

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**



Note from Fr. Michael....

Shortly after his election as Pope in the late 1970's, Saint Pope John Paul II visited the United States for the first time as Pope. Part of his pilgrimage brought him to New York City where he celebrated the Eucharist in Yankee Stadium. I was stationed in the Bronx at the time at St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School. I still recall vividly the joy I felt as a young priest to participate in the Pope's Mass. The gospel reading that evening was the parable of "the Rich man and Lazarus", which is this Sunday's gospel reading.

You often hear me say the word of God is a living word. That evening long ago, St. John Paul brought the living word of God home when in his homily, he pointed just beyond the wall of Yankee Stadium and said, "America Lazarus is at your door." I traveled home that evening with a deeper awareness not only of the presence of the poor and needs all around but also with a keener sense of the presence of Christ in the poor.

The parable in this Sunday's gospel is unique to Luke, and as in the past, it is directed at the Pharisees who at first do not realize the rich man represents them. Daily the rich man ignored the starving poor man at his gate. Both men died, the rich man looked up from his place of torment and saw Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham. He pled for relief but Abraham could not help from beyond the great divide. He then asked that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers, and he is told "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced if someone rises from the dead."

It is our obligation to do justice, which is an integral part of our belief as Catholics. In Jesus, we have a greater than Moses and the prophets. The quality of our faith depends little on our words. Rather, it depends upon the manner we meet our responsibility. Let us never overlook Lazarus at our door, because it is Jesus who is calling.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...."

Luke 16:25-16

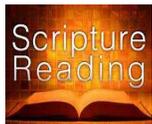
When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel, we see that with our own generosity, we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of September 17 and 18, 2016.

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| Number of Envelopes | 392 |
| Envelope Amount | \$19,040.13 |
| Loose Cash: | \$2,626.25 |
| Electronic Offerings: | \$11,971.11 |
| Other | \$110.00 |
| Total | \$33,747.49 |
| 10% Tithe | \$3,374.75 |
| Income on Sept. 20, 2015 | \$33,878.20 |

Mass for the Intentions Week

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| Mon., Sept. 26th 12:05PM-RMCH | Saints Cosmos and Damien James & Margaret Borden - Family |
| Tues., Sept. 27th 12:05PM-RMCH | Saint Vincent de Paul Dr. Henry J. Faragalli |
| Wed., Sept. 28th | Weekday; Saint Wenceslaus; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions; Blesseds Peter de Zuniga and Thomas of St. Augustine |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | Mary Soehnlein - Family |
| Thurs., Sept. 29th | SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL |
| 12:05PM-RMCH | Dr. Charles Mauriello - Mauriello Family |
| Fri., Sept. 30th 12:05PM-RMCH | Saint Jerome |
| Sat., Oct. 1st 9:00AM-RMCH | Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus In Thanksgiving to our Guardian Angels |
| 5:00PM-RMCH | John M. Kaytrosh - Sudall Family |
| Sun., Oct. 2nd | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:30AM-VNCH | Robert Thornton - Birchler Family |
| 9:00AM-RMCH | For the Parishioners of St. Thomas |
| 10:30AM-VNCH | James (Jim) Klinges - Betsy Andrea |



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSION

The parish will be offers weekly Scripture Reflection Sessions on Tuesday mornings (10:00am) and evenings (7:00pm). These sessions are conducted by Fr. Michael and Ginny Neumer.

The sessions are based on the Sunday scripture readings for the following week's Mass. The object of these sessions is to enhance and heighten the worship experience of those participating in the sessions by reflecting on and discussing the weekly readings prior to the Eucharistic celebration.

Because the readings vary from week to week continuity with previous sessions is not essential, affording participants flexibility in attendance. Sessions will conclude on Tuesday, November 22nd, which is the last Tuesday before the season of Advent. All are welcome! You are even encouraged to bring a friend or two.

CENTERING PRAYER ROSEMONT CHAPEL

Centering Prayer is held on Monday mornings at 7:30am in the Rosemont Chapel.

All are welcome...even if you have never been in a Centering Prayer group.

