

Anointing of the Sick by Charles F. Crawford, RCIA Catechist

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has its origins in the healings of Jesus and the practices of His followers, as this passage from the Book of James highlights:

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.” (James 5: 14-16)

The elders would pray over the sick and anoint them with oil, which they believed held special powers from the Holy Spirit.

Over the next few centuries the practice evolved into a once-only practice tied to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which many of the faithful waited to receive until they were on their deathbeds. It was then known as Extreme Unction – which literally means: “last anointing”.

Meditation moment: As we now think back to those days long ago, what must it have been like to wait to receive this rite, until one was gravely ill? Could the person not have used it in their lives at much earlier times, and received much needed healing and solace during those moments?

By the 15th Century the rite became much more formalized and was performed by a priest. During the rite, the priest would bless the dying person on various parts of their bodies and would include a commendation for the dying person, prayers for the dead, and prayers for the bereaved after the person died.

It wasn't until 1963, during Vatican II, that the name of the sacrament was changed to “Anointing of the Sick”. It was at this time that it was decided that the anointing of the sick was to be seen as an expression of God's presence in the midst of human illness and Christ's healing power and concern for all those who are seriously sick.

Meditation moment: It took many years for the true meaning of the sacrament to be fully understood and offered to the faithful. Think of all the people that were now able to receive it for the healing of body, mind, and spirit, as a true expression of God's love and care for His people.

Meditation moment: When we encounter sickness or death either in ourselves or in those we love, we are faced with a critical choice: Will we allow the illness and suffering to lead us to anguish, self-absorption, despair, and perhaps anger against God? Or will we allow them to make us more mature and to help us discern what is not essential so as to turn toward that which is?

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may contribute to the healing of patients or to prepare them to move from this world to eternal life. The Holy Spirit renews the confidence and faith of the person in God, and strengthens the person against temptations, discouragement, despair and anguish at the thought and the struggle of sickness or death. There are five main potential healing effects of the Sacrament:

- The uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ
- The strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the suffering of illness
- The forgiveness of sins
- The restoration of spiritual and bodily health
- The preparation for passing over to eternal life

Did you know?

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received more than once; for example, before surgery, during a change in illness, or the aging process.

Suggestions to-do:

- Consider attending the Stations of the Cross in the Villanova Church. Each station will be devoted to a particular healing intention this Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30pm.
- Call a friend or family member this week who is struggling with illness or just isn't feeling well.
- Send a Mass Card of Healing to someone who is sick or recovering from surgery.
- Visit someone you know who is a shut-in or in the hospital; spend some time with an older family member.

Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Wednesdays at the Villanova Church



Led by various groups:

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 this Wednesday, March 4th 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, if you'd like to volunteer. It's not too late!

Note too that these Stations will tie in with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which we're highlighting this week. Please join us for these intentions:

Stations of the Cross – Healing Intentions

- 1st Station – Jesus is Condemned: For healing us from our indifference, especially to those who suffer all around us
- 2nd Station – Jesus Takes Up His Cross: For those dealing with muscular diseases, such as MS, ALS, and Parkinson's
- 3rd Station – Jesus Falls: For those struggling with cancer and the side-effects of treatments
- 4th Station – Jesus Meets His Mother: For mothers and fathers who care for their children, who were born with congenital challenges
- 5th Station – Simon Helps Jesus: For all caregivers and healthcare professionals
- 6th Station – Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus: For giving us the vision and strength to assist those who are marginalized in society
- 7th Station – Jesus Falls Again: For those dealing with an addiction
- 8th Station – Jesus Consoles the Women: For those who have lost a loved one
- 9th Station – Jesus Falls a Third Time: For those who have suffered from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse
- 10th Station – Jesus is Stripped: For those who go without food, clothing, shelter, or medicine and suffer as a result
- 11th Station – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross: For those struggling with major depression or thoughts of suicide
- 12th Station – Jesus Dies on the Cross: For those dealing with a terminal illness
- 13th Station – Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross: For those struggling with the aging process
- 14th Station – Jesus is Buried: For those dealing with hidden struggles and personal crosses

The Sacramentality of Anointing

The first anointing is given in Baptism and re-affirmed in the anointing of Confirmation; another anointing centers on the hands of the priest when he is ordained. The last of the sacramental anointings is given to the sick. In fact, it used to be called the "last anointing," not because death was near but because of its natural place in the 4 sacramental anointings. The sacrament of the dying is – and always was – called "viaticum," that is, receiving the Eucharist, the food we need for our journey home.

