

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## JUNE 29, 2025



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

When visiting the Vatican in Rome, one of the highlights is entering the vast expanse of St. Peter's Square and noticing the massive statues of St. Peter and St. Paul that stand on the steps leading up to the basilica. It's an understatement to say that they're larger than life – symbolic perhaps of how we so often view these two great saints. Peter, sometimes known as "the Prince of the Apostles," became the spokesperson of the Twelve; the one to whom Jesus declares in this Sunday's Gospel, "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church...I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven." Picture keys – almost as big as us – being held in the hands of the statue of Peter. And then there's Paul, "the Apostle to the Gentiles," who arguably did more for the initial spread of Christianity than any other person. He was the one directly commissioned by the Lord on the road to Damascus; Paul became a preacher, teacher, and author of a good portion of the New Testament – thus, a huge Bible sits in the arms of his statue.

Indeed, much does make these two saints seem larger than life. Yet, neither would want to be put on a pedestal. They were humans like us, struggling with problems and weaknesses, who, by the grace of God, 'competed well, finished the race, kept the faith.' Isn't that what makes Peter and Paul so approachable, so imitable – guides for us on our race? Can't we relate to St. Peter's complexity? On one hand, there is his obvious love for and faith in Jesus, as he proclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and, on the other hand, there are the times that Peter fails and falls, including his threefold betrayal of Jesus. And how about the movement in St. Paul's life from persecutor to promoter of Christianity? The initial time that we meet him in Scripture, he's assisting at the stoning of the first known Christian martyr, St. Stephen. Paul's the one though who also gives all of us hope for conversion in life, trusting that 'the Lord stands by us and gives us strength.'

So, as we honor Sts. Peter and Paul on their solemnity, which falls on a Sunday this year and allows even more of us to join in the celebration, may we recognize in them reflections of ourselves; tested persons of faith, called to use our gifts, to persevere through success, trial, and failure – forgiven and loved by Christ. And, in the end, may we join Peter and Paul in humbly being able to say, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Let's keep our eyes on the finish line, knowing that we have such wonderful saints helping us and rooting us on!

Finally, there are a few things that I want to highlight. The Rosemont Chapel parking lot is being repaved in sections this week, so please take that into account when coming to the property. The 12:05pm daily Mass will be celebrated, as usual, Monday through Thursday. The Mass this Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00am. Since it is also a First Friday, we will have Exposition and Adoration beginning at 8:00am, followed by Benediction before Mass, and Reconciliation after Mass around 9:30am. **On July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have the annual Pontifical Mission Societies' Missionary Giving Weekend, with Fr. Tony Burrascano, O.S.A. preaching at all the Masses. This year donations will support the Augustinian missions, particularly in Peru.** Please plan accordingly and, as always, be as generous as your means allow. Last, but not least, thank you so much for the prayers, well wishes, cards, and gifts on the occasion of my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination! It means a lot to me, especially your support and encouragement as we journey together.

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

*"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."*  
(2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of June 21 and 22, 2025:

Number of Envelopes	270
Envelope	\$10,633.00
Loose \$ / NP	\$1,310.00
Electronic	\$8,282.00
Other	\$165.00
Total	\$18,859.00
10% Tithe	\$1,885.90
Last Year	\$16,312.00



<b>Mon., June 30th</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i></b>
12:05PM-RMCH	Edward Frain - The Murphy Family
<b>Tues., July 1st</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>Saint Junipero Serra</i></b>
12:05PM-RMCH	Michael F. Joyce, MD
<b>Wed., July 2nd</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
12:05PM-RMCH	In Thanksgiving to SS Anthony & John Paul II - Petrizzo Family
<b>Thurs, July 3rd</b>	<b>SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE</b>
12:05PM-RMCH	Ted Moynihan - Kelleher Family
<b>Fri., July 4th</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>9:00AM-RMCH</b>	<b>Peace &amp; Justice in our Country</b>
<b>Sat., July 5th</b>	<b>Weekday; <i>Saint Anthony Zaccaria; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</i></b>
9:00AM-RMCH	Margaret Madden Reilly - The Madden Family
4:30PM-RMCH	Deni Zodda - The Zodda Family
<b>Sun., July 6th</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30AM-VNCH	Paul Joseph Vithayathil - The Vithayathil Family
9:00AM-RMCH	All Living and Deceased Parishioners of the Parish
10:30AM-VNCH	Clifford Alexander - Clarkin Family

