

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2019



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus went up the mountain on the way to Jerusalem where he would eventually encounter suffering and death. He took his disciples to a mountaintop, symbolic of where one gets perspective, a look at the road ahead. What he saw was not the future as in a crystal ball, but what logic would have dictated, that continuing the course of his ministry he was on a collision course with death. In this experience, Jesus received reassurance from his Father in heaven who claimed him as his Son. He reviewed his faith, personified by Moses (the law) and Elijah (the prophets). The disciples would have known the law and the prophets well, having been schooled in that teaching much like many of us were in the catechism when we were children. Recounting this event, then, is a means for the evangelist to make the connection of the faith in which Jesus and the disciples were raised to the new and deeper meaning that Jesus gave to it. For Jesus said that he did not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. It's important that we see this as a progression leading to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of our faith.

When Jesus comes down from the mountaintop he has to deal with events over which he has no control, and which he knows are leading him to certain death. Yet he chooses to face his troubles, his trials, because of his firm belief that his father will not leave him to face them alone.

This is what Jesus teaches us, and from which we draw our strength, that we are never alone in dealing with the challenges of life. Whatever it is that we glimpse from our own personal mountaintop experiences, those life-changing events such as the discovery of an illness, the loss of employment, having to let go of a relationship which has failed, or a person who has died, our choice is either to face them with the courage of Jesus Christ, or to deny and run away from them. He gave us the example of the transfiguration experience, teaching us that we have to face life's trials, knowing that we are never alone.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2019:

Number of Envelopes:	306
Envelope Amount:	\$9,954.00
Loose Cash:	\$1,334.30
Electronic Offerings:	\$6,368.71
Other	\$175.00
Total	\$17,832.01
10% Tithe	\$1,783.20
March 11, 2018	\$24,138.30

We renew the **INVITATION** to participate in the **TASK FORCES** formed to move forward as concerned members of the Church. Once again, here is a description of each:

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

This task force is focused on tracking legislation around the United States related to the rights of victims of sexual abuse; and promoting legislation that supports the prosecution of perpetrators of sexual abuse in Pennsylvania and federally. Initially we are gathering information about legislative initiatives in PA, NJ and elsewhere, and about PA legislators' and our US representatives' positions on these issues. (Contact Nancy Hopko: nancy.sharts-hopko@villanova.edu)

VICTIMS' HEALING:

The purpose of this task force is to assess the needs of victims and explore ways to meet them, considering that there may be the necessity for counseling and financial assistance, among other services. (Contact Carol Abele: millbrook12@verizon.net)

PARISH FINANCIAL ACTION:

The Financial Task Force will research applicable Canon Law to determine how Parish financial resources can be applied effectively in light of the abuse scandal, and research related financial information from other Parishes, Universities and Institutions. Additionally, our Task Force will investigate how both restricted and unrestricted funds were used by the Archdiocese in payments/settlements and other activities related to the ongoing sexual abuse scandal. (Contact Jay Einspanier: jkeandkfe@msn.com)

LAY LEADERSHIP:

The Task Force for Lay Leadership will explore and implement ways of more fully including the laity in leadership positions within the parish and the church at large, and to work towards recognizing and empowering women within the church to be able to use their gifts to the fullest. (Contact Mia Holman: holman.mia@gmail.com)

NETWORKING:

The Networking Committee will spearhead outreach to Villanova University and Augustinian parishes and build networks with other parish communities to respond to the sexual abuse crisis and pursue accountability and transparency from the church hierarchy. The Networking Committee will also strengthen avenues of communication and advocacy among network partners. We will establish and coordinate a well-defined program of laity involvement - in particular that of women -in order to institute positive structural change and best practices within the regional church and beyond. (Contact Nancy Costello: ngcostello@gmail.com)

PARISH EDUCATION:

This group will research structure and governance in the Catholic Church, highlighting its strengths and good works, in applying a process to propose new ways of going forward in collaboration with the hierarchy. (Contact Stephanie D'Arcangelo: darcangelo518@gmail.com)

