

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 4, 2019



*A Note from the Pastor:*

WHAT MATTERS TO GOD?

“One’s life does not consist of possessions,” Jesus responds to the comment about a family dispute over money. Then he speaks a parable about the rich man whose success drives him to think about increasing his possessions rather than sharing them. It’s obvious that the comment about what matters to God is in direct contrast to the selfish attitude of the rich man. As the author of Ecclesiastes implies, the things of this world are passing and to dwell on them is foolishness. What really matters is beyond what can be measured by wealth and success. The wise person knows what is truly valuable.

How do we determine what is truly valuable to us? What do we use as a measure of wealth and success? It’s always helpful for us to examine the way we approach our use of material goods in relation to the way we treat others or, to put it another way, to ask ourselves if we sometimes fall victim to ignoring the welfare of those around us in favor of our own benefit. What do we deem as “rich in what matters to God?” Do we believe that God judges us for our inherent value as human beings and the way we live good lives? So often we think that if we are unsuccessful in life, if we fail to achieve great status and wealth, that we are somehow deficient, or that the poor and powerless are to be seen as less valuable.

Our God loves us because we are good human beings. It was the measure which Jesus used in his dealings with people. He was not impressed by status or wealth, or what people could do for him. He constantly related to them with dignity and respect, worthy of his time and attention. He hated the sin but loved the sinner. And he taught his disciples by his actions what was truly to be valued in life.

What matters to God is that we are people of integrity and that we live good lives devoted to doing what is right and just. Everything else is just dust in the wind or, as Ecclesiastes says, vanity of vanities.

**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”*  
(Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more “other-centered” and less “self-centered.”

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of July 27 and 28, 2019:

Number of Envelopes	281
Envelope Amount	\$8,197.00
Loose Cash	\$7,959.54
Electronic Offerings	\$1,146.00
Other	\$460.00
Total	\$17,762.54
10% Tithe	\$1,776.25
July 29, 2018	\$19,034.22



## Mass Schedule

<b>Mon., Aug., 5th</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i></b> Deceased member of the Lynch Family
12:05PM-RMCH	
<b>Tues., Aug 6th</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Felix Goizueta Diaz - Felix Goizueta
12:05PM-RMCH	
<b>Wed., Aug. 7th</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>Saint Sixtus II &amp; Companions; Saint Cajetan</i></b> Domenico Russo
12:05PM-RMCH	
<b>Thurs., Aug. 8th</b>	<b>Saint Dominic</b> Msgr. John J. Kowsky - Petruzzo Family
12:05PM-RMCH	
<b>Fri., Aug. 9th</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i></b>  <b>Saint Lawrence</b> For all the Intentions in our Prayer Request Book
12:05PM-RMCH	
<b>Sat., Aug. 10th</b>	
9:00AM-RMCH	
5:00PM-RMCH	
<b>Sun., Aug. 11th</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For Wilbert Fink (Good Health) For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Blaise Davis - Rebecca Kasper
7:30AM-VNCH	
9:00AM-RMCH	
10:30AM-VNCH	

### Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 12:1-2, 25-14:1,26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### STEWARDSHIP:

A WEEKLY TIP ON CARING FOR  
OUR COMMON HOME

Look for ways to recycle protective materials from packages you receive. Some local package-shipping offices will accept materials such as plastic peanuts and bubble wrap. Bubble wrap also can be packaged in a plastic grocery bag and placed in your recycle cart. Find out where to recycle in your area at [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com).

### Schedule of Events for the week of: August 4, 2019 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



<b>Monday, August 5, 2019</b>	
Centering Prayer - RMCH	7:30AM
Rosemont Care Center Ministry	10:15AM
Art Class - PC1	11:00AM
<b>Tuesday, August 6, 2019</b>	
Staff Meeting	1:00PM
Baptism Class - PC1	7:00PM
<b>Wednesday, August 7, 2019</b>	
Food Addicts in Recovery - PC11	9:30AM
Exercise Program - Aud	10:00AM
Family Support Group - Aud	7:00PM
<b>Thursday, August 8, 2019</b>	
<b>Friday, August 9, 2019</b>	
Parish Office Closes at 1:00PM	
<b>Saturday, August 10, 2019</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 11, 2019</b>	
Rosemont Presbyterian Community	10:30AM
Eucharistic Prayer Service	
Baptism-VNCH	12:00PM

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Beginning in September, our First Friday Adoration and Benediction schedule will be changing. Instead of Adoration and Benediction following the 12:05pm Mass, it will begin at 10:00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with Benediction at 11:00am. This monthly Holy Hour will afford parishioners an opportunity for SILENT prayerful adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be available every First Friday after the 12:05pm Mass.

