

SIEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2015



A Note from Fr. Joe ...

How many of us grew up in a home where our mothers or fathers seemed to be able to make meals from little – and still have leftovers? And where those leftovers often became another meal later in the week? I suspect too that most of us have ordered more pizza than we could eat, asking for a carry-out box to take home those slices for a late night snack or, for some, even breakfast! Leftovers are part of our shared life experience, aren't they? This Sunday's 1st Reading and Gospel capture this detail. The stories about Elisha and Jesus both tell us that what was believed to be a shortfall actually turned into a windfall. Scarcity was transformed into abundance.

So what's the message, the lesson for us? Looking more closely at the Gospel passage provides some clues. The feeding of the five thousand is so significant that it's the only miracle that's recorded in all 4 Gospels, with this Sunday's account coming from John. In fact, for 5 Sundays in a row we'll be hearing from John about the bread of life – the gift of the Eucharist that sustains and nourishes us. And this weekend's story is filled with Eucharistic overtones, including Jesus' command – "Gather the fragments left over so that nothing will be wasted." For in the early Church, the word "fragments" was used to refer to the Eucharistic bread. Even now, you may notice before Communion the priest placing a fragment of the host in the chalice. This is meant to represent the unity to which we're called in celebrating the Eucharist – "one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

The fragments, the leftovers remind us, as well, of the magnitude of the miracle, the bounty of God's love. Not only were the crowds fed, as we're fed each week, but there's still some left to share – especially with the sick, the homebound, the dying. What do we do with our leftovers? How often do we waste them? Do we throw them out? Do we forget those in our world who go hungry? And, of course, fragments just don't refer to food. It isn't enough that our needs are satisfied – and not those of others! As members of the Body of Christ, we're called to a manner of living that's generous, not selfish.

God welcomes every gift. The Gospel passage suggests that not only do we likely have more to give than we think, but also given to God, little can become much. When Andrew mentioned to Jesus that a boy had "five barley loaves and two fish," Jesus receives the news as if it were 'the find of the century.' We can debate at length exactly how this feeding miracle happened – and all roads eventually take us to Jesus – but the first factor in the mix was a boy with childlike generosity. Jesus took what the boy gave and worked wonders with it. In the end, everyone in the crowd got more than they needed – with 12 wicker baskets filled with leftovers! The One who takes the seemingly insignificant loaves and fish of a small boy and feeds thousands is still the One who welcomes our gifts as treasures. With them, leftovers abound in God's Kingdom!

As you read this, I'll be preparing to go on a 5 day retreat. Know of my thoughts and prayers for all of you! Also, this coming Saturday, August 1st marks the beginning of the lease for our new tenant – the Wolf Performing Arts Center – in the St. Augustine Annex. Again, we warmly welcome them! Please note that they will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 19th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

God Bless!

Fr. Joe

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (John 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

Thank you for your generosity for the following weekend of July 18 and 19, 2015:

Number of Envelopes	320
Envelope Amount	\$14,610.00
Loose Cash:	\$1,343.32
Electronic Offerings:	\$14,396.13
Other	\$110.00
Total	\$30,459.45
10% Tithe	\$3,045.95
Income for July 20, 2014	\$28,247.35



Mon., July 27th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday Dr. Charles Mauriello - Mauriello Family
Tues., July 28th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday Dehlia McCabe - Dr. Francine Mallon
Wed., July 29th 12:05PM-RMCH	Saint Martha Ione & Al Romeika - Peter Romeika
Thurs., July 30th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; Saint Peter Chrysologus John Henry Miller - Dot Riley
Fri., July 31st 12:05PM-RMCH	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Thomas Wynne - Buckland & Farley Families
Sat., Aug. 1st 9:00AM-RMCH	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Tait Family - Carole Grace
5:00PM-RMCH	Joseph A. Capaci - Family
Sun., Aug. 2nd 7:30AM-VNCH	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners of St. Thomas
9:00AM-RMCH	James Hennessy
10:30AM-VNCH	Dr. William Poplaski - Mauriello Family.

“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 August 9 and 23, 2015.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 12:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 12:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 12:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-25

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.