PARISH PRAYER, ART AND DIALOGUE:

This task force will explore and suggest ways that the feelings and concerns which have arisen from the crisis can be contextualized in prayer, discussion and support groups, and other creative, artistic ways. (Contact Anne Minicozzi: anne.minicozzi@villanova.edu)

LENTEN LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



In past years in Lent we celebrated the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Villanova Church. Last year they were poorly attended. Our Liturgy Committee and Parish Council thought it might be helpful to try something different, having services at both Villanova and Rosemont, so this year we propose the following on each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00pm:

March 20	Stations of the Cross, sponsored by Youth & Family Life (Rosemont)
March 27	Scriptural Rosary service (Villanova)
April 3	Holy Hour and Adoration (Rosemont)
April 10	Communal Penance Service (Villanova)
April 17	Stations of the Cross, sponsored by Mercy Ministry (Rosemont)

Please note that the Communal Penance service was moved to the Wednesday before Holy Week. In the past, it was on the Monday of Holy Week.

Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 6:30pm each Wednesday at the site of the prayer service, alternating between Villanova and Rosemont.

We hope that the variety of services and alternating of locations will prove beneficial and convenient for you to attend.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2019

As part of our penitential practice, Catholics who are 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 3:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 12:1-9

**ENCOUNTER
ANNET**



In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



Mon., March 18th **Lenten Weekday; Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**
 12:05PM-RMCH In Thanksgiving to SS. Anthony & John Paul II - Petrizzo Family

Tues., March 19th **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 12:05PM-RMCH Deceased Members & Benefactors of O.S.A.

Wed., March 20th **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05PM-RMCH Domenica & Ralph Gabriel

Thurs., March 21st **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05PM-RMCH Petrizzo, Lotito & Reagan Families

Fri., March 22nd **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05PM-RMCH Dennis Sweeney

Sat., March 23rd **Lenten Weekday; Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**
 9:00AM-RMCH
 5:00PM-RMCH James Yedowitz - Kelleher Family

Sun., March 24th **Third Sunday of Lent**
 7:30AM-VNCH For All Requests in Prayer Request Book

9:00AM-RMCH For the Parishioners of St. Thomas
 10:30AM-VNCH Nancy Reilly - McCormick Family



Schedule of Events for the week of: March 17, 2019
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

Monday, March 18, 2019
 Centering Prayer -RMCH 7:30AM
 Rosemont Care & Rehab Ministry 10:15AM
 Art Class - PC1 11:00AM
 Youth Choir-RMCH 7:00PM
 Blaze—Youth Group 7:30PM

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
 Scripture Sharing - PC2 10:00AM
 St. Frances Cabrini Mentors 1:00PM

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
 Women's 11th Step Spirituality Meeting—PC1 6:00AM
 Food Addicts in Recovery - PC11 9:30AM
 Exercise Program - Aud 10:00AM
 Honickman Ministry 10:15AM
 Regain Your Brain Session - PC1 12:45PM
 Religious Education Program 4:45PM
 Reconciliation for 3rd & 4th Graders-RMCH 4:45PM
 Family Support Group - Aud 7:00PM
 Reconciliation - RMCH 6:30PM
 Stations of the Cross - RMCH 7:00PM

Thursday, March 21, 2019
 Men's Gathering - RMCH & Aud 6:30AM
 Rosemont Presbyterian Mass w/Reconciliation 9:00AM
 Walking with Purpose - Aud 9:00AM
 CYO Board Mtg - PC1 10:30AM
 Walking with Purpose - Aud 7:00PM
 Bell Practice-RMCH 7:15PM

Friday, March 22, 2019
 Daily Mass followed by Reconciliation – RMCH 12:05PM

Saturday, March 23, 2019
 Daily Mass followed by Reconciliation - RMCH 9:00AM
 1st Communion Reconciliation - RMCH & Aud 10:30AM

Sunday, March 24, 2019
 Religious Education Classes 10:10AM
 Rosemont Presbyterian Community Eucharistic Prayer Service 10:30AM
 Children's Choir—RMCH 11:15AM



**St. Thomas
 Preschool News**

Preschool registrations are now being taken for the 2019-2020 School Year. Classes are available for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. If interested, please call the Preschool Office at 610-525-7554 or visit the website at www.stvpreschool.org. Tours are scheduled for Tuesdays.



