

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 10, 2022



Scripture Reflection...

Holy Week begins each year with our Palm Sunday (a.k.a. Passion Sunday) liturgy. In this liturgy, our procession starts with the reading of the triumphal entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem on a humble colt. Here Jesus is proclaimed by those on the way as “the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” Words of “hosanna” rise out from the multitude of his disciples, praising God with joy.

Yet, there is no liturgy starker in contrast of tone than Palm Sunday. Just as shouts of “hosanna” and praise of the messiah and king of the people fill the road along with palms and cloaks, the liturgy swiftly turns towards the Passion narrative. How quickly the crowd’s chants of “hosanna” become chants of “crucify him!” How quickly the cloaks become nails to a cross. How quickly does waving palms become waving fists.

What does this contrast reveal to us about Jesus and ourselves? The close connection between the welcoming of their king and the death of Jesus presents an insight into Jesus’ reign: complete self-emptying, sacrificial love, and in stunning vulnerability. Jesus’ triumphant throne as king is not gold, but the wood of the cross. The reign most deeply felt and profoundly expressed is in this moment of laying down his life for his friends. There is no greater love than this. Despite the fickleness of the crowd whose tune changes so suddenly, Jesus’ reign remains ever among us – undeterred and ever constant – a sacrificial love so unjustly crucified by the broken world for the new life of the world.

In Luke’s passion account proclaimed this year, note how this sacrificial love still brings about reconciliation despite such suffering to Jesus. Luke makes the fascinating point of reconciliation between Herod and Pilate after years of being enemies. Also, Luke uniquely mentions Jesus’ forgiveness of the repentant or good thief crying out next to him. May our journeying with Christ this Holy Week, from “hosanna” to “crucify him,” renew our faith in the reign of God among us, despite our brokenness. With war, suffering, illness, and estrangement so vividly around us, may we notice the sacrificial love of God’s reign that continues to bring about reconciliation in our hearts, homes, communities, and world – hopefully with our help, but, thankfully, sometimes despite it.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”
(LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or because you don’t want people to think negatively about you? Or because you don’t think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of April 2 and 3, 2022:

Number of Envelopes	255
Envelope Amount	\$10,180.00
Loose Cash	\$1,270.00
Electronic Offerings	\$9,524.91
Other	\$548.30
Total	\$21,523.21
10% Tithe	\$2,152.32
April 4, 2021	\$31,243.33



TRIDUUM 2022 – THE HOLIEST OF DAYS

PALM SUNDAY, VIGIL MASS, APRIL 9TH

Saturday, 5:00PM — Rosemont Chapel

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:30AM — Villanova Church

9:00AM — Rosemont Chapel

10:30AM — Villanova Church

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION, APRIL 11TH

7:00pm — Villanova Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, APRIL 13TH

7:00PM - Rosemont Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper — Villanova Church

Solemn Adoration until 11:00PM in Corr Hall Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion — Villanova Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

8:00PM Easter Vigil — Villanova Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:30AM - Villanova Church

9:00AM - Rosemont Chapel

9:30AM - Villanova Church

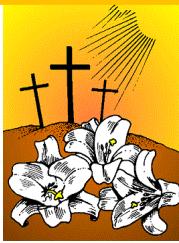
11:00AM - Rosemont Chapel

11:30AM – Villanova Church

There is no Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation Service
Monday of Holy Week, April 11th
Villanova Church — 7:00pm



Parish Office will be closed on
Good Friday, April 15th and
Easter Monday, April 18th.

The Daily Mass on Monday,
April 18th is at 12:05PM in the
Rosemont Chapel.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **Wednesday, April 13th** at **7:00PM** we will conduct the **Stations of the Cross** in the Rosemont Chapel. This will mark the first time that the newly installed Stations of the Cross will be officially celebrated. The Stations of the Cross are an ancient revered devotion of the Church. Plan on joining us for this scripture based Way of the Cross.



For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

"This Synod offers us the opportunity to be with each other, to invite our family and friends back to the faith, to listen to each other's joys and sorrows, and to share our hopes and dreams for our parishes."

~ Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory

We've concluded our scheduled parish listening sessions and we thank those who were able to join us. We will schedule additional sessions if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801, ext. 221, if you are interested in attending. Alternatively, we will accept written responses to the questions below. Please submit them to the email above or to Fr. Joe at pastor@stvparish.org. You can also drop off your responses at the parish office. We want to hear from you! All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Topic 1: Joys and Concerns about the Church from the people of God

1. What fills you with joy about the Church?
2. What concerns do you have about the Church?

Topic 2: Listening Aspect of the Church

3. In what ways or moments has the Church encouraged you to speak up? How does the Church listen to you or hear what you are saying?
4. How can the Church create greater opportunities for people to be heard?

Topic 3: Accompaniment/Journey

5. How can the Church help you and others to grow in your relationship with Jesus and your relationship with the Church?
6. What can the Church do to support people on their faith journeys?

Meet Our RCIA Seekers

In order to help the parish get to know, support, and pray for those seeking to become Catholic, we're going to highlight a few people each week until Easter!

Hayley – Born in England, Hayley attended the Church of England schools, but never was baptized. With a heart for adventure, she has traveled the world and lived in several places, like Italy and Japan. Having met her boyfriend, David, who previously went through the RCIA himself, she was drawn to the profound encounter of love and healing in Jesus Christ and the embrace and welcome of the Catholic Church. She joyfully expresses her love of learning about the richness of faith and God. Presently supporting families at an Archdiocese of Philadelphia cemetery, Hayley looks forward to becoming Catholic and celebrating her Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil with the parish community!

Josh – Born in Kentucky, Josh grew up traveling with his Christian missionary parents to places like Indonesia, and eventually ended up in Downingtown, PA. He comes to the RCIA as engaged to his fiancé, a fellow Penn Stater, and a life-long St. Thomas of Villanova parishioner, Maddie. Having experienced the life of Jesus in the non-denominational Christian community, Josh found a welcoming and vibrant home in the Catholic faith. He often expresses how awesome it is to share his journey to Catholicism with Maddie and how meaningful it has been to their relationship. With the desire to receive the Sacrament of Marriage and raise their children Catholic, Josh's warmth, faith, and presence is a beautiful witness of God's love to both the RCIA and to the parish. He eagerly prepares to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil – with Maddie at his side!

Dawn – A Villanova University alum, Dawn felt the time was right to enter into the RCIA this year. As a baptized Catholic, Dawn had looked into completing her Sacraments of Initiation with Confirmation and Eucharist years ago, but experienced a calling from God – through the love and faith of her family, especially her grandmother – to make the RCIA journey and finish her Sacraments at this time in her life. Her love of exploring the Catholic faith with the deeper meaning behind what we believe and do has been exemplary. Inspired by Dawn's spiritual journey, family and friends have since reconnected with their faith. She also shares how moving it has been to receive affirmation and support from the parish community at each step of the RCIA. Grateful to complete her Sacraments at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church - a place that holds great meaning since her student days - Dawn will joyfully celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 24 at the 10:30AM Mass.



Mon., Apr. 11th
12:05PM-RMCH
Tues., Apr. 12th
12:05PM-RMCH
Wed., Apr. 13th
12:05PM-RMCH

Thurs., April 14th
8:00PM-VNCH
Fri., April 15th
3:00PM-VNCH
Sat., April 16th
8:00PM-VNCH

Sun., April 17th
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30AM-VNCH
9:00AM-RMCH
9:30AM-VNCH
11:00AM-RMCH
11:30AM-VNCH

There are no evening Masses at the Villanova Church on Easter Sunday.

*You are invited
to a Brown Bag Lunch
on Monday,
April 25th at 12:45pm
in the Rosemont
Auditorium*

Topic: Plan YOUR OWN Funeral

Presenters:

Alice Obarski - Director of Liturgy
John McConaghy of McConaghy Funeral Home
Ted Powers of Stretch Funeral Home

This workshop will answer all of your questions about the Mass of Christian Burial, cremation and burials.

Liturgy planners will be available for you to complete for distribution to your children or extended family.

**Bring your lunch!
Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

Please join us!!



