

PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

PENTECOST

Among the many choices of readings for the vigil and feast of Pentecost is the familiar story of the Tower of Babel about the disunity and discord among humanity when people failed to acknowledge their reliance on God. Trusting only in their own power, these presumptuous beings deluded themselves into thinking they could attain perfection on their own. The story contrasts to the Pentecost event when the Spirit enabled the disciples to be understood by people from many nations gathered in Jerusalem.

The birth of the Church is what we celebrate on Pentecost, the time when the community of believers recognized that together they could communicate to the world around them that God is with us. The Spirit enlightened these first missionaries and confirmed them in their faith so that they had the courage to proclaim this message far and wide.

This is still the mission of the Church, the People of God, today. In the face of life's many challenges, it is up to us to show God's love to those who need to know that God is with us in the midst of all that is going on in our world. In contrast to the harshness and bitterness of the world, we are called to show the compassion of Jesus Christ, opening our minds and hearts as he did to all, not just to his own people. The message of Jesus Christ is for all to hear and to experience, no matter where they are from. It was the way of Jesus when he walked among us to pay attention to the needs of all, and it is the way he passed on to every generation of Christians. Now it is up to us.

The Second Vatican Council reawakened that Spirit of openness, and it also renewed the sense of responsibility on the part of all, not just the leaders of the Church, to be the instruments of this message. All are called to holiness, to share their gifts and talents in service to one another. Although there are distinctive ways to live out our Christian commitment – as laity, religious and clergy – no mode is better or worse than the other. As we are reminded in Saint Paul's imagery of the Body of Christ, there are different gifts but the same Spirit, and the body is one though it has many parts.

As we celebrate this great feast, may we remember who we are as the instruments of God's love in the world, and recommit ourselves to the mission of evangelization in a world which so badly needs to know of God's love.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."
(John 14:26)*

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

Thank you for generosity for the weekend of June 1 and 2, 2019:

Number of Envelopes	301
Envelope Amount	\$10,997.00
Loose Cash	\$4,811.18
Electronic Offerings	\$1,270.00
Other	\$195.00
Total	\$17,273.18
10% Tithe	\$1,727.32
June 3, 2018	\$21,038.11



Mass Schedule

There are NO 12:05pm MASSES at the Rosemont Chapel this week because of The Augustinian Convocation. Each day, you can join the Friars at the 12:05pm at the Villanova Church.

Mon., June 10th	Weekday; Tenth Week of Ordinary Time
Tues., June 11th	Saint Barnabas
Wed., June 12th	Weekday; <i>Saint John of Sahagun</i>
Thurs., June 13th	Saint Anthony of Padua
Fri., June 14th	Weekday
Sat., June 15th	Weekday
9:00AM-RMCH	Deceased Members & Benefactors of O.S.A.
5:00PM-RMCH	Joanne Tierney - Martin & Barb Gollin
Sun., June 16th	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
7:30AM-VNCH	Father's Day Triduum
9:00AM-RMCH	Father's Day Triduum
10:30AM-VNCH	Father's Day Triduum



Father's Day Triduum

Father's Day Cards for the Triduum of Masses for Fathers on June 16, 17 and 18, 2019

These Father's Day Cards are available after Mass in the Villanova Church and the Rosemont Chapel and during the week in the Parish Center Office.

If you wish to have your Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother, Friend, or Other Person (Living or Deceased), included in our Father's Day Book, which will be kept in the Rosemont Chapel during the three days of the Triduum, **please return the outside envelope with the name or names of your loved ones to the Parish Center.**

Schedule of Events for the week of: June 9, 2019 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, June 10, 2019

Centering Prayer -RMCH	7:30AM
Rosemont Care Center Ministry	10:15AM
Art Class - PC1	11:00AM
Camp Counselor Training - PC1	7:00PM

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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Wednesday, June 12, 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
Family Support Group - Aud	7:00PM

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Friday, June 14, 2019 - First Friday

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, June 16, 2019

St. Francis Inn	10:00AM
Rosemont Presbyterian Community	
Eucharistic Prayer Service	10:30AM



STEWARDSHIP *Managing God's Gifts To Us*

STEWARDSHIP:

A WEEKLY TIP ON CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Get involved with, or organize, a group to clean up public spaces in your neighborhood and keep them clean and nice looking. In addition to enhancing your surroundings, you will be setting a positive example of how to be good stewards of God's creation.

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday	Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



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

Wojciech & Anne Lada & Family of Mullica Hill

Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of our parish:

Audrey Mae, daughter of Lucas & Aimee Cox
Charlotte Victoria, daughter of Paul & Elizabeth Wood

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY **JULY 6TH**

The Life Center of Delaware County is a residence for the homeless but it opens its doors every day to anyone who comes off the street in need of a meal. Our parish serves dinner six times a year on the first Saturday of the odd numbered month. As a general rule, STV fills between 150 to 200 dinner plates each time we go.

