

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 8, 2018



A Note from the Pastor....

HE WAS AMAZED AT THEIR LACK OF FAITH

Amazed at their lack of faith, Jesus was not able to perform any mighty deed in his neighborhood. The people who knew him from childhood were astonished by his teaching in the synagogue. Their astonishment, however, gave way to skepticism for the very reason that they knew him as one of their own. One of the problematic aspects of human nature is that jealousy emerges when we perceive others as “getting above their station.” “Who does he think he is to be doing and saying these things? He’s one of us; we know where he comes from.”

By raising these concerns, the people in his hometown made it evident that Jesus did not have a reputation as a wonder-worker heretofore, that he was just an ordinary man among other ordinary people, discounting any miraculous deeds in his childhood. Something happened to him in his adulthood to cause a shift in his behavior, and what ensued was evidently uncomfortable for them to handle, and so they took offense at him, as the Scriptures state. What might be the nature of that offense?

We know that Jesus reminded people that they had fallen away from their commitment to the covenant relationship with God, just as John the Baptist had before him. This account occurs early in his public ministry; he has already healed the sick and spoken of the need for repentance and reform. A common theme in the healings of Jesus is the reminder that faith has healed the individuals. It stands to reason that a lack of faith would be a self-induced indictment, inevitably causing resentment among those who had become lax in the practice of their faith. His reminder for them to return to God, to be faithful to the covenant, and to practice doing what is right and just, predictably provoked this reaction.

Jesus calls us to reform our way of thinking when it drifts from the tenets of our faith which are focused on doing what is right and just. Sometimes that conflicts with the values of others around us, in our neighborhoods or our country. When it does, our first priority has to be faithfulness to God and the covenant. It is uncomfortable and inconvenient to do so, and we would rather leave things as they are and not rock the boat or make waves.

But that is not the way of Jesus Christ. He came to that awareness after his baptism and his time in the desert, and he called his followers to make it their priority as well. If Jesus were among us today, would we be among those who take offense at what he challenges us to do, or would we follow him?

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’”

Ezekiel 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called.

Readings for the Week:

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22;
Mt 9:28-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7; 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10;
Mk 6:7-13



Mass Schedule

Mon., July 9th

12:05PM-RMCH

Tues., July 10th

12:05PM-RMCH

Wed., July 11th

12:05PM-RMCH

Thurs., July 12th

12:05PM-RMCH

Fri., July 13th

12:05PM-RMCH

Sat., July 14th

9:00AM-RMCH

5:00PM-RMCH

Sun., July 15th

7:30AM-VNCH

9:00AM-RMCH

10:30AM-VNCH

Weekday; *Saint Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*

Helen Peacock - Family

Weekday

Michael Seeds - Millie & Family

Saint Benedict

Kelly Rooney - Sean Rooney Family

Weekday

Jill Creedon - Parents

Weekday; *Saint Henry*

Edward P. Farley - Family

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Teresa Duddy - Maesaka Family

Dr. Peter Arcuri - Barbara Arcuri

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Parishioners of St. Thomas

Lotitio, Petrizzo & Reagan Families

Helen Prusak - Family

Schedule of Event for the week of: July 8, 2018 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, July 9, 2018

Centering Prayer-RMCH

Rosemont Rehab and Care Center Ministry

Art Class - PC1

KIDS CARE CAMP

7:30AM

10:15AM

11:00AM

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Staff Meeting

KIDS CARE CAMP

1:00PM

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Food Addicts in Recovery - PC1

No Exercise Program this week.

Honickman Ministry

Family Support Group - Aud

KIDS CARE CAMP

9:30AM

10:15AM

7:00PM

Thursday, July 12, 2018

KIDS CARE CAMP

Friday, July 13, 2018

KIDS CARE CAMP

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Rosemont Presbyterian Community

Eucharistic Prayer Service

Baptisms-VNCH

10:30AM

12:00PM

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 detailing your contributions for the year. Log on and sign up today!

LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL



"God calls you to make definitive choices... to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment."
- Pope Francis

If you are interested in learning more about the Order of St. Augustine and what it means to be an Augustinian, please visit our website: www.augustinianvocations.org



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

William & Cynthia Keyes & Family of East Norriton

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Katherine Breck, Austin DePetris, Jennifer Greenberg, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Pamela LaMonaca, Dr. John Ouligian, Bert Rodgers, Louis Sirico 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.



**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Parish Ambassadors**

Come and See
Tuesday, July 17th - 6:30pm-8:00pm
St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium

PAC Ambassadors have a passion for mission that inspires them as disciples of Jesus Christ to put the teachings of the church into practice. They provide ways for their parish to encounter and respond to excluded and suffering people around the world.

Join us for an evening to learn about their experiences and see if it is right for you and your parish.

RSVP by Friday, July 14 to:

Anne Ayella (aayella@archphila.org)
Joanne Kratz (joannekratz@gmail.com)

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.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer request. Please contact stvprayerline@gmail.com or Millie Seeds at 610-353-2025 to activate the parish prayerline. We have parish teams available for your special intentions.

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, July 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.

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, pastoral@stvparish.org.

MOTHER AND NEW FAMILY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Parishioner and Nurse Practitioner Volunteer offers support to new moms around navigating the complexities of being a new mom. Contact Suzanne Foley at 610-952-0147 or suzannefoley@yahoo.com or Anne Murphy at pastoral@stvparish.org.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshiping 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.



