

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 23, 2025



### *A Note from Fr. Joe....*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us in many ways – and one is his directly asking us to examine how we share what we have; our things, our money, but also our time, our talents, our mercy and compassion. Do we only help those who can help us? Do we only love those who love us? Do we "love with a hook," giving with the expectation of getting something in return? Do we maintain what I call "an accounting ledger attitude?" "I won't ask him if he needs anything because he never asks me." "I'm not going to tell her I'm sorry because she still owes me an apology." "I sent them a card, a gift and they never gave me anything."

According to St. Paul in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, this thinking is the result of our bearing "the image of the earthly one," Adam. It's the result of sin, of fallen human nature. Nevertheless, Paul also tells us that, because of Jesus the Christ's death and Resurrection, we "bear the image of the heavenly one," as well. By virtue of our Baptism, we each are capable of being like Christ, of being 'merciful, just as our Father is merciful.' Jesus repeatedly tells us in the Gospels to "do good," not as some unachievable task, but as something that's possible with his grace; to "do good" not just to those we know or like, not just to those who've given something to us – and not because we expect anything in return.

Moreover, Jesus even takes it a step further – challenging us to 'love our enemies,' to live out of a generous compassion. As our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading recounts, it's the kind of compassion, mercy that led David to spare Saul his life, despite what had become an adversarial relationship. In referring to Christ's command, Martin Luther King, Jr. put it this way, "I am not speaking of love in a sentimental or affectionate sense...When I refer to love in this context, I mean understanding good-will – we must in strength and humility meet hate with love."

God knows we can't do it on our own! That's why Jesus suffered and died for us. That's why he gives us the ongoing grace of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. As we prepare to begin another Lent in just a week and a half now, it is the perfect time to consider how we're responding to Jesus' challenges. For forty days, we'll have the opportunity to focus our lives so as to mature beyond our earthly image and grow more deeply into our heavenly one; to renew our baptismal commitment and our stewardship. Lent is not simply about giving things up, but giving of ourselves, in love, to God and others – even those who seem to make that difficult. Our own St. Augustine advises, "Keep trying and do what you can...Let us practice these two sorts of almsgiving, namely giving and forgiving, gently and generously." May Christ's great love for us move us to go out into our often-divided world and bring his healing touch – always remembering that "the measure of our love is to love without measure."

One of the ways that we can share what we have is by giving generously to this year's Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Catholic Charities Appeal – "Giving Hope to All" – that kicks off in our parish this weekend. If you didn't receive a direct mailing, envelopes will be available in both the Rosemont Chapel and the Villanova Church. The Appeal ensures that vital ministries across the Archdiocese can continue to serve those in need. Thank you for all that you do!

#### ***Stewardship Thought for the Week***

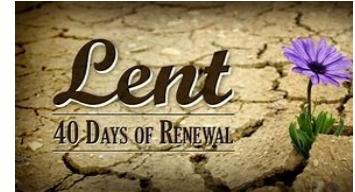
*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Sir 17:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

# LENT 2025



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, 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**

12:05pm - Mass  
3:00pm - Ecumenical Service

**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

**Lent concludes on Holy Thursday, April 17th**, before the celebration of the Sacred Easter Triduum commences with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm in the Villanova Church.

## 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, March 5, 2025 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 Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

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

## A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

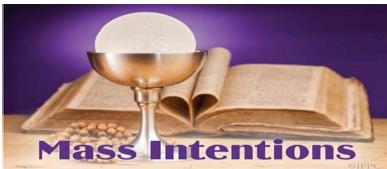


During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

You can pick up your Rice Bowls either in the Villanova Church or Rosemont Chapel starting the weekend of March 1-2, 2025. 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.



<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Mon., Feb. 24th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Albert De Frusco, Jr. - McDade Family
<b>Tues., Feb. 25th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Alfred T. Zodda - Zodda Family
<b>Wed., Feb. 26th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Peter Shovlin - wife, Donna
<b>Thurs., Feb. 27th</b>	<b>Weekday: Saint Gregory of Narek</b> Dr. William Poplaski - Mauriello Family
<b>Fri., Feb. 28th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> For the Intentions of Fr. Peter Donohue Bill Maruszczak
<b>Sat., Mar. 1st</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Patrick Grace - Family Mary & Frank Dulowski - Ginny & Ron Neumer
<b>Sun., Mar. 2nd</b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> For all Living and Deceased Members of the Parish Joseph O'Malley - Family

**Fr. Michael's Scripture Class**  
**Fr. Michael's Scripture Class is on  
Tuesday mornings at 10:00am.**

Class is conducted in PC1 in the Parish Center. These hour-long weekly classes will be based on the scripture readings for the following Sunday's Liturgy. The goal of the class is to enhance our Sunday Worship experience and to develop within us a greater appreciation for the centrality of the Word of God in our lives.

