

# SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH

An Augustinian, Roman Catholic Parish

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A Stewardship Community - Sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 26, 2025



### *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Matrimony:** Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements to meet with a parish priest at least 8 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.

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

#### ST. THOMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Villanova Church** Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am  
**Rosemont Chapel** Saturday: 9:00am Vigil Mass: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am

Daily Mass: Mon–Fri: 12:05pm

On Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00am in The Rosemont Chapel.

#### OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am,  
11:30am, 7:00pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri: 6:30am and 8:00am  
Saturday Morning Mass: 8:00am

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## OCTOBER 26, 2025



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

Halloween has become quite a holiday, hasn't it? And it's certainly not just for children anymore. In doing a little research, I discovered that almost \$4.3 billion is projected to be spent on costumes in the U.S. this year – with adult sales outpacing those for children. Apparently, even Spot and Fluffy will be getting in the act, with a pumpkin or hot dog remaining the top choices for pet costumes. I guess we all enjoy pretending sometimes, don't we? It's fun to put on those masks, to be someone else – perhaps a superhero, a princess, that pro football star we always dreamt of being. I may have mentioned before that I used to go dressed as the Wicked Witch of the West to the annual showing of *The Wizard of Oz*, when I was assigned in Andover, Massachusetts. No comments, please!

But, in reality, in life, we need to be honest with others – and ourselves. We need to take off our masks. Are we the same person at work, at school, at home, as we are at church? Do we pretend to be something or someone we're not? How much time do we spend putting up appearances, "keeping up with the Joneses?" Apologies to any of the Joneses out there! There's no need to put up a front, to wear a mask before God. The Lord loves each of us for who we are, for who we were created to be. God just wants us to be honest – to recognize when we do well and what we could do better. That's a key point of Jesus' parable in this Sunday's Gospel. The Pharisee is so busy bragging and talking about how much better he is than others that he's not being himself; he's fooling himself and not being honest with God. The tax collector, on the other hand, drops all pretenses; he's humble, not prideful or self-centered. The tax collector takes off his mask, admitting that he's made some mistakes and asking for God's help – "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" – a short, simple act of contrition.

Being humble, being honest with ourselves, God, and others requires real strength and courage; it entails trust in God's mercy and love. So, is our attitude that of the Pharisee or the tax collector? Whom do we see when we look in the mirror? Here's what St. Augustine has to say – "He (the Pharisee) thought so highly of himself, so excessively highly of himself, that he didn't ask for anything to be given him...as though he were already perfect... He had come to the doctor to be cured, and here he was...covering up his wounds." (*Sermon 16B, 3-4*) We undoubtedly all have gifts, but none of us is perfect. Let's remember then, that in the midst of our costumes, our masks, our pretending, that God always sees us for who we really are – and what could be more humbling than that? Not to fear though, for as St. Paul discovered, as he reveals in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading today, 'the Lord stands by us and gives us strength.' It's ours for the asking! God loves us and wants to help us – always.

Finally, it's also important to keep in mind that, in celebrating what we hope will be a safe and fun Halloween this Friday, the holiday's name is actually a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve." It's the eve, the vigil of the holy ones – **All Saints' Day – on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Though not a holyday of obligation this year, since it falls on a Saturday, it still is a day to commemorate one of the most beautiful tenets of our faith – the Communion of Saints – a host of men and women, with whom we're united on the journey and who serve as humble examples and guides. Join us, if you can, at the 9:00am Mass at the Rosemont Chapel this Saturday.** And check out the board with saints chosen by our students for their Confirmation names.

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

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14*

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else's or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

Thank you for your generosity for the week-end of October 18 and 19, 2025:

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| Number of Envelopes | 292         |
| Envelopes           | \$11,447.00 |
| Loose \$ / NP       | \$1,728.00  |
| Electronic          | \$8,859.00  |
| Other               | \$350.00    |
| Total               | \$22,484.00 |
| 10% Tithe           | \$2,248.40  |
| Last Year           | \$17,270.00 |



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| <b>Mon., Oct. 27th</b><br>12:05PM-RMCH  | <b>Weekday</b><br>John Deesan - Bill Maruszczak                            |
| <b>Tues., Oct. 28th</b><br>12:05PM-RMCH | <b>SAINTS SIMON &amp; JUDE</b><br>Patricia Maguire - Murphy Family         |
| <b>Wed., Oct. 29th</b><br>12:05PM-RMCH  | <b>Weekday</b><br>John & Jessie Passera -<br>Jessica R Conly               |
| <b>Thurs, Oct. 30th</b><br>12:05PM-RMCH | <b>Weekday</b><br>Thomas Urban - Friel Family                              |
| <b>Fri., Oct. 31st</b><br>12:05PM-RMCH  | <b>Weekday</b><br>Jeanne A. Lotito - Petrizzo Family                       |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 1st</b><br>9:00AM-RMCH    | <b>ALL SAINTS</b><br>John Hermann & Delia Mullaney (L) -<br>Donna Shovelin |
| 4:30PM-RMCH                             | Commemoration of Deceased<br>Augustinian Family                            |
| <b>Sun., Nov. 2nd</b>                   | <b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL<br/>THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b>                  |
| 7:30AM-VNCH                             | All Souls Novena   |
| 9:00AM-RMCH                             | All Souls Novena   |
| 10:30AM-VNCH                            | All Souls Novena   |

