TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2015



A Note from Fr. Art ...

Dear Parishioners:

Our Scripture readings today speak about the choice that must be made: to follow God or not. In our first reading we see the Israelites who had been led by Moses out of Egypt and through the desert entering the Promised Land. Joshua was appointed by Moses to lead them forward. Having left the rigors of desert life and come into fertile land with plenty of food and water; Joshua gives the people a choice to make. Will you serve the gods your ancestors worshiped, the gods of the local people, or the god who lead you from slavery to freedom and a new land? As we see many people chose to remain faithful to the God who freed, protected and fed them. Some of the people did choose to stay with the comforts of the new land and not follow. They each had a choice to make and some left God.

In the Gospel of John, we have the conclusion of the institution of the Eucharist. We have been hearing the narrative for the past five Sundays. Jesus describes Himself as the Bread of Life. To have life, we must eat this Bread, His flesh and blood given for us. At the conclusion of John's narrative, he points out that many of the disciples of Jesus could not accept these words of Jesus. Many disciples in spite of witnessing the miracles of Jesus, gave up and left His company. The Apostles were specifically asked if they also would leave. Peter's answer was clear: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

We are all disciples of Jesus if we too answer His call as Peter did. We always have a choice, to follow Jesus and live the gospel or walk away. What do those who walk away from Jesus gain? We who follow Jesus gain eternal life. Each time we receive the Eucharist we join ourselves to Christ and find the grace to live as He asks us.

Today, two of our young friars will be making their final vows in the Order of St. Augustine. They have decided to follow the invitation of the Lord. Let us pray for them but also ask that the Lord inspire many other men and women to enter Religious Life especially in the Augustinian Order.

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY NEWS

The University is hosting a large Open House on Sunday, September 13th. Usually this is done over several weekends, but due to the World Meeting of Families and the Pope's Visit, it is being consolidated into one. This will pose some challenges for parking that day, particularly for the 10:30am Mass. The University is working closely with us to have more spaces available on campus, but you might want to consider attending an alternate Mass that weekend – or carpooling. We will continue to provide you information on this, as well as plans for the Papal Visit on September 26-27.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve....As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their, time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it! Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of August 15 and 16, 2015:

| Number of Envelopes | 343 |
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| Envelope Amount | \$14,631.00 |
| Loose Cash: | \$1,104.00 |
| Electronic Offerings: | \$14,846.13 |
| Other | \$100.00 |
| Total | \$30,681.13 |
| 10% Tithe | \$3,068.11 |
| Income for August 17, 2014 | \$27,386.68 |



| Mon., Aug. 24th 12:05PM-RMCH | Saint Bartholomew |
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| Tues., Aug. 25th | Weekday; Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | Raymond Bosler, Sr O'Reilly Gindhart Family |
| Wed., Aug. 26th | Weekday; Saints Liberatus, Boniface and Companions |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | · |
| Thurs., Aug. 27th | FEAST OF SAINT MONICA |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | Deceased Members & Benefactors of O.S.A. |
| Fri., Aug. 28th | SOLEMNITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | Augustinian Vocations |
| Sat., Aug. 29th | The Passion of Saint John the Baptist |
| 9:00AM-RMCH | |
| 5:00PM-RMCH | Edward J. Mallon - Dr. Francine Mallon |
| Sun., Aug. 30th | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary |
| | Time |
| 7:30AM-VNCH | Philomena Vithayathil - Family |
| 9:00AM-RMCH | Joan & Andrew Brennan - Jim & Anne Hennessy |
| 10:30AM-VNCH | For the Parishioners of St. Thomas |
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"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 September 6 and 20, 2015.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER, SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

is celebrated on Friday, August 28th. Please join us in our 12:05pm Mass at either the Villanova Church or the Rosemont Chapel.

| Schedule of Events for the week of: August 23, 2015 <u>Recitation of the Rosary</u> <u>after the daily Liturgy.</u> | Look What's Happening |
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| <u>Monday, August 24, 2015</u> Art Class - PC1 Food Addicts in Recovery - Café | 11:00AM 7:00PM |
| Tuesday, August 25, 2015 Staff Meeting | 1:00PM |
| <u>Wednesday, August 26, 2015</u> Food Addicts in Recovery - Café No Exercise this Week Year of Encounter - Aud | 9:30AM 7:00PM |
| Adult Faith Book Discussion - PC-2 <u>Thursday, August 27, 2015</u> Golden Living Mass | 7:00PM 2:00PM |
| Friday, August 28, 2015 Parish Office Closes at 1:00PM | 2.001 W |
| Saturday, August 29, 2015 | |

<u>Sunday, August 30, 2015</u> Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service

10:30AM



St. Thomas of Villanova Parish's Handbell Choir is looking for new ringers. You do not need to be a member of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. However, some ability to read music is required.

