

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF CONSOLATION SEPTEMBER 4, 2016



Note from Fr. Joe.....

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we're celebrating another Augustinian Solemnity this Sunday – namely, Mary, Mother of Consolation – Patroness of Our Order. And, again, an excerpt from the Augustinian Missal puts it quite well:

“The various titles by which the Order venerates Mary – Help, Grace, Good Counsel, Consolation – all suggest an understanding of the Mother of God as benefactress or patroness of her people, as one who responds to the many needs which humanity experiences. Mary is truly mother and sister to us, because as a faithful disciple of her Son, she learned well the lessons of selfless love and generous service. As Mother of Consolation she is particularly near to those in need of companionship and comfort...The devotion...is a reminder that we are never forgotten or abandoned, never alone.”

Particular Augustinian devotion to Mary under the title of Mother of Consolation appears to have sprung from a story or legend tied to Saints Monica and Augustine. It tells of Monica, in the 4th century, distraught with anxiety and sorrow for her wayward son, Augustine, confiding her distress to Mary, who appeared to be dressed in mourning clothes, but wearing a shiny cincture. As a pledge of her support and compassion, the Blessed Mother removed the cincture and, giving it to Monica, directed her to wear it and to encourage others to do the same. Monica gave it to Augustine, who in turn gave it to his community, and so the Augustinian wearing of a cincture came into being – as a token of fidelity to our Mother of Consolation. In the 16th century, the flourishing devotion gave rise to the popular picture of Mary with the Child Jesus, who holds the end of the cincture in his right hand. As with any legend, what's more important than the story itself is the point which it intends to make; in this case, it's an expression of confidence in Mary's consoling presence in our lives. As Jesus tells the disciple whom he loved – and us, “Behold, your mother!”

This Sunday also marks the canonization of Mother Teresa. As many people have commented, this simply makes official what we've always thought – she is a saint! But, as the film, *The Letters*, we'll be showing in the Rosemont Auditorium on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm, depicts, Mother Teresa struggled with her faith and at times even felt isolated and abandoned by God. Yet, she persevered in her commitment and ministry. Frankly, I think this only makes her more attractive and a wonderful companion on our journey. St. Teresa of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) is indeed the Saint of God's Mercy and Love. May we imitate her as we continue this Jubilee Year of Mercy and be sure to check out the beautiful portrait being hung in the Rosemont Chapel near the Reconciliation Room and prayer request book.

Finally, on this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for our vocations, our careers – and remember those individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. While perhaps enjoying those picnics or some final rest before the end of the summer, let's be sure to set aside a few moments to pray that “there may be dignity for all in labor and labor's reward.”

Mary, Our Mother of Consolation, pray for us! St. Mother Teresa, pray for us!
Fr. Joe

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”
Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we are truly Disciples.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of August 27 and 28, 2016.

Number of Envelopes	230
Envelope Amount	\$40,080.00
Loose Cash:	\$1,470.75
Electronic Offerings:	\$1,811.88
Other	\$200.00
Total	\$43,562.63 *
10% Tithe	\$4,356.26
Income - Aug. 30, 2015	\$15,466.31
* includes a single donation in the amount of \$30,000.00!	

Mass for the Intentions Week

Mon., Sept. 5th 9:00AM-RMCH	Weekday; Saint Theresa of Calcutta For all American Workers
Tues., Sept. 6th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday Isabella Burton - Burton Family
Wed., Sept. 7th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs., Sept. 8th 12:05PM-RMCH	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mr & Mrs Gus Mellon - Family
Fri., Sept. 9th 12:05PM-RMCH	Saint Peter Clever Peace in Our Communities
Sat., Sept. 10th 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH	Saint Nicholas of Tolentine For All Living Benefactors of O.S.A. Deceased Members of the Hennessy Family -
Sun., Sept. 11th 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH 10:30AM-VNCH	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Walter Max - Deacon Don DiCarlo Family Alex Rudhart



Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities On Friday, September 9, 2016 Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

Archbishop Charles Chaput invites all parishes and communities through the Archdioceses of Philadelphia to observe the Memorial of St. Peter Claver, September 9, as a Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities. This initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) responds to the pressing need for civil dialogue with regard to race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity and gun violence. *Prayer is the first step in this dialogue.*

Archbishop Chaput suggests that we make use of the resources that are available on the U.S. Catholic Conference website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm>.

Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 5th for The Labor Day Holiday.

The Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2016 is at 9:00am in the Rosemont Chapel.

Schedule of Events for the week of: September 4, 2016 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, September 5, 2016 - LABOR DAY

Daily Mass-RMCH 9:00AM
Parish Office Closed
Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Golden Living Ministry 10:15AM
Bell Choir - RMCH 7:00PM

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

AA Meeting - PC1 6:00-7:00AM
Food Addicts in Recovery - PC2 9:30AM
Exercise Class 10:00AM
No Honickman Ministry
Community Breakfast Mtg - PC1 1:00PM
Baptism Class - PC2

Thursday, September 8, 2016

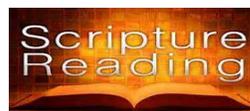
Centering Prayer—RMCH 7:30AM
STV Preschool Opens
Preschool Prayer Service—RMCH 9:30AM

Friday, September 9, 2016

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Religious Education Program Starts 10:10AM
RCIA - Aud 10:20AM
Rosemont Village Eucharistic Prayer Service 10:30AM
Baptism—RMCH 12:00PM
Youth Group Meetings 7:00PM



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSION

Beginning on Tuesday, September 20th, the parish will be offering weekly Scripture Reflection Sessions on Tuesday mornings and evenings. These sessions will be conducted by Fr. Michael and Ginny Neumer.

The sessions will be based on the Sunday scripture readings for the following week's Mass. The object of the 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.

St. Jerome said, "To be ignorant of scripture is to be ignorant of Jesus Christ". Further details will follow, but for now mark your calendar.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

September 4, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection is the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country. In 2014 alone, over \$8.9 million were collected from the faithful across the United States and every penny was given out in diocesan grants plus a little more.

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 10 and 11, 2016. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
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Archbishop of Philadelphia



Congratulations to the newly Baptized member of our parish:

Alexander John, son of Michael & Kelley Fazzini

Resting In Peace!

Mr. John O'Connor

Mr. Harry J. J. O'Neill, Jr.

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Julia Barlow, Frank Beston, Katherine Breck, Mary Ann Dadourian, Bob Ellison, 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.

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 Anne Hennessy at 610-525-2112. 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 Sarah Breck at 610-975-0444.

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 18th. 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.

Calling All Men!

Guys, please plan on coming back – or joining us for the first time – **as we kick off our 5th year of the Men's Gathering on Thursday, September 15th.** We'll celebrate **Mass in the Rosemont Chapel at 6:30am** with Fr. Joe and Fr. Michael – and **then head down to the Auditorium for some fellowship and refreshments.** Invite a friend from the parish or otherwise! And mark your calendars for the third Thursday of the month, from now through June, as we look forward to another good year. There also will be a very special **Evening Men's Gathering on Wednesday, October 5th in the Rosemont Auditorium.** Keep your eyes out for more information in the weeks ahead!

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



VILLANOVA UNDERGRADUATE OPEN HOUSE – PARKING ADVISORY

Villanova University will be hosting its Undergraduate Open House on Sunday, September 11, 2016 and is anticipating very heavy crowds that day on campus. Special parking arrangements have been made for St. Thomas of Villanova parishioners attending Mass that day. Please make your way to the Spring Mill Road Gate (Route 320) to Main Campus and let the Public Safety Officer know you are with the parish. He or she will direct you to an on-campus parking location as close to the church as possible (watch for signs indicating **Lots S-2**).

We ask that your family please come in just one car that day if at all possible, and warn you that there may not be any available parking in the Main Lot along Lancaster Avenue. Please be aware of additional traffic that will be present on Lancaster Avenue and plan extra time to arrive to Mass that day, especially the 10:30am.