**Schedule of Events for  
the week of:  
October 26, 2025**  
Recitation of the Rosary  
after the daily Liturgy.



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| <b>Monday, October 27, 2025</b><br>Centering Prayer - RMCH         | 8:00AM               |
| <b>Tuesday, October 28, 2025</b><br>St. Francis De Sales Tutors    | 2:00PM               |
| Rosemont Care Center Mass  | 2:30PM               |
| Walking with Purpose - PC1   | 5:15PM               |
| <b>Wednesday, October 29, 2025</b><br>Exercise Class - Harten Hall | 10:00AM              |
| Staff Meeting  | 1:00PM               |
| Religious Education  | 4:45PM               |
| Aquinas Tutors - Zoom  | 5:00PM               |
| Family Support Group - Harten Hall                                 | 7:00PM               |
| <b>Thursday, October 30, 2025</b><br>Men's Gospel Reflection - PC1 | 6:30AM               |
| Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall                                 | 9:00AM               |
| <b>Pumpkin Decorating - Harten Hall</b>                            | <b>4:00PM-6:00PM</b> |
| Handbell Practice - RMCH   | 7:15PM               |
| <b>Friday, October 31, 2025</b>                                    |                      |
| <b>Saturday, November 1, 2025</b><br>Mass of Remembrance—RMCH      | 4:30PM               |
| <b>Sunday, November 2, 2025</b><br>Religious Education Classes     | 10:10AM              |
| Confirmation Classes - Harten Hall                                 | 10:10AM              |
| Mansion at Rosemont Ministry                                       | 11:00AM              |
| French Mass—RMCH   | 11:00AM              |
| Baptisms-VNCH  | 12:00PM              |



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

**2026 Mass Book Opens**  
**November 3, 2025**

**Our 2026 Mass Book opens on Monday, November 3, 2025. The donation for each Mass is still \$10.00. You can make arrangements for an Announced Mass at the Parish Center.**

Over the years, we have been seeing an increase in the number of Announced Mass Requests, and this year our Mass Book was completely full by the 1st of October. For this reason, please plan ahead as there will be a limit of ten requests that we can accept from each family for the **2027** Mass Book, which will open on Monday, November 2, 2026.

We really want to accommodate remembering everyone's loved ones, so intentions also will be limited to individuals and families. We greatly appreciate your understanding in this matter.



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

Thomas Baker of Philadelphia  
Edward & Elizabeth Brady & Family of Newtown Square  
Aisling Maguire of Philadelphia  
Duchien & Camthuy Vu of Villanova

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

Cora, daughter of James & Ashley Cautillo  
Henry, son of Matt & Samantha Janny  
Charlotte, daughter of Michael & Nicole Neminski  
Gordon, son of James & Bridget Snyder  
Michael, son of Joseph & Amalia Tadduni

**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, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Tom Kosinski, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Jubilee Elizabeth Meadows, Mary Moran, Bob O'Driscoll; Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Shirley Sagan, Michael Salucci, 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.



**CYO BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION**

CYO Basketball registration is open for parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Council Parishes!

Basketball is open to both boys and girls grades 5 through 12. You can register by using this link:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/501161> OR by emailing Megan at: [youth@stvparish.org](mailto:youth@stvparish.org) .

**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. 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).

**Calling All Men!**

**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.

# Family Life Pumpkin Party

 Family Life Pumpkin Decorating Party 

Join us for some spooky Halloween fun! Bring your family & friends for a festive evening of creativity, food, and laughter.



**Date: Thursday, October 30th**



**Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**



**Location: Harten Hall, STV Parish**

**What to Bring: Your own pumpkin (BYO Pumpkin)**  
**We Provide: Paint, stickers, and other fun decorating supplies!** 🍕 **Pizza & drinks provided!**

Please RSVP to Peggy at [fl-youth@stuparish.org](mailto:fl-youth@stuparish.org)



**We can't wait to see your creative pumpkin designs!**



## “VIGILS FOR THE VULNERABLE”

Join us along with our interfaith communities of Lower Merion for prayer & reflection, as we stand together to silently but publicly proclaim our faith-rooted call to care for our immigrant and other vulnerable populations from 5:00 to 6:00 PM each Tuesday as listed.

**During the past month we have joined with Members of Zion Baptist Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bethel AME Church, Old Haverford Friends Meeting and Congregation Or Zarua**

*Please join us for our final meeting on October 28 at Our Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Parish, Bryn Mawr*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE,  
CONTACT: ST. VINCENT DEPAUL OF  
DELAWARE COUNTY**

e-mail: [DelcoSvdpHelp@gmail.com](mailto:DelcoSvdpHelp@gmail.com)

## Confirmation Saint Projects

During the month of **November**, the **Confirmation Saint Projects** will be on display in the back of the Rosemont Chapel as we honor **All Saints**. Please keep our **55 Confirmation candidates** in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith — studying, serving, praying, attending retreat, and completing projects throughout the year in preparation for receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 12:22-30  
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 12:31-35  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;  
Mt 5:1-12a  
Sunday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6;  
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9;  
Jn 6:37-40



### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains desperate. Hunger and malnutrition are widespread. People are returning home to find their houses destroyed. Safe shelter is of urgent concern, especially as winter approaches. Despite staggering challenges, Catholic Relief Services and our partners have reached 1.8 million people in Gaza since 2023 with food, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, cash assistance and social and emotional support. Please consider giving a life-saving gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

"We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza holds. When increased aid can enter, we can deliver. We have teams, offices, warehouses and distribution points — and are further expanding our capacity on the ground to respond. Our supply pipelines, thanks to our long standing partnerships, in Jordan and Egypt are stocked and ready." — Jason Knapp, CRS country representative, Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza

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.

### "Marie's Closet Ministry" St. Francis Inn

St. Francis Inn is in need of items for their "Marie's Closet" ministry. Marie's Closet provides clothing, shoes and linens to the homeless and others living in extreme poverty.

You can bring your donations to the parish office or email Sheila Holst at [hagan1126@verizon.net](mailto:hagan1126@verizon.net) to let her know that you have items to be picked up. Please clearly label your bagged donations "Marie's Closet/St. Francis Inn." The following items are especially needed:

- Blankets
- Sheet sets
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Backpacks
- Kid's Clothing and Shoes
- Men's Boxer Briefs
- Women's and Men's Shorts and Pants
- Men's T-shirts
- Men's Ankle Socks
- Women's and Men's Sneakers
- Women's Underwear
- Women's Ankle Socks
- Maternity Clothing

### Children from Family Promise need NEW Clothes for School

Families experiencing homelessness who are currently staying with Family Promise are in need of NEW school clothes.

Please consider donating pants and tops to help them as they make a fresh start in new schools. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated by these families in crisis.

Please drop off your donations in a bag marked Family Promise at the parish office. The following sizes are needed:

- Girls' sizes 10/11, 11/12 and 12/14
- Boys' sizes 8/9 and 9/10

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO START PLAYGROUP FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN!

We would like to see if there is interest in starting a playgroup for parents with young children once a month here at STV. A few volunteers would be needed to help get this up and running. Parents/caretakers can gather at a local playground or Harten Hall, in the winter months, and meet other adults while children have a chance to play. BYO Coffee of course!

If you have time and interest in helping with this program please contact Peggy: [fl-youth@stvparish.org](mailto:fl-youth@stvparish.org)

**STAYS SAFE  
AND STAY  
POSITIVE**



# Fair Trade and Sustainability Holiday Event

Sunday, November 9th | 10AM - 2PM | Harten Hall



*Shop with purpose - local, fair trade, eco-friendly gifts*

*“Save some holiday shopping and join us at this special event ...”*

- Beaded jewelry from Water Is Life Kenya
- Alpaca goods by women in Bolivia
- Rosaries & jewelry by STV parishioners
- Holiday gifts from Ten Thousand Villages
- Fair trade coffee, chocolate & olive oil – Equal Exchange
- Educational table: Mother Compost
- ...and more!



*Note: Event is part of CLEAR (Children, Liturgy, Ecology & Renewal) program, Villanova University*

## "Care for God's Creation Holiday Fair Trade Event"

Our parish will be hosting a special fair trade holiday event on Sunday, November 9th. We are in search of parishioners and friends who may be *vendors of fair trade* and environmentally sustainable goods, and interested in hosting a table at the fair.

We are also in need of a group of volunteers (any age) to help staff the tables and serve refreshments at the event on November 9th.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Tanya Braithwaite - [liturgy@stvparish.org](mailto:liturgy@stvparish.org) or

### RESTLESS? LOOKING FOR PURPOSE AND FULFILLMENT IN YOUR LIFE?

“St. Augustine speaks so often of our ‘restless’ hearts...that restlessness is not a bad thing...We should...get in touch with our own hearts and recognize that God can work in our lives, through our lives, and through us reach out to other people.”  
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](http://www.beafriar.org).

### 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 or register on our website at [www.stvparish.net](http://www.stvparish.net).

### HOME VISITS

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Please call our parish office at 610-525-4801 to schedule a visit.

Questions about the Catholic faith?  
Would you like to become Catholic?  
[Learn More](#)



The Order of Christian Initiation

## Thinking about becoming Catholic?

### Do you need to complete your Sacraments?

If you are an adult, aged 16 years or older, and are interested in learning more about what is involved in joining the Catholic Church or completing your Sacraments, then you should attend one of our upcoming information sessions to have your questions answered.

Our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) program will kick off on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For additional information, contact Kraig Null at [OCIA@stvparish.org](mailto:OCIA@stvparish.org).

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Looking for Dismissal Ministers



- Do you have a burning desire to share your faith?
- Are you seeking a way to deepen your faith by helping others grow in theirs?

The St. Thomas OCIA (formerly RCIA) team is seeking volunteers to assist with dismissals during the *Period of Catechumenate*.

Your time commitment would be limited to one Mass every 4 or 5 weeks from November through the Sunday before Easter.

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry or learn more, please email Kraig Null at [OCIA@stvparish.org](mailto:OCIA@stvparish.org).

## Help Wanted: OCIA Catechist Volunteers

Our parish is seeking faithful and enthusiastic individuals to assist in the instruction of catechumens through our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program. This is a meaningful opportunity to share the beauty of our Catholic faith and accompany others on their journey toward full communion with the Church.

### What We're Looking For:

- \* A love for the Catholic faith and a desire to share it
- \* Willingness to commit to regular sessions and preparation
- \* Experience in teaching or mentoring is helpful but not required
- \* Supportive presence for those discerning their path in the Church

**Training and materials will be provided.** Whether you're a seasoned catechist or feel called to serve, we welcome your gifts and your heart.

If you're interested or would like more information, contact Kraig Null at [OCIA@stvparish.org](mailto:OCIA@stvparish.org). Let us walk together in faith and help others discover the richness of life in Christ.

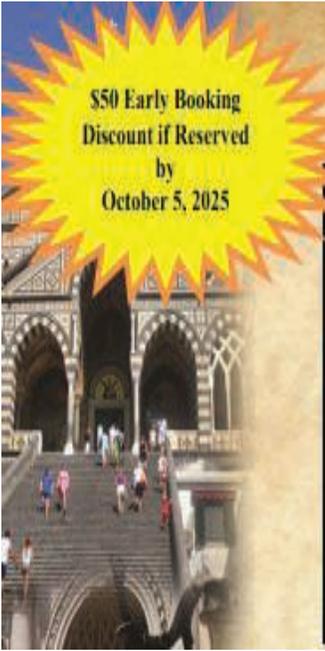
## ST. JOHN'S CASSEROLES

### 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 freezer 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 Renee Massaua at [service@stvparish.org](mailto:service@stvparish.org).



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October 5, 2025

**Father Joe Mostardi**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel Jubilee Pilgrimage**  
 April 27 - May 6, 2026 - 10 Days  
**\$5,599 from Philadelphia**  
 For Info & Reservations, Contact Fr. Joe Mostardi, OSA, Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 31  
 Pennswood Rd, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 - Telephone: (610) 525-0147 x230 - Email: frjoe@omgeparish.net

Check out the website for the registration form and complete schedule.  
<https://www.unitours.com/client/MostardiItaly.html>

**Please join us for a very important  
Brown Bag Lunch  
Monday, November 13, 2025  
at 12:30pm In Harten Hall**

**Presider:** Dr. Robert Leggiadro, Parishioner,  
Physician and Professor from  
Villanova University.

**Topic:** "Vaccines: The Greatest Public Health  
Achievement of the 20th Century.  
Which Ones Do You Need?"

After the 12:05 Mass, we will gather in Harten Hall.  
Bring your own lunch. Drinks and treats are provided.

All are Welcome!



**Bereavement Support Group at OMGC**  
 Hosted by Fr. John Deary, O.S.A.  
**Thursday: 6:30pm**  
**November 6, 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.*

**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.

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**Welcomes families and parish members to an Open  
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**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.



**Socktober Fest 2025 is Here!  
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Let's help The Joy of Sox (founded by STV parishioner Tom Costello). Bring in pairs of NEW socks and we will take them to The Joy of Sox for distribution. Drop off your donations at the Parish Center during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:30pm, and Friday 9:00am-1:00pm.

If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation on their website: [www.thejoyofsox.org](http://www.thejoyofsox.org).

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

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.

**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>. **All are welcome.**



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