The handbell choir will begin in September and continues thru May. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. The choir plays during one of the weekend liturgies per month, Christmas and Easter.

If interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Joyce Klinck, Handbell Director, at 610-405-9444



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

David & Laura Chimento & Family of Villanova Jeffrey Eisenberg of King of Prussia Manuel & Amber Marez & Family of Bryn Mawr Frances Temple-West & Family of Devon

Resting in Peace:

Mrs. Concetto Rosso,

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially: Julia Barlow, Katherine Breck, Mary Ann Dadourian, Bob Ellison, Patricia Ann Harley, Joan Hunter, Bridget Kelly, Madeleine O'Callaghan, Jerry O'Connor, Charles Pennington, and Annie Sears.

Please pray for our soldiers assigned in Afghanistan and in other parts of the world. Please also pray for the soldiers who are returning from their assignments, especially the wounded soldiers.



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 mmggbbcc@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayerline is waiting for your prayer request. This week call Mary Ann Barrow at 610-525-4164 or email <u>stv1964@verizon.net</u> 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 610-291-7205.

ST. FRANCIS INN

We are forming a parish work group to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, September 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.

FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

The Feed the Hungry Ministry needs help for Saturday, September 5th. Every other month on the first Saturday, St. Thomas families deliver and serve a meatloaf with potatoes, salad, drinks and desserts for several hundreds of people at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Can you help?

We need pre-made potato casseroles (in disposable tins), salads, soda and drinks delivered <u>before</u> September 5th to the Steele Family home at 215 Comrie Drive, Villanova, PA. Can you help?

Contact Dennis Steele at 267-251-5776 or www.steele-creative.com.

You are invited to become a Volunteer Tutor of English (ESL)



Information Session

Date: Tuesday, September 29th Time: 10:00am Place: St. Thomas Parish Center—1st Floor

Speaker: Irma Pomales Connors, Program Director (www.volunteerenglish.org)

What is required of a tutor?

A three half-day training course (9:00am to Noon) and a 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 <u>service@stvparish.org</u>



An evidenced-based program designed to help you learn and practice the most promising strategies for keeping your brain healthy as you age.

8 weeks beginning September 23rd Through November 11 12:45pm-1:45pm Registration is limited to 10 enrollees.

Facilitated by Mary Kate McCauley, Parish Nurse, and Anne Murphy, Parish Staff

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

Training Program developed by Mather Lifeways Institute on Aging. For more information, go to www.matherlifewaysinstituteonaging.com "Reverend Pinckney embodied a politics that was neither mean, nor small. He conducted himself quietly, and kindly, and diligently. He encouraged progress not by pushing his ideas alone, but by seeking out your ideas, partnering with you to make things happen."

— from Remarks by President Obama in Eulogy for the Honorable Reverend Clementa Pinckney, 6/26/15

It's time for a new dialogue, a new conversation.

- * Partner with us
- * Join Others of all ages and faith traditions
 - Be a voice in making our community and our world better



You are invited to:

The CommUNITY Breakfast

The Community-Led Unity Breakfast at Radnor

Undoing Racism Day, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 - 7:30am till 9:00am Featuring conversation at the breakfast tables facilitated by Radnor Middle School principal, Mrs. Esther Purnell

Villanova University - Connelly Center 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova (Parking in Mail Lot)

This event is open to the public: Cost is \$10 per person, \$75 for a group of 8. Seating is limited. Please use the order form below.

Please complete one form per person/group of 8 and return it with your payment no later than September 11, 2015.

I would like to attend the CommUNITY Breakfast: \$10 per person or \$75 for group of 8 is enclosed.

Please Print: Name

Phone Number: _____ Email:

Please make your check payable to The **CommUNITY Breakfast**, and mail this form to: St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, 1229 East Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010.

For more info: <u>TheCommUNITYBreakfast@comcast.net</u>

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: <u>stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com</u> Web site: <u>www.stvpreschool.org</u>

Remember to register your children for the Fall Semester. The summer mailing has been sent out to all those who have already signed up.

