

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15, 2026



A Note from Fr. Joe....

From the beginning of creation, there were choices to be made by us humans. Arguably, one of the greatest gifts that we've been given by God is our free will. Despite not always using it well, we really wouldn't be human without free will, would we? Unlike other creatures, we've been given the ability to choose – not just in small matters, but in those of ultimate consequence – as the Book of Sirach says in our 1st Reading this Sunday, between “life and death, good and evil.” God so loves us that we freely can choose to love God in return – or not. Otherwise, it wouldn't be true love. We know from experience that forced love isn't love at all, is it?

Yet, Jesus reminds us in our Gospel that we often need guidance in choosing, in taking responsibility for how we use our free will. If you recall, this is the third week in a row that we're hearing from Jesus' “Sermon on the Mount.” Two weeks ago, we started with the Beatitudes and, last week, he called us to be ‘salt and light.’ Now he addresses the Commandments – another roadmap to keep us on course. But Jesus also demonstrates that it goes deeper than the letter of the law, right to its spirit. What's in our heart? What's our intention? Are we choosing in accord with the fullness of life that God offers us? We may not have killed anyone or committed adultery. We only may tell ‘little white lies.’ But what does anger, lust, or lack of integrity say about our choosing and our loving? What we think and feel often informs what we say and do. How we think of others can have real-life impact.

With our celebrating Valentine's Day this weekend, perhaps it's a good time to stop for a few moments and reflect on how we've been doing in using our free will. Have we been choosing to love God, particularly in those around us, in those in need? Do we interpret freedom to mean doing whatever we please? One might say, “‘free from' taking responsibility.” We see what that did for our first ancestors, what it's done for some in our world and in our Church; harmful choices, sinful choices. It's important to recall again the words of Sirach – ‘No one does God command to act unjustly, to none does God give license to sin.’ Isn't freedom then more a case of ‘free for?’ ‘Free for' making a difference in others' lives; ‘free for' using our gifts for the greater good; ‘free for' expressing our love in healthy, positive ways.

We can have respect and compassion for others – or we can treat people as if they don't really matter. We can choose to help the poor, the vulnerable – or we can ignore God's call to love our neighbor. We can try to forgive – or we can nurse our resentments, our grudges. We all have choices. May we use the upcoming Lenten Season, which starts this week on Ash Wednesday, to strive to use our free will well and to seek reconciliation for the times we haven't – and, in all of this, drawing upon “God's wisdom” and grace, as St. Paul reminds us in our 2nd Reading. Please see this bulletin or the website for the full schedule of Ash Wednesday liturgies – and some of the other things that we have planned for Lent. In order to provide focus for our journey and efforts, we've chosen Almsgiving as our theme this year. There will be a number of opportunities to practice acts of giving, service, and sacrifice, especially helping those in need – and closely tied to our being a stewardship community. Next weekend I'll be addressing this in more detail – here in the bulletin and at all the Masses. So, stay tuned!

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

Many of the Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of February 7 and 8, 2026:

Number of Envelopes	291
Envelope	\$11,700.00
Loose \$ / NP	\$1,524.98
Electronic	\$10,209.00
Total	\$23,433.98
10% Tithe	\$2,343.40
Last Year	\$38,494.00 *

* Last year's amount includes 2 donations totaling \$11,600.00.

LENT 2026



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, when our foreheads are blessed and marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross, calling us to “repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Ash Wednesday Services/Distribution of Ashes at the Villanova Church

8:30am - Liturgy of the Word Service
12:05pm - Mass
3:00pm - Ecumenical Service
5:30pm - Mass
7:00pm - Mass

Ash Wednesday Services/Distribution of Ashes at the Rosemont Chapel

7:30am - Mass
12:05pm - Mass
5:30pm - Liturgy of the Word

Ash Wednesday Services/Distribution of Ashes at Our Mother of Good Counsel

6:30am - Mass
8:00am - Mass
4:30pm - Children's Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm - Mass

FAST AND ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, 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 Reconciliation, 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 the world.