Schedule of Events for the week of: July 26, 2015
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, July 27, 2015	
Golden Living Ministry	10:15AM
Art Class - PC1	11:00AM
Splash Party at Conestoga Swim Club	6:00PM
Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	7:00PM
Tuesday, July 28, 2015	
Wednesday, July 29, 2015	
Food Addicts in Recovery - Café	9:30AM
Exercise - Aud	10:00AM
Honickman	10:15AM
Year of Encounter - PC-1	7:00PM
Thursday, July 30, 2015	
Splash Party (Raindate)	6:00PM
Friday, July 31, 2015	
Parish Office Closes at 1:00PM	
Saturday, August 1, 2015	
Sunday, August 2, 2015	
Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service	10:30AM



The handbell choir is looking for ringers. Ability to read music a must. However, knowledge of handbells is not necessary. We will teach you all you need to know.

Come join this fun group of ding-a-lings, who make beautiful music with handbells.

For more info contact Joyce Klinck, Director, at 610-405-9444.



We wish a warm welcome to the newest member of our parish:
Robert & Sharon Eggstein of Bryn Mawr

Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of our parish:
Sophia Lynne, daughter of Nicholas Giugliano & Nicole Meehan
Maxwell Cole, son of Mark and Laura Reinhardt
Ryan William, son of Todd and Kristina Rosato

Resting in Peace:
Mr. Joseph Maiorana

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:
Julia Barlow, Katherine Breck, Mary Ann Dadourian, Bob Ellison, Jack Geraghty, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Madeleine O'Callaghan, Charles Pennington, 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.

**THE AUGUSTINIANS
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE
THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

The friars extend an invitation to parishioners to join them on the campus of Villanova University for a celebration of Consecrated Life.

Saturday, August 1, 2015 – 1:00pm to 6:00pm

1-3:30pm — Start at the Ground Floor of the Connelly Center

- + Hear the friars' stories
- + Experience our art and music
- + Tour our heritage sites
- + Visit our monastery

4:00pm — Mass in the Villanova Church

With the Profession of Vows of our four novices
Supper to follow –

RSVP Maria Manna – 610-527-3330 Ext 240
or

E-Mail: Maria.Manna@augustinian.org

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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.

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 Mary Ann Deviney at 610-331-2959. 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 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, August 16th. 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.

*Congratulations to our
Honor Students:*

DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors:

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



Thank you to the St. Francis Inn Team who served the mid-day lunch to 337 guests last Sunday in the sweltering heat.



**The Family Life Committee of
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
Community invites you to OUR
ANNUAL SPLASH PARTY**

**Monday, July 27, 2015
6:00 - 8:30pm
Conestoga Swim Club
Rt. 320 in Villanova**



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Volleyball ~ Badminton ~ Paddle Tennis ~ Huge Swimming Pool ~ Baby Pool
Dinner Included ~ Family Games

We need teens to help with games: potato sack races, egg toss, parachute, etc. If you can come and help, please contact Carole Abele at millbrook12@verizon.net or 610-995-9579.

Parishioners A to M—Bring a dessert to share! Parishioners N to Z—Bring a salad to share! Bring a Blanket!
The rain date is Thursday, July 30th. Check the parish website for any changes.
?’s call Diane Covello at 484-222-1340.

SPLASH PARTY RSVP by calling 610-525-4801, website www.stvparish.org
fax this form to 610-525-6041 or email your reply to office@stvparish.org

Family Name _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Program Assistant Position - Church of the Redeemer

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania currently has an opening for a Program Assistant. This part time position (approximately 20 hours per week) involves a unique combination of administrative responsibilities (5 hours per week) and analytical/program support (15 hours per week). The position will manage general correspondence, liturgy files and documents (i.e. baptisms, confirmation, marriage and funerals) and be tasked with providing analytical support directly to key parish committees and groups. As such, the position requires demonstrated experience in problem solving and the ability to work independently as well as collaboratively. Attention to detail and deadlines along with a strong service and quality orientation will be required as well. Exceptional communication skills with parishioners, clergy and staff colleagues will be essential. Analytical and problem solving tasks require that the candidate have competence in scheduling and knowledge of or willingness to learn relevant computer software (i.e. Excel, Adobe CS, Word, Google Docs) and familiarity with social media. As a member of the staff you will share in the comprehensive ministry of the parish. Therefore, experience with or knowledge of the Episcopal Church is an advantage but not a requirement. Associates degree or higher is a requirement. Please send all resumes or make inquiries to jay@theredeemer.org.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

SAVE THE DATE!!