The Religious Education Program is looking for interested adults to teach next year in our 7th grade Confirmation Preparation classes. Team teaching is encouraged, so if you and your spouse or fellow parishioners would like to volunteer all are welcome.

No experience necessary! It is a unique opportunity to get involved in this new grade level of faith formation and be a part of creating a positive experience for our 7th grade students and their families.

For information, please contact Tara Penza, at rel.ed@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801 x 204.



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

Kevin & Anne Kloebler & Family of Villanova
Judith McNerney of Newtown Square

Resting in Peace:

Mr. Brian McHugh, brother of Elaine Sharer
Mrs. Dolores MacNichol
Sister Pauline McShane, S.H.C.J.

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Austin DePetris, Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Pamela LaMonaca, Bert Rodgers, 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.

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Fr. Michael is conducting a weekly scripture sharing on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Parish Center. The sessions are approximately one hour long and consist of discussion and reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday's Mass.

All are welcome! Although these sessions will be on a continuous weekly offering, you need not commit yourself to weekly attendance. Attend when you can. Once again, All Are Welcome!!



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
APPEAL
Giving Hope 2019
Please Give Generously!**

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church or chapel, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish community, please call the parish office at 610-525-4801.

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, April 21st. 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.

MOTHER AND NEW FAMILY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Parishioner and nurse practitioner volunteer offers support to new moms and their families who are navigating the complexities of motherhood and the addition of a new baby to the family. Contact Suzanne Foley at 610-952-0147 or suzannefoley@yahoo.com or Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org.

Need a little music?



Laetate Handbell Choir is back in full swing and we are so happy to be ringing at our parish liturgies. We would welcome a few more ringers to fill out our ranks. We practice on Thursday nights from 7:15pm until 8:45pm, and usually play at one weekend Mass a month, as well as major feasts.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Elaine Zajano at handbells@stvparish.org.
Previous handbell experience is not necessary!

GET READY FOR SOME SPRING CLEANING!!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **CLOTHING DRIVE** www.SVdPPickup.org

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Saturday, April 27th
12:00pm-4:00pm**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the Rosemont Chapel parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, woman'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, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

To learn more about GreenDrop visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com

CYO SPORTS

7th & 8th Grade Girl Parents,
I hope all is well. SKS CYO is seeking additional players to join the Varsity softball team. We currently have 8 players and could really use 4-5 more to have a solid team with proper bench. It would be a great time to bond with classmates, compete as a team, and have some fun in the warm weather (it has to be coming soon right?)

If interested, please go to skscyo.siplay.com and click on the registration banner at the top to register. There is no late fee for softball. Please reach out if you have any questions.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE April 6th — 10:00am-2:00pm In the Lower Parking Lot — Rosemont Chapel

Recycle **almost anything with a PLUG for free** including computers, gaming systems, flat screen monitors, phone systems, stereos, printers. Old Style TVs and CRT Monitors do require a \$30.00 disposal fee. **They are unable to accept: air conditioners and large appliances.**

Recycling service is provided by **PAR RECYCLE WORKS**, a local nonprofit that sells reusable materials collected from electronic devices to help to pay for salaries and job skill development for formerly incarcerated men and women in order to support their productive re-entry back into society. (www.par-recycleworks.org)

Data Security - all servers, towers and laptops will be demanufactured. Hard drives will be degaussed and rendered unusable.



Teen Music Ministry

St. Thomas of Villanova has started there new Teen Music Ministry. Any current 8th- 12th grade singers or musicians interested in possibly getting involved should join us on Monday, March 18th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Rosemont Chapel for rehearsal.

