

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 16, 2017



A Note from Fr. Joe.....

Hello, everyone! Let me begin by sharing these beautiful, profound words from our patron, St. Thomas of Villanova.

The holy, glad day of the Lord's resurrection has shone forth today to all.

**Let us rejoice, for *this is the day the Lord has made:*
the mother of all good days, the origin of immortal life, the beginning of all our glory.**

**Therefore on the day of this solemnity so venerable,
let us offer congratulations both to Christ and to ourselves.**

**To Christ, who, after the victory of the cross, brought back spoils from his enemies
... to ourselves, because we now see the likeness of our future resurrection
and gaze upon the sight of our hoped-for glory in Christ.**

St. Thomas of Villanova, Easter Sunday, Sermon 1, 1-2

Easter is indeed "the mother of all good days"; may it find us renewed in faith and hope. And may the Almsgiving in which we engaged during Lent help us to continue to grow in generosity of heart well into the Easter Season and beyond.

On a personal note, my Lenten journey took me in a unique direction this year. As you read this, I hope to be back with you celebrating. Surgery went well. Your many well wishes and prayers truly lifted my spirits and aided my recuperation. Thank you for everything — from the cards and goodies (The Friary looked like a bakery.) to the flowers! I especially appreciated the extra efforts of Fr. Michael and the rest of the Parish Staff during my recovery. On behalf of them, all the Augustinians and myself, we wish you and yours a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Joe



Stewardship Thought for the Week

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.



Mon., Apr. 17th 12:05PM-RMCH	Monday within the Octave of Easter In Thanksgiving to Saints Michael & Raphael
Tues., Apr. 18th 12:05PM-RMCH	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Carmita Goizueta - Felix
Wed., Apr. 19th 12:05PM-RMCH	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Richard W. Balentine, Jr. - Dorothy Simeone
Thurs., Apr. 20th 12:05PM-RMCH	Thursday within the Octave of Easter Harry Wolfington - Carol Wolfington
Fri., Apr. 21st 12:05PM-RMCH	Friday within the Octave of Easter Anne M. Doro - Family
Sat., April 22nd 9:00AM-RMCH	Saturday within the Octave of Easter Ed Barrow & Donn Riley - Mary Ann Barrow
5:00PM-RMCH	Ed & Marie Gallagher - Ann Hennessy & Family
Sun., April 23rd 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH 10:30AM-VMCN	Second Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Marie A. Rayer - Anne Evangelisti Edward J. & Regina T. Mallon - Dr. Francine Mallon

Centering Prayer Silent Meditation

Would you like the gift of prayer?

Centering Prayer presents ancient Christian wisdom teachings in an updated form. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. Centering Prayer is a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with him. Join us Mondays at 7:30am in the Rosemont Chapel.

CALLING ALL MEN

Please join us for **the next Men's Gathering this Thursday, April 20th**, beginning with Mass in the Rosemont Chapel at 6:30am. **Fr. Joe Murray, O.S.A.** will preside and then share his story, following the liturgy, with some Fellowship in the auditorium. Fr. Joe is the most recently ordained friar in the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. He currently is assigned to Campus Ministry at Villanova University. Feel free to bring a friend from the parish or otherwise.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, from September through June.



Schedule of Events for the week of: April 16, 2017 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

Monday, April 17, 2017

Centering Prayer—RMCH	7:30AM
Parish Office Closed	
STV Preschool Closed	
Golden Living Ministry	10:15AM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Cafe	7:00PM

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

BP Screening after 12:05 Mass	
SFC Mentors	1:00PM
Young Children's Playdates - Aud	3:30-4:30PM
Venture Crew - Youth Room	7:30PM

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Women's 11th Step Spirituality - PC1	6:00AM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	9:30AM
Exercise - Aud	10:00AM
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ESL Information Session - PC-1	11:00AM
Peace & Justice Event in Aud	7:00PM

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Men's Gathering - RMCH & Aud	6:30AM
Walking With Purpose - Aud	9:00AM
Rosemont Presbyterian Mass	9:00AM
Walking With Purpose - Aud	7:00PM

Friday, April 21, 2017

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Confirmation—VNCH	10:00AM
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Sunday, April 23, 2017

Word of God	9:00AM
Religious Education Program	10:10AM
Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service	10:30AM
Baptism-VNCH	12:30PM
Youth Gathering	5:00PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 18:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 3:36-41; Jn 10:1-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 10:19-31



Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:
 Carol Bennett, The Beston Family, Katherine Breck, Ray Hill,
 Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Angele Kuchukian, Jerry
 O'Connor, Bert Rodgers, Marie Scenna, Annie Sears, and
 Robert J. Wahl.