**The Parish Center is now on the Summer Schedule.  
The Parish Office closes at 1:00pm on Friday Afternoons.**



**FACEBOOK**  
<https://www.facebook.com/stvparish> or just search on your facebook page and follow us @stvparish



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

Steven & Marisa Benjamin & Family of Villanova  
Christian & Nicole Hain & Family of Bryn Mawr  
Lauren Thomer of Bryn Mawr

**Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of our parish:**

Michael Paul, son of Michael & Clare Addis

**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.**



Don't Let sexual violence silence you.

Healing can start with a call.  
Dial 1-888-800-8780 or visit  
[www.pacrimevictims.com/healing](http://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, now through mid-September.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**PRAYERLINE**

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer request. Please contact [stvprayerline@gmail.com](mailto: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, August 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](mailto: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](mailto:suzannefoley@yahoo.com) or Cathy Van Kula at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).

*Join us*

**Tuesday, August 27th  
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 [8gibson@comcast.net](mailto:8gibson@comcast.net)  
or Cathy Van Kula [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).

# WATCh

*The STV Parish Community striving for integrity and accountability in response to the sexual abuse crisis in the Church.*  
As relevant news and background items come to light, we will highlight them here for your reading and thought.

Vatican not in compliance with UN human rights treaty protecting rights of children

<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/putting-church-above-children>

President of German Conference of Bishops calls for lay preachers

<https://international.la-croix.com/news/crying-out-for-the-homily-of-the-future/10599>

Church teaching can change without the Church losing its identity

<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/does-church-teaching-change>

Michigan group has been covertly assisting priests accused of sexual abuse.

[https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/07/29/years-michigan-group-has-quietly-assisted-priests-accused-abuse?fbclid=IwAR1\\_aJ9HLmy3goCPF5MI89b7ISrhAa5bqUf2HMDml3wrZinjTSVdrUrx0KY](https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/07/29/years-michigan-group-has-quietly-assisted-priests-accused-abuse?fbclid=IwAR1_aJ9HLmy3goCPF5MI89b7ISrhAa5bqUf2HMDml3wrZinjTSVdrUrx0KY)

Note: If you access these items from the parish website, the hotlinks can save a lot of error-prone typing.



## St. Thomas Preschool News "Mary's House"

At St. Thomas of Villanova Pre-School, we have been providing a nurturing and supportive environment for our parishioners' young children for many years. We are very proud of the strong academic foundation that **Mary's House** has provided to each preschool graduation class.

Our continued success depends upon the generous support from St. Thomas of Villanova Parish community members, to maintain this high level of service. In our commitment to meet all the necessary Pennsylvania state requirements for certification, it has become clear that the current location suffers from structural limitations, and to remain sustainable, will require intense renovations to bring the building up to modern standards and meet the Pennsylvania standards and codes. For this reason, **Mary's House**, is beginning a *Capital Campaign* to raise \$250,000.

If you would like to help us achieve our three year goal, please make your checks payable to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish with "Preschool Campaign" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the parish, dropped in the collection baskets during Mass, or dropped off at the Parish Center. You can also give online through the Parish Giving program using a bank account or credit card. Simply go the parish website at [www.stthomasofvillanova.org](http://www.stthomasofvillanova.org) and click on the Parish Giving Link. If you have an account, choose the Preschool Capital Fund. For the first time users, please follow the directions to create an account.

**Thank you in advance to your support and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.**

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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](http://www.stvpreschool.org). Tours are scheduled for Tuesdays.

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

## FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 7TH

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 September 7th, 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](mailto:steelecreativity@gmail.com).

## 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.



Active Mercy Opportunity  
Join our parish team on  
Saturday, August 24th  
from 8:30am-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 7:30am. 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.

**SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA BLOOD DRIVE**



*The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Please give Blood!!*

**Thursday, August 22, 2019 —  
2:00pm to 7:00pm  
in the St. Thomas of Villanova  
Rosemont Auditorium**

**To make an appointment, please  
visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and  
enter sponsor keyword:  
St Thomas Rosemont**

**WALK INS ARE WELCOME!**  
For questions about eligibility:  
call 1 800-RED-CROSS

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

If you would be willing to do some weekly grocery shopping and other errands for a parishioner in need, please contact Cathy Van Kula at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org) or 610-525-4801, ext. 221, for further details.

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER ONE NIGHT A YEAR?**

St. Thomas of Villanova parish has been participating in the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line for over 25 years. This is an ecumenical collaboration of Main Line faith communities who serve the homeless families of Montgomery County and provide them with evening shelter throughout the year. IHN-ML is one of a few sheltering organizations that takes children, allowing families to stay together at this time of crisis. As a host congregation, we open up our parish center to homeless families (typically single mothers with children) five times a year. Each evening requires five volunteers. That means in the course of a year, we need 175 volunteers (5 volunteers x 7 nights x 5 weeks)! Fortunately, we have a solid team of committed volunteers who are willing to serve each week that we host. But due to travel, family commitments and other obligations, we often have gaps in our volunteer schedule.