**St. Thomas of Villanova - Rosemont
American Red Cross Blood Drive**
Thursday, August 20th — 1:30pm to 6:30pm
in Rosemont Auditorium

We are in dire need of blood donations due to high heat, vacations, HS/some colleges on break, low donations but the need remains the same.

Appointments are preferred. Please call Carole Grace at 610-525-1352 to schedule an appointment or you can register for the parish blood drive at www.redcrossblood.org, click Donating Blood.

For questions about eligibility:
call 1 800 RED CROSS

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

**The Peace & Justice Committee of
St. Thomas of Villanova
and Our Mother of Good Counsel
presents the Summer Film Series:**

Caring for God's Creation

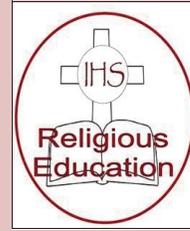
"The world and all that is in it belongs to the Lord."
Psalm 24

August 4th - Chasing Ice

Chasing Ice is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering evidence of our changing planet.



Films begin at 7:00pm
St. Thomas of Villanova
Rosemont Auditorium
Beverages and Desserts Provided
All are Welcome!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

All Families must complete the **Stewardship Covenant Form** to register their children for the Religious Education Program for 2015-2016.

Please visit our website, www.stthomasofvillanova.org and download this form. If you have a new student planning on attending our REP, please download the **New Student Registration Form** as well.

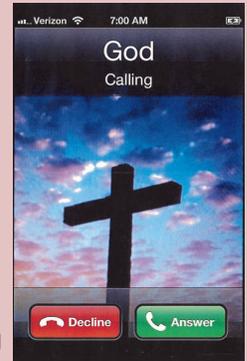
Finally, if any of your children will be receiving a sacrament next year, please download the **Sacrament Registration Form**. All forms should be sent to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Penza at 610-525-4801, x 204, or email her at rel.ed@stvparish.org.

**Is God Calling you?
Will you answer?!**

Our Religious Education Program (REP) needs **you!**

Over 300 children & young people, kindergarten through grade 8, will sign up next fall to learn more about Jesus & the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist or classroom aide for Faith Formation. With classes offered on Sunday mornings & Wednesday afternoons you are sure to find a time that fits your schedule. We provide you with training, materials & support - you just bring your love of God!



For more information contact, Tara Penza, at 610-525-4801, x204, or rel.ed@stvparish.org.

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool Re-opens September 9th



*Call today for an appointment ...
Space still available in our
2, 3 and 4 Year Old Classes.*



Office: 610-525-7554
Email: stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com
Web site: www.stvpreschool.org

We are busy cleaning the Preschool Facility for September. The Summer mailing will be sent out by the end of July to all the families who have already signed up.

Registration information can be found on our school website at www.stvpreschool.org or you can call 610-525-7552 or email maryshouse1@gmail.com to schedule a tour and pick up an application.



Teaching children for 35 years!

SHARE THE HARVEST

Our parish will be helping to feed people in need this summer by providing fresh produce to the food pantry at ElderNet in Bryn Mawr. Whether you love to garden, or just have a sunny spot in your yard, please consider growing a couple extra plants this spring to contribute to this worthy cause — (or you could purchase a few extra fruits or vegetables when you grocery shop). What better way to set a Christian example for your children or grandchildren than by sharing food with those less fortunate.

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the parish center, Monday thru Wednesday, or in the back of the Rosemont Chapel after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturdays.

Share the Harvest Ministry will begin collecting your home grown or purchased vegetables and fruit in mid-June and go until mid-September. If you have any questions or can help with delivery this summer, contact Parish Coordinator, Barb Gollin at 610-688-4168 or mmggbcc@hotmail.com.



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

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 put a strip of masking tape on top and use a marker to indicate the type of casserole and the date it was made.

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

You can find recipes on St. John's website at www.saintjohnshospice.org.