If you are unable to attend the rehearsal please contact Steph Twohig for more information stwhig@sksschool.org

Our first mass will be Saturday, March 30th at the 5:00 pm mass.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO DO WITH THE LIFE GOD'S GIVEN TO YOU?



"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."
- 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

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

March 6, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have practiced their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution. Despite these obstacles, Catholics continue to grow in faith and in numbers. God's perfect love has sustained and strengthened the people and the Church, creating a new generation of believers while sustaining those who have made it through the darkest of times.

Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will assist in the building of churches; training and educating of pastors and lay people; sustaining orphanages; evangelizing children, adults and seniors as well as providing scholarships to Catholic students.

This collection will be conducted in your parish on the weekend of March 23 and 24, 2019. I am grateful, on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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.

FLAME OF LOVE LENTEN RETREAT **SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

**Annunciation BVM, 401 Brookline Blvd.
Havertown, PA 19083**

Holy Mass: 8:30am, concludes with Benediction at 2:30pm
Bring your own lunch. Bring a Friend.
Free of Charge

Speaker/Homilist is Fr. James Blount, a gifted Spiritual Director, Confessor and Charismatic Preacher endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of Living a life and relationship with each of the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 19, 2019

Dear St. Thomas of Villanova Parishioners:

Thank you very much for your Christmas Gifts and your gift of \$53.42 to the Annual Appeal at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc. Your gifts, from the Advent Angels donations, will enhance our programs in early education and youth development, health and wellness for the aging, and adult education. By making this gift of Mercy, you are helping us fulfill our mission by supporting our neighbors across generations.

We continue to fight the war on poverty through education, care, and personal development. In our zip code, Philadelphia's 12% deep poverty rate disproportionately affects nearly 70% of the population. Our neighbors in Tioga-Nicetown, Germantown, and the entire North Philadelphia community deserve the quality programming we continue to provide. Our dedicated staff brings our neighbors together to live our motto, "Transforming lives, one person at a time."

We believe that the lives we transform will one day change the world. Thank you for believing in our mission.

Thank you for this generous donation from your advent Angels. These gifts will help provide new experiences and quality programs for our children.

In mercy,
Ann Provost, RSM
Executive Director

Villa Maria Academy High School

7th Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 23 and 30, 2019. Preview Breakfasts for 6th and 7th grade families are on March 23 and 30, 2019. Villa Maria will also offer 7th Grade Visit Villa Days on May 13 and 14, 2019. For further information, please contact the Admissions Office at 610-644-2551 or register online at www.vmahs.org.

LENT TAIZE PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULTS **MARCH 26, 2019 - 7:00-8:00pm** (light refreshments to follow)

Immerse yourself in music & silence...

Find yourself in letting go...

Wrap yourself in the Mystery of the Creator...
The worship service includes repetitive prayers, music & silence. This service is based on prayer that was begun by an ecumenical community in Taize, France.

**Sisters of Mercy, Convent of Mercy,
515 Montgomery Avenue, Merion, PA 19066.
RSVP: tsaetta@mercyamidatlantic.org**

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

March 20, 2019 - Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Rosemont Chapel

- * On Wednesday, March 20th, Stations of the Cross will be led by Youth Ministry. This year, we will be using stations developed by Catholic Relief Services. These stations focus on walking alongside Christ on the journey of his passion and remembering our brothers and sisters around the world who experience suffering and poverty each day.
- * We invite you and your families to join us! There are many ways in which the students can participate. We will need at least 2 readers (as many as 14). We will also need 2 candle bearers and 1 cross bearer.



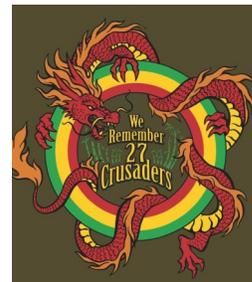
March 30, 2019 - Youth Lent Retreat — 9:00am to 2:00pm Share the Journey - A Lenten Reflection

Middle School & High School youth are invited to this Lenten retreat for Mass, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Church teachings on immigration/refugees and a simulation led by Cabrini University Students. Come for the whole retreat if you can or join us to experience part of the retreat.