Registration information can be found on our school website at www.stvpreschool.org or you can call 610-525-7554 or email stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com to schedule a tour



Pre-School

Teaching children for 35 years!



Nurse Volunteers Needed

The World Meeting of Families Health Resources Committee is seeking nurse volunteers (R.N.s) to provide Health Information and Referral Services for WMOF pilgrims and visitors who have healthcare challenges and needs. Each nurse volunteer will be assigned to a 4 hour telephone hotline shift or a 4.5 hour shift on-site at the PA Convention Center. There will be multiple nurses present for each shift to ensure adequate support to meet our visitors' needs.

If you are interested in participating in this historical event, please contact: Kathy Reavy, Division Director, BAYADA Home Health Care, Telephone: 877-291-3000, Email: <u>kreavy@bayada.com</u>



<u>St. John's Hospice</u> 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 <u>service@stvparish.org</u>.

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



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ST. FRANCIS CABRINI REGIONAL SCHOOL

While buying school supplies for your children, grandchildren or friends, please pick up extra school supplies for the children of St. Francis Cabrini Regional School in West Philadelphia. Over 300 students are expected to attend SFC Regional in the fall.

Suggested items:



Backpacks, pencils, black marble composition books,

(no spiral books are used), erasable black ink pens, erasers, scissors for little fingers, crayons, pencils, magic markers, construction paper, glue sticks, 3X5 index cards, and book jackets for large text books

You can bring your gifts to the Rosemont Chapel on Saturday or Sunday mornings after Mass or the Parish Center anytime during the work week.

Thank you!

Join us for the World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015

Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive Called together from all over the world in faithful celebration of the family — the sanctuary of love and life.

Adult Congress: Register to Hear These Dynamic Speakers. Join our over 140 Adult Congress Speakers at the Pennsylvania Convention Center for practical tips on how to strengthen your family and grow your relationship with God. Interact with others about the joys and challenges in your life, while learning new strategies for a richer life!

Youth Congress - Activities for all Ages All activities have a connection to the WMOF Preparatory Catechists and integrated catechetical content. These many activities will have a lasting effect for the young people who attend.

Visit our website for more information. Twitter @wmf2015 and @wmf2015es, follow us on facebook.

Calling All St. Thomas of Villanova Empty Nesters, Widows and Widowers, Singles and Couples and friends of yours!!

Please join us for "Dine-Out" Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00PM



at Trattoria San Nicola Paoli 4 Manor Road Paoli, PA 19301

3 Courses served Family Style

| 1st Course: | Sautéed Mushrooms, House Salad, Baby Shrimp Sautee |
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| 2nd Course: | Chicken Marsala, Veal Involtini, Grilled Salmon Filet |
| 3rd Course: | Dessert Sampler including Limoncello Tartufo, and Cannoli Coffee and Tea |
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The cost is \$36.00 per person which includes the gratuity. There is a cash bar. RSVP to Kathy at office@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801.

If you are interested in carpooling from the Rosemont Chapel parking lot, please let Kathy know.



CALLING "RETIRED" EUCHISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for "retired" Eucharistic Ministers who can visit a homebound parishioner to bring them the Eucharist twice a month — on a day which would be mutually convenient.

Please contact Anne Murphy at <u>service@stvparish.org</u> or 610-525-4801.

Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish Community

<u>"Do you really want to make a</u> Difference in the life of a child?"



Join the ST. FRANCIS CABRINI REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL MENTORS

New volunteers are welcome to join with us on Tuesdays, October to early May, to minister with the students:

Mentoring a student on a 1-1 basis which can include homework assignments, extra math or reading support. You decide the grade of the child you feel comfortable working with and it will be arranged by the school staff.

Volunteers do need to go through a 3 hour training program "Protecting God's Children" and complete background checks this fall.

Join us for an Information Session on Tuesday, September 9th, at 1:00pm in the Rosemont Parish Center of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Community. If you cannot make the Info Session but are interested in learning more, contact Barb Gollin at 610-688-4168 or <u>mmggbbcc@hotmail.com</u>.



You are invited to a Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, September 29th at 12:45pm in the Rosemont Auditorium

Topic: El Camino De Santiago

Presenter: Mr. Paul Tierney, Parishioner

For over a thousand years, pilgrims have journeyed on foot to the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela to visit the relics of St. James the Apostle. Paul and Joanne Tierney travelled along 500 miles of the route (mostly by bus) and will share some of the history and sights of the journey.

Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please join us!!