Please prayerfully consider whether you might be willing to join this ministry, even if it is only for **ONE NIGHT** a year. It does not require more than that, and it certainly does not require a weeklong commitment. For each evening that we host, we need:

- One volunteer/family to provide the evening meal;
- Two volunteers to serve as "Evening Hosts" from 6-9pm and join the families for dinner and fellowship; and
- Two volunteers to serve as "Overnight Hosts" from 9pm-6am (8am on Saturdays and Sundays) who sleep overnight at the Parish Center. (Two twin beds or air mattresses are provided. You will be sleeping on the first floor of the Parish Center while the families sleep upstairs).

For new volunteers, you will be paired with an experienced volunteer. Volunteers serve in teams so you won't be by yourself. This is a great ministry for families to do together, for young adults and for empty nesters. There is really a role for volunteers of all ages, even if you can only commit to **ONE NIGHT**.

**We have two host weeks left in 2019—August 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to get involved and/or learn more, please contact Cathy Van Kula at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org) or call 610-525-4801, ext. 221.**

*"Help us to end homelessness,  
one family at a time!"*



St. Thomas of Villanova  
Preschool is hiring  
teachers, assistants & aides...

Part time positions are available for the  
September 2019 School Year.....

Come and **GUIDE THEIR FUTURE** with your  
experience, patience, creativity and  
love for children!

Who --- Part time Teachers, teacher assistants and  
aides

When --- Morning or Afternoon hours available...

If interested, please call 610-525-7554 or email  
Mary Kurek at [stv.maryhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:stv.maryhouse1@gmail.com)

We are an equal opportunity employer.

Thank  
You!

Summer is a time for many families to enjoy the outdoors, vacations and time at the Shore. However, for many families in our community, summer is not so pleasant as they face the crisis of homelessness. Last week, we welcomed three single mothers together with their six children to our parish center each night as part of our Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry. Thank you to our volunteers who converted our parish center into a warm "home" for the families and treated them to delicious meals, fun activities and a safe, quiet and cool place to rest at night. The generosity of our volunteers is beyond measure. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Cathy Van Kula at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org) or call 610-525-4801, ext. 221.

**SUMMER FUN, LEARNING AND  
EXPLORING OUR FAITH ON THE FREE PARISH  
APP FORMED**, an online service for accessing  
thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks On  
Demand anytime, anywhere!

You will also be able to easily access any featured  
content that we are promoting within our community  
from time to time. So please join us.

To sign up for FREE, just visit us here:  
<https://stthomasofvillanova.formed.org>

CODE: KP76RG



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ST. FRANCES CABRINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

While buying school supplies for your children,  
grandchildren or friends, please pick up extra  
school supplies for the children of St. Frances  
Cabrini Catholic School in West Philadelphia.  
Over 300 students are expected to attend  
SFC 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, magic markers,  
construction paper, glue sticks, 3X5 index  
cards, book jackets for large textbooks,  
tissues and Lysol wipes

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

Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### CATECHISTS and CLASSROOM AIDES NEEDED

for our Religious Education Program. *This is a great  
opportunity to grow in your own faith and experience the  
joy that comes with serving in our Stewardship Parish  
Community.* **Classes are on** Wednesdays from 4:45 - 6:00PM,  
or on Sundays from 10:10 - 11:25 AM, September to April.



**NO experience needed** - all training materials are provided.  
Not sure what being a catechist is all about? Want to help  
but don't want to teach? Contact us for information on how  
to share your gifts and talents and serve on this wonderful  
ministry team!

Contact Tara Penza - [rel.ed@stvparish.org](mailto:rel.ed@stvparish.org) 610.525.4801 x204

## STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU LETTERS

PROVIDENCE CENTER  
2557 N. 5TH Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133  
July 8, 2019

Dear Parish Community of St. Thomas:

Thank you for supporting Providence Center and our students with your recent grant of \$5,000.00. Your donation spreads love and joy, and it enables our students to develop the skills and motivation to become leaders in our community. We hope you know how much it means to count you among our friends and supporters.

Providence Center is a haven where students come to learn and grow in a neighborhood that is severely lacking in safe spaces. We are a place for children to express their emotions and overcome obstacles; a place for teens to use their strengths and experiences to help these younger students overcome the same obstacles they faced as children. Alex, one of our Teen Leaders, recently explained the impact he has on students in the Power afterschool program:

“As a Teen Leader, I feel that I am really able to help kids in the program. I understand how they feel and the things they are going through because I went through a lot of the same things and I’m not that much older than them.”

Our Teen Leaders and Power students build strong, supportive relationships with each other. The students trust the teens and look up to them as guides and role models. As Alex puts it, “I am young enough to understand the kids and old enough to know how to help them.”

