

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023



Scripture Reflection...

The passage from Isaiah depicts a scene of permanent victory, abundant feasting, and life without end. The setting is a high mountain from which the power and the munificence of God are made manifest, and a sumptuous eschatological banquet is prepared. The rich foods mentioned are symbols of the fullness of life. It is also on this mountain that God destroys death, along with the pall and shroud, symbols of death. This is a time when all promises are fulfilled, a time of ultimate salvation. This eschatological fulfillment embraces not only the entire human race, but the natural world as well. Finally, on that day of eschatological fulfillment, the people acclaim the God to whom they looked for salvation.

The responsorial psalm, one of the most familiar and beloved psalms of the Psalter, paints vivid pictures of carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. Although "shepherd" suggests a flock rather than merely one sheep, here the focus is on the individual. The magnanimous care shown by the shepherd flows from enduring righteousness rather than from some passing sentiment of the heart. The divine shepherd's tender commitment to the flock, and to each individual within it, is as lasting as is God's covenant commitment. The psalmist claims to be unafraid, for the presence of the Lord is reassuring. In addition to this image, God is characterized as a host who supervises a banquet, and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells. Paul is not referring to the ordinary trials and sufferings of life. He is talking about the tribulations that will engulf all people at the onslaught of the endtime. This suffering, known as the "birth pangs of the Messiah," stems from the apocalyptic conclusion of this age. The avenue through which Paul enters this time of tribulation is the burdens of the ministry. The help offered by the Philippians was not merely philanthropic assistance. They participated in Paul's ministerial endeavors and his distress, the tribulations of the endtime. Therefore, they are promised a share in the glory of the new age. Paul concludes by praising the glory that has been God's from the beginning and that will continue to be God's from age to age.

Jesus uses a parable to illustrate the severe consequences of refusing the invitation to a royal wedding banquet. The culpable negligence or indifference of those originally called was tantamount to political insubordination. The wedding garment probably represented some aspect of righteousness. The banquet is a metaphor for the delights of the eschatological age of fulfillment (see Is 25:6). The time between the initial invitation and the announcement that the banquet is ready resembles the interim between the invitation to participate in the age of fulfillment and one's entrance into it. Finally, the punishment meted out by the king suggests the final judgment and the distress that will accompany it.

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."
Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of October 7 and 8, 2023:

Number of Envelopes	256
Envelope Amount	\$5,203.00
Loose Cash	\$2,238.00
Electronic Offerings	\$13,512.00
Other	\$1,025.00
Total	\$21,978.00
10% Tithe	\$2,197.80
October 9, 2022	\$25,055.67



A RESOUNDING THANK YOU to all who participated in the anniversary event last Sunday at the Inn. Particularly, the executive committee of Jay Espanier, Marguerite Goff and John Cellucci, are to be acknowledged for their many hours of preparation and organization to make this a wonderful expression of appreciation for what we have as a vibrant parish community. In addition, there were many volunteers who gave their time to set up the events and make it a time of fun and relaxation for all. By all accounts, this event reflected the love and appreciation we have for our parish community. The people at the Inn provided a first-class event and made every effort to accommodate our preferences. We all deserve a hearty **THANK YOU** for making this celebration a great success.

Fr. Joe

"Laudate Deum" – Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation

Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.

This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world".

No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. Admittedly, not every concrete catastrophe ought to be attributed to global climate change. Nonetheless, it is verifiable that specific climate changes provoked by humanity are notably heightening the probability of extreme phenomena that are increasingly frequent and intense. For this reason, we know that every time the global temperature increases by 0.5° C, the intensity and frequency of great rains and floods increase in some areas and severe droughts in others, extreme heat waves in some places and heavy snowfall in others. If up to now we could have heat waves several times a year, what will happen if the global temperature increases by 1.5° C, which we are approaching? Those heat waves will be much more frequent and with greater intensity. If it should rise above 2 degrees, the icecaps of Greenland and a large part of Antarctica will melt completely, with immensely grave consequences for everyone.