**ENDING HUNGER
WITH CRS RICE
BOWL**



This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl — connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for, and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

You can pick up your Rice Bowls either in the Villanova Church or Rosemont Chapel starting the weekend of February 14-15, 2026. Additional Rice Bowls will be available in the parish office lobby.

If you wish to donate to the CRS Rice Bowl, please remit a check made out to St. Thomas of Villanova Church with a notation indicating that this is intended for CRS Rice Bowl.

You can drop off your donation in our weekly collection basket at the Villanova Church or the Rosemont Chapel. You can also mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Center.

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Mon., Feb. 16th 12:05PM-RMCH
Tues., Feb. 17th 12:05PM-RMCH

Blessed Simon of Cascia
 All Presidents - Past and Present
Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 Deceased Members & Benefactors Of O.S.A.

Wed., Feb. 18th 7:30AM-RMCH
12:05PM-RMCH
5:30PM-RMCH

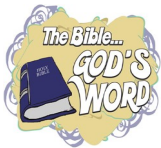
ASH WEDNESDAY
 Fr. Steve Baker, O.S.A.
 Catherine & John White - Fuss Family
 Liturgy of the Word (No Mass)

Thurs., Feb. 19th 12:05PM-RMCH
Fri., Feb. 20th 12:05PM-RMCH
Sat., Feb. 21st 9:00AM-RMCH
 4:30PM-RMCH

Thursday After Ash Wednesday
 Madeline Schreiber - Bob Schreiber
Friday After Ash Wednesday
 Kerri Conway - Lynn Tighe
Saturday After Ash Wednesday;
Saint Peter Damien
 All Infirm Members of our Parish Community
 Deceased Members of Carosella & Blemmings Family

Sun., Feb. 22nd 7:30AM-VNCH
 9:00AM-RMCH
 10:30AM-VNCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 Walt Smith - Ron & Ginny Neumer
 For the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
 Larry Lee Hackman - McCague Family



Fr. Michael's Weekly Scripture Class

Please join us as Fr. Michael will be continuing his series of weekly Scripture Classes on Tuesdays at 10:00am in PC1, Rosemont Parish Center. The classes will be based on the Scripture Readings from the following Sunday's Mass. Texts will be distributed for any new students for these hour-long sessions. The sessions are designed to enhance your Sunday Mass experience by reflecting on the readings prior to Sunday. All are welcome, so consider bringing a friend.

MEN'S MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION AND DINNER
TUESDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026 — 6:30pm
HARTEN HALL
PLEASE JOIN US!

Schedule of Events for the week of:
February 15, 2026
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

40

days of Lent

Monday, February 16, 2026 - PRESIDENT'S DAY

Parish Office Closed
 Centering Prayer - RMCH 8:00AM
 Rosemont Care Ministry 10:00AM
 Daily Mass-RMCH 12:05PM
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Scripture Reflection - PC1 10:00AM
 Mansion at Rosemont Mass 2:00PM
 St. Francis de Sales Tutors 2:00PM
 Men's Mardi Gras Celebration - Harten Hall 6:30PM
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 — ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30AM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes
8:30AM-VNCH Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
12:05PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:05PM-RMCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes
3:00PM-VNCH Ecumenical Service & Distribution of Ashes
5:30PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes
5:30PM-RMCH Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
7:00PM-VNCH Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Exercise - Harten Hall 10:00AM
 Religious Education Classes 4:45PM
 Aquinas Tutors - Zoom 5:00PM
 Family Support - Harten Hall 7:00PM
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Men's Scripture Reflection - PC1 6:30AM
 Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall 9:00AM
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Friday, February 20, 2026

Family Night Movie -Harten Hall 5:30PM
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Saturday, February 21, 2026

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Religious Education Classes 10:10AM
 First Communion Retreat - RMCH & Harten Hall 10:10AM
 Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM
FAMILY PROMISE MOVES OUT

PRESIDENT'S DAYS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED.

DAILY MASS IS AT 12:05PM IN THE ROSEMONT CHAPEL.



