

# SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2024



## *Jesus Heals a Man Possessed*

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Matrimony:** Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements to meet with a parish priest at least 12 months prior to the wedding date.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday after the 9:00am Liturgy in Rosemont Chapel, First Fridays after 12:05 Mass or call the Parish Center to make an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** We are happy to offer many support services to the sick and homebound. Visits are made by the Pastoral Staff and Eucharistic Ministers to homes and hospital care facilities. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated each month, except during Lent. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements and to receive materials.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation):** Please contact us for information on becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments. We can be reached at [RCIA@stvparish.org](mailto:RCIA@stvparish.org).

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Villanova Church** Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am  
**Rosemont Chapel** Saturday: 9:00am Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am  
Daily Mass: Mon–Fri: 12:05pm  
Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9:00am

### PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY — THURSDAY  
9:00am - 4:30pm  
FRIDAY HOURS are 9:00am-1:00pm.  
The Parish Center is closed from  
12:00pm-1:00pm; Monday-Thursday.

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### *Scripture Reflection...*

Archaeologists have done major excavations at Capernaum and visitors today see a large white Synagogue built upon the foundations of an earlier first century Synagogue. Capernaum was an important city situated on Lake Galilee and was the center of Jesus' ministry more than his hometown Nazareth which was a smaller inland village. What surprises people about Jesus is his manner of teaching. The normal pattern of teaching in those days would have been to quote the teaching of a former great rabbi — "According to Rabbi Hillel . . ." or, "As Rabbi Nathan said . . ." But Jesus teaches from his own experience and knowledge of God. This gives his words an astounding Authority — no wonder his reputation spread.

The episode in today's Gospel is the first miracle in Mark, and it is an exorcism where Jesus defeats the powers of evil. Mark is operating within a common understanding of the Jews of his time that this world is under the power of Satan. The Jews looked to God to put an end to this world and to usher in a new world of God's desires and God's authority. In the Gospel, this new world is called God's Kingdom. But before this new world can begin, the evil powers that currently are in control must first be overcome. It is not surprising then, that immediately after his Baptism Jesus goes into the wilderness to confront Satan and then publicly shows that Satan has been defeated in this first public miracle.

Notice that I use the past tense — Satan has been defeated. This may be hard to believe given the terrorist attacks and wars of recent years, but Christian faith proclaims that the gracious love of God is now present in this world; God's Kingdom is in process. The Gospel will go on to speak of God's reign with images of seeds and yeast, in other words, small things that have life energy and can grow. Such small things may not make the news headlines and can be overlooked. This week, look around you. Look for the seeds; look for the signs of God already present in your life.

The letter to the Corinthians continues Paul's advice from last week. Again this is part of a long response to questions the Corinthians put to Paul. We only have the answers so we can only guess what they may have written — "Dear Paul, we know that Jesus will soon return to us but we have been waiting now a few years. Some of us are wondering whether we should marry or not. If Jesus is coming soon perhaps there is no point in marrying, but what do you advise?"

Paul advises his community not to marry, but if his words are taken out of context they can be misinterpreted as suggesting he is against marriage. This is not the case. Within Judaism marriage and children are a great blessing and it would be very odd for Paul to advise against marrying — except that he is anticipating the return of Jesus very soon. His main concern is "that you give your undivided attention to the Lord." Notice that Paul offers the same advice to both men and women: "an unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs . . . in the same way, an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs." In this letter and in Paul's letter to the Romans we see quite clearly that women, as well as men, had significant roles within the Pauline Churches. Paul commends the woman deacon Phoebe, and calls her a leader of the nearby port city of Cenchrae, a few kilometers from Corinth (Rom 16:1-2).

The presence of the Risen Christ makes all other things, even marriage, relative.

© Dr Mary Coloe PBVM (Presentation sister)

### *Stewardship Thought for the Week*

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this — use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.



