hours. You can also email your picture to [joan.hawley@villanova.edu](mailto:joan.hawley@villanova.edu). Pictures will be collected throughout Lent. We're looking forward to seeing everyone's pictures and sharing wonderful memories.

Questions? Please contact Joan Hawley at the email above or 610-325-7418.

*Anyone who has lost a loved one  
whether buried from  
St. Thomas of Villanova or not is  
invited to a  
Bereavement Evening*



*With Fr. Joe*  
**"A Lenten Journey  
Through Grief"**

Thursday Evening, February 26th  
7:00pm in the  
Rosemont Parish Center

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Any questions, call Mary Kate McCauley,  
Parish Nurse, at 610-525-4801, 209,  
or email: [nurse@stvparish.org](mailto:nurse@stvparish.org).**

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A BROWN BAG LUNCH



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015  
12:45PM – Rosemont Auditorium**

### **TOPIC: Health Update on ARTHRITIS**

Arthritis does not discriminate by age. This disease afflicts almost 40 million people a year in the United States. Dr. Abruzzo will cover Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis, and what current medications can and cannot do.

**Presenter: John L. Abruzzo, MD, FACP, FACR, MACR**  
Parishioner Dr. Abruzzo has recently retired as Professor of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University. He introduced osteoporosis as a clinical problem to Philadelphia and established the Jefferson Osteoporosis Center. Dr. Abruzzo is an Associate Editor Emeritus of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

Drinks and desserts are available.

*Please join us.*



*Not all heroes wear capes.*

**St. Thomas of Villanova - Rosemont  
American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Monday, March 2nd - 1:30pm to 6:30pm  
In Rosemont Auditorium**

Appointments are preferred. For an appointment call: Carol Grace at 610-525-1353, or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Enter Sponsor Code St. Thomas Rosemont.

**For questions about eligibility:**  
call 1 800 RED CROSS

*The need is constant. The gratification  
is instant. Please give Blood!!*

### Adult Faith Enrichment Survey

Our parish has asked a group of parishioners to consider how to expand and enhance adult faith development. Towards this effort, we are asking for your assistance and ideas. Your response to this survey will help us develop the programs that are most relevant and serve the most people.

In a few weeks, you will be receiving an email from the parish asking you to participate and directing you the survey web site. If you are using one email address for the family, we would like to ask that each adult respond individually. Instructions will be in the email.

If you do not have an email address on file and wish to complete the survey, you may call the parish office and we will send a survey to your home. You may either return them by mail or drop them off at the office in a white envelope with "Adult Faith Survey" written on the envelope.

The survey will take approximately 15 – 20 minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and input.

### WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping 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.

*St. Thomas of Villanova  
Parishioners are invited to*

### TAKE TO THE ICE

at the Philadelphia Skating Club

**Enjoy twirling and  
gliding on the ice  
on Saturday  
March 7th  
6:00-8:00pm**



Skate with your family or solo at the famous Philadelphia Skating Club (incorporated 1861) which is located at 220 Holland Avenue Ardmore, PA 19003-1292.

Bring a finger dessert to share!!

You can bring your own skates or skate rentals are available for \$4.00.



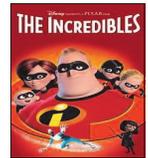
Hot chocolate will be provided.

RSVP to office at [stvparish.org](http://stvparish.org) or  
Call 610-525-4801.

Questions? Call Family Life Committee  
Member: Kim Coffey at  
[coffey.kim@synthes.com](mailto:coffey.kim@synthes.com) or  
610-368-5186.

**Please join us for a  
Family Movie and Pizza  
Night on Friday, February 27th at 6:00pm  
in the Rosemont Auditorium.**

**Featured Movie:  
THE INCREDIBLES**



Please RSVP at [stvmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stvmoms@gmail.com).

**Any Mom's or Dad's interested in joining this group  
should contact us at:**

**Email: [stvmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stvmoms@gmail.com) or  
Facebook: STVMoms**



## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF THE MAIN LINE

### Volunteer Orientation Trainings

How can you make a difference in the lives of others? Volunteer orientation for new and current IHN volunteers. Learn about homelessness for the role of the volunteer in our network.

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will be hosting an Interfaith Hospitality Network training session in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 14th from 10:30am to noon on the first floor of the Parish Center.

Working and serving homeless families with children is a rewarding and wonderful way to help our neighbors in a time of crisis. The Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line is active in your congregation and we need your help. Learn how your love and hope for a better future can change a life.

The orientation is for any Volunteer, Coordinator, Board Member, Clergy, or anyone interested in learning more about IHN — Main Line. If you are interested in learning how to make your volunteer experience more meaningful, enriching, and enjoyable, please attend this orientation.

RSVP (a must) at 610-277-0977 or email [suewhiteherchek@verizon.net](mailto:suewhiteherchek@verizon.net).

## **THE LANGUAGE OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

The consecrated life is a remarkably diverse phenomenon within the Catholic Church. Because of the various kinds of communities, vocations, and charisms that we find in consecrated life it can sometimes be a challenge to understand terminology that describes this way of life. In our upcoming bulletins, we will provide a glossary that you may find helpful.