2015 APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd (Washington, DC)

- 4:00pm Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd (Washington, DC)

- 9:15am Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
- 11:30am Midday Prayer with the Bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
- 4:15pm Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Sept. 24th (Washington, DC, New York City)

- 9:20am Address to Joint Session of the U.S. Congress
- 11:15am Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- 4:00pm Depart from Joint Base Andrews
- 5:00pm Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- 6:45pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, September 25th (New York City)

- 8:30am Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- 11:30am Multi-religious service at 9/11 memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- 4:00pm Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- 6:00pm Mass at Madison Square Garden

Saturday, Sept. 26th (New York City, Philadelphia)

- 8:40am Departure from John F. Kennedy Airport
- 9:30am Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
- 10:30am Mass at Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- 4:45pm Visit to Independence Hall
- 7:30pm Visit to the Festival of Families — Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Sunday Sept. 27th (Philadelphia)

- 9:15am Meeting with Bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- 11:00am Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- 4:00pm Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting Of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- 7:00pm Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
- 8:00pm Departure for Rome



To accommodate the extraordinary number of visitors to the Philadelphia area this September, the World meeting of Families have invited local residents to

open their homes to guests via the Host a Family Program provided by global travel company, Homestay.com.

In early 2015, visitors will have the option to search the Host a Family database to find housing options (furnished guest rooms, apartments or homes) within 120 miles of Philadelphia that may suit their budget and other needs. This option is designed to provide a unique experience for visitors to the Philadelphia region.

For more information, visit the **Host a Family Program**: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/host-a-family> page!



The Franklin Institute, the most visited museum in Pennsylvania, has announced plans to host the exclusive East Coast destination of Vatican Splendors, beginning September 19. The exhibition, time to take place during the historic Papal Visit (September 26-27) and the 2015 World Meeting of Families Congress in Philadelphia (September 22-25), explores the historical and cultural impact of the Vatican over the span of 2,000 years through significantly relevant objects straight from the Vatican in Rome, Italy. Every object in the exhibition tells its own story, together forming a great historical mosaic of the Vatican — and many of the artifacts have never before been on public view at the Vatican in Rome.

Highlights of the nearly 10,000 square foot exhibition include artwork by Michelangelo, including signed documents and a rarely seen bas relief sculpture, and tools used in work on the Sistine Chapel and the Basilica of Saint Peter's; works by masters including Bernini and Guercino, artwork dating back to the first century, venerated remains (bone fragments) of Saints Peter and Paul, relics discovered at the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul, and historical objects from the modern and ancient basilicas of Saint Peter's in Rome.

REGIONAL RAIL PASSES FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Coming to the World Meeting of Families? Please visit the Transportation page of WorldMeeting2015.org to learn what you need to get there!
Special SEPTA passes needed for travel on the Regional Rail during the Papal Visit weekend of September 26-27 were on sale as of Monday, July 20th.

More information regarding these Special Regional Rail Passes:

During the Papal Visit on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, SEPTA is doubling capacity by modifying Regional Rail operations, in an effort to accommodate travel demand. A total of just 18 outlying Regional Rail Stations will be in operation — compared to the nearly 150 stations that are normally open. This will allow SEPTA to run express-type service to the events in Center City, with similar return service back to the same outlying stations afterwards.

All riders using Regional Rail on Sept. 26 and 27 — including regular SEPTA customers and visitors — will be required to pre-purchase these special one-day passes. No other fares, including TrailPasses, or cash, will be accepted. Papal Visit Pass purchases are non-refundable.

SEPTA will operate to/from Jefferson, 30th Street Station and university City Stations during the two-day Papal Visit. Riders will then have to walk one-to-two miles to the events. Afterwards, riders must board at the same Center City Station where they were dropped off for return service to their outlying station.

- * **The R-5 (Paoli/Thorndale Line) will drop off at 30th Street Station — Paoli and Radnor Stations are the only pickup and drop off locations.**
- * **Norristown High Speed Line — Gulph Mills and Villanova are the only pickup and drop off Locations. This will take you to the 69th Street Terminal.**

A limited number of One Day Regional Rail Passes will be available for sale for each station starting at 9:00am Monday, July 20. East One Day Pass will cost \$10, and will be valid for one passenger.

Up to 10 passes can be purchased in one transaction through the e-commerce site. Those planning to travel on Saturday and Sunday will need to purchase passes for both days.