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

If you have a child who will be receiving First Communion in the spring of 2019 at St. Thomas of Villanova, you must complete a Sacrament Registration form, which can be found on our website.

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.

You can also view the Sunday Villanova Church Masses. Just go to the St. Thomas of Villanova Website and click on the picture of the Villanova Church.....



St. Thomas of Villanova Church – Sunday Masses:
<https://vums-web.villanova.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/catalogs/st-thomas-of-villanova-church---sunday-masses>



STV FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The Parish food closet accepts donations of non-perishable foods on a weekly basis. The items collected are then delivered to our sister parish, St. Cyprian's in West Philadelphia, where approximately 300 families are assisted on a monthly basis.

Items most in need are: powdered milk, canned fruit and 100% fruit juice, peanut butter and jelly, tuna and canned sardines, cold cereal and oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, stew, chili, soup and paper products.

Food may be dropped off M-F, 9:00am to 4:30pm to the Parish Center and on weekends to the back of the Rosemont Chapel (around Mass times when the Church is open.)

Preschool News



Preschool registrations are now being taken for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Classes are available for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Children must be 2, 3 or 4 by October 1, 2018 for their perspective classes. Full and half day options are available.

If interested, please call the Preschool Office at 610-525-7554 and be sure to visit the website at www.stvpreschool.org.

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



Splash Party

Tuesday — July 10th — 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 17th)
Check the parish website in case of bad weather.

SHOES NEEDED

Sr. Florence Enechukwu, MSHR, a member of our Peace & Justice Committee, is the coordinator for the African Catholic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and works with the youth and young adults of first generation African Catholics in the Archdiocese. The African Catholic Youth of Philadelphia are collecting gently used shoes of all types and sizes – dress shoes, boots, sneakers, sandals, etc. – as part of a fundraiser. Their goal is to collect 300 pounds of shoes!

Please bring your donations to the Parish Center lobby during the week or to the Rosemont Chapel during weekend liturgies.



SHARE THE HARVEST

Our parish has the opportunity to help needy individuals in the area this summer by donating fresh fruits and vegetables to ElderNet of Lower Merion. Whether you have a large garden, or just a sunny spot in your yard, consider adding a few extra plants (tomatoes, beans, peppers, etc.) to contribute to this worthy cause...OR, buy a few extra apples, oranges or other fruit when you go grocery shopping.

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Center on Monday or Tuesday or 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.

The Joint Peace and Justice Committee of St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a Summer Film Series.



**“The American Food Disparity” and
“47 Million Americans on Food Stamps”**

A short discussion will follow the viewing of the films.

**Tuesday, July 24th at 7:00pm
in the Rosemont Auditorium**

The final presentation is “Trigger. The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence” on Monday, August 20th.

Please join us for these special presentations.
Beverages and desserts provided.

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 Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org.



Young Adult Wine & Cheese Socials

Villanova University Campus Ministry will be hosting wine & cheese socials after the Sunday 7:00pm Masses beginning June 24 through July 29.

Join other adults from the parish & community at St. Rita's Hall

Questions: Linda – 610-519-6699,
linda.jaczynski@villanova.edu

EXERCISE PROGRAM AT ST. THOMAS

Ageless Exercise, Inc. presents a unique exercise program for the young at heart consisting of range of motion, strength training, weight bearing exercises, balance challenges; all done to upbeat fun music. Therapy bands, hand free weights, and balls are used for strengthening and stretching muscles and attaining range of motion movement. Weight bearing exercises to strengthen bones and the skeletal structure as well as aerobic endurance are included in the weekly class.

The class is led by a Certified American Counsel on Exercise (ACE) Instructor. Come join us and learn about your body, have fun, and strengthen muscles and bones.

Where: The St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium

When: Every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:00am

Cost: \$10 a month – checks made payable to **Ageless Exercise, Inc.**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Metropolitan Tribunal

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

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line:

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? Through a collaborative effort of Catholic Social Services Development Programs, the Archdiocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, and the Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education, the help-line can assist families and caregivers to connect to services and programs provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as well as other community resources available to provide needed help and support. **To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041** or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

GUIDING STAR MINISTRIES

Guiding Star Ministries, a maternity home for single, pregnant women and their children, is having an open house. Bring a friend and enjoy touring our home, meeting residents and staff, and learning about our mission. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, July 14th - 2:00pm to 4:00pm
1940 Chelton Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19138

SKS CYO Fall
Sports Registration
is now open.



Register online: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=skscyo> Any questions??? Please email fallsports@sksparish.org.

SKS offers the following Fall Sports: **Boys**

- Flag Football - Grades 1 thru 4
- JV "Trinity" Football Grades 5 & 6
- Varsity "Trinity" Football - Grades 7 & 8

Girls

- Field Hockey Clinic - Grades 3 & 4
- JV Field Hockey - Grades 5 & 6
- Varsity Field Hockey - Grades 7 & 8
- JV Volleyball Grades 5 & 6
- Varsity Volleyball - Grades 7 & 8

Co-ED

- JV Soccer - Grades 5 & 6
- Varsity Soccer - Grades 7 & 8
- Cross Country - Grades 1 thru 8
- Golf - Grades 4 thru 8

CYO registration closes on 7/15/18

Retrouvaille ... A Lifeline for Marriages **Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!**

Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (Retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. *Retrouvaille* is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. *Retrouvaille* is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. *Retrouvaille* can help get your relationship back on track.

Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: August 17-19. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.