### **P.**

**Postulant:** One of several terms used to designate a man or woman who is a candidate for membership in an institute of consecrated life. Postulancy, the period preceding novitiate, can last from six months to two years depending on the institute. Augustinians refer to Postulants as Pre-Novices.

**Priest:** A man who has received the sacrament of Holy Orders. In some institutes of consecrated life some members are also ordained to the priesthood.

**Prior:** The superior or similar leader within an abbey, monastery or friary.

(This glossary was developed by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM).

## *Congratulations to our Honor Students:*

### DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors:

William J. Moreno - Senior  
Edward A. McGinley - Junior

Honors:

James M. Costello - Freshman

### LA SALLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Excellence:

Macallan Martin Bibeau - 10th Grade

### MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Distinguished Honors:

Kristen R. Harrison - 11th Grade  
Juliana F. Jaskot - 9th Grade

Honors:

Katherine E. Clementi - 11th Grade  
Lucy A. Fanto - 11th Grade  
Kelsey J. Mullen - 11th Grade  
Nina L. Flick - 10th Grade  
Natalie G. Holstein - 9th Grade

### ST. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

First Honors:

Ronald L. Buckley  
William O. Flick  
James A. Gleason  
Keenan P. Neff  
William C. Ouligian  
Patrick J. Ryan  
Andrew J. Schreder

Second Honors:

Colin T. Browning  
Connor C. Mullen  
Kyle M. Scheuerle

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **OUR ANNUAL GUEST SPEAKER EVENT**

Sponsored by Villanova University Campus Ministry,  
Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish,  
and St. Thomas of Villanova  
**Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm**  
in the Villanova Church

Mr. Jim Ziobowski, Founder of buildOn and  
Author of *Walk In Their Shoes*

Please plan to come out and hear Jim speak about the power of service to others and the boundless potential of the human spirit!

## Pastoral Council Corner February Meeting

- \* Our monthly meeting was held on Monday 2/2/2015. We opened the meeting with the World Meeting of Families Prayer.
- \* We then acknowledged Father Art's 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordination Anniversary.
- \* Parishioner Patrick Brala joined us and discussed the possibility of starting a local Venturing Crew for young men and women ages 14-21 at the parish. It would supplement our Youth Ministry.
- \* Joanne Lewers, representing the Finance Council, shared with us the financial statements from the Quarter ended 12/31/2014. We are still in good shape financially, but we would be in a better position if we could identify and sign up a new tenant for the **St. Augustine Annex**.
- \* The last group we were negotiating with for **The St. Augustine Annex** has turned down the deal. We have a few other interested groups currently considering the space.
- \* We then returned to a discussion of our parish Youth Ministry and Religious Education Program. Brian Charlebois, a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Senior at Villanova, is providing some part-time hours primarily for administrative support. We will be looking at re-advertising our Youth Minister position in the spring, with possible modifications.
- \* We briefly reflected on the February passage from the Augustinian Magazine titled **Saint Blaise**, written by Father David A. Cregan, O.S.A., and the tradition of blessing throats.
- \* We are getting excited about our upcoming parish-wide retreat, which will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. It will focus on the 7 sacraments and be a wonderful lead-in to Lent. All are encouraged to attend.
- \* We finished our discussion with focusing on Lent and the theme of the sacraments. Several members participated in a brainstorming/planning session, a couple weeks ago, with Fr. Joe, other members of the Staff, and Stewardship Council representatives. Volunteers from the Councils will be assisting with several projects and events, including photos from our sacraments and Stations of the Cross on March 4th; information will be provided in the bulletin and on the website for all Lenten activities.
- \* We closed with the Prayer of St. Francis.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



It is that time of year again! SKS CYO spring sports registration is open. We are proud to offer the following spring sports:

### **Baseball\*\***

Baseball (Boys, Grades 3-4)  
JV Baseball (Boys, Grades 5-6)  
Varsity Baseball (Boys, Grades 7-8)

### **Lacrosse**

Lacrosse Saints Program (Boys, Grades 6-8) - email Paul Evans at [ad@sksparish.org](mailto:ad@sksparish.org) if interested in registering  
Lacrosse (Girls, Grades 6-8)

### **Softball\*\***

Girls (Grades 7-8)

### **Swimming**

Co-Ed\* (Grades 2-8) \*Children must be able to swim a lap

### **Track & Field**

Co-Ed (Grades 1-8)

*\*\*We try to field both JV and Varsity teams in Baseball and Softball, but this is dependent on how many children sign up each season.*

**If you would like more information or to register, please visit [www.skscyo.com](http://www.skscyo.com)**

## THE HONICKMAN MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Every Wednesday at 10:15am, a group of parishioners carpool to the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs in North Philadelphia. Honickman provides adult basic literacy classes, GED classes and mentoring.

We are in need of mentors to work with adults who need help with basic reading and math. You would leave the Parish Center at 10:15am and return by 1:30pm. Your ministry will be life changing for your students and for you.

Please call or email Parish Coordinator, Fran Johannes at [fran.johannes@gmail.com](mailto:fran.johannes@gmail.com) or 610-220-2766 or Anne Murphy at the Parish Center at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).

Consider going with our parish team next Wednesday to "shadow" our volunteers. For more information on this Project H.O.M.E. Education Center go to [www.projecthome.org](http://www.projecthome.org) and click on Education.