<b>Mon., Jan. 29th</b> 12:05PM-RMCH	<b>Weekday</b> James Pettit - Sr. Mary Broderick
<b>Tues., Jan. 30th</b> 12:05PM-RMCH	<b>Weekday</b> Louis J. Lotito - Petrizzo Family
<b>Wed., Jan. 31st</b> 12:05PM-RMCH	<b>Saint John Bosco</b> Richard Moretto (L) - Family
<b>Thurs., Feb. 1st</b> 12:05PM-RMCH	<b>Weekday</b> John L. Roethlein
<b>Fri., Feb. 2nd</b> 12:05PM-RMCH	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Robert Fuss - Peggy Fuss & Family
<b>Sat., Feb. 3rd</b>	<b>Weekday; Blessed Stephen Bellesini; Saint Blaise; Saint Ansgar</b>
9:00AM-RMCH	
5:00PM-RMCH	John & Catherine White - Peggy Fuss
<b>Sun., Feb. 4th</b> 7:30AM-VNCH	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Elizabeth George - Vithayathil Family
9:00AM-RMCH	In Thanksgiving to Our Guardian Angels - Petrizzo Family
10:30AM-VNCH	For the Parishioners of St. Thomas

### Thank you for your generosity for the following weekends:

#### January 13-14, 2024:

Number of Envelopes	253
Envelope Amount	\$9,786.00
Loose Cash	\$1,504.00
Electronic Offerings	\$6,402.00
Other	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,892.00</b>
10% Tithe	\$1,789.20
January 15, 2023	<b>\$20,310.90</b>

#### January 20-21, 2024:

Number of Envelopes	231
Envelope Amount	\$7,516.00
Loose Cash	\$1,539.00
Electronic Offerings	\$7,332.00
Other	\$315.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,702.00</b>
10% Tithe	\$1,670.20
January 22, 2023	<b>\$29,566.77 *</b>

\* Last year's collection included two donations in the amounts of \$5,200 and \$6,000.

**2023 Christmas Collection**  
Through 1/21/24 **\$126,531.05**

### Schedule of Events for the week of : **January 28, 2024** Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



#### Monday, January 29, 2024

Centering Prayer - RMCH	8:00AM
Rosemont Care Ministry	10:00AM
Young Adult Gospel Reflection - OMGC	7:00PM

#### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Weekly Scripture Class - PC1	10:00AM
Finance Council Meeting - PC1	7:00PM

#### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Exercise Class - Harten Hall	10:00AM
Religion Education Classes	4:45PM
Family Support Group - Harten Hall	7:00PM

#### Thursday, February 1, 2024

Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall	9:00AM
Walking with Purpose - PC1	7:00PM
Handbell Practice - RMCH	7:15PM

#### Friday, February 2, 2024

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024

#### Sunday, February 4, 2024

Liturgy of the Word - Harten Hall	9:00AM
Religious Education Classes	10:10AM
Confirmation	10:10AM
Mansion at Rosemont Service	11:00AM

A special thank you to the McKeough Family  
for the beautiful flower arrangement  
left on the altar at the Villanova Church on Saturday  
in memory of Dr. Charles McKeough, 'COE, P'19.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

#### 2023 Contribution Statements

This year we are not automatically mailing the 2023 Contribution Statements to all parishioners. If you would like to receive a 2023 Statement, please email [bizmgr@stvparish.org](mailto:bizmgr@stvparish.org) or call the parish office at 610-525-4801, and we will be happy to email, mail or you can pick up one in the office. Statements will be available beginning February 1, 2024.





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

Daniel Blackburn of Conshohocken  
Matt & Christina Teti of Lancaster

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

Sophie, daughter of Stephen & Kelly Moritz

***Resting in Peace:***

Mrs. Margaret McParland

**Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:**

Angelina Arcamone PHD, Nicola Bonelli, Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Peter Cellucci, Austin DePetrus, Ella, Jim Foley, Lina Fulton, Ian Gallagher, James Gibbons, Jr., Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Joe Hopko, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Kelly Clarke, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Mary Moran, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Michael Salucci, Theresa Sherwin, Terry Sousa and Robert J. Wahl

Please pray for our soldiers stationed throughout the world. Please also pray for the soldiers who are returning from their assignments, especially the wounded.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**PRAYER LINE**

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer requests. Please contact [stvprayerline1@gmail.com](mailto:stvprayerline1@gmail.com) or Marie DellaGreca at 856-981-7761 to activate the parish prayer line. 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. Home-made 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 contact Maria Gunn at 610-291-7205 or [maria.jim@comcast.net](mailto:maria.jim@comcast.net).

**.ST. FRANCIS INN**

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, February 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 Renee Massaua at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).