**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.**

COIN DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you! Thank you! The name of our Lenten
 Almsgiving Coin Drive could not have been more
 appropriate — “It All Adds Up: Your Change Makes a
 Difference.” For it did all add up for a total of \$2,104!
 And here is the breakdown:

- Pennies — 406 Rolls; \$203; 20,300 pennies
- Nickels — 101 Rolls; \$202; 4,040 nickels
- Dimes — 109 Rolls; \$545; 4,450 dimes
- Quarters — 96 Rolls; \$960; 3,840 quarters
- Half-Dollar — 6 Coins; \$3
- Dollar Coins — \$27
- Cash (bills dropped in containers) — \$164

A special thanks to all of you who donated — your
 change truly will make a difference, with a check for
 \$1,052 going to the Augustinian Fund and check for
 \$1,052 to supplement contributions to Operation Rice
 Bowl. Deep appreciation to the team “who helped sort,
 count, and wrap those 33,663 coins!” We couldn’t have
 done it without you.

One final fun note also worth sharing is that we
 found coins from 19 different countries and Euros
 among the change donated. Here’s the list:

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| Argentina | Bahamas |
| Bermuda | Canada |
| Chile | China |
| France | Germany (West) |
| India | Italy |
| Jamaica | Japan |
| Mexico | Netherlands |
| Panama | Somalia |
| Switzerland | United Kingdom |
| Zambia | |

We are a well traveled bunch!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayer line 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.

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 Ann 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
 Sarah Breck at 610-975-0444.

ST. FRANCIS INN

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the
 St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, May 21st .
 The Inn tries to meet the immediate daily needs of the
 poor and homeless people they serve with food, cloth-
 ing 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.

HELP AT HOME MINISTRY

Do you have a small household repair that you need
 done? A bigger job that needs assessment?
 General repairs such as: Plumbing (faucet / toilet re-
 pairs); Electric (fix a light); Mechanical (AC and heat,
 appliance); Structural and cosmetic (threshold, window
 repair, patching) Are you unable to physically perform
 the job? Not sure where to begin? Cannot afford to get
 it fixed? Contact: Parish Coordinator, Jim and Ann
 Colizzo Jim at 908-797-6228 jcolizzo@gmail.com;
 Ann at 484-883-4019 annortenzi@comcast.net
 or Anne Murphy, Parish Staff at 610-525-4801,
service@stvparish.org

BIBLE SHARING

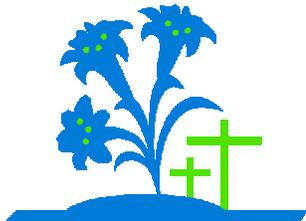
Please join us for Bible Sharing on Tuesdays. We
 have a 10:00am session and a 7:00pm session. Both
 sessions will be conducted in PC2 in the Parish
 Center. We prayerfully discuss the Sunday scripture
 readings for the coming week at these sessions.
 Mark your calendar and bring a friend.

Parish Bulletin News

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool...

*May the joy of a blessed Easter
be with you and your family
during this Holy Season.
May God Bless each of you
for all you do and give to help make
Mary's House a special place
of love for the children!
Warmest wishes for a very
Happy Easter!*

*The Faculty and Staff at
St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool*



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CONCERT

All are invited to attend a Concert presented by our Parish Choir and the Pastoral Musicians of Villanova University, under the direction of Dr. Mark Bani,

on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the church.

Portions of Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah will comprise the program as well as other compositions for choir and instruments. Admission is free. Join us as we celebrate the salvific grace and triumph of the Easter season with Handel's sublime composition, Messiah!



ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We prayed, fasted and gave alms— and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

It's time to **TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS!** Please convert your money to a check with "CRS Rice Bowl" on the memo line. 25% of the funds collected will be used to purchase food to stock emergency food cupboards and soup kitchens in the Archdiocese.

If you did not use an actual CRS Rice Bowl but wish to simply give on-line to Catholic Relief Services, go to crsricebowl.org/give.

FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY MAY 6TH

The Life Center of Delaware County is a residence for the homeless but it opens its doors every day to anyone who comes off the street in need of a meal. Our parish serves dinner six times a year on the first Saturday of the odd numbered month. As a general rule, STV fills between 150 to 200 dinner plates each time we go.

The next St. Thomas Night at the Life Center is on May 6th, so if you can provide any of the following: cooked meatloaf, roasted potato (The recipe on the back of the Lipton Onion Soup box is ideal.), green beans (not a casserole), dinner salad (no dressing needed), drinks, desserts and pre-made wrapped sandwiches.

If you can help prepare an entrée or buy any of the above on Saturday, May 6th, and deliver it to the Steele's home in Villanova, we can truly use your help. Contact Dennis Steele — steelecreativity@gmail.com

AUGUSTINIAN VOCATIONS

If you are interested in learning more about the Augustinian Order and what it means to be an Augustinian, please visit our website:

www.augustinianvocations.org

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul,

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
12:00pm to 4:00pm

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the Rosemont Chapel parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable 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, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified Catholics whose responsibility is to come to the help of people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment procedure addresses this problem.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office.