The next St. Thomas Night at the Life Center is on July 6th, so if you can provide any of the following: cooked meatloaf, roasted potatoes, green beans, dinner salad (greens, cherry tomatoes), and a bottle of Italian dressing, gallon jugs of lemonade, fruit punch, sweet tea (no soda), (10 gallons needed), and/or premade wrapped sandwiches (bologna and cheese, PBJ and cheese).

If you can help prepare an entrée or buy any of the above, and deliver it to the Steele's home in Villanova, we can truly use your help. Contact Dennis Steele — steelecreativity@gmail.com.

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 Maria Gunn at 610-291-7205.

ST. FRANCIS INN

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, June 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.

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.

Join us

**Tuesday, June 18th
from 6:00—8:00pm**



A Parish Team is needed to roll up their sleeves and work at the Giving Factory at its NEW LOCATION:

**4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Suite 142
Philadelphia, PA**

We will sort clothing, clean and repair toys, and prepare gift bags for needy children all over the Delaware Valley. Middle school students and older are welcome.

RSVP to:

Cheryl Gibson cgibson@comcast.net
or Cathy Van Kula service@stvparish.org.

Patrician Society
121 E Chestnut Street
Norristown, PA 19401-3905

May 20, 2019

Dear St. Thomas of Villanova Parish:

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and patrons, I thank you for your kind donations in the Archdiocesan MANNA Food Drive.

The food that you have collected for us will be sorted and re-packaged into grocery baskets for distribution among approximately 1,100 needy families who utilize our food cupboard all year long. Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of the members of those families!

With best wishes to all who participated, I am

Sincerely,

LeeAnn Rooney
Executive Director



St. Thomas Preschool News

Preschool registrations are now being taken for the 2019-2020 School Year. Classes are available for 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.

Come see us again as we continue to grow and change.

WATCH
We Are The Church

We Are The Church is the logo that will appear regularly in the bulletin. Educational references will be given in order to help us understand how the Church is handling the sexual abuse crisis, offering clarification and background information. But even more, there will be reminders of the broader context of this slogan and logo, that we, the People of God, share in the responsibility to create a future when justice will prevail, wrongs will be righted, and opportunities offered for collaboration among laity, religious and Clergy for the Church to realize its mission to grow into what it was founded to be on this great feast of Pentecost, its birthday as the Community of Believers.



**Don't Let
sexual violence silence you.**

Healing can start with a call.
Dial 1-888-800-8780 or visit
www.pacrimevictims.com/healing

HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST
Confronting Sexual Violence in our
Archdiocese

SHARE the HARVEST

Are you looking for a small way to make a big difference for others this summer? Our parish will be helping families in our area who are in need of food by collecting fresh produce for the food pantry at ElderNet in Bryn Mawr. This year, they are in particular need of fresh fruit, especially ones that don't spoil easily such as apples, oranges, and grapefruit.

Baskets will be available for donations in the lobby of the Parish Center, Monday through Wednesday, or in the back of the Rosemont Chapel after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, beginning in July through mid-September.

***Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow:
Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters to Congress***



Bread for the World (BFW) is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, BFW's members have helped provide bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters.

You can provide hope and opportunity for people living with hunger, particularly women and children. You can help persuade Congress to invest in nutrition programs that help overcome hunger and poverty. Handwritten letters are still the most effective way to make your voice heard in Washington. You can use the following template to both Senator Bob Casey and Senator Pat Toomey---and add your own words as a Catholic. Send your letters to our Senators.

2019 Annual Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign to
Senator Bob Casey
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Pat Toomey
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____,

I ask you to help accelerate progress on global nutrition by supporting an increase in global nutrition funding to \$250 million in the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bill.

Almost half of all child deaths worldwide are linked to malnutrition. The children who survive remain at high risk of irreversible stunting, which affects their physical growth and brain development. For 151 million children under the age of five, the majority in Central America, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, stunting is a life sentence.

We are making progress, but it is far too slow. Providing \$250 million for global nutrition this year could reach more than 10 million women and 7 million children with nutrition programs. Increasing access to nutritious food and vitamins, supporting breastfeeding, and ensuring safe drinking water and sanitation will enable more children to grow and reach their full potential.

My faith calls me to have compassion and stand alongside women and children around the world. I urge you to increase our nation's commitment to and investment in efforts to advance global nutrition.

Sincerely,
(Your name, address, city, state & zip code)

Thank you for doing YOUR part to end HUNGER. Your letter will be amplified by the tens of thousands of letters written by others as part of Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters.



Active Mercy Opportunity
Join our parish team on Saturday, June 15th
from 8:00am-2:00pm

You must be 16 years of age. Philadelphia Build is building a new affordable housing community in the Sharswood neighborhood's Oxford Green at 23rd and Oxford Streets in Philadelphia.

Together with other faith communities, a group of St. Thomas volunteers will be participating in a "Faith Build", working on a variety of projects. If you would like to carpool, meet at St. Thomas in the rear parking lot of the Rosemont Chapel at 7:00am. You can also drive directly to the site and park on the street. RSVP is required.

