

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16 2017



St. Thomas of Villanova is an Augustinian, Roman Catholic Community. As the Body of Christ, we share our time, talent and treasure to fulfill our Baptismal commitment. Following the example of St. Thomas of Villanova, our patron, we take as our challenge the mission of Jesus and strive to love and experience God through worship, social justice, education and evangelization.

*God's Plan for Giving!!
Tithing is a Way of Life.*

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."
Matthew 12:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass Every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

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.

A Note from Fr. Michael ..

As a former teacher, I never cease to marvel at how great a teacher Jesus was. Through parables he was able to teach profound truths using common every day examples known and experienced by all. He taught in such a clear and simple manner so that even children could understand, yet to this day, scripture scholars are pondering over these "simple" parables finding deeper meaning and applications. Today's Gospel text illustrates this point.

Using the simple example of a farmer sowing seeds, Jesus is able to teach us about the powerful potential of his word in our lives, and the potential's mysterious relationship to our receptivity. The sower lavishly sows seed so that some of it falls by the footpath, some lands on rocky ground, some even falls among thorns, but lastly, some falls on good ground producing thirty or fifty or a hundredfold!

At the disciple's request, Jesus goes on to explain the parable. The various landing sites of the seed represent multiple individual's response to the word of God. For some it never has a chance: it goes in one ear and out the other, some receive it enthusiastically then cool off from their initial excitement. In another case, wealth or other concerns take priority in their lives choking the power of God's word. But finally, the word falls on the ears and heart of a truly open and receptive hearer transforming that individual and their life in a powerful way.

Let us never take the great gift of God' life giving word for granted, but resolve always to respond to it with profound gratitude, and commitment. Rest assured, the Lord will take care of the hundredfold in our lives. Now that's quite a return on our investment.

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

Mon., July 17th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday Deceased Members & Benefactors of O.S.A.
Tues., July 18th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis</i> George White
Wed., July 19th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday Ann Marie Kilburn
Thurs., July 20th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; <i>Saint Apollinaris</i> De. Jack Minutella - Minutella Family
Fri., July 21st 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; <i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi</i> Joan Cattafesta - Jim & Ann Costello
Sat., July 22nd 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH	Saint Mary Magdalene Kathleen Rodden - Husband, Pete
Sun., July 23rd 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Joan & Andrew Brennen - Anne Hennessy
10:30AM-VNCH	Geraldine Kovacic - Family

2017 MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

Help support Missionaries who "Go....and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19 next weekend!

Missionaries throughout the world continue to bring the Gospel to the World. Please pray and support the **Marist Missions Around the World** who will be speaking next week at all our Masses.

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwestern Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in "bush stations", teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church. Contributions to the Marists will help their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and help the local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.

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



Monday, July 17, 2017	
Centering Prayer—RMCH	7:30AM
Golden Living Ministry	10:15AM
Art Class — PC1	11:00AM
Splash Party - Conestoga Swim Club	6:00PM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Cafe	7:00PM
Tuesday, July 18, 2017	
Staff Meeting	1:00PM
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	
Women's 11th Step Spirituality - PC1	6:00AM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	9:30AM
Exercise - Aud	10:00AM
Honickman	10:15AM
Thursday, July 20, 2017	
Rosemont Presbyterian Mass	9:00AM
Friday, July 21, 2017	
Parish Office Closes at 1:00pm	
Saturday, July 22, 2017	
Mission Appeal Weekend — All Masses	
Sunday, July 23, 2017	
Baptism-RMCH	9:00AM
Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service	10:30AM
Mission Appeal Weekend — All Masses	

Thank you for your generosity for following weekends:

July 1 and 2, 2017	
Number of Envelopes	251
Envelope Amount	\$10,898.00
Loose Cash:	\$1,326.20
Electronic Offerings:	\$7,713.25
Other	\$55.00
Total	\$19,992.45
10% Tithe	\$1,999.25
Income for July 3, 2016	\$19,088.02

July 8 and 9, 2017	
Number of Envelopes	263
Envelope Amount	\$11,724.00
Loose Cash:	\$1,381.72
Electronic Offerings:	\$5,058.01
Other	\$100.00
Total	\$18,263.73
10% Tithe	\$1,826.37
Income for July 10, 2016	\$13,512.43



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

Michael & Ana Eiras Hartung & Family of Ardmore
Thomas & Jacqueline Olino & Family of Bryn Mawr
Jean Taito of Bryn Mawr

Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of our parish:

Elliott Lee, son of Damien & Allison Bergeron
William Gresham, son of Mark & Jennifer Fifer
Quinn, daughter of Mike & Elena Groh
Yann Maximilin, son of Laurent & Manuela Payan

Resting in Peace:

Rev. Francis X. Gallogly, O.S.A.