Today, as a result of the work of Vatican II, anointing with oil is a sign of the healing that we pray as we care for the sick. Not everyone who is anointed is healed – at least not physically – but that does not mean that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is useless. Rather, it is a celebration of something special: the person who is anointed is a member of Christ and is sharing in the suffering of Christ. St. Paul says it clearly "[in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking](#) in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church" (Col 1:24).

The sacramentality of anointing, therefore, sees something more in the sickness of a member of Christ than just physical diminishment. In our illness, we can become more fully a part of the Christian community by accepting the care of others and, with them, we reflect on the compassion of Christ. That is how it has been since the beginning, as the letter of James shows (5:14). The experience of sickness, therefore, has and will always have a special place in the plan of God. The sick person, by allowing others to gather around her/him, invites the Christian community to be strengthened as we all seek the face of God in the everyday challenge of diminishment.

– Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A.

Thank you for generosity for the weekend of February 21 and 22, 2015:

Number of Envelopes	275
Envelope Amount	\$25,528.13 *
Loose Cash	\$1,148.25
Electronic Offerings	\$13,691.00
Other	\$210.00
Total	\$40,577.38
10% Tithe	\$4,057.74
February 23, 2014	\$28,101.67

* includes a single donation of \$15,000



Mon., Mar. 2nd 12:05PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday
Tues., Mar. 3rd 12:05PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday; <i>Saint Katherine Drexel</i> Regina T. Mallon - Dr. Francine Mallon
Wed., Mar. 4th 12:05PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday; <i>Saint Casimir</i> Katie Shinn - Pete Rodden
Thurs., Mar. 5th 12:05PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday Deceased Members of Lynch Family
Fri., Mar. 6th 12:05PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday; <i>World Day of Prayer</i>
Sat., Mar. 7th 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH	Lenten Weekday: <i>Saints Perpetua & Felicity</i> Dr. Jack Minutella - Eileen Figueroa
Sun., Mar. 8th 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH	Third Sunday of Lent For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Ann Marie Rodolico - Hennessy & Rodolico Families
10:30AM-VNCH	Dr. & Mrs. Jack Minutella - Christine Chessman

“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 March 8 and 22, 2015.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:7-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mt 7:14-15, 18-10; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 10:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“Here I am!” he answered.” *Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord”, when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord” when we are home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus call us to be.



Schedule of Events for the week of: March 1, 2015
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

Monday, March 2, 2015

Golden Living Ministry	10:15AM
Art Class - PC1	11:00AM
Bloodmobile in Aud	1:30-6:30PM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	7:00PM
Pastoral Council Meeting - PC1	7:00PM

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	9:30AM
Exercise - Aud	10:00AM
Honickman Ministry	10:15AM
Religious Education Program	4:45PM
Reconciliation - VNCH	6:30-7:30PM
Baptism Class - PC1	7:00PM
Stations of the Cross - VNCH	7:30PM

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Walking with Purpose - Aud	9:00AM
Walking with Purpose - Aud	7:00PM
Bereavement Evening - PC1	7:00PM

Friday, March 6, 2015

Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation after 12:05 Mass

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Feed the Hungry Ministry	5:00PM
Ice Skating Party at Philadelphia Skating Club	6:00-8:00PM

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Religious Education Program	10:10AM
Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service	10:30AM
Mass with RCIA 1st Scrutiny	10:30AM
RCIA	11:45AM



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
Giving Hope 2015

Please Give Generously!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”
(Matthew 26:40b)*

This Friday, March 6th, which also is the World Day of Prayer, we will have our usual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 12:05pm Mass in the Rosemont Chapel, followed by approximately one hour of adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during this time, before we conclude with Benediction.