We wish a Warm Welcome to the newest members of our Parish:

Elizabeth Madden of Wynnewood
Joseph & Lauren McFalls & Family of Bryn Mawr

Congratulations to the recently Baptized members of the parish:

Paige, daughter of Joe & Dana Heavey
Greta, daughter of Edmond & Jennifer Notebaert
Amelia, daughter of Alexey & Teresa Skyban

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Angelina Arcamone PHD, Nicola Bonelli, Linnea Bramble, Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Peter Cellucci, Kelly Clarke, Jackie Colligan, Austin DePetris, Dorothy Dolan, Ella, John Joseph Flood, Jim Foley, Lina Fulton, Ian Gallagher, James Gibbons, Jr., Mary Jane Girondi, Patricia Ann Harley, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Tom Kosinski, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Jubilee Elizabeth Meadows, Mary Moran, Bob O'Driscoll; Denise Paviglianiti, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Shirley Sagan, Michael Salucci, Michael Schwartz, Millie Seeds, Theresa Sherwin, Terry Sousa, Lou Villa, Greta Wagner, Ron Weber 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 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.

ST. FRANCIS INN

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington. 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 Renee Massaua at service@stvparish.org.

**Help Wanted: Communications/
Administrative Representative**

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Bryn Mawr, PA. has a full-time position available. Candidate must perform a wide variety of administrative and communication support tasks for the Pastor and staff, including confidential duties. Experience with all forms of social media, and website management. Excellent communication (written/verbal), time management, and organizational skills required. 2-5 years of experience needed.

Email resume to bizmgr@stvparish.net, or fax to 610-525-6041. NO Calls please. For additional information, please see our website at www.stvparish.net.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

"Love for the poor — whatever the form their poverty may take — is the evangelical hallmark of a Church faithful to the heart of God. Indeed, one of the priorities of every movement of renewal within the Church has always been a preferential concern for the poor." ~ Pope Leo XIV

In Honduras, the El Coyol Habanero Pepper Producers Association is proving that agriculture can drive innovation and growth. Through Isidro LEAP, 146 producers are learning Water Smart Agriculture techniques, restoring soils, and building stronger businesses. These changes mean more than better harvests — they mean stability, income, and opportunity for rural families, helping farmers thrive while promoting sustainability. Visit www.crs.org for more information.

CAMPAIGN PLANNING STUDY SURVEY

Help Shape the future of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. Your voice matters.

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez is inviting parishioners to share their perspectives as part of a planning study to help discern the future of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. Please share your feedback on this important initiative by completing the planning study survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/9fcx95U5B4> or scan the QR code shown below. **Please complete the survey from now through February 27, 2026.**

What is a Missionary Hub?

The Catholic Church of Philadelphia is launching Missionary Hubs across each of our five local counties. These hubs are designed to create a supportive network for missionary life, connection, and support, renewing parishes, schools, and communities, and engaging people across every stage of their faith journey. Five pilot hubs have already launched, and we plan to plant 50 Missionary Hubs over the next 10 years.

Missionary Hubs will be at the heart of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia's outreach and invitation to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our vision includes establishing two hubs focused specifically on reaching young adults both in person and through digital channels. These Missionary Hubs will create a supportive network and community of missionary life and connection, across urban neighborhoods, disadvantaged communities, rural towns, and everywhere in between. Each Missionary Hub will have a collaborative staff focused on growing the Church, building up parish communities to invite people to Mass, community events, and service to the poor. **Missionary Hubs will renew our parishes and institutions, not replace them.**

Please complete the Planning Study Survey by February 27, 2026.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9fcx95U5B4> or scan this QR code.

Thank you for your feedback for this important planning study.
More information can be found at TrustandHope.org.



Readings for the Week:

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 10:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

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

**"We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the things that are above (Col 3:2), to realize that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity."
Pope Leo XIV**

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

St. Thomas of Villanova hosts a

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
every Wednesday Evening at 7:00pm
in Harten Hall (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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Giving Hope 2026

Please Give Generously!