Your donation enables our Teen Leaders to support our youngest students. Thank you for helping these amazing young people continue this crucial work, and thank you for lifting all of our students up to a brighter future.

Blessings,  
Julie McIntyre  
Interim Executive Director

Thank you so much! We loved having your youth visit our community a few weeks ago.

### **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 Cathy Van Kula at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).

### **STV FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

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 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, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, tuna and canned sardines, cold cereal and oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, stew, chili, soup and paper products.

Food may be dropped off M-F, 9:00am to 4:30pm to the Parish Center and on weekends to the back of the Rosemont Chapel (around Mass times when the Church is open.)

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with over 100 women of all ages in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose this fall at St. Thomas. Weekly sessions are starting Oct 3 both morning and evening.



We would love to have you join us! Whether or not you have any Bible study experience you are welcome as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives. Morning session provides free child care. For more information please contact Maria O'Malley at 215-740-6742 or mariaomalley@comcast.net.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

**St. Katherine Day School** -- Wynnewood Campus  
Contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at [principal@stkds.org](mailto:principal@stkds.org)

Kitchen Manager needed to take care of both Breakfast and Lunch for students with disabilities.

**St. Katherine Day School** - Wynnewood Campus  
Contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at [principal@stkds.org](mailto:principal@stkds.org)

**Waldron Mercy Academy** is seeking a substitute nurse for our preschool to 8th grade students. We offer a rate competitive to public schools. Please contact Nancy Cahill: [ncahill@waldronmercy.org](mailto:ncahill@waldronmercy.org)



You can find us on  
**INSTAGRAM** [stvparish](https://www.instagram.com/stvparish)



### 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](http://www.augustinianvocations.org).

## Mary Mother of Captives / ADROP Prison Ministry Programs

### Mary Mother of Captives

A support group for families coping with a loved one in prison. Support Meetings are held at the following locations at 7:00pm: 1st Thursday of the month at St. Cyprian Parish in the Community Hall and 2nd Thursday of the month at St. Charles Church in Drexel Hill.  
**All Attendees Remain Confidential.**

### Visit the imprisoned. Be a Pal. Become a Pen Pal!

MMOC /ADROP Pen Pal Program:  
In prison sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Mail Call is better when you receive a warm and friendly letter from the outside world. Pen Pal Writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor.

For more Meeting and Pen Pal information, Please call 610-259-3178 or email: [MaryMotherOfCaptives@Augustinian.org](mailto:MaryMotherOfCaptives@Augustinian.org).

**Please pray for all those in our prisons.**

## SHOES NEEDED



Sr. Florence Enechukwu, MSHR, is the coordinator for the African Catholic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and works with the youth and young adults of first generation African Catholics in the Archdiocese. The African Catholic Youth of Philadelphia are collecting gently used shoes of all types and sizes – dress shoes, boots, sneakers, sandals, etc. – as part of a fundraiser. Their goal is to collect 2,000 pairs of shoes! Please bring your donations to the Parish Center lobby during the week or to the Rosemont Chapel during weekend liturgies.



### 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.

## In God's Hands



.....is a new parish ministry serving families who are affected by miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death. Brochures with our mission and services are now available in the Parish Center as well as the entrances of the Rosemont Chapel.

Did you know about all of the different ways we can help to serve those who are grieving? Here are some of the ways (part two of three part series):

**Liturgies and Remembrances:** We dedicate a weekend mass annually to the babies in our parish and community who have been lost through a miscarriage, stillbirth, or early death. The liturgy is typically held in October, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, near the feast of St. Gerard Majella. If you are interested in participating in a more private service, please let us know. Our priests can also provide the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick over ill infants, mothers who are suffering a miscarriage or perinatal loss, and families experiencing emotional distress over their loss.

**Burial Support:** If you have the opportunity to bury your child, and wish to do so, please contact us for helpful information. We can connect you with Catholic merchants who carry small caskets for miscarried babies, as well as let you know of services local funeral home and cemeteries can provide to you. If you have been told that you will miscarry, and plan to miscarry at home, we can point you to resources regarding collecting your baby's remains in a dignified manner. We are also here to help you navigate the process with your doctor or midwife. Our priests also wish to minister to you through a liturgy, prayer service, or graveside service.

See future bulletins for more of our services to our community, and for more information on these unique and painful losses. Contact Brian and Cayce Farina at [cayce.l.farina@gmail.com](mailto:cayce.l.farina@gmail.com) or 484-206-7975 for information and support.



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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](mailto:bizmgr@stvparish.org) or call the Parish at 610-525-4801 x 202 to join this ministry.

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.

Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, Sept 13 -15, 2019** for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago.

Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the web site: [www.MissionDoctors.org](http://www.MissionDoctors.org) or by calling the office for more information (213) 368-1872.