Schedule of Events for the week of: September 25, 2016 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, September 26, 2016

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| Centering Prayer—RMCH | 7:30AM |
| Golden Living Ministry | 10:15AM |
| Art Class - PC1 | 11:00AM |
| Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 | 7:00PM |
| Mercy Ministry "Addiction - We Thirst" - Aud | 7:00PM |

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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| Scripture Reflection Session - PC2 | 10:00AM |
| SFC Mentors | 1:15PM |
| Scripture Reflection Session - PC2 | 7:00PM |
| Venture Crew - Youth Room | 7:30PM |

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

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| Women's 11th Step Spirituality | 6:00AM |
| Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 | 9:30AM |
| Exercise Class | 10:00AM |
| Honickman Ministry | 10:15AM |
| Brown Bag Lunch in Aud | 12:45PM |
| Religious Education Program Starts | 4:45PM |

Thursday, September 29, 2016

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| RCIA - PC1 | 7:00PM |
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Friday, September 30, 2016

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Sunday, October 2, 2016

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| Word of God - Aud | 9:00AM |
| Mass with Rite of Welcoming-RMCH | 9:00AM |
| Religious Education Program | 10:10AM |
| RCIA - Aud | 10:30AM |
| Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service | 10:30AM |
| Baptism-VNCH | 10:30AM |
| Baptism-VNCH | 1:00PM |
| Blessing of the Animals in RMCH Courtyard | 1:00PM |

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK NEEDS YOU!!

Five times a year, our parish hosts 2-3 homeless families for a week in the Parish Center. We are in need of evening hosts during the week of October 9th. TIME commitment is 6:00pm to 9:00pm. You will eat dinner with the families and provide homework help or read stories or play games with the families.

For more information on the mission of IHN, go to www.IHNCares.org. For a detailed job description or any questions, contact Anne Murphy at service@stvparish.org. You will minister with an experienced host.



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

Erick & Stephanie Davis & Family of Bryn Mawr
Kim Follett & Family of Ardmore
Michael & Tara Fram & Family of Villanova
Keith & Keeley Seymour & Family of Bryn Mawr

Congratulations to the newly Baptized member of our parish:

Lucia Naomi, daughter of Chris & Nicole Giuliano

Resting In Peace!

Mr. Stephen Farelli

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Julia Barlow, Frank Beston, Katherine Breck, Mary Ann Dadourian, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Madeleine O'Callaghan, Jerry O'Connor, Helen Porter, Bert Rodgers, 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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we're happy to announce that, once again this year, we will be celebrating the blessing of animals on Sunday, October 2nd at 1:30pm and on Tuesday, October 4th at 9:00am, with our Pre-School children. Both times will be in the courtyard between the Rosemont Chapel and the Parish Offices.

You are invited to join in either blessing, as we give thanks to God for the love and companionship of our pets. All creatures great and small are welcome, but please remember that dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets should be in suitable containers.

After the communal blessing, the friars will administer individual blessings for those who would like – for themselves and their animals. Wonderful are all God's works!

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 Liz Ruben at 610-519-0642. 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, October 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

An Evening Oktoberfest
Men's Gathering on
Wednesday, October 5th
at 7:00pm

in the Rosemont Auditorium
with

Special Guest Speaker – Mark Jackson
Villanova University Director of Athletics,
as well as
German Food and Fall Beverages



WE THIRST:

Lessons in Mercy

**A Course on Addiction Awareness Within our Society.
Four Monday Evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center - Rosemont, PA**

**RSVP TO 610-525-4801, EXT. 202 or bizmgr@stvparish.org
(for material purposes only)**

About the Course: These evenings of reflection are designed for all members of our community including the afflicted and their families and friends, counselors, nurses, ministers, deacons, those in the criminal justice system, educators, and anyone who would like to learn more to become part of a solution.

About the Presenter: Nina Marie Corona, Ma, CRS, is a Pennsylvania Board Certified Recovery Specialist who received her education certification in Alcohol & Drug Counseling from Villanova University and has recently been hired to teach for Villanova's College of Professional Studies in their Drug and Alcohol counseling program.