We will continue to use the textbooks previously distributed.

All are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend!

**Because of the Staff Office Retreat,  
we will not have the Scripture Class  
on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.**

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Thank you for worshiping 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 or register on our website at [www.stvparish.net](http://www.stvparish.net).

**Schedule of Events for**

**the week of:**

**February 23, 2025**

**Recitation of the Rosary  
after the daily Liturgy.**



**Monday, February 24, 2025**

Centering Prayer - RMCH 8:00AM

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

Staff Retreat Day - Office Closed  
No Scripture Reflection this week.  
St. Francis de Sales Tutors 2:00PM  
Rosemont Care Center Mass 2:00PM  
Teen Choir - RMCH 6:00PM

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

Exercise Class - Harten Hall 10:00AM  
Religious Education Classes 4:45PM  
Aquinas Tutoring - Zoom 5:00PM  
Family Support Group - Harten Hall 7:00PM

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

Men's Scripture Reflection - PC1 6:30AM  
Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall 9:30AM  
Walking with Purpose - PC1 5:30PM  
Handbell Practice - RMCH 7:15PM

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**  
Religion Education Classes 10:10AM  
Confirmation Classes 10:15AM  
Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM  
Children's Choir - RMCH 11:30AM  
High School Bible Study 3:00PM

**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:** \$6.00 for each class -- checks made payable to **Ageless Exercise, Inc.**



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

Bryan & Patti Forcino & Family of St. Davids  
Bob & Rose O'Driscoll of Bryn Mawr  
Maria & Tomas Sanguinetti & Family of Bryn Mawr

### **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, Catherine Conway, Austin DePetris, Dorothy Dolan, Ella, John Joseph Flood, Jim Foley, Lina Fulton, Ian Gallagher, James Gibbons, Jr., Mary Jane Girondi, Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Frances Hopson, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Tom Kosinski, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Mary Ann McCarthy, Mary Moran, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Michael Salucci, Jerry Santilli, Theresa Sherwin, Terry Sousa, Lou Villa, Greta Wagner 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.

### **STV & OMGC Stewardship Camp 2025**

**Sign-ups are now open!**



Join us for this wonderful week of service, friendship and fun!

Camp will be **6/23/25-6/27/25**.

Hours are 9:30am-1:30pm except on Friday, which is 8:15am-5:00pm.

Campers must be rising 6th-8th graders and counselors must be rising 9th-12th graders.

If you have any questions or would like to register, please email Peggy at [fl-youth@stvparish.org](mailto:fl-youth@stvparish.org)

### **BEWARE OF SCAMMERS USING PARISH EMAIL**

You may have received what looks like an email from the pastor, Fr. Joe Narog, and recently Fr. Joe Genito, asking for your help. This is a scam. Please do not respond to it. We have reported this in the past, but they re-emerge from time to time. Neither Fr. Joe will ever solicit help in this manner.

### **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, March 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](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).

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We are looking for adult Aides to assist the lead Catechist in two of our Religious Education classes:

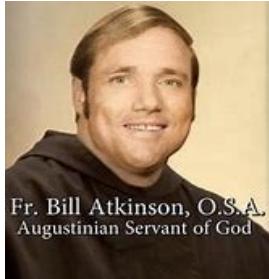
Sunday Kindergarten Class which runs from 10-11:30 each week  
OR

as a Substitute Aide able to help with all ages 1st-6th grades on Wednesdays from 4:45-6:00pm.

We are also thankful for any adult family members (grandparents included!) who wish to volunteer to help once or twice a month. Thank you for sharing your Love of God with our parish's precious children! For more information contact Eilise Rouse at 610-525-4801, ext. 204, or email [rel.ed@stvparish.org](mailto:rel.ed@stvparish.org).