**AGELESS EXERCISE AT ST. THOMAS**

Ageless Exercise, Inc., presents a unique exercise program for the young at heart consisting of range of motion, strength training, weight bearing exercises and balance challenges -- all done to upbeat, fun music! Therapy bands, hands free weights, and balls are used for strengthening and stretching muscles and for attaining range of motion movement. Weight bearing exercises to strengthen bones and the skeletal structure as well as aerobic endurance are included in the weekly class.

The class is led by a Certified American Council on Exercise (ACE) Instructor. Come join us and learn about your body, have fun, and strengthen your muscles and bones.

**Where:** St. Thomas of Villanova  
Rosemont Auditorium

**When:** Every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am,

**Cost:** \$15 for four classes--checks made payable to **Ageless Exercise, Inc.**

*Weekly Scripture Classes*

Please join Fr. Michael for his weekly Scripture classes on Tuesdays, at 10:00am in PC-1. Texts, as in the past, will be provided.

The subject matter for these hour-long classes will be the scripture readings from the following Sunday Mass. St. Jerome said, "To be ignorance of scripture is to be ignorant of Christ."

Please consider marking your calendar for these informative sessions. All are welcome, so bring a friend.

**OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

January 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Blessings in this New Year of 2024!

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Universal Church on Friday, February 2. The parishes in our local Church will participate in this initiative during the weekend of February 3-4. At that time, Catholics throughout the region will united in prayerful thanksgiving for all consecrated men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

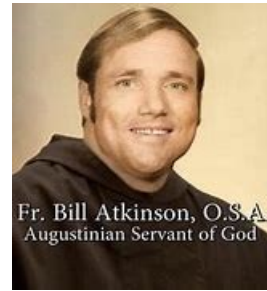
As consecrated persons, you Missionary Disciples who bring Christ, the Light of the World, to others. *"When God consecrates a person, he gives a special gift...he not only chooses, sets apart, and dedicates a person to himself, but he engages him or her in his diving work. Consecration implies mission...one who is sent to do the work of God in the power of God* (Essential Elements, para 23). Your vocation and life's work are noble and crucial. Our world today needs the hope of the Gospel more than ever. We live in a world of darkness; we need the True Light!

As Perfectae Caritatis (1965, para 1.) states, *"...from the beginning of the Church men and women have set about following Christ with greater freedom and imitating Him more closely through the practice of the evangelical counsels, each in his own way leading a life dedicated to God."* Each day, you give living testimony through your dedication in the ministries of prayer, health care, education, social work, parish life, counseling, and so much more.

On this day of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, I invite all consecrated men and women to participate at the eleven o'clock Holy Sacrifice of the mass on Sunday, February 4, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Let us join in prayer, expressing gratitude to Our Lord for your vocations.

Please know of my prayers for you and your intentions. Your faithful presence and diligent work on behalf of the Lord are a true blessing to us all. May God's love continue to strengthen and inspire you each day.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



**FR. BILL ATKINSON MEMORIAL**

The plans for a memorial burial site for Servant of God, Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. I in the Villanova church are moving forward. A design has been made to place this site in the niche opposite the Blessed Sacrament with the picture of Our Mother of Good Counsel.

The Augustinians, in collaboration with the St. Jude Shop, have begun a campaign to raise the funds needed for this memorial for which the materials and workmanship ill be costly.

Therefore, we are seeking donations to assist the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in this endeavor. If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your donation

"for the Fr. Bill Atkinson memorial."

Currently, he has been designated "Servant of God" and the next step is "Blessed" on the way to "Saint."

Thank you for any assistance you may provide.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

**"Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures." ~ Pope Francis**

In Ethiopia, drought and conflict are some of the issues impacting people's lives. Thanks to funding from USAID, CRS has been able to reach over 883,000 people through water trucking, as well as rehabilitation and construction of 109 water systems in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and at-risk towns. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

If you would like to get involved with CRS at the parish level, please email [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org) to find out more about our parish CRS chapter, a joint effort with our sister parish, St. Cyprian.

### From the Director of Liturgy, TRB

Every year Catholics try to answer the age old question: What should I do for Lent? Well, who better to pick for as your Lenten spiritual director than Pope Francis? He has some great ideas for you! (This week, tips 1,2,3)

#### GET RID OF THE LAZY ADDICTION TO EVIL

"[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. **Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.**" – General Audience, Pope Francis.