However, if you're unable to come in the afternoon, we'll have a special holy hour, as well, that evening at 7pm in the Rosemont Chapel. If you've ever wondered how Eucharistic Adoration works or what you do, this is an opportunity to learn – and to experience it, as we gather together as a community in prayer. All are welcome! Bring the family! We'll have a Catholic Update pamphlet available called “Eucharistic Adoration: Drawing Closer to Jesus” by Kathleen M. Carroll. In it she answers questions, explains terminology, and concludes quite profoundly, “In every case, the object of Eucharistic Adoration is to draw closer to Jesus and, then, to bring that presence of Christ to our needy world.”

Hope to see you there! Fr. Joe

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

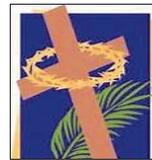
Villanova Church

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
(except Tues., March 3rd & Wed, March 4th)
Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

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**



LENT 2015 LOCAL PARISH PENANCE SERVICES

St. Katharine of Siena	Wed., Mar. 18	7:00pm
Annunciation BVM	Mon., Mar. 23	7:00pm
Sacred Heart	Tues., Mar. 24	7:00pm
Our Mother of Good Counsel	Tues., Mar. 24	7:30pm
St. Denis	Wed., Mar. 25	7:00pm
St. Thomas of Villanova (Villanova Campus)	Mon., Mar. 30	7:30pm
St. Pius X	Tues, Mar. 31	7:00pm
St. Anastasia	Wed., Apr. 1	7:00pm



PARISH COUPLES ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**Renew Your Marriage Vows at the
5:00pm Vigil Mass on
Saturday, March 21st in the
Rosemont Chapel.**

Enjoy wine and cheese after
Mass in the Rosemont Auditorium

RSVP to office@stvparish.org or
Call Kathy at 610-525-4801.

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!



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

Ms Lisa Acchione of Audubon
Franco and Adrea Bucciarelli & Family of Rosemont
Tyler & Kimberly Malayter & Family of Villanova
Frederick & Irene Sannajust & Family of Villanova

Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of our parish:

Maeve Grace, daughter of Joseph & Kristin Schippert
Charlotte Sophia, daughter of Jon & Joanna Stott

Resting in Peace:

Mrs. Margaret Collins, mother of Valerie Corrado
Dr. Albert Dorley, Jr., father of Brendon Dorley
Mrs. Mary Tosconi, mother of Michelle Gallagher

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.

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 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 Pat Hrbison at 610-527-3556. 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 Sarah Breck at 610-975-0444.

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.



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 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!!***



LENTEN SERVICE MINISTRY

Parishioners are needed to serve dinner at **St. John's Hospice** across from the Convention Center on **March 23rd**.

We will leave the Parish Center at 2:00pm, travel by train and return to the Parish at 6:30pm.

Contact Anne Murphy at service@stvparish.org if you can help.

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. 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.

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 (Private Skating Session)



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.

NO COST!!

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@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801.

Questions? Call Family Life Committee Member: Kim Coffey at koffey.kim@synthes.com or 610-368-5186.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parish Retreat last week. Since we have been receiving requests for the CD's that were offered at the Retreat, here is some information for those who wish to order these Parish Mission Sets:

1. Treasures of Our Faith, The Seven Sacraments \$30 Donation
2. What Does It Mean to be Catholic Today? \$30 Donation
3. Full Collection (Both CD Sets) \$50 Donation

All proceeds benefit the Raymond and Mildred McCarthy Financial Aid Fund at St. Rita of Cascia High School. If you would like to place an order for these CD's, please complete this order form:

Please make check payable to: St. Rita of Cascia High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620

Name _____ (\$30 Donation + \$3 s/h enclosed
Treasures of Our Faith)

Address _____ (\$30 Donation + \$3 s/h enclosed
What Does It Mean to Be Catholic Today?)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (\$50 Donation + \$5 s/h enclosed
Full Collection - Both CD Sets)

Parish Mission CD Sets / Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Lord, When Did We
See you Hungry?

Matthew 25:37



Please join us on

Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30pm

...For a simple meal and a short talk about the issue of Hunger to kick-off our Lenten Food Drive.

All Students from 7th—12th Grade are invited to participate in both our simple meal and our food drive. This service will count as YOUCAT credit. Above all, this act of service will help feed families who live day-by-day without the certainty of having a meal.

We will meet at the first floor of the Parish Center.