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Richard Beston, 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.

St. Thomas of Villanova is pleased to introduce **“Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer.”** We have collaborated with Parish Giving to offer this Program to all of our parishioners. It's Simple – Log on to our website @ www.stthomasofvillanova.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.



It's Secure – Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest TLS (Transport Layer Security) encryption technology available.

It's Convenient – No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine.

Tax Benefits – You will be able to print out a report

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer request. We have a new email:

stvprayerline@gmail.com

and a new Prayerline Coordinator, Millie Seeds, for you to call at 610-353-2025.

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 Liz Ruben at 610-937-0473. 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

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, August 20th. 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.

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 repairs); 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



The Family Life Committee of St. Thomas of Villanova
invites you to OUR ANNUAL

Splash Party



Monday — July 17th — 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Please join us at the Conestoga Swim
Club on Rt. 320 in Villanova

Parishioners A to L — Bring a Salad to Share!

Parishioners M to Z — Bring a dessert to Share!

RSVP: Parish Phone - 610-525-4801 — Email: office@stvparish.org

(Rain date: Tuesday, July 18th)
Check the parish website in case of bad weather.

VILLANOVA TRAFFIC & CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Now and running through at least July 15th, vehicle traffic from the Spring Mill Road/Route 320 Entrance to Villanova will be restricted beyond Tolentine and White Halls. The roadway behind the Monastery and Church will be blocked for utility construction and the start of Phase IV of the Transformation of the Campus Landscape initiative. Cars will be permitted to drive around the Lancaster Avenue side of Tolentine up to the Monastery Circle. As always, be respectful of spaces near the Monastery reserved for the friars who live there.

In addition, the construction of the new plaza in front of the Villanova Church, which is part of the overall Pedestrian Bridge project, has begun. The targeted completion of the plaza is August 25th. During this time, the areas outside the front of the Church will be limited to pedestrian traffic only. All vehicular traffic will be able to access the Church either from the Spring Mill Road/Route 320 Entrance, as noted above, or from the Ithan Avenue Main Entrance to the St. Rita Circle area and handicapped spaces.

If you don't have any special mobility needs, the preferred option continues to be that you park across the street from the Church. When you come off of Lancaster Avenue at St. Thomas Way, go to the top, turn right, 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 to the Church. The Pedestrian Bridge construction will last through the rest of the year, with completion perhaps coming in time for Christmas.

Stay tuned for regular updates in the bulletin and on the parish website! Please check out the link on the website for drawings that help illustrate the vehicular/pedestrian traffic plan.



STV Preschool 2017-2018 School Year begins September 6, 2017

Register now for full and half day programs. Visit www.stvpreschool.org for more information or contact Mary Kurek at stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com or call 610-525-7554. Spaces still available.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Flexible hours and must enjoy working with children!



Classroom Volunteer: 8:30am - 11:30am

Assist the teacher with group activities, learning centers, snack time and indoor/outdoor play.

Morning Arrival Volunteer: 8:30am — 9:00am — Entrance Door Reception Monitors

Lunchtime Volunteer: 11:30am — 12:30pm — Monitor Lunch, outside/inside recess

Afternoon Activity Volunteer:

12:30pm — 1:30pm Rest time Monitor

1:30pm — 3:20pm Assist with group activities

Extended Hour Volunteer: 3:30pm — 5:30pm

Monitor afternoon snack, free play and center activities

If available, please contact Mary Kurek at stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com or call 610-525-7554.

Religious Education Program

We offer a vibrant and faith filled Religious Education Program for our parish children in grades K-6. If you are new to the parish, or have a child who will be starting public school in the fall, contact Tara Penza, 610-525-4801, or rel.ed@stvparish.org for more information or to register.

Our visit our parish website, www.stthomasofvillanova.org for forms and information.,



HELP WANTED

We are still in need of Classrooms Assistants:

Sunday and Wednesdays.