September 26th - Evening One: Biology

This four-week series begins with a focus on the biology of addiction. We will take a fairly in depth look at the latest scientific theories of how exactly substances affect the body and the mind. Dependence, tolerance, relapse and denial are just some of the many topics that will be explored. The second half of the evening will include the numerous options available for those seeking recovery including medications, therapies, various support groups and more. Each week introduces a particular virtue that can be practiced, especially during times of crisis.

This week's virtue: prudence.

October 3rd: Evening Two: Psychology

Week two's focus is on some of the psychological theories that perhaps best explain the use of substances. We will journey through our human growth and development to consider our core wounds and the layers and layers of traits that we wear for protection which ultimately cause more harm than good. We will see that the common denominator in all our misguided attempts (whether using substances or not) is the desire to avoid more pain. The second half of the evening will include what is necessary to make the journey back to our true selves buried deep within.

This week's virtue: empathy.

October 10th: Evening Three: Sociology

This third week's topic is on the impact of substance abuse on society, with a special focus on the small society of the family. We will learn why exactly addiction is referred to as a "family disease" and how exactly others in the family can become affected when they are not ingesting a substance. Themes such as blame, shame, anger, guilt, grief, caring, codependence, and much more will be explored. As always, the second half of the evening focuses on various solutions as well as some positive changes that are happening in society.

This week's virtue: courage.

October 17th: Evening Four: Spirituality

The series concludes with an examination of our spiritual nature and how and why spirituality is an important part of the recovery process. Oftentimes the use of a substance is a misguided attempt to quench a spiritual thirst or craving. We will explore the missing piece to the puzzle of our lives, the God-shaped hole within each of us, and the only real way that this void can be filled.

This week we will discuss not one, but three virtues: faith, hope and love.

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

TRANSFIGURED AND TRANSFORMED

The IHM Sisters at the Conference Center, 401 Bryn Mawr Avenue, invite you to this retreat presented by Sister Patricia McCormack, IHM, Ed.D. on Tuesday, October 4th. Time: 9:30am-2:30pm. Stipend: \$40. (Day includes light breakfast, dinner and Mass.) To register, please call 610-521-0120 or email ihmconference@verizon.net.

Come and Bring a Friend!



**DO YOU OR
SOMEONE YOU KNOW
HAVE QUESTIONS
ABOUT BECOMING A
CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING SACRAMENTS**

Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. Members of our RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation*) team will be hosting several "open house" informational sessions at the Parish Center in Rosemont this week:

Sunday, September 25; 10:30am

Please contact Deacon Don DiCarlo (donald_dicarlo@verizon.net) or the Parish Office for more information.



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 15th
ANOINTING OF THE
SICK**

On Saturday, October 15th during the 5:00pm liturgy in the Rosemont Chapel we will have an Anointing of the Sick. The **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (Constitution on the Liturgy, #73).

This is an important sacramental celebration for the whole parish community. It is our opportunity to actively support the members of this parish family who are in need of the Church's Ministry. If you know anyone who might benefit from this sacrament, please bring him/her.

Any questions, call Anne Murphy at 610-525-4801 or email service@stvparish.org or Mary Kate McCauley at nurse@stvparish.org.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
BROWN BAG LUNCH ON
Wednesday, September 28th at
12:45pm in the Rosemont
Auditorium**



Topic: Estate Planning: Documents Needed to AVOID A CRISIS

Presenter: Robert M. Slutsky
Elder Law Attorney

Robert Slutsky has been practicing Elder Law and Estate Planning in Pennsylvania for the past 20 years. He is a respected speaker for public organizations and elder care facilities.

Bring your Lunch.
Beverages and Desserts Provided.
Please join us!



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO A
LECTURE BY
FR. MICHAEL
DIGREGORIO, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial of the
Augustinian Order**

Topic: The story of Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A.
And His Journey toward Sainthood

***Sunday, October 30th
at 10:15am
in the
Rosemont Auditorium***

*Coffee and donuts will be
available!
Please join us.*



Saturday, October 15, 2016
St. Katharine of Siena, Wayne

We are looking forward to another great year! Please join us for the 4th annual Dan's Down Dog and Dash as we celebrate community and an amazing young man, 2016 race honoree, parishioner Pete Henkel, who truly Lives Life to the Fullest!