For more info contact: Anne Murphy at service@stvparish.org.



Cradles to Crayons team is needed to roll up your sleeves and work at the Giving Factory at 30 Clipper Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428

on

Tuesday, March 24 — 6:00-8:00pm

We will sort clothing, clean and repair toys, prepare gift bags for needy children all over the Delaware Valley. Middle school students and older are welcome.

RSVP to: Cheryl Gibson at 8gibson@comcast.net

HEARING THE CRY OF THE POOR: Lenten Almsgiving

How exciting the World Meeting of Families and the Pope's visit will be for all of us in Philadelphia. This dynamic Pope has spoken forcibly about those who are poor and suffering. Pope Francis said....

"In a world where there is so much wealth so many resources to feed everybody, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, so many children without an education so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry."

The Pope will reiterate that message next fall in Philadelphia. We need to hear this message. Philadelphia has a poverty rate of 26% - the highest among the 10 largest cities nationwide. Almost one in three children lives in poverty. Food pantries are strained to meet the growing needs of people facing food insecurity.

That includes the Food Pantry at St. Cyprian's Parish (our sister parish) in West Philadelphia. St. Cyprian pantry is in dire need of help this Lent.

Please drop off canned foods including:
tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, cereals
canned fruits, hearty soups, prepared
box dinners with meat, boxed milk,
pasta, peanut butter and jelly.

Bring your Lenten offering to the Parish Center during the week or to the Rosemont Chapel around weekend Liturgies. We cannot accept food at the Villanova Church.

Parishioners and the Youth Group will be delivering food to St. Cyprian's on Palm Sunday weekend.

Rice Bowl is another almsgiving vehicle for Lent. Your financial gift helps Catholic Relief Services to provide food and supplies in many war town countries around the world. Questions about Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, www.crs.org.

Catholic Relief Services



This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it?



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.



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.

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Sister: A consecrated women who is a member of a religious institute. Often abbreviated as “Sr.”

Superior: The leader of an institute of consecrated life. In some institutes this person may be called by another name such as president, director, abbot, prior, administrator, community service, or another term.

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



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.

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 the near future, you will be receiving an email from the parish asking you to participate and directing you to 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.



March 7, 2015

7th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference

Man Up Philly presents:

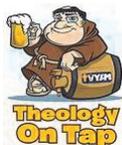
Faith, Family and Fatherhood

Enrich your faith through your participation in this year's conference. On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Joseph University Hagan Arena, the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **7th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference**. Speakers include **Dr. Scott Hahn, author of *Rome Sweet Home*, Gus Lloyd, Catholic radio host, Devin Schadt, from Catholic Answers, and Jim Longon, member of the Papal Foundation**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Charles Chaput**.

St. Joseph's University — Hagan Arena
7:30am Registration

For more information and to register go to the website:
www.manupphilly.com.

Theology on Tap
will continue on
Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30pm
at Flip and Bailey's
(900 Conestoga Road, Bryn Mawr).



Our talk, "Loving God, Loving Others", will be given by Tim and Ellen O'Connell, Campus Minister at Villanova University and Teacher at Friends School Haverford respectively. Theology on Tap is a speaker series designed for young adults, 21 and older, to meet others and explore topics of faith in a relaxed, social environment. Free food is always served. The remaining event for this season will be on Tuesday, April 14th. Mark your calendars and share with your friends!

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.

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 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

More CYO News:

Saint Katharine of Sienna (SKS) moved from Wagdogs to League Lineup for registrations. **All spring track participants from OMGC and STV should register at the St. Katherine's site.**

Registration is open for Spring Track at the following website: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=skscyo> Spring Track season runs from March through April or May depending on grade.

Last Year's schedule for children in grades 4-8:

Practice was on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Radnor High School from 6:00 until 7:00. Meets are on Sunday afternoons at Haverford High School. The First meet is scheduled around the 3rd week of March and we race each Sunday until April ends. Our regional championships are on the first weekend in May.

Last Year's schedule for children in grades 1-3:

This is a program best suited for siblings of children already running in the above group. Subnovices, as grades 1-3 are referred, compete in one event per meet, usually the 100m dash. They come to practice one night per week, usually Thursdays only. The subnovice season ends in April.

Questions:

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