The retreat will take place at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish — Rosemont Chapel and Auditorium. A simple Lenten lunch will be served.

If you have any questions or would like to register for any of these events, please email: fl-youth@stvparish.org.

Please join us on Saturday, March 23d
at 2:30pm or 4:00pm in the
Rosemont Auditorium
For
"Remembering the 27 Crusaders"



"Remembering The 27 Crusaders" is a feature length documentary film recounting the lives, military service and deaths of 27 American service members who served in Vietnam that graduated from Father Judge High School in The North East section of Philadelphia during The Vietnam War.

Father Judge High School suffered more fatalities in Vietnam than any other Catholic or Private High School in America that still exists. The film explores the lives and deaths of The Father Judge students who perished during the war, the communities/parishes where they grew up, the prevalent sense of duty, honor and patriotism in these communities, their time spent and values instilled at Father Judge, their service in Vietnam, the devastating impact of their deaths on their families and communities and the difficult process of mourning, healing and acknowledgement of their heroism.

The films narrative is driven by interviews with family, friends, classmates, Father Judge staff, brothers in arms and military.

St. Thomas of Villanova is hosting a
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
every Wednesday Evening at 7:00pm
in the Rosemont Auditorium.

Family Groups are designed to meet the needs of those with loved ones who are currently in treatment, are using alcohol and/or drugs in a problematic manner or are in recovery.

Our mission is to help ourselves and in turn help others whose loved ones are struggling with addiction.

The purpose of these groups is to provide family members a confidential, safe place to find support, education, encouragement and hope on their own path to Recovery for Life.

Those 18 years and older are welcome.

WOMEN'S 11TH STEP MEDITATION –
each Wednesday from 6:00am 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 your 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

Mercy Ministry – Collection

First, THANK YOU for all of the amazing donations that we have received. You have donated more than the houses can hold! Right now we are trying to help a new house. The list of things needed are below.

Project Home – Maguire Residence

A new residential project for those struggling with addiction will rise at the epicenter of the opioid crisis — Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. They are in need of **new or very gently used** twin bed sheet sets and bibles. Please drop off at the Parish Center if you are able to help. God Bless!

ST. KATHERINE DAY SCHOOL

Part-time Teaching Assistant needed to work with students with disabilities.

St. Katherine Day School -- Wynnewood Campus
Contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at principal@stkds.org

MERCY MINISTRY HAS JOINED AFIRE!!

AFIRE

Active Faith Implementing Relief in the Epidemic

AFIRE is a faith-based movement designed to bring education, healing, hope, resources, advocacy and transformational action to families and communities struggling with addiction. As members of AFIRE, we strive to put our Christian faith in action by providing relief to the afflicted — specifically individuals and families who are struggling in the midst of the addiction and overdose epidemic.

We believe in the dignity of every human person as a child of God. **We seek** to be a compassionate presence to the suffering. **We strive** to be a voice for the voiceless and bring hope to the hopeless. **We act** to bring light into the darkness.

But we need you to help spread the light! Please join us as we organize and brainstorm to bring this important ministry to our community.

Contact: Karen Farley at bizmgr@stvparish.org or call the Parish at 610-525-4801 x 202 to join this ministry.

In God's Hands

is a parish ministry that provides support to families who are experiencing, or have experienced, loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

We recognize the uniqueness of the loss of an unborn child or infant, and provide comfort to families through prayer, confidential family-to-family support, liturgy and sacraments, and practical information. In a culture which debates the value of life, we recognize and respect that precious life begins at conception, and that the loss of that life is real, painful, and deserving of healing and comfort. We seek to support others through our own losses of children and connections to loss.



If you wish to serve as a volunteer in this ministry, or if you are seeking our support, please contact Brian and Cayce Farina at cayce.l.farina@gmail.com or 484-206-7975.