Pope Francis' Laudato Deum letter can be found at:

["Laudate Deum": Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis \(4 October 2023\) | Francis \(vatican.va\).](https://vatican.va)



Mon., Oct. 16th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; Saint Hedwig; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Dr. Frederica Anne Roccaro - John & Tanya Braithwaite
Tues., Oct. 17th 12:05PM-RMCH	Saint Ignatius of Antioch Mary Jean Powers - Ted & Lori Powers & Family
Wed., Oct. 18th 12:05PM-RMCH	Saint Luke Frederick & Cathryn DiAntonio & Family - Rita DiAntonio
Thurs., Oct. 19th 12:05PM-RMCH	Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues & Companions Deceased Members of the Lynch Family
Fri., Oct. 20th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday; Saint Magdalene of Nagasaki; Saint Paul of the Cross Mabel Kuchinski - Connie Mervine
Sat., Oct. 21st 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH	Weekday Blessings and Thanks for our Children - Petrizzo Family Kathleen Broderick - Sr. Mary Broderick
Sun., Oct. 22nd 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH 10:30AM-VNCH	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Dave Burton - Gerri Burton Richard Williams - Cornett Family

You are Welcome to attend our FOOD REVOLUTION SUMMIT

How to Improve Your Health with a PLANT BASED DIET



Dates: Wednesdays, September 27, 2023
October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2023
November 1, 2023

Join us in the STV Parish Center — PC1
after the 12:05 Mass

Faith Hope Love

Schedule of Events for the week of: October 15, 2023
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, October 16, 2023

Centering Prayer 8:00AM
Rosemont Care Center Ministry 10:00AM
Stewardship Council - PC1 7:00PM

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mansion at Rosemont Mass 2:00PM

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Exercise Class - Harten Hall 10:00AM
Food Revolution Session - PC1 1:00PM
Religion Education Classes 4:45PM
Family Support Group - Harten Hall 7:00PM
Bereavement Group - RMCH 6:30PM

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall 9:00AM
Respect Life Meeting - PC2 615PM
Walking with Purpose - PC1 7:00PM
Eucharistic Minister & Lector Workshop - Harten Hall 7:00PM
Handbell Choir - RMCH 7:15PM

Friday, October 20, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023
Eucharistic Minister & Lector Workshop - Harten Hall / RMCH 9:45AM
Catholic Cemetery Seminar - Harten Hall 12:00PM
Mass of Healing 5:00PM

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Pumpkin Decorating after 9:00 Mass and Religious Education - Austin Park 10:00AM
Religious Education Classes 10:10AM
Confirmation Class 10:10AM
Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM
French Mass - RMCH 11:00AM
Gathering for Afghan Families - Harten Hall 2:00PM
Youth Group STV/OMGC Fall Festival 12:00PM
Baptisms-VNCH 1:00PM
Baptism-VNCH 1:45PM

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



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

Kim Dang of Conshohocken
Mike & Patricia Nicotera of Glen Mills
Dan & Mary Beth Rucker of Bryn Mawr

Congratulations to the newly Baptized members of the parish:

Grace, daughter of Greg & Maureen Buras
Luke, son of Sean & Erin Gillespie

Resting in Peace:

Mr. James Sullivan

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Nicola Bonelli, Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Peter Cellucci, Ellen DeCarlo, Austin DePetris, Ella, Jim Foley, Lina Fulton, Ian Gallagher, James Gibbons, Jr., Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Joe Hopko, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Kelly Clarke, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Eileen McGovern, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Michael Salucci, Murray Savar, Theresa Sherwin, Terry Sousa and Robert J. Wahl

Please pray for our soldiers stationed throughout the world. Please also pray for the soldiers who are returning from their assignments, especially the wounded.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYER LINE

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer requests. Please contact stvprayerline1@gmail.com or Marie DellaGreca at 856-981-7761 to activate the parish prayer line. We have parish teams available for your special intentions.

DINNERS TO THE DOORSTEP

This ministry is for parish families who are in crisis or for parish couples welcoming a new baby. Home-made dinners are delivered. Two parish coordinators keep a list of volunteers who are called as needed. If you are in need of this delicious community support, please contact Sarah Breck at 610-975-0444 or sarahbreck@verizon.net.

ST. FRANCIS INN

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, November 19th. 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.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH PROGRAM

Virtual Volunteer Tutor Training Workshop

Volunteer English Program of Chester County is offering a virtual, tutor training workshop in October for anyone interested in becoming a one-to-one English language tutor.

The workshop will be held on October 24, 26 & 30 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, and the fee is \$40. For more information, please call 610-918-8222 or visit www.volunteerenglish.org.

Are You Ready for Mark?

The New Liturgical Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023.

This year the Sunday Gospel reading will be taken from the Gospel of Saint Mark. Mark's Gospel is not only the oldest of the four Gospels, but it served in large part as the basis for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Fr. Michael will be offering three insightful and thought provoking classes on the Gospel of Mark on Tuesday November 7th, November 14th and November 21st from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Rosemont Chapel. Notes will be provided and questions will be entertained.

For now, mark your calendar for Mark.

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 freezers 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.

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.