**Schedule of Events for the week of:**  
**June 29, 2025**  
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



**Monday, June 30, 2025**  
 Centering Prayer - RMCH 8:00AM  
 Rosemont Care Center Ministry 10:00AM

**Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025**  
 Exercise Class - Harten Hall 10:00AM  
 Family Support Group - Harten Hall 7:00PM

**Thursday, July 3, 2025**  
 Parish Office Closed  
 Men's Gospel Reflection - PC1 6:30AM  
 Daily Mass - RMCH 12:05PM

**Friday, July 4, 2025 - INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
 Parish Office Closed  
**First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction - RMCH** 8:00AM  
**Daily Mass - RMCH** 9:00AM  
 Reconciliation following the 9:00AM Mass

**Saturday, July 5, 2025**

**Sunday, June 6, 2025**  
 Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM  
 Baptisms 12:00PM  
 Baptism 1:00PM



## 2025 MISSIONARY GIVING WEEKEND

### The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

### JULY 12 AND 13, 2025

The **Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS)** are a group of Catholic missionary societies under the jurisdiction of the Pope. They serve as a **worldwide network of prayer and charity**, supporting the work of evangelization and assisting young Churches. Almost every country has a national office for these societies, which are active globally to promote missions and outreach. Founded by Pauline Marie Jaricot in the early 19th century, they play a crucial role in the Church's mission efforts.

**This year your donations will support the Augustinian Missions, particularly in Peru.**  
 Fr. Tony Burrascano, O.S.A. will be preaching at all the Masses.

Please pray and help support the Augustinian Missionaries who bring the Gospel message of Jesus and serve the poor and needy in a Mission land. Learn about this group's essential Mission work for the Church. Please pray for the work of this Missionary Group and please provide as you are able.



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

Mary Anna Meyers of Haverford

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

Luca, son of Chris & Hang Ianovale

**Resting in Peace:**

Eleanor Jackson

**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, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Tom Kosinski, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Mary Ann McCarthy, Jubilee Elizabeth Meadows, Mary Moran, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Peter Sagan, Shirley Sagan, Michael Salucci, Jerry Santilli, 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](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).



INDEPENDENCE DAY  
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**Daily Mass is at 9:00am on  
Friday, July 4th.**

**Because of the Holiday, the Parish Office  
is closed on Thursday, July 3rd and  
Friday July 4th!**

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**Friday, July 4th is also FIRST FRIDAY,  
and we will have Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction at 8:00am  
before the 9:00am Mass. Reconciliation  
will follow the Mass.**

**Readings for the Week:**

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a;  
Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Eph 9:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19;  
Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29;  
Mt 9:14-17  
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18;  
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



*Join the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish - Family Life*

# SPLASH PARTY!



**WEDNESDAY JULY 16TH | 5:30 PM**

**RainDate: Thursday, July 17th | Location: Conestoga Swim Club**

**Parishioners A to L - Bring a salad to share**  
**Parishioner M to Z Bring a dessert to share**

**RSVP: Parish Phone - 610-525-4801**

**Email: [office@stvparish.org](mailto:office@stvparish.org) | OR Code**

**?’s Peggy Schumann 610.525.4801 /**  
**[fl-youth@stvparish.org](mailto:fl-youth@stvparish.org)**





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  
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.

## ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH



*Are you looking for a small way to  
make a big difference for  
others this Summer?*



### **SHARE THE HARVEST**

Our parish will be helping families in our area who are in need of food by collecting fresh produce for the food pantry at ElderNet in Bryn Mawr. This year, **they are in particular need of fresh fruit, especially ones that don't spoil easily such as apples, oranges and grapefruit.**

**Baskets will be available for donations in the lobby of the Parish Center, Monday through Wednesday, or in the back of the Rosemont Chapel after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, beginning in July through mid-September.**

**You may also contribute by cash or check, noting "Share the Harvest."  
Thank you for your generous support.**

**For more information, call the office at 610-525-4801.**

## The Men of Villanova Invite You

To Join Our weekly, low-key,  
Gospel Reflection!