STEWARDSHIP GRANT THANK YOU LETTERS

Mothers' Home 51 N. MacDade Boulevard Darby, PA 19023 August 10, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

As a member of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, and as a board member for Mothers' Home, I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation to our Parish for its grant of \$750 to Mothers Home, which is our area's only residential shelter for homeless pregnant women. At Mothers' Home, we are currently serving over 20 women who are either pregnant or have recently given birth, as well as 13 newborns (seven baby girls and six baby boys). At Mothers' Home, we attempt to serve the entire needs of our women and their newborns, with very limited resources. We provide a variety of classes to build skills of the new mother and to secure housing and stability for the new family before they leave our program.

Because we serve homeless, pregnant women and their newborns who are usually in very dire circumstances and have virtually no meaningful supports, we must rely upon the generosity of organization such as St. Thomas of Villanova for our very survival. We have no "Alumni Association" or wealthy benefactors who have directly benefited from our services, and therefore we are profoundly grateful to St. Thomas for its generosity.

We always welcome new volunteers who wish to teach classes for our women or assist in any other manner, as well as for new board members who can help guide our mission and assist with our events. Please accept the thanks of the Mothers' Home Board, the women and babies we serve, and my own personal gratitude to you and to the entire St. Thomas community.

Dennis C. McAndrews, Esquire



WATER FOR WASLALA 2000 Friendensburg Road Reading, PA 19606 July 15, 2015

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova: We would like to thank you all for your generous contribution of \$4,500 to Water for Waslala.

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated by the people of Waslala who benefit from the water systems constructed in their communities. Our goal is to build the most effective and sustainable water systems possible, to assure our beneficiaries that they'll have access to clean water for decades to come. Your contribution will truly make a difference in the lives of people who thirst for this most basic of human needs.

We invite you to visit our website at <u>www.waterforwaslala.org</u> for the most current information about our work on the ground in Nicaragua. Along with our continued development efforts in new communities, we are fortunate to have graduate-level engineering students assisting us with water system monitoring and research. We are also fortunate to have a truly great team currently supervising system construction in Waslala, and working together with the community in the process.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely, Justin Knabb Treasurer

Community Outreach Partnership 2212 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 July 23, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the Community Outreach Partnership (CORP), I am writing to thank you for your grant in the amount of \$1,000. The grant will be used to help fund our Communicare, Cook-Off and WinterShelter programs we operate in Center City Philadelphia.

We are grateful that we can count on the generosity of churches as well as our friends and neighbors to support CORP programs The problems of homelessness, isolated elderly people and hunger never go away; our WinterShelter, Communicare and Cook-off programs are a practical way for people to help — both as volunteers and donors.

Thank you again for your support. Sincerely, John Randolph, Board Convener

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

UPDATES ON THE PAPAL VISIT

New App Available for Download

The World Meeting of Families — Philadelphia 2015 and IBM recently announced a new mobile app "Go Philadelphia!". The app will provide information about the region's cultural institutions and family-friendly events taking place between September 18-29.

The app curates and displays events and attractions on an interactive online map. Visitors have instant access and detailed information about institutions, exhibits, events and attractions, translation services, frequently asked questions, schedules, maps, and more. Customized family schedules can be created on the app and saved to favorites. The app will also give users access to real-time.

Film Festival Announced

The World Meeting of Families — Philadelphia 2015 and Greater Philadelphia Film Office (GPFO) recently announced the World Meeting of Families Film Festival. The festival will open Tuesday, September 22 and close the evening of Friday, September 25, 2015, just before Pope Francis' arrival in Philadelphia. Curated by the GPFO and presented by Beneficial Bank, the Film Festival will be held at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, adding to the many cultural and family-friendly events being planned across the Philadelphia region for the week.

Travel and Transportation

The City of Philadelphia and its regional transportation partners have worked diligently to craft a plan that will maximize efficiency across all available systems — from buses, to planes, to trains, to subways. With an expected 1.5 million visitors coming and 1.5 million residents who already live and work in Philadelphia, transportation is - and remains - a priority for all of us.

Important things to know about travel during the week and weekend of the World Meeting of Families.

- You must <u>pre</u>-purchase all transportation tickets (regional rail and SEPTA 3 day pass)
- Private vehicles will not be a viable transportation option
- Be prepared to walk several miles.
 Philadelphia is the <u>fourth most walkable city</u>.
- Continue to check the World Meeting of Families website for transportation updates.

To register for transportation tickets, go to <u>www.worldmeeting2015.org</u>