Registration: 7:00am
Yoga & Meditation: 8:00am
5K Start: 9:00am
Register Online at
www.Dansdowndoganddash.com

Your participating in this event makes a huge difference. We thank YOU for supporting this year's honoree, Pete Henkel. Pete has SMA-Spinal Muscular Atrophy— a neuromuscular disease. SMA affects 1 in 10,000 babies and 1 in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier. SMA can affect any race or gender, but does not affect a person's ability to think, learn and build relationships with others.

Pete truly embodies Living Life to the Fullest in the face of incredible challenges, and he and his family are an inspiration to so many! We look forward to celebrating amazing community and hope you can join us!



Register now to guarantee one of the coolest (and Softest) race shirts around! Pre-registrants will be able to pick up their race day packet at Lululemon Wayne on Friday, October 15th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
Peace!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BROWN BAG LUNCH ON Tuesday, October 25th at 12:45pm in the Rosemont Auditorium

Topic: CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS
- on the internet or phone
- in person door to door scams

Presenter: Lt. Christopher Flanagan

Lt. Flanagan has been with the Radnor Police Force since 1998. He spent 14 years on patrol and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012.

Lt. Flanagan is an engaging speaker who will provide concrete information on how to protect yourself from SCAM Artists.

Bring your Lunch.
Beverages and Desserts Provided.
Please join us!

Youth Music Ministry! Coming Soon to St. Thomas of Villanova CHOIR FOR Grades 1 through 8

A choir will be formed for students in grades 1 to 8 and there will be additional opportunities for our accomplished young instrumentalists. Rehearsals to begin in October. Join us on Sunday, September 25, after the 9:00am Mass for an informational meeting to learn more.

Contact Christine Kline to sign-up or with any questions: publishing@klinecreative.com



Help Wanted: Afternoon Preschool Program and Childcare-After school program
Mature, responsible candidate needed for **after-school care** at St. Thomas of Villanova Pre-school.

Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Afternoon Program Teacher Assistant needed. Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Time: 12:30pm – 6:00pm. Previous teaching experience a plus

Please contact: Mary Kurek, Pre-School Director: 610-525-7554 for an interview
if you are interested in either position.

Wellness Tip

In many of the medical journals I read, there will be an article on memory. Most articles seem to reflect a growing concern about developing Alzheimer's disease. Some claims are supported by statistics, others are not. After the age of 50 some start to notice a decline in memory. Most fear Alzheimer's disease, especially if they have seen a family member affected by it. With more folks aging healthily into their 80s and beyond, we are going to see a greater portion of the population developing some form of dementia. So, how can you tell if you or a family member is affected by early dementia or if the memory loss is normal and age-related or due to a physiological cause?

Common symptoms of "normal" memory loss include difficulty with word finding, problems with name recognition, or simply losing one's train of thought. These symptoms sometimes are related to menopause and/or lack of quality sleep, but also, they often may be attributed to the constant distractions and interruptions that come from cellular and handheld devices. These distractions clearly prevent us from laying down memory, and they require multitasking, which generally is detrimental to remembering thoughts or ideas.

The signs of abnormal memory loss that indicate the possibility of early dementia include forgetting things like family members' names or birthdays, the inability to perform tasks that were previously familiar, or recurrent misplacing of items like wallets or keys, especially in odd locations, such as the refrigerator. Another sign of dementia can be forgetting the function of commonplace items, such a cooking pot or a toothbrush.

The good news is that simple memory testing or neurocognitive tests can usually differentiate "normal" memory decline from pathologic memory disorders. In most cases, this leads to reassurance, less stress over the symptoms, and actual symptom improvement. In the cases of true dementia, these become a benchmark to follow and enable the patient and her family to prepare for the future.

It is important to be aware of changes in how your brain is functioning, but undue worry can make symptoms worse. Talk to your doctor if you are concerned; testing can ease fears of "what if" and provide information that you can act on.

Information gathered from Iris Cantor's article in the Women's health advisor.