Classroom Aides/Assistants to help the teacher with administrative tasks and classroom management.

No experience necessary!

September-April.

Join a great team of volunteers!

NEW INITIATIVE — ADVOCATING TO END HUNGER

Two neighboring Augustinian Parishes, Our Mother of Good Counsel and St. Thomas of Villanova, have created a committee to advocate to end hunger in the world through participation with Bread for the World (BFW), a Christian, bi-partisan hunger research and lobbying organization. BFW works to change systems that allow hunger to persist. Their work has helped cut hunger incidence rates to half over the past 25 years. Both Parishes have participated for several years in BFW's annual "Offering of Letters" to Congress. The 2017 Campaign seeks retention of budget support for programs and policies that have helped millions in the US and abroad to get out of poverty. On the weekend of June 10/11, OMGC Parishioners sent out 365 letters, nearly evenly split between Senators Toomey and Casey. STV Parishioners sent out 510.

Since advocacy on hunger issues is needed all year long, OMGC and STV have created a committee dedicated to this action that supplements the great work we have done for years to feed the hungry. On June 13, two parishioners from each parish joined around 450 others from across the country in Washington, DC for BFW's Lobby Day. The theme was the same budget issue. The day started and ended with worship and prayer. It included a morning of preparation for 250 meetings that BFW had scheduled with Senators and Representatives. The afternoon was dedicated to the meetings.

The OMGC/STV team met with Senators Toomey and Casey plus their respective staff members. Representative Meehan was in a Ways and Means Committee meeting but had a Senior Staffer meet with us. All three listened intently and respectfully and staff took notes on our concerns. Several who could not attend in DC made phone calls and sent emails during the day to amplify the impact in DC. It was a richly rewarding and inspirational day for all of us. But it also became clear that retention of budget support will be a daunting task.

The group would love to have more of you join us to monitor the situation and take additional actions needed throughout the year to end hunger both locally and globally. We will keep you informed to the need and opportunities. You can advocate by sending emails, making phone calls and by offering your prayers to end hunger in our world.

If you are interested in hearing more about this new committee, contact parish coordinator, Ann Rafferty at raffertyannah@gmail.com.

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Thomas Monastery, Long-term Care Facility of the Augustinian Friars, is looking for per diem RN or LPN to work with elderly Augustinian Priests and Brothers in the Monastery. Job requires flexibility to work 3 different shifts, if necessary, some Holidays and requires compliance with professional standards and procedures. Strong work ethic is a must. We offer competitive rates and a supportive work environment.

Primary Responsibilities: To provide direct resident care and supervise delivery of resident care provided by Nurses and Nursing Assistants. Responsible for documentation of resident care. Background History Checks performed upon application. While on the campus of Villanova University, the St. Thomas Monastery is an organization separate from the University.

If you would like to work in a pleasant, non-traditional health care setting and have the desire to care for the Friars, email your resume to: Alenka Hocevar, DON, at Alenka.durdevic@villanova.edu or call 610-519-7399.

St. Thomas Young Adults **(21-35, married or single)**

JOIN US FOR A GROUP HIKE ON THE WISSAHICKON TRAIL

Host: Chris Geraghty & St. Thomas Of Villanova
Young Adults

When: Saturday, July 29 at 1:00 PM

Where: Meeting point will be the Wissahickon
Transportation Center on Ridge Ave, on the Manayunk/
East Falls border. <http://www.septa.org/stations/rail/wissahickon.html>

Questions? Contact Chris at 610.715.4366.



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Please collect all of your hotel samples — shampoo, conditioners, soap, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash and drop it off at the Parish Center. Parish volunteers will be taking all samples to St. John's Hospice and the Saint Francis Inn.

SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA BLOOD DRIVE

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

**Thursday, August 17, 2017 — 2:00pm to 7:00pm
in the St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Auditorium**

**To make an appointment, please contact
Carol Grace at 610-525-1353.**

**Or visit www.redcrossblood.org and
enter sponsor keyword: St. Thomas Rosemont**

WALK INS ARE WELCOME!

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



ST. JOHN'S CASSEROLES

**Want to help out a great nonprofit that
serves hot meals to those in need?**

St. John's Hospice is greatly in need of pre-cooked casseroles. Every day they provide over 350 lunchtime meals to homeless people in Philadelphia close to the Convention Center.