THE TRIBUNAL
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Telephone: 215-587-3750

THE PEACE AND JUST COMMITTEE OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA AND OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHES

*Invite you to an
Advocacy Workshop
on Wednesday, April 19
at 7:00pm
in the Rosemont Auditorium*



Goal: To deepen our response to Global and Local Hunger.

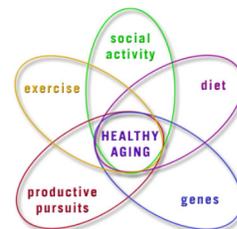
As people of faith, we will dialog and plan ways we can IGNITE our passion to stand and advocate for God's hungry people.

Presenter:

Sr. Betsy Clarke, a Sister of St. Joseph, is Director of the Faith Center at Chestnut Hill College.

She has served on the Boards of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility and NETWORK, National Catholic Social Justice Lobby in D.C.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BROWN BAG LUNCH



MONDAY - APRIL 24TH
at 12:45pm in the
Rosemont Auditorium

Topic: "Positive Aging — Making the Most of your Later Years" — Spiritually, Emotionally, Physically, Psychologically

Presenter: Dr. Lorraine Herrenkohl

Dr. Herrenkohl has a PhD in Psychology. She retired as a Professor of Psychology at Temple University after 36 years. She maintains a private practice.

Dr. Herrenkohl will use current research and anecdotes.

Bring your Lunch!
Dessert and drinks available.

MERCY MINISTRY NEWS

MERCY MINISTRY

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

You are invited to

become a **Volunteer Tutor of English (ESL)**



Information Session

Date: Wednesday, April 19th
Time: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Place: St. Thomas Parish Center—1st Floor

Speakers: Terri Potrako, Executive Director
Susan DiGiorgio, Program Coordinator
(www.volunteerenglish.org)

What is required of a tutor?

Three days of half-day training (9:00am to Noon) and a bi-weekly tutoring session with a student.

Come and attend this information session to see if this ministry is for you.

Please RSVP for this Information session by calling Anne Murphy at the Parish Center 610-525-4801 or email service@stvparish.org

We are pleased to announce that Livestream Masses from St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel are available for our homebound parishioners.

Instructions to view the Live Stream Parish Mass are:

Log on to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Website:
www.stvparish.org

Scroll down and on the left hand side of the home page you will see.....



Double Click on the Orange S to view the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass or the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

If you have any questions, email Anne Murphy at service@stvparish.org or call the Parish Center at 610-525-4801.

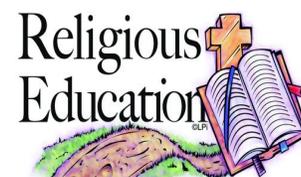


Young Adult Social

Join Young Adults (21-35, married or single) from the Parish at our Monthly Social.

When: Saturday, April 29, 2017 after the 5:00pm Mass

Where : Meet us at the new Tin Lizard Brewing Co.
1000 West Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010



Confirmation: Sat. Apr. 22, 2017—10:00am VNCH
First Communions: Sun. May 7, 2017—9:00am RMCH
Sun. May 7, 2017—10:30am VNCH
Sat. May 13, 2017—5:00pm RMCH
Sun. May 14, 2017—10:30am VNCH
Sun. May 21, 2017—9:00am RMCH

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP IS HAVING A
DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, April 30th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Radnor Police Department, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087.

<http://www.radnor.com/calendar.aspx?eid=1583>

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Pedestrian Bridge project is now underway at Villanova. **Please note that one of the first steps is the closure of Church Walk from Lancaster Avenue to the Villanova Church plaza. If you haven't been doing so already, please use the temporary walkway just west of Church Walk.** In terms of Church parking, particularly for Sunday Masses, the preferred option is that you turn right at the top of St. Thomas Way and head to the spaces behind Moriarty Hall or beyond (designated as L-2 parking). Please be sure to use the crosswalk and follow the pedestrian signals at the St. Thomas Way intersection. This is the only safe way to cross Lancaster Avenue in that vicinity. Then follow the temporary walkway (noted above) to the Church.

Construction will last through the rest of the year, with the Bridge opening perhaps in time for Christmas. 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.

In person — Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV
Living the Discerning Life
Saturday, April 22nd 9:00am-3:00pm

Who am I and where am I heading? What decision should I make? Come explore your interior experiences in light of Ignatius Loyola's teachings — called 'the essential tool for practical counsel. A pragmatic presentation to uncover God's guidance in daily life.

Details at www.daylesford.org, 222 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 610-647-2530, x100.

**STV/OMGC CYO
Track & Field
Now In session!!**



Important Dates:

- April 23- meet #4
- April 25-CYO Night at the Penn Relays
- April 30- meet #5
- May 7- Region 32 Champs at Haverford HS
- May 20 or 21 Area Champs
- June 3- Archdiocesan Champs

Regular season meets are on Sunday afternoons, starting around 12:30 and all will be held at Haverford HS on Darby Road at Mill Road.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Matrimony: A calling for forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakes us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. *Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.* Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crisis. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 21 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, call us at 215-966-3944 or 800-470-2230 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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.