Anointing the sick

MASS OF HEALING with the Anointing of the Sick

CELEBRATED ON

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st at
the 5:00PM MASS**

**For details contact Mary Kate McCally at
610-525-4801 | nurse@stvparish.org**



Provide JOY and HEALTH with new socks!

- **Every night in the United States over 560,000 people experience homelessness**
- **Socks are the #1 item requested at shelters**
- **The Joy of Sox collects NEW socks for men, women and children**
- **Over the last 12 years we have distributed over 825,000 pairs of socks in 273 shelters in 34 states and 6 countries**

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.

Thank you for your generosity.

NEW LENDING LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN

We now have a NEW Lending Library for Children during Mass at the Rosemont Chapel! Do your little ones need something to hold or do during Mass to keep focus? We love children at mass and want them to be here. To help the experience for families with young children we have a new gold cart in the back of the church with Catholic themed items for the children to enjoy. Please take something during mass and return it when finished.

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.beafriar.org.

Bereavement Ministry

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Center

A Bereavement Support Group will be meeting this fall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in PC-1 on October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1 and 8, 2023.

Kelly Clarke, MSW will facilitate this grief & loss group that is structured to offer guidance and support for those navigating life while dealing with profound loss. Kelly, a therapist who has built and operated several nonprofit organizations for the past 30 years, will provide tools and techniques to effectively process the 5 stages of grief. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. However, there is a healthy way to process loss while keeping the



Lunch and Learn

Join us for a complimentary lunch... and learn how you can give the priceless gift of peace of mind to those you love. We have more than just cemetery plots.... Learn about the various burial options available at Calvary Cemetery and SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Topics include:

- Different burial options for cremation and traditional
- Helpful tips and advice
- Reasons to plan now
- Details on how to get started
- Receive a Complimentary Family Planning Guide

DATE: SATURDAY, October 21, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm—2:30pm

WHERE: St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
(Harten Hall)
1229 E Lancaster Ave, Rosemont, PA 19010

Please RSVP to Renee Cirino via phone call at 610-484-5193 or email at rgree@everstorypartners.com

Afghan Resettlement: Two Years Later

Sunday, October 22 — 2:00pm-3:30pm

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish (Harten Hall)

In August 2021, thousands of Afghans were evacuated as part of the U.S. exit from Afghanistan. Many of those who made it to the United States are residing here in Philadelphia and its surrounding communities. Come and meet our Afghan neighbors. Hear about the challenges and successes they've experienced during the past two years. We will allow for time for questions.

Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome!

Augustinian Friends Fall Social Gathering

Please join our Augustinian Friends Social Group for single adults over 55 years old.

The group will meet on Monday, October 23rd.

Join us on the 23rd for daily mass at 12:05pm and then meet at Gullifty's Restaurant in Rosemont for lunch. Please RSVP to Peggy Schumann: fl-youth@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801.

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.

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Support the THE Augustinian Fund Annual Appeal

The Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova will conduct its annual Augustinian Appeal in support of the friars' way of life and ministries in our parish during the month of October. This Appeal helps us to provide for our brothers who cannot work because of age or health, and those who are students in formation preparing for ministry.

The presentation of the Augustinian Annual Appeal will be made in two weeks on the weekend of October 28-29, 2023 followed by a direct mail appeal. Gifts of any amount are welcome.

Donations will also be accepted online at: www.augustinian.org/augustinian-parish-appeal



Respect Life Committee News

We will continue our celebration of Respect Life Month by collecting baby formula for our sister parish, St. Cyprians. All brands are welcome. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center in Rosemont or to the tables in the back of both churches after any of our masses. Thank you for your generosity!

Join our Respect Life Committee on **Thursday, October 19, at 6:15pm** for an in-person meeting. Come and meet other members of the group and discuss opportunities for getting involved. The meeting will be held in the Parish Center in the PC meeting room. All are welcome!

You are welcome to join thousands of Catholic people praying a Respect Life Novena Friday, October 13th to Sunday, October 21st. You can get daily prayers, reflections and more at respectlife.org.

We also invite you to attend the Pa March for Life held in Harrisburg on Monday October 16.

<https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>
It includes Mass at the cathedral and the opportunity to meet many amazing people.

Questions? Contact Margot and Bob Giuliano at
margotgiuliano@gmail.com

An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care: usccb.org/end-of-life-care

**Women's Speaker Series
Save the Date**
St. Thomas of Villanova
Women's Speaker Series Presents
Documentary Filmmaker Jennifer Lin
on **Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00pm in Harten Hall**
in the Rosemont Parish Center

Let's reconnect for an evening of insight and conversation. Featured speaker Jenifer Lin will reflect on the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia Orchestra's groundbreaking trip to China in 1973 and her recent documentary, *Beethoven in Beijing*.