We're a group of guys discussing faith and  
life in a relaxed setting.

No pressure, just meaningful conversations.  
If You Need a Better Way to Start your Day,  
or just a break from the "Normal," come and join  
us for one hour on Thursdays at the St. Thomas  
of Villanova Rosemont Parish Center at 1229  
Lancaster Avenue. The coffee is ready at  
6:30am and we finish faithfully at 7:30am.

**No need to prepare — just come as you are!**

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

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**



**Don't start Summer vacations until you've  
registered!**

Go to: [www.stvparish.net](http://www.stvparish.net)  
Click on Catholic Education — REP for  
all forms.

Contacts: [rel.ed@stvparish.org](mailto:rel.ed@stvparish.org)  
[admin.rep@stvparish.org](mailto:admin.rep@stvparish.org)

**Registrations are due by July 1, 2025.**

## **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).

## ***Bereavement Support Group at OMGC***

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

***Thursday: 6:30pm***

***July 3, 2025***

***July 24, 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.*





### **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 at 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.



### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August

For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

On World Refugee Day, we honor the strength of displaced people and refugees around the world. Their resilience is incredible - but recent funding cuts are making life even harder. From Sudan to Haiti to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, millions are at risk of hunger, malnutrition, and insecurity.

At the end of 2024, an estimated 123.2 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced. Without the proper funding, Catholic Relief Services will struggle to help those in need. Please urge Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming humanitarian and development assistance. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information.

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.



Don't let sexual violence silence you.  
Healing can start with a call.  
Dial 1-888-800-8780 or visit  
[www.pacrimevictims.com/healing](http://www.pacrimevictims.com/healing)

**HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST**  
Confronting Sexual Violence in our Archdiocese.

*Faith Hope  
Love*

# Butterfly Blessings



Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish is looking for volunteers who can knit, crochet, sew or do needlework to make handmade baby items for babies facing challenges in our local hospitals.



Ideas include baby caps, blankets, sweaters, booties, bibs, anything you can create!



Each item will be tagged with this blessing:

*"May you be blessed with the ability of a butterfly to grow gracefully.  
May your beauty radiate like the colors of a butterfly lighting up the world.  
May your love spread like the wings of a butterfly, gently touching souls."*



For more information contact the parish office at 610.525.4801



A Baby's Breath [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) is looking for more volunteers, particularly a Donations Coordinator for our location in Wayne. If you would like to devote your time and sacrifices to "...helping a mother see her child take his/her first breath," we would love to have your service and talent. To sign-up, go to our website and click on Volunteering <https://ababysbreath.org/volunteering/>, pick your center and evaluate your skills to offer. We also advertise the specific jobs needed. God Bless and thank you.

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.



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

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; And only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." - 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.beafriar.org](http://www.beafriar.org)

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

## Custodian needed – Full-time position

Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown, PA, is in need of a full-time custodian. Maintenance, janitorial and grounds care included. Background checks required. For additional information, please see our website for duties included in this position at [www.abvmh.org](http://www.abvmh.org). Resumes can be sent to [finance@abvmh.org](mailto:finance@abvmh.org). No calls please.



# OMGC VACATION BIBLE CAMP

SPACE IS LIMITED  
SIGN UP TODAY!

**AUGUST 18-22**

**Creation Station!**

Children ages 4 (must be four by August 18) through 9 are invited to participate in our Vacation Bible Camp the week of August 18-22. **The camp runs from 9 a.m. until Noon.** We will explore the Creation Story and how God is calling us to care for it! To register, go to [www.omgcparish.org](http://www.omgcparish.org),

click the Faith Formation Tab.  
Under that tab, you will see  
Vacation Bible Camp 2025.  
Click there to sign up! or use  
the QR Code.