*You are Invited to a  
Brown Bag Lunch  
On  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
at 12:30pm in Harten Hall*

**TOPIC: Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. and His Journey to Sainthood**



Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A.,  
Augustinian Servant of God

Join us for a special Mass and Brown Bag Lunch with our Augustinian Prior Provincial, Fr. Rob Hagan, OSA. Fr. Rob will preside at our 12:05pm daily mass in the Rosemont Chapel and will then join us in Harten Hall for a Brown Bag Lunch. He will be discussing the recent developments and progress of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA on his journey toward sainthood.

**Please bring your lunch.  
Drinks and desserts will be provided.**

**Mark your calendars for this wonderful event!**

**LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL**

"God calls you to make definitive choices...to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment."  
- 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.beafiar.org](http://www.beafiar.org).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL  
Giving Hope 2025  
Please Give Generously!**



**Men's Mardi Gras**

**Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Gentlemen, mark your calendars.

You won't want to miss this!

The Men's Group will hold our annual Men's Mardi Gras Dinner to kick off the Lenten season on Tuesday, March 4th. This year's theme is an Italian Mardi Gras featuring Roast Pork, Penne with Gravy (Spaghetti), Long Hots, homemade Cannoli, and much more. Bring your favorite wine, beer, or beverage, and invite a friend.

What: Italian Mardi Gras

When: Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Where: Harten Hall (below Rosemont Chapel)

**Looking for a place to grow in faith and fellowship with other men?**

**Join Us for a Weekly Men's Gospel Reflection**

We meet every Thursday from 6:30am to 7:30am to dive into Scripture, share reflections and support one another in living out our faith. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, you'll find a welcoming community here. All our meetings are at: Saint Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Parish Center.

For questions or more information please contact Kraig Null at [stv.mensgathering@gmail.com](mailto:stv.mensgathering@gmail.com).

The coffee is ready at 6:30am and we finish faithfully at 7:30am.

P.S. You can join online if it is more convenient!  
Just let us know.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP**

**STV's Centering Prayer Group** meets in person every Monday, including holidays, at 8 AM in the Rosemont Chapel. Mask-wearing is optional. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence, which takes 20 minutes. Thomas Keating offers a detailed description of the process in a you-tube clip at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FWvxwfN\\_CE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FWvxwfN_CE). All are welcome.

The Mission of Family Promise is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.



**We are excited to  
WELCOME OUR GUESTS from FAMILY PROMISE  
May 4-11, 2025 — September 7-14, 2025**

Families in the Family Promise program reside every evening for one week, from Sunday to Sunday, at our Parish Center.

**Please Consider volunteering! Training and guidance are provided.**

Families with School-age children are welcome!  
Contact Renee Massaua at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org) or  
Call 610-525-4801, ext. 221, for more information.

**DINNER PREPARERS** — Deliver cooked dinner to the Parish Center prior to 6:00PM.

**EVENING HOST** — 6:00-9:00PM — Share dinner and fellowship with guests.

**OVERNIGHT HOST** — 9:00PM-6:00AM — Spend the night at the Parish Center

**SET-UP** — Prepare the bedrooms, living room, dining room, and kitchen.

**BREAKDOWN** — Disassemble the bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen.

**LAUNDRY** — Pick up and launder the linens used by the families.

**Pilgrims of Hope:  
A Concert for Racial Healing**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 3:00pm**  
Daylesford Abbey  
220 S Valley Rd, Paoli, PA

Under the direction of Ted Latham & Tonya Taylor-Dorsey, Daylesford Abbey will host a concert entitled, "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: A Concert for Racial Healing."

Among the participating choirs are Daylesford Abbey Choir, God's Men, St. Katharine of Siena Parish Choir, Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir, St. Rose of Lima Youth Choir, St. Thomas of Villanova Adult Choir, and St. Thomas of Villanova Boys Choir.

We are also delighted that Archbishop Perez is planning to join us. We will lift up the transformative power of music for healing racism. With Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year, we will embark on this journey of Hope. Reception to follow. No registration required.

Please join us!

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.

A gentle reminder to all of our wonderful parishioners, let us all be good stewards to work together to keep our churches looking beautiful. Please remember to place the gathering books and supplemental Augustinian binders neatly back into the hymnal racks at the end of Mass.





## 17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 8, 2025

### *Becoming Pilgrims of Hope*

*The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal O'Hara HS.*

*Speakers include Ward FitzGerald, CNBC Contributor and Papal Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St Cyprian Parish and our keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF safety.*

*Back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez.*

*For more information and to register go to the website: [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com)*

#### **TOILETRY SAMPLES NEEDED**

This is just a reminder that your toiletry 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.



#### **2024 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**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.

**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](http://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**

#### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the top recipient of funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development, known as USAID. Stephen Colecchi, former director of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that the cuts to USAID will be devastating to CRS.

"A blanket freeze, even for a short period of time, means staff will have to be let go, programs will get interrupted and supply chains will be disrupted." Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more info, and please continue to advocate for programs that help the poor.

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.

## Bereavement Support Group at OMGC

Hosted by Fr. John Deary, O.S.A.

Thursday: 7:00pm

**February 27, 2025**

**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.*

## HOME VISITS

**Would you like Holy Communion  
brought to you in your home?  
Please call our  
parish office to schedule a visit.**

### **BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975**

### **50<sup>TH</sup> JOINT CLASS REUNION**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

4:00-8:00 PM

Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center

If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Cooper Richey at (610) 804-6920 or email [debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com)

### **La Salle College High School 6th and 7th Grade Practice Tests**

La Salle College High School, located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will administer a practice test on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 8:30am for 6th and 7th grade boys. To register, please visit [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org) or call the Admissions Office at 215-402-4800.

## **First Friday, March 7, 2025**

### **Event: Mass of Healing at Our Lady of Fatima (Delaware County)**

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass of Healing on March 7, 2025. Praise and Worship begins at 6:45pm followed by the Mass and healing prayer service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Witness stories are welcome. Mark Griswold will provide music.

*When the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen." ~ Isaiah 60:22 ~*

**Location:** Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 (Delaware County)

**More Information:** Check website

<https://www.archphilaccr.org>

Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour Sunday, March 9th from 9th from 2:00pm – 3:00pm, led by **Most Reverend Keith J. Chylinski**. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After the prayer meeting there will be a social in the parish hall.

**Location:** Annunciation BVM Church,  
401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA

Other dates include:  
April 13th

### **HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975

50 Year Reunion — Saturday, April 5, 2025

6-10 PM

Heroes Ballroom at FOP Lodge # 5

11630 Caroline Road Philadelphia, PA

\$75 per person

Venmo JimGallagher1975CDREUNION

Or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal

Dougherty 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

c/o John Lennon 861 Beverly Road Rydal, PA 19046

March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to purchase tickets.

*Faith Hope  
Love*

**FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE,  
CONTACT: ST. VINCENT DEPAUL OF  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
e-mail: [DelcoSvdpHelp@gmail.com](mailto:DelcoSvdpHelp@gmail.com)**

## LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP CODE BLUE SHELTERS

Now that the weather has gone below freezing at night, the Code Blue Shelters are open and need overnight volunteers. Below are the locations for the next few months.

January: Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
February: Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr.

Currently, we need two people per shift and two shifts per night from 8:30pm to 1:30am and 1:30am to 6:30am. For volunteer openings and locations, please visit the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084DA9AC22A02-52234009-code#/>

### **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.



## LUNCH AND LEARN

Free Advance Planning Seminar on "Getting Your Ducks in a Row." with the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries. Know your options and understand why pre-planning is one of the best things you can do for your family.

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- A roadmap for planning your final arrangements
- Reasons to plan now
- Financial Peace of Mind
- Connecting with a trusted team
- The importance of choosing a Catholic Cemetery

**DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

**TIME: 12:30PM**

**PLACE: Trattoria San Nicola Ristorante  
4 Manor Road, Paoli, PA 19301**

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Parishioner Tom Costello, Jr. of The Joy of Sox (TJOS) wishes to thank the St. Thomas of Villanova parishioners for their ongoing generosity. 2025 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of TJOS, and as of December 31, 2024, we have distributed a grand total of **1,182,633** pairs of socks, with a total of **142,745 pairs being distributed in 2024 alone** to over 50 organizations in the tri-state area. Our sock distributions take place monthly and average 13,750 pairs of socks per month. We have shipped socks to shelters in 35 states and 15 countries in the world - even during the pandemic. We are wholly dependent upon monetary and sock donations; therefore, your ongoing support has been invaluable. As Kiwi, a homeless friend has said, "socks can be more important than food." On behalf of The Joy of Sox volunteer team, thank you so much.

If you would like to learn more about The Joy of Sox and get involved by conducting a sock drive with your school, civic group or workplace and/or volunteer with us at our warehouse in Phoenixville, kindly email: [Nancy@tjos.org](mailto:Nancy@tjos.org) or call or text 610.212.9843 for further details.