Jennifer Lin is an award-winning journalist, author and documentary filmmaker. She created and codirected the feature-length documentary, *Beethoven in Beijing*, which premiered on PBS's *Great Performances* in 2021. For 31 years, she worked at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as a reporter, including posts as a foreign correspondent in China, a financial correspondent on Wall Street and a national correspondent in Washington, DC.

Please join us and bring a friend!

Refreshments will be served, and social time will follow. Please RSVP to Kathy at office@stvparish.org at or call 610-525-4801.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

"If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant long-term impact. As a result, along with indispensable political decisions, we would be making progress along the way to genuine care for one another." ~ Pope Francis, Laudate Deum

In Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation, Laudate Deum, the pope again calls us to action, highlighting the urgent need to care for our planet as the climate crisis deeply affects our global communities, especially the most vulnerable. At Catholic Relief Services, we stand with those communities facing the harsh impacts of the climate crisis, from deadly droughts to forced migration. This unity drives our push for policies that lessen climate impacts and encourage sustainable development. In fact, Laudate Deum is fundamentally a rallying cry for the crucial policy work needed to change paths. He invites leaders everywhere to rise above self-interest and imagine a future shaped by the common good. Visit www.crs.org for more information and visit www.vatican.va to read Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation, Laudate Deum!

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.

Join the STV Moms Group for PUMPKIN DECORATING



In Austin Park (next to McDonalds)

Sunday, October 22nd following the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel or after REP until 12:30pm.

RSVP TO fl-youth@stvparish.org
We will provide pumpkins, decorations and treats.



OMGC and STV Parishes participate in the Winter Basketball League with Region 32 of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Programs.

5th – 8th Grade Athletes are eligible to Register before 11/1/23. Coaches are being certified now. Practices will begin after 11/1/23 and be held 2-3 times a week with games in the evening and weekends. It is important to register early.

Athletes must either be registered members of the Parish before the start of the season and active in the Religious Education Program for either Parish or attend another Parish School.

High School Registration is 9th-12th Grade and must be registered members of the parish.

We will try to field at least one team at each level. 5/6 Boys and Girls; 7/8 Boys and Girls; HS Boys; HS Girls or merge with another parish should there not be enough participants.

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/395066>

Saturday, October 28, 2023, — 9:00am – 1:30pm The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom Family and Faith Caregiver's Retreat for Families in Crisis

A combined ministry with the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in Philadelphia.

Description: Join other caregivers for a morning reflection as we pause, pray, and share experiences together and discover the power of God at work in our lives.

Address: 1166 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146. On-street parking and public transportation is available.

Cost: \$35 includes lunch and is payable at the door. Checks, cash, and on-line payments available.

Register: <https://www.nonnatus.org/life-affirming-choices.html>

Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com



2023 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, November 27, 2023

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.

There is no substitute for blood. **Donors provide the only supply of life-saving blood for those in need.** Donating is simple, fast, and convenient. The donation process can take as little as 45 minutes of your time, but can make a lifelong difference for someone else. Please sign up today.

Give the gift of life. Sign up to be a blood donor today!

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

STV CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 AM

CONTACT STEPH TWOHIG

MUSIC-YOUTH@STVPARISH.ORG

STV Children's Choir is for any child in the Parish in grades 1st - 7th grade!

STV SUNDAY REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be held with Mrs. Twohig after Prep class from 11:30 -12:00 pm.

STV WED REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be held with Mrs. Twohig before Prep class from 4:15-4:45 pm

SUNDAY 9:00AM MASS DATES

OCT 15TH

NOV 12TH

DEC 10TH

STV Teen Church Choir

The teens lead the music at a once A month 5:00 pm Saturday night Mass. Anyone in 8th-12th grades are welcome to join. We practice on Monday's in the Rosemont Chapel from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Please contact Steph Twohig, Children and Teen Choir Director, music-youth@stvparish.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will return to St. Thomas this fall during the 9:00am Mass. The sessions are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month: November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3 and April 7. We need your help to be successful!

Can you commit to sharing God's word in an age appropriate way to our youngest members of the parish for approximately 20 minutes during Mass? Children will leave Mass during the Liturgy of the Word and return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All materials are easy to follow and will be provided for you. We are looking for a committee to help organize and run this special program under the direction of Lauren Finore and Peggy Schumann. Clearances must be obtained and up-to-date. Email Lauren at confirmation@stvparish.org to learn more.

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: \$15 for four classes--checks made payable to **Ageless Exercise, Inc.**