Contact our Parish Coordinator, Bob Schreiber.
RSVP email: Robert.schreiber1@verizon.net or
call him at 610-649-7904 or cell: 610-357-2708



2019 CYO Fall Sports Registration now open.

To register go to: <http://skscyo.website.sportssignup.com/>
Any questions??? Please email fallsports@sksparish.org

The following sports are offered:

Boys

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

Girls

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

Co-ED

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

You are invited to Malvern Retreat House for a
Young Adult Emmaus Retreat

18 - 35 (Single or Married)

Theme: JESUS began to walk with them



Friday - June 28th 6:30 pm through
Saturday - June 29th lunch noon

Cost: \$100 | Call number below if you need help paying

Location: Malvern Retreat House | 315 S. Warren Ave. | Malvern, PA

Register: on line at malvernretreat.com/register

Phone: 610.644.0400 For Info or questions call: 610.622.4257

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



Splash Party

Tuesday — July 9th — 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Please join us at the Conestoga Swim Club on Rt. 320 in Villanova



Parishioners A to L — Bring a Salad to Share!

Parishioners M to Z - Bring a Dessert to Share!

RSVP: Parish Phone - 610-525-4801 — Email: office@stvparish.org

(Rain date: Tuesday, July 16th)

Check the parish website in case of bad weather.



Religious Education Program

REGISTRATION is now open for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Program. Please download the forms at our Parish website. ALL registrations are due in our office by **June 14, 2018**, to avoid a \$50.00 late fee. Any questions contact: Tara Penza, 610-525-48101 or rel.ed@stvparish.org.



Classrooms Assistants needed:

Sundays and Wednesdays.

Classroom Aides/Assistants help the teacher with the Administrative tasks and classroom management.

No experience necessary!

September — April

Join a great team of volunteers!



BLAZE
IS COMING TO
St. Thomas of
Villanova
Parish

Blaze is a Walking with Purpose ministry for girls. It was created to counteract the way our society drives girls to question their identity, worth and beauty. Through Blaze, we emphasize how a girl's identity is rooted in Christ as God's chosen, beloved daughter. An antidote to bullying, anxiety and body-image issues, Blaze replaces lies with truth and strengthens girls from the inside out through the use of Scripture-based programs.

Sign-Up for Blaze:

20-week curriculum that calls out the way girls are exposed to the lies of our culture that damage their self-worth and sabotage their efforts to follow Christ.

Meets 1 hour each a week in the evenings for 20 weeks: Includes icebreaker, story, prayer circle, take-away gift. Begins in the Fall.

Each week a specific lie is replaced with the truth found in Scripture.

For more information contact Maria Luby:
fl-youth@stvparish.org

St. Thomas of Villanova Church
Stewardship Summer Camp

We would like to invite parishioners to register their student for the 2019 St. Thomas of Villanova Stewardship Summer Camp.

Camps begin each day in the Rosemont Auditorium & then campers travel by bus to other locations for team building, service & fun!

To register your child, please contact Maria Luby,
Dir. Family Life & Youth Ministry:
fl-youth@stvparish.org or 610-525-4801 X225

Camp Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Week of 7/8/19, Kids Care:

For rising 3rd, 4th, 5th.

Cost: \$100

SAVE THE DATE!!

**October 3 — Opening Day
WALKING WITH PURPOSE
WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Thursday Morning or
Thursday Evening**

October through April

Free Childcare

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Find Out What All the Buzz is About!

Please Contact Maria O'Malley

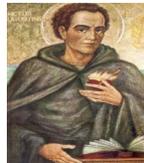
mariaomalley@comcast.net

215-740-6742



Walking with Purpose®

Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture



**RESTLESS? SEARCHING
FOR PURPOSE AND
FULFILLMENT
IN YOUR LIFE?**

"Each one of us has some kind of vocation... If we do not find it, we can never be completely happy. For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfill our own destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be." Thomas Merton

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

ST. JUDE SHOP - HAVERTOWN, PA

The St. Jude Shop in Havertown invites you to a book signing of Jimmy Murray's new book, "Life Is An Audible — The Jimmy Murray Story" on Saturday, June 15th from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Jimmy Murray is non-stop storyteller, with a heart of gold and the integrity to match. The book makes a wonderful Father's Day Gift.

Call the store at 610-789-1300 for further information and to reserve your copy.

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

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.



HOTEL SAMPLES NEEDED

This is just a reminder that your hotel samples are always needed for the homeless.

Please drop off those miniature soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, and other toiletries to the Parish Center, and we will make sure they are delivered to those in need. Thank you.

MERCY MINISTRY CORNER UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Thomas of Villanova's Mercy Ministry is collecting for the Kolbe Academy, the nation's first faith-based recovery school. It will be opening in Bethlehem, PA this August.

They are in need of cleaning supplies (Windex, Clorox wipes) and paper products (paper towels and tissues). If you can help, please drop off your donations to the Parish Center or in the Rosemont Chapel.

Thank you so much for all your past support!

MERCY MINISTRY HAS JOINED AFIRE!!

A F I R E

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.



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