All passengers travelling on Regional Rail during these days will have to purchase a Papal Pass, including seniors and children over the age of 5. Customers with a valid PA Transit ID Card or Medicare Card can purchase reduced fare passes through the e-commerce site for \$5; they will then be required to show their valid ID along with the Papal Pass at the time of boarding.

Service will operate from the outlying stations to Center City from 5:30am to noon both days. To help alleviate congestion and enhance safety, SEPTA will have two travel slots, the first from 5:30am-8:30am, the second 8:30am-Noon at each station.

A link to the e-commerce site for One Day Regional Rail Passes will be posted at www.septa.org when tickets to on sale Monday, July 20. The same site will be used for the sales of a special three-day Papal Visit Transit Pass, which will go on sale starting Monday, July 27. The special three-day Papal Visit transit pass will be valid for travel on all SEPTA subways, buses and trolleys from Saturday, Sept. 26 through Monday, Sept. 28 for \$10. Customers can also use tokens, transfers and weekly and monthly passes subways, buses and trolleys.

SEPTA is urging all customers planning to use rail service for the Papal Visit travel to arrange to be dropped off at or near the station. Parking is limited to the number of spaces SEPTA has available at each stations, and spots are expected to fill up quickly both days.

Golf Outing to Support Housing for A BABY'S BREATH Rivercrest Golf Club Phoenixville, PA



Tuesday, September 1, 2015 — Shotgun Start: 10:00am

Registration Fee of \$219, includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Golf — (\$799.00 Foursome)

50/50 Helicopter Golf Ball Drop — \$10,000 "Hole in One Contest

For Registration and Sponsorship information: <http://www.ababysbreath.org>

wickershamchristine@gmail.com — ceverly245@verizon.net

A Baby's Breath offers life affirming choices for parents through its volunteer advocates.

STEWARDSHIP GRANT THANK YOU LETTERS

Augustinian Friars
Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova
Villanova, Pennsylvania
July 2, 2015

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas:

I am writing to acknowledge with gratitude your generous gift in the amount of \$30,000.00. Your generosity to the Augustinian Fund assists us in many ways: the education of candidates who aspire to our way of life, our missionary activities in Japan and Peru, the young men and women who are engaged in our Augustinian Volunteer Program, the support of our aged and infirm friars, and the friars who work in urban settings and in the areas of Justice and Peace.

Your generosity is a tangible means of collaboration in all our efforts, and is a source of encouragement to us, as well as practical assistance to those in need whom we serve.

In my own name, and on behalf of the friars of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, please accept my appreciation and the assurance of our prayers for your faith community.

God bless you and reward you,

Fr. Michael Di Gregorio, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial
Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova

Patrician Society
121 E. Chestnut Street
Norristown, PA 19401
July 1, 2015

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, I thank you for the \$750 award granted for use in the 35th annual Patrician Society Summer Day Camp.

Please be assured that we will use the funds specifically as designated.

The Patrician Society is honored to serve the disadvantaged community in our area and we are grateful for your involvement in our work.

Sincerely,

Joseph Maccolini
Executive Director

ElderNet of Lower Merion-Narberth
9 South Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
July 1, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the Board and staff of ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth, and of those we serve, I would like to thank you for your recent and very generous grant of \$3,000.00.

Because of your donation, elderly and disabled adults of low-moderate income will have the opportunity to continue to provide services to at-risk community members who, otherwise would not have access to them. Our free volunteer and social worker services will continue to provide or improve access to health care and quality of life. Further, by educating, advocating for and providing services to disadvantaged residents in our area, our community will remain ethnically and financially diverse while retaining its older and disabled population.

Because of your donation, our Ada Mutch Community Resource Center and Food Pantry will be able to address the growing demand for food as well as for care management and "Ask-a-Nurse" services. Our grocery distribution is already up 10% over this time last year.

Because of your donation, ElderNet will continue to have a tremendous impact on our constituents, many of whom are physically and socially isolated. Your support will allow us to continue free life-enhancing services for our neighbors in need.

Thank you again for your care and concern for your neighbors.

Yours sincerely,

Marisa C. Ferst, MSS, MLSP, LSW
Executive Director

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GENEROSITY
MAKES
ALL OF THIS
POSSIBLE**
THANK YOU.