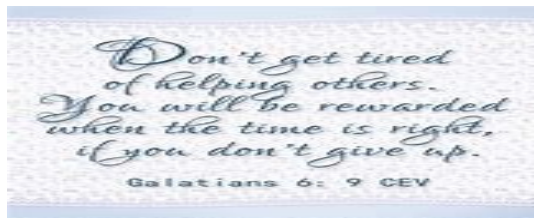
#### DO SOMETHING THAT HURTS

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. **I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.**" – Lenten Message, Pope Francis.



#### 3. DON'T REMAIN INDIFFERENT

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." Lenten Message, Pope Francis.



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## Save the Date! Join us on Thursday, February 22nd

### 2024 Civitas Dei Medal Ceremony

Villanova will honor one of the most influential voices in feminist theology and ecological ethics.

**Elizabeth A. Johnson**, CSJ, PhD - Professor Emerita, Department of Theology, Fordham University

4:00PM on Thursday, February 22nd at  
Bartley Hall PwC Auditorium 1011

The event is free and open to the public. However, **registration** is required. Registration will close at 9:00AM on February 22.

All parishioners may be interested in an upcoming event at Villanova University to honor Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, PhD (registration information below). We invite the women of the parish to join the Women in Ministry group to attend the lecture together and to gather afterwards in Harten Hall, Rosemont, PA for dinner and a discussion. We encourage you to read one of Dr. Johnson's books, *Quest for the Living God*, before this event.

Please RSVP to Peggy Schumann:

[fl-youth@stvparish.org](mailto:fl-youth@stvparish.org)

Please let us know if you will attend both the lecture and dinner; we will register you for the lecture. NOTE: You do not need to read the book to participate.

### 2024 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**2:00pm to 7:00pm**

**at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish  
Harten Hall (Rosemont Auditorium)**

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and Enter:  
StThomasRosemont  
to schedule an appointment.

### **A FEW MINUTES OUT OF YOUR DAY CAN SAVE A LIFE!**

There is no substitute for blood. **Donors provide the only supply of life-saving blood for those in need.** Donating is simple, fast, and convenient. The donation process can take as little as 45 minutes of your time, but can make a lifelong difference for someone else. Please sign up today.

**Give the gift of life. Sign up to be a  
blood donor today!  
For questions about eligibility:  
call 1 800-RED-CROSS**





## Join us for Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture

Monday February 12 at 12:30pm in Harten Hall  
under the Rosemont Chapel  
of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish

**Lecture:** Palliative Care and Hospice - What Is the Difference? How is care provided and by whom. More importantly, how Palliative Care and Hospice help us.

**Speaker:** Terre Mirsch, Executive Director of Main Line Health and Hospice

Bring your lunch and your friends. Coffee and desserts provided.



## VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY NEWS

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of the victims of human trafficking and is one of the special days of prayer promoted by Pope Francis on the Church's calendar. Villanova University will be marking this date to increase public awareness of this grave social sin with a Movie and Panel discussion in the Connelly Center Cinema at 7:00pm.

On the panel will be a victim of trafficking, the director of Dawn's Place, a refuge for victims, the university representative to the National Alliance Against Trafficking and a representative of the Law School's Institute Against Sexual Exploitation.

All are invited to participate.

**Celebrate  
Fr. Bill Atkinson's  
50<sup>th</sup> Ordination  
Anniversary  
with the Augustinians  
on February 2, 2024**



The Augustinian Friars invite you to join them on Friday, February 2 for a special Mass celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. Though paralyzed from the neck down as a young man, Fr. Bill remained determined to follow his calling to become an Augustinian priest.

Ordained the first quadriplegic priest by special papal dispensation in 1974, Fr. Bill served many years as a teacher, friar, and friend, shaking the notion of what a quadriplegic person can accomplish and inspiring those around him to look beyond their own limitations.

Prior Provincial Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. will preside at the 12:05pm Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church (800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Villanova). We welcome you to join us in person, or watch the livestream online: <http://tinyurl.com/atkinson-50th>

St. Margaret School Narberth, WELCOMES, community members and prospective parents to our Catholic Schools Week OPEN HOUSE, Sunday Jan. 28, from 11am- 1pm. Additionally, we host, 'Walk in Wednesday' beginning 8:30am, throughout the morning while school is in session.

Learn more about our programs for 3 years through 8th grade, developing the whole child as teachers guide children toward academic and moral excellence. St. Margaret STREAM curriculum integrates Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. SMS fosters a welcoming, active and inclusive community of families which enriches the school experience and student success.