We are looking for volunteers who can make a casserole and bring it to our freezers located in the room outside the elevator in the lower level of the Rosemont Chapel. Casserole tins are available on the top of the freezers. Any home cooked casseroles must have a protein, i.e., meat and/or beans. Please label and **date** your casserole with masking tape.

If you have any questions, or need recipes for the casseroles, please contact Anne Murphy at service@stvparish.org.



SHARE THE HARVEST

Our parish will be helping to feed hungry people in need this summer by providing fresh produce to the food pantry at ElderNet in Bryn Mawr.

Please consider growing a couple extra plants or purchasing extra vegetables & fruits.

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Center on Monday through Wednesday in the back of the Rosemont Chapel after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturdays beginning now through mid-September.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 610-525-4801.

STEWARDSHIP GRANT THANK YOU LETTERS

St. Edmond's Home for Children
320 South Roberts Road
Rosemont, PA 19010
June 27, 2017

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas:

On behalf of the children and staff of St. Edmond's Home, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all your generous parishioners for the grant of \$3,000.00 to support the Walnut Street Theater *Artist in Residency Program* at St. Edmond's Home.

Due to your generous support we can continue to offer this special program. The *Artist in Residency Program* provides a theater group and alternative therapy for our children who are challenged with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Please know that we are deeply grateful to all of you for continuing to help us meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable children in our community.

May God bless you and your families with a safe and healthy summer. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Denise Clofine
Administrator

Bread for the World
425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20024
June 30, 2017

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for your \$1,000.00 gift to Bread for the World. I'm grateful for your generosity as we work together to end hunger in our own country and abroad.

Thanks to your financial support, we welcomed more than 400 Bread for the World members and others for our annual Lobby Day on June 13. Their visits with their senators and representatives made a strong case for sustaining programs that enable people — here in the United States and overseas — to get the food and nutrition they need.

You can amplify the impact of lobby day by contacting our senators and representatives. Urge them to fully fund domestic safety-net programs and international development programs that help end hunger and poverty. To take action, visit www.bread.org/act.

Thank you again for our compassion and generosity. May your summer months be a time of renewal and growth in God's grace.

Sincerely,
David Beckmann
President

Augustinian Friars
Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova
214 Ashwood Road
Villanova, Pennsylvania 19085
June 28, 2017

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas:

Thank you very much for your recent gift in support of the Augustinian Fund. We are grateful for your decision to once again grant us a \$30,000.00 grant toward the care of our sick and elderly friars, The Augustinian Volunteers and Formation. We are most appreciative.

As religious, we are deeply aware of our dependence on the charity of others to support our way of life and to engage in the various forms of ministry that the Church entrusts to us. We are indebted to all the parishioners for your collaboration which makes such good things possible.

Please be assured of our remembrance in our prayers daily.

Sincerely,
Fr. Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial

Mother's Home
51 N. MacDade Boulevard
Darby, PA 19023
June 26, 2017

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you so much for the grant funding of \$1,000. The funds have been expensed for general operating support. The funding will be used to ensure these women are provided with life and parenting skills; individual and group therapy; and case management to assist our moms to become more personally responsible and less dependent on other, as well as to make more positive, healthier life choices for themselves and their babies.

We are all very grateful for your generosity and your continued support of Mothers' Home. It means so much for so many people.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Brigid Risko
Executive Director

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to discover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it.

The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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.

"Silence is precious; by keeping silence and knowing how to listen to God the soul grows in wisdom and God teaches it what it cannot learn from men." -- Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: : Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16:19; Rom 8:26-27
Mt 12:24-43 or 12:24-30

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

Save The Date!

The 16th Annual Bonner & Prendie Beach Blast — All Class Reunion — Saturday, August 5th at LaCosta Lounge In Sea Isle City, NJ From 4:00pm to 10:00pm.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door)

All proceeds benefit tuition assistance.

Entertainment provided by ROUNDTOWER and Two for the Road

To purchase tickets in advance, please contact:

John J. Doceamore '67 610-742-8839

AnneMarie Dolceamore Hayden '98 610-259-0820, ext 1286, hayden@bonnerprendie.com

Scott Fremont '98 610-259-6012, fremont@bonnerprendie.com

or visit www.bonnerprendie.com to purchase online.

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