ST. JOHN'S CASSEROLES

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

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

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

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

Young Adult Planning Meeting on 9/14 @ 7:30 PM

Please join us as we plan Young Adult events for the year. Anyone can join us for this meeting. We welcome all input! Light snacks and refreshments! Meet in the Parish Center.

**Questions or interested in getting involved:
styoungadults@gmail.com**

**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

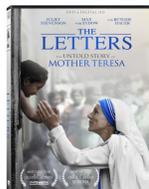
Robert Slutsky has been practicing Elder Law and Estate Planning in Pennsylvania for the past 20 years. He is a respected speaker for public organizations and elder care facilities.

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

**MOVIE NIGHT AT
ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
Tuesday, September 13th**

to see

**THE LETTERS
The Epic Life Story
Of
Mother Teresa**



Mother Teresa, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, is considered one of the greatest humanitarians of modern times. Her selfless commitment changed hearts, lives and inspired millions. The film is told through personal letters she wrote over the last forty years of her life and reveal a woman who struggled with her faith and at times even felt isolated and abandoned by God. Yet, she persevered in her commitment and ministry and, in the end, is recognized as a saint.

Film begins at 7:00pm in the
Rosemont Auditorium.
Beverages and Desserts Provided.
Please join us!!.



**Religious Education
Program**

Opening Day — September 11, 2016

Last chance to enroll your child in the 2016-2017 school year. Walk-in registrations will be accepted with a \$50 late fee, but children will not be placed in class until the following week. For more information or to register your child, please contact Janine Bowers at admin.rep@stvparish.org or 610-525-4801, x211.

**STV
PRESCHOOL
NEWS**



**The Preschool opens on September 7th.
Classes are available for 2, 3 and 4 year
olds and the Mommy & Me program.
For more information, see our website at
www.stvpreschool.org.**

**Youth Music Ministry!
Coming Soon to St. Thomas of Villanova**

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 5:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 5:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Aug I. 289: Is 49:8-11, 13, 15;
Ps 10:1-8, 10-12; 2 Cor 1:3-7;
Jn 19:25-27 or Jn 2:1-11 or
Lk 1:39-47

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.)

CENTERING PRAYER ROSEMONT CHAPEL

Throughout the summer Centering Prayer will be held on Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the Rosemont Chapel. This change is effective, through Thursday, September 15th.

Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish Community

***"Do you really want to make a
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: TIME of Service commitment, 2:30pm-5:00pm which Includes carpooling to and from school in West Philadelphia.

Mentoring a student on a 1-1 basis which can include homework assignments, extra math or reading support.

You decide the age/grades of the child you feel comfortable working with and it will be arranged by the school staff.

New volunteers do need to go through a 2-1/2 hour training program "Protecting God's Children" and complete background checks this fall.

Join us for an Information Session on Tuesday, September 13th, at 2:00pm in the Parish Center.

If you cannot make the Info Session but are interested in learning more, contact Barb Gollin at 610-688-4168 or mmggbbcc@hotmail.com.

Youth Ministry Events

Sunday, September 11th

9/11 Kick-Off Sunday Gathering!

5:00-6:30pm Middle School,

7:00-8:30pm High School

Saturday, September 24th

Abbeyfest - 2:00-8pm

Faith, Music, Family

<http://www.theabbeyfest.com>

DEL CO Lock In - Grades 8 - 12

Friday, November 18th from 8:00pm thru

Saturday, November 19th 9:00am

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

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

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.

What is Walking with Purpose?

It's a chance to meet other Catholic women and know you're not alone in trying to live an authentically Catholic life.

On October 6, St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will join the dozens of parishes across the country offering the women's Bible study Walking With Purpose founded by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, a Catholic mother of seven. This is a small group Bible study for women who desire to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ from a Catholic perspective. This is the ninth year that our parish has joyfully offered this study to the women of St. Thomas.

This year our parish is offering two studies: *Opening Your Heart*: the starting point designed for women who are new to Walking with Purpose as well as those with more experience in Bible Study and *Touching The Divine* which will draw us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on Christ's personality.

We meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday Mornings from 9:15-11:15am with free childcare and Thursday Evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. If you are interested in accepting Christ's invitation to come and see please email our chapter co-coordinator mariaomalley@comcast.net. To view sample lessons please visit walkingwithpurpose.com.

STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU LETTERS

Hope Partnership for Education
1701 North 8th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122
June, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the Hope Partnership for Education Community, thank you for your commitment to enhance our educational programs with your gift in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Through your generous support, we are able to continue to offer vital foundational programs for 56 middle school students striving for academic success, our many graduates building their future, and for the adult learners who come to Hope to actively learn and master new ways to support their children. As Kayleen, a current 7th grader, says, "Hope gives me an education at a price my parents can afford and I know they will continue to help me after I graduate and go to high school". Your donation is giving students like Kayleen hope and optimism for their future.

As a valued partner, please know that much of what we are able to do now, and hope to do in the future, would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you once again for your contribution. With your continued kindness, hope will bring relief and resources to more of our neighbors this year and beyond.

In Joyful Hope,
Rose Martin, RSM
Executive Director

IHM CENTER FOR LITERACY
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 27, 2016

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas:

Thank you very much for your kindness to us here at our beloved IHM Center for Literacy. Your generous grant of \$1,000 is a great support to us as we strive to provide the highest quality ESL program that we can for our financially poor adult immigrant students.

This grant will enable hundreds of hard-working and deserving adult immigrants to learn to speak, read and write in English and consider job and educational prospects which can contribute to a life of peace — filled with gratitude for this opportunity and hope for a brighter future.

Thank you, again, for having shared the resources of your parish with us and for helping both our students and our staff to enjoy the gifts that God has provided for us here.

Sincerely,
Sister Linda A. Filipponi, IHM
Development Director



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.

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

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

If you have any questions or can help with delivery this summer, contact Parish Coordinator, Barb Gollin at 610-688-4168 or mmgbbcc@hotmail.com

SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH NEWS

Saint Cyprian Parish is sponsoring a Sickle Cell Awareness Drive on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The drive will involve a DANCE-A-THON. The DANCE-A-THON will be held in Saint Cyprian Church Hall (525 Cobbs Creek Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19143) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. You do not have to be a great dancer at all! The cost of the event is a \$10 donation (you can send it to St. Cyprian also). All proceeds will go to the Sickle cell Comprehensive Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Come and have fun while helping to combat this disease! Enjoy hotdogs, goodies, dancing, door prizes, raffles and -meeting people. For more information contact: Sister Mary Catherine at 215-747-3250.

ATTENTION

The Sunday Evening Mass Schedule at the Villanova Church now includes two additional Masses. The Masses are now at 5:30pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Catholic Leadership Institute, headquartered in Wayne, PA, is looking for volunteers to staff the receptionist desk on a daily basis from 10AM-3PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact humanresources@CatholicLeaders.org to sign up for a weekly time slot. For more information about our organization, please visit www.CatholicLeaders.org.



The AbbeyFest: Faith and Music Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2016 - 11am-9:30pm

AbbeyFest is the premier celebration of family, friends, and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the greater Philadelphia area. Over 3,000 kids, teens, and parents attended last year!

Musicians: Sidewalk Prophets, Stars Go Dim, Josh Blakesley Band, Teresa Peterson and more!

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Cavins

Learn more: <http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>

Interested in Attending: contact Maria Luby, fl-youth@stvparish.org

Remembering September 11

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 4:00pm, Saint Denis Church will mark the 15th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th. During a 50 minute church service entitled: **From Darkness Into Light**, we will have a procession of light, prayers and scripture, and a performance by the Saint Denis Adult Choir and Orchestra of Morten Lauridsen's **Lux Aeterna** (Light Eternal) including a slide presentation of 9/11 scenes. Local Police, Firefighters, and Rescue Personnel have been invited to join us as we remember and pray for the victims and survivors. All are welcome. Please join us.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA

**Healing Mass at St. Rita of Cascia's
Church on Sunday,
September 18th at 2:00pm
Confessions 1:00-2:00pm.**

**Blessing with St. Rita's Oil, Novena
Prayers & Relic Veneration.**

**All are welcome!
For more info: 215-546-8333**



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!

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