Applications for Fall Enrollment 2024 are open, with opportunities for scholarships / financial assistance through BLOCS and the Catholic Foundation. Learn more: <https://smsnarberth.org> or email: [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org)

**Now Through  
February 18th**



**This year, we are collecting items for our veterans through the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Center.**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

**ADULT CLOTHING:** Belts, gloves, ponchos, men's T-shirts/undershirts, men's and women's underwear, shower shoes/flip flops, shorts and sweatpants.

**FOOD/DRINK ITEMS:** Bottled water and other individual drinks, coffee and powdered creamer, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, snack size items (crackers/chips/etc.), microwavable meals, small value gift cards (Wawa, supermarkets, etc.) and tea bags.

**PAPER PRODUCTS:** Dryer sheets, Lysol wipes, plates, cups, napkins, paper towels, plastic ware, and tissues.

**ADULT PERSONAL PRODUCTS/TOILETRIES:** Hair brushes (for natural hair), hand warmers, laundry detergent pods, disposable and shaving razors, shower towels and wash cloths, travel size toiletries (body wash, toothbrush, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, lotion), full size lotion, full size women's hair products (for natural hair), and reusable or drawstring bags.

Please drop off donations (Marked "Hugs for Heroes") at the Parish Center during the week or at the Rosemont Chapel on weekends (during liturgies). All contributions will be sent to the Multi-Service Center the week of Valentine's Day. For questions, please contact Renee Massaua at 610-525-4801, ext 221, or [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).



**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



## MLK Day of Service 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Volunteers of all ages gathered in Harten Hall on Monday, January 15th to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with service activities benefitting our local and Philadelphia community. Parishioners made sandwiches for a women's shelter and the Patrician Society in personalized lunch bags as well as Valentines for the elderly. In addition, volunteers assembled toiletry bags and decorated T-shirts for refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Philadelphia. Thanks to all for sharing your time, talent and treasure. Due to the generosity of our parish community, we are able to offer this annual event free of charge.





### **Theology on Tap is back!**

All young adults are invited to join us in February for Theology on Tap.

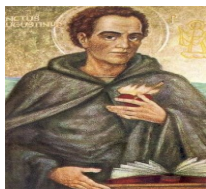
**Friday, February 9th, 7:30pm-9:30pm at Iron Hill Brewery in Ardmore, PA**

Our speaker will be Fr. Stephen Thorne, Chair of the Archbishop's Commission on Racial Healing.  
Please join us for this fun and important event.  
All are welcome!

You must RSVP for this event as space is limited.  
Please email Megan at [youth@stvparish.org](mailto:youth@stvparish.org)

### **Readings for the Week:**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30:19-3; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 3:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45



### **DISCOVERED ST. AUGUSTINE? NOW MEET THE AUGUSTINIANS**

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.beafriar.org](http://www.beafriar.org)

### **As part of our parish Care for Creation Ministry, there are two upcoming programs of interest:**

**Wednesday, January 31st at 1:00pm.**

***'Exploring Climate anxiety Through the Lens of Laudate Deum'***

This event will be held at the Connelly Center on Villanova's campus in the Villanova Room. The program is hosted by Villanova's Office of Sustainability in Mission and Ministry, in collaboration with Merrimack College.

**Saturday, February 24th**

***St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will host the EcoPhilly Annual Conference.***

This is always a popular, lively, and inspiring meeting. The session will focus on "Laudato Si" and Care for Creation initiatives. Topics Include: composting and sustainability, protecting biodiversity and environmental justice. The program will be held in Harten Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm - lunch is provided. All are welcome to attend.

### **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'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, canned chicken, cold cereal, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, stew, chili and soup, toilet paper and diapers.

Food may be dropped off Monday-Thursday, 9:00am to 4:30pm and on Fridays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please drop off at the Parish Center and on weekends to the back of the Rosemont Chapel (around Mass times when the Church is open.)

Please be mindful of expiration dates. We cannot deliver food items which are past their expiration dates. Thank you.

If you would rather not shop, please know that financial contributions are welcome and will allow parish volunteers to buy items for the parish food closet that directly benefit the food pantry at our sister parish, St. Cyprian. You may either send a check made out to St. Thomas of Villanova (with "Parish Food Closet" on the memo line) to the parish office or drop a check in the collection basket. Electronic contributions are also an option via the parish website.