The History of the Augustinian Order Webinar Series Began February 11

Please join the Lay Augustinians for a four-part series about the history of the Order of St. Augustine. It will focus on the development of Augustinianism from the death of St. Augustine in the fifth century to approximately the close of the fifteenth century, when the Order reached the height of its theological, intellectual, and cultural influence. Rather than treating the Order as a static institution, the series will emphasize a continuous historical narrative, tracing how Augustinian ideals were received, adapted, and institutionalized across changing social, political, and ecclesial contexts. Particular attention will be given to the antecedents inherited from late antiquity, the gradual formation of Augustinian life as a mendicant order, the conditions that allowed Augustinianism to flourish, and a series of sentinel events and foundational documents that have come to serve as touchstones for the Order's identity.

The webinars will continue on March 11, April 8, and May 13 at 7:00pm. You can see all of the events and register at augustinian.org/events/ or by scanning the QR code.



**Parish Pilgrimage to St. Augustine Church
Old City Philadelphia
Save the Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026**

Join us as we travel to the site of the first permanent establishment of the Augustinian Order in the United States. Learn about the joys and sorrows of the German and Irish Catholics who came to Philadelphia. Pray at Mass where many of our ancestors said their first prayers in the New World. Reflect on the importance of our Faith, as the Augustinians continue their work and plan for the future of our Church.



A Heartfelt and Warm Thank You!!!

The Joy of Sox team wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Staff and Parishioners for your most recent donation of new socks.

The count is in: 310 pairs!

The socks were transported to The Joy of Sox warehouse in Phoenixville and were counted, sorted and packaged by Villanova University sophomores from their APO service organization.

It was a true St. Thomas/Villanova Univ. / Joy of Sox collaborative effort!!

The socks have already been distributed among our partner organizations who are in direct service to those experiencing homelessness.



As Valentine's Day approaches, remember "LOVE is in the PAIR!"



To learn more or to donate please visit: www.tjos.org

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT
OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL**

When the temperature feels like freezing, Lower Merion calls it a Code Blue night and asks us to open our shelter for homeless men. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this ministry, please go to the Our Mother of Good Counsel website, OMGC and scroll down to Code blue and click on the link. This will bring you to the schedule with dates and times when we need help. Thank you for your assistance.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISHIONERS
are invited to

SKATE

twirl and glide on the ice

Saturday — February 28th

5:30pm—7:30pm



Take to the Ice at the famous Philadelphia Skating Club

Skate with your family at the famous Philadelphia Skating Club (incorporated in 1861)
located at 220 Holland Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Bring a finger
dessert / snack to share. You can bring your own skates.
Skate rentals are available (\$4).

Questions or to RSVP, contact Kathy at
office@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801.



18th Annual Man Up Philly
Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, February 28, 2026

Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **18th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference** on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, at **Cardinal O'Hara High School**.

Speakers include **Father Douglas McKay**, Archdiocesan priest and founder of Our House Ministries; **Chris Gheysens**, Chairman and CEO of Wawa; and **Kevin Reilly**, former NFL player and inspirational Catholic speaker. Back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, will lead our time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available**, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, the Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez**.

For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com



GRANDPARENT MINISTRY
Grandparent Seminar 2026

“The most important thing God wants you to do is right in front of you:

Passing on your faith to your Grandchildren.”
How Can we do that?

Join us for a four – week Grandparent Seminar

Monday: February 23— 10:30am-11:45am
No meeting on Monday, February 16th.

This engaging series includes excellent videos and small group discussions centered on the following themes

- Renewing Hope
- You Can Do This, Grandparents
- Youth Work
- The Strategic Grandparent’s Faith to Move Grandchildren

Registration: Email office@stvparish.org or call Kathy at 610-525-4801, ext 200.

Questions: Contact Facilitator Anne Murphy at anne.g.murphy@gmail.com.

Take a peek at Session 1: A Bold Vision for Grandparenting on www.grandly.org.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
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 and Enter: StThomasRosemont to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Give blood. Help save lives.