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS; 4th Annual Intercollegiate Irish Dance Festival Saturday, October 1st

Competition begins approximately at 11:00am
Grand Irish Show beings at 6:30pm
Doors Open at 6:00pm, featuring the Band,
Irish Thunder

Tickets: Children \$5.00 Adults \$10.00
Students with Wildcard \$5.00

Group and Family inquiries contact, Cailin Ryan at
cryan36@villanova.edu or 845-901-9878.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Jb 1:1-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BOOST YOUR BRAIN & MEMORY PROGRAM

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

**4 weeks on Wednesday,
Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th — 12:45pm-1:45pm
in the St. Thomas of Villanova
Parish Auditorium
Registration by Wednesday, September 28th.**

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



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova.....

Thank you so much for preparing the Saint Frances Cabrini Regional School with school supplies to last the entire year! We are so grateful. Your generous donations have taken a burden off of the shoulders of our school families! EVERY student is fully prepared to succeed due to your kind and thoughtful act!

Warmest regards,
Jane Mensack
Development Support

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Open House: Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, October 9th beginning with Mass at 11:00am and followed by an overview and tours.

Scholarship and Entrance Exam: Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 9:00am-12:30pm.

Application/Test Registration should be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

Open House: Sunday, October 16th from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Pre-register at www.msjacad.org and scroll down to quick links - Open House.

Scholarship and Entrance Exams: Saturday, October 29th at 8:00am. For more info contact Admissions at 215-233-9133 or online at www.msjacd.org.

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Open House: Sunday, October 16th; 11:00am-2:00pm
Scholarship and Entrance Exams: Saturday, October 29th or November 5th, 2016 from 9:00am-12:30pm
Call Admissions Office at 610-644-2551 or register online at www.vmahs.org.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Please join us on Thursday, October 6th, for our new year of Woman's Bible Study. We meet in the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Hall in the morning from 9:15-11:15am with free childcare and Thursday Evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

CYO FALL/WINTER BASKETBALL:

Parents or Players need to REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.WAGDOGS.COM

Fall Clinics to be scheduled at the end of September for those registered.

Eligibility: All parishioners in grades 4-8 MUST sign up for their parish program by October 15.

High School: I wanted to remind those going on to high school that you can only play for either your high school team or your CYO team - not both. Register by November 1st.

Much Appreciated, Bev Owsik, Athletic Director
(mbmmbj6@gmail.com) 610 637 8715

Youth Ministry Events

DEL CO Lock In - Grades 8 - 12

St. Katharine of Siena Parish Center, Wayne, PA

Friday, November 18th from 8:00pm thru

Saturday, November 19th at 9:00am

Sponsored by Nativity B.V.M., St. Katharine of Siena, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Thomas of Villanova

"Mercy Me".... An overnight of faith, fun, food and friends!

For more information visit our website www.stvparish.org email Maria Luby at fl-youth@stvparish.org or call 610.525.4801 ext. 225

STV FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

"In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry."
Pope Francis

According to Feeding American in 2014, 15.5 million or approximately 21 percent of children in the U.S. lived in poverty. Twenty percent or more of the child population in 38 states and D.C. lived in food-insecure households in 2013, according to the most recent data available.

In this Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis feeding the hungry is one way of encountering those in need. 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 and chili * soup

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
Pope Francis

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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CLEANING OUT YOUR STUFF?? **The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** **would love your donations.**



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is all about caring people helping their neighbors in need of basic necessities.

Bring your donations to the Rosemont Chapel Parking lot on Saturday, November 5th, from 12:00-4:00pm. Look for the GREENDROP truck where an attendant will help you to unload your donations. A tax deduction form will be provided to you.

What is needed? Place your donations of men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CD's and videos are accepted.

Furniture, large appliances, TV's or computer monitors **CANNOT** be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you the hope for your future and freedom from the pain within you heart and soul.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
October 7, 8, and 9, 2016
Malvern, Pennsylvania

A Women's Testimony: I received great inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love.

A Man's Testimony: For 18 years, I had been haunted by my guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt.

For information, call Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential.