

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 25, 2026



A Scripture Reflection....

“Every great person is driven by the passion of a single ideal.” There burns within the hearts of those who make a difference a passion for what might be. These men and women of vision can help others dream dreams and see visions. Jesus in a preeminent way fits into this classification.

Today’s text from Matthew’s Gospel presents us with the first words and scene from Jesus’ public ministry. After his Baptism and Temptation in the desert, Jesus leaves Nazareth for Capernaum and settles near Zebulun and Neptali in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. Eight centuries earlier, Assyria began a ruthless invasion of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The first Tribes to fall were Zebulun and Neptali. Eventually the entire Northern Kingdom, all Ten Tribes fell, and were deported in foreign colonization. Effectively resulting in their complete disappearance. All that remained was the few Tribes of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Fast forward eight centuries and Jesus appears at Ground Zero in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, “...on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.” On the very spot of great desolation, Jesus appears at this decisive moment in Israel’s history proclaiming his single salutary message of hope, “Reform your lives for the Reign of God is at hand.”

The prerequisite for realizing the Reign of God is a profound and total conversion of heart. The old way, the doomed way is obsolete. Anything or anyone hindering our total response must be avoided.

As Jesus continues his journey along the shore of Galilee, he calls his first disciples, Peter, Andrew, James and John. There is a compelling urgency to his call, so much so, that they immediately abandoned their boats and father to follow him. This sudden and complete response is striking and challenging to us.

From the very beginning Jesus has called generous faith filled men and women to be a vital part of his saving mission. As the liturgical season of Christmas draws to its conclusion, may we always bear in mind and heart that we too as baptized members of his body have been called to be viable witnesses to the nearness of the Reign of God among us.

Fr. Michael J. Hughes, O.S.A.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of January 17 and 18, 2026

Number of Envelopes	236
Envelope	\$18,052.00
Loose \$ / NP	\$1,794.00
Electronic	\$9,632.00
Total	\$29,478.00
10% Tithe	\$2,947.80
Last Year	\$16,448.00



Congratulations to the recently Baptized members of the parish:

Nolan, son of Patrick & Katherine Buckley
Cooper, son of Andrew & Lauren Sutton

Resting in Peace:

Walter Allen
Bernard Prusak, Sr.

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.

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.

*Faith Hope
Love*

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

"I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society." ~ Pope Leo XIV

In the past five years in Rwanda, CRS has reached over 300,000 young children with early learning and nutrition support, trained over 5,000 caregivers to nurture healthy growth, and built and equipped 174 community centers where children can learn and play safely. Please consider donating today at www.crs.org.

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

Building a Better World

A Presentation on Pope Leo XIV and Catholic Social Teaching by Fr. Art Purcaro, O.S.A.

27 Tuesday, January 27th



12:45 PM



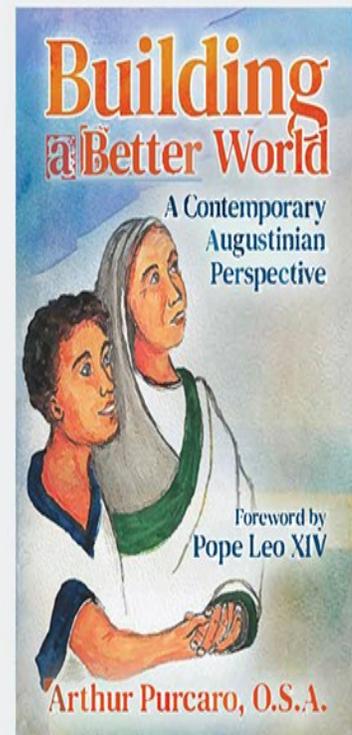
Harten Hall

How can we, as Catholics today, work for a better world? Join us for an inspiring afternoon to explore spiritual formation, social justice, and environmental stewardship as we live out our Christian faith.

Fr. Art Purcaro, O.S.A., will guide us on a personal journey of transformation toward a more just and sustainable world. He will also share insights from his recently published book, *Building a Better World*, with a foreword by Pope Leo XIV.

We hope you can join us for this informative and engaging discussion!

RSVP: Kathy Roethlein – office@stuparish.org | 610-525-4801



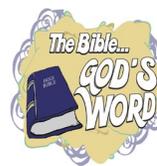
THIS IS A BROWN BAG LUNCH. DRINKS & DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS

All current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and lectors are invited to a **Morning of Reflection** on Saturday, January 31st from 9:30-11am.

This event, presented by Fr. Michael, will begin after the 9:00am Mass in Harten Hall (beneath the Rosemont Chapel) and will focus on the spirituality of the Mass focusing on the Church's teaching on "Real Presence" and the Mass as a "Living Memorial."

This event is not mandatory and is open to all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. Please RSVP to Kathy at 610-525-4801.



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.



**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

Mondays: January 26, February 2, February 9 and
February 16 — 10:30am-11:45am in Harten Hall

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.

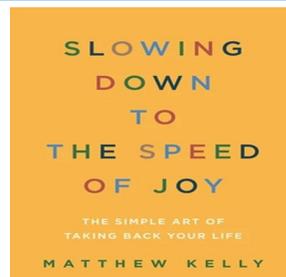
Questions: Contact Facilitator Anne Murphy at
anne.g.murphy@gmail.com.

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

Readings for the Week:

Monday: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19;
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:21-25
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2-3; 3:12-13;
1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 4:1-12a

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
Giving Hope 2026
Please Give Generously!



Parish Book Discussion on
Tuesday, February 3rd:
Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy
by Matthew Kelly

"There is a better way to live. We don't have to remain
trapped in the joyless urgency and frantic living that
dominate our culture today."

After all Masses on January 3-4, the parish gave away
copies of Matthew Kelly's newest book, *Slowing Down
to the Speed of Joy*. **Please join us for a book
discussion on February 3rd in Harten Hall
(beneath Rosemont Chapel).**

Two sessions will be offered:
a brown bag lunch discussion at 12:30pm
and an evening session at 7:00pm.

All are welcome. Please join us.

**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.

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.

Thank you.



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
February 15-22, 2026**

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 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.

ESPECIALLY 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING SERVICE

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has proposed a bold vision for the future of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia in his pastoral letter, Trust and Hope (more information can be found at TrustandHope.org). The Catholic Church of Philadelphia is not defined by its structures, but by its greatest treasure – it's people. To plan its future, the Church of Philadelphia is working with the Steier Group, a national Catholic fundraising firm, to conduct a campaign planning study. Please accept the invitation to share your feedback on the Catholic Church of Philadelphia's proposed plans. This is our moment to renew the Catholic Church of Philadelphia – to strengthen parishes, form missionary disciples, and bring Christ to a world in need.

Your voice matters! Impact our future by taking our survey at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/9fcs95U5B4> or scan the QR code below.



Parish Communications

The Parish currently sends a newsletter featuring upcoming events and important notices that parishioners need to know. We send these newsletters about two times a month using Constant Contacts. If you have not been receiving them, please make sure your email is up-to-date with us so we can keep you informed. You can call the parish office at 610-525-4801 or complete one of the white cards that occasionally comes with your envelopes. If your email is correct and you aren't receiving them, please check your spam folder to ensure that they are not going there. The Constant Contacts should be sent directly to your inbox.

Evangelium Vitae at 30:

Living the Gospel of Life in a Culture of Death

The Pro-Life Union, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, invites you to a symposium on the 30th anniversary of Evangelium Vitae, John Paul II's landmark encyclical on the Gospel of Life.

The conference will be held on
Saturday, February 14th, at
Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine,
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901,
from **9:00am to 3:00pm**.

Bishop Efen Esmilla will celebrate the opening Mass for Life at 9:00am in the Chapel. The conference will cover a host of topics on what the Gospel of Life is, how to live it in our daily lives, and current challenges to its evangelization. Topics include IVF, euthanasia, youth engagement, and post-abortive healing. Featured speakers include Sister Dede Byrne, Monsignor Mike Mannion, Mark Houck and Dr. Monique Ruberu. In honor of John Paul II, an authentic Polish lunch will be provided! Space is limited so please sign up!

To register, please e-mail EV30@prolifeunion.org.
For questions,
email mail@prolifeunion.org or call the office
at (215) 885-8150. Hope to see you there!



RESTLESS? SEARCHING FOR PURPOSE AND FULFILLMENT IN YOUR LIFE?

“Do not be content with what you are if you want to become what you are not yet”. St. Augustine

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.

Join us for a Free Lunch to "Get Your Ducks in a Row"

Enjoy Lunch and learn how to "Get Your Ducks in a Row" with our free Advance Planning Lunch and Learn Seminar. Bring peace of mind to those you love by securing your Advance Plans with Calvary Cemetery.

Location: Jaspers Backyard
101 E. 7th Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428

Time: 12:00 PM

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Saturday, February 21, 2026

Topics include:

- Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery
- A roadmap for planning your final arrangements
- Reasons to plan now
- Financial peace of mind
- Connecting with a trusted team

Don't miss out. RSVP to Renee Cirino at 610-484-5193
or email at rgree@everstorypartners.com



Calvary Cemetery of
West Conshohocken

Calling All Men!

Join Us for Weekly Men's Gospel Reflection

Our Weekly Men's Gospel Reflection is held in the St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Parish Center from 6:30am to 7:30am, every Thursday of the month, except when there is Mass and Fellowship.

For questions or more information, please contact Kraig Null at 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.

**Now Through
February 15th**



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.

Bereavement Support Group at OMGC

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

Thursday: 6:30pm

February 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.

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 begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Men's Spirituality Conference 2026
Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**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



**American
Red Cross**

**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**

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.**