For questions about eligibility: call 1 800-RED-CROSS

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for Stewardship Camp 2026! This year the camp will be held from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26, 2026, from 9:30am-2pm. The cost is \$225.00. Details and sign-up information coming next week!

Respect Life Committee
Lenten Service Opportunity

Baby Bottle Drive for Guiding Star Ministries. Last year, our Parish joined together and gifted Guiding Star Ministries with close to \$2000. We again have the opportunity to minister to this special home which provides both shelter and training to young pregnant women through birth and the first year of their child’s life.

We will be passing out baby bottles the weekend of **February 28—March 1** for the collection of any contribution you are able to make.

They will be collected **March 28/29 (Palm Sunday)**. We thank you both for your generosity and prayers for Guiding Star Ministries and the women it serves.

Bereavement Support Group at OMGC
Hosted by Fr. John Deary, O.S.A.

Thursday: 6:30pm

February 19, 2026

March 5, 2026

Location: Our Mother of Good Counsel Social Center

All are welcome who are suffering the effects of bereavement and may benefit from some support from others in the same situation. The bi-monthly meetings are safe, friendly, welcoming and confidential.

**IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010**

Lenten Prayer Day — Thursday, February 26, 2026

GUIDE; Sister Marie Gipprich — Time: 9:30am to 2:00pm — Stipend: \$30.00

The Lenten Season is the perfect time to come apart and spend time with the Lord. Join us for a few hours of prayer, reflection, Exposition and Holy Hour. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the day. The day will include a light breakfast and lunch.

Taize: “Prayer Around the Cross” — Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 — Time: 1:00pm—2:00pm

Stipend: Good Will Offering

Based on the worship service of the community of Taize in France, this is contemplative prayer which included scripture, readings, song, meditation, intercessory prayers and silence. It is an especially appropriate prayer form to use during the Lenten season when we reverence the cross of Christ, the key to our salvation.

Movie With Meaning: “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” — Wednesday, March 4, 2026 — Time: 12:00 noon lunch; 1:00pm Movie — Stipend: \$20

A 13 year old boy is thrown out of the school he loves when his family can no longer afford the fees. He sneaks in to the library and learns how to build a windmill to save his village from Famine.

The Wootton Book Club — Thursday, March 5, 2026 — Hostess: Sister Rose Adams, IHM — 10:00am-11:30am — Book Title” Lost December”

When Luke Crisp graduates from business school, his father, CEO and cofounder of Fortune 500 Crisp’s Copy Centers, is ready to share some good news: he wants to turn the family business over to his son. But Luke has other plans. Taking control of his trust fund, Luke leaves home to pursue a life of reckless indulgence. But when his funds run out, so do his friends. Humbled, alone, and too ashamed to ask his father for help, Luke secretly takes a lowly job at one of his father’s copy centers. There he falls in love with a struggling single mother and begins to understand the greatest source of personal joy.

THE IHM CONFERENCE/RETREAT CENTER ANNOUNCES



**“Afternoon Irish Tea at the Mansion” —
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 — 1:00 p.m.**

Join us for a celebration of the “wearing o’ the green” and gather to enjoy a feast of tea, sandwiches, scones, and dessert. So, Don your green finery for an afternoon of food, fun, and friendship.

Stipend: Proceeds from your good will offering will benefit
Rev. John Deeney, SJ and his Indian School.

Numbers are limited — Registration begins on February 9, 2026

Conference Day: “Hearing and Responding to the ‘Cry of the Poor” — Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:30AM – 2:30PM — Presenter: Sister Rose Adams, IHM — Stipend: \$40

As we find ourselves in the middle of this Lenten season, the presentation will examine Pope Leo’s first Apostolic Exhortation, “Dilexi Te,” which focuses on love of the poor. Popes, saints, Christians and so many others down through the ages have witnessed so generously to this urgent call. Each one of us today is challenged to answer the clarion call to love and serve God’s poor with a deeper love and a compassionate hear.

To register for any of these events, please call 610-581-0120 or email: ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com.