Schedule of Events for the week of: April 10, 2022
Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

Monday, April 11, 2022
Communal Reconciliation—VNCH

7:00PM

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Exercise - Aud
Family Support Group - Aud
Stations of the Cross - RMCH

**10:00AM
7:00PM
7:00PM**

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thurs., April 14th
8:00PM-VNCH **HOLY THURSDAY**
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri., April 15th
3:00PM-VNCH **GOOD FRIDAY**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. —John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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

George & Marta Benham & Family of Villanova
Matt & Erica O'Reilly & Family of Newtown Square

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Peter Cellucci, Austin DePetris, Lina Fulton, Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Joe Hopko, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Joe Massaua, Janet Mignogna, Brigid and Colleen Nolan, Bill Riley, Michael Salucci, Margaret Scully, Theresa Sherwin, Kevin Sousa, Peter 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) SHARES STORIES FROM UKRAINE

Tatyana left her home in Ukraine in early March, walking the last 10 miles to reach Moldova. She says the people of Chisinau have been good to them, but hopes to go home soon. "I wish this would end, so that there is peace and we can return...and live as before," Tatyana said. More than 3.9 million Ukrainians have fled Ukraine since the war started over a month ago. Connor O'Loughlin, the lead coordinator of emergency refugee services for CRS, spoke to USA Today about the situation: "For many, many people, those who are staying in Moldova, they want to be close to home and return when it's possible. And it's important that they retain that hope." Please visit www.crs.org to see how you can help. If you are interested in getting involved with CRS at the parish level, please contact Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801, ext. 221, to learn more about our new CRS Chapter, a joint effort with our sister parish, St. Cyprian.



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 St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, April 17th. 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 Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org.

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—18L42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,10-13, 15:18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a; 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5-6b, 8; Jn 1-0 (42) or Lk 24:1-12 (41)



MANNA BAGS will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 7 & 8.

Kindly return your filled MANNA Bag (or your own grocery bags) on Saturday, May 14 or Sunday, May 15.

Canned food items in greatest need are:
Beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables,
Pasta, soups, and pork and beans.

If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online instead:

<https://yougivegoods.com/mannadrive>

Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

*Faith Hope
Love*

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 yellow cards that comes annually 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.

NEED TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING?



SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT
de PAUL

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish is hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Saturday, April 23rd from 12:00 to 4:00pm.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the side lot by Rosemont Chapel where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted**. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

**STAYSAFE
AND STAY
POSITIVE**

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AID FOR UKRAINE

There have been a number of inquiries from folks wanting to help the people in Ukraine. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has already announced that funds received in this year's Collection for Aid to the Church in Eastern and Central Europe would be earmarked for Ukraine.

If you would like to make a donation specifically for Ukraine, the funds should be sent to the Chancery Office for the Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Checks should be made out to "**Archeparchy of Philadelphia**". In the memo line please indicate it is for "**Humanitarian Aid**". These checks should be mailed to:

Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Chancery Office
810 N. Franklin Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123-2097

If you would like to make a direct contribution, there is a Pay Pal account you can use. Please refer to ukrarcheparchy.us/donate to make your donation.

If you have any questions, please call 215-627-0143 or email ukrmet@ukrcap.org.

**St. Thomas of
Villanova Catholic
Preschool**
..serving the Bryn Mawr
and Villanova
Community for 42 years.....



**Applications are now being taken
for the 2022-2023 School Year**

**Classes available for 3 and 4 year olds
Full Day, Half Day and Half Day plus lunch hour
Three or Five Days**

**1236 Montrose Avenue,
Rosemont, PA 19010**

**Office Number: 610-525-7554
Email: stv.maryshouse1@gmail.com
Visit our website: www.stvpreschool.org.**

Request a Tour!

St. Thomas of Villanova Summer Service Camp

Join us for camp this year!

Good Stewards Summer Service camp will take place the week of June 28-July 1, 2022.

Camp is open to students that are currently in 4th-7th grade. We invite High School students to consider being a counselor this year!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Maria Luby, fl-youth@stvparish.org

- When: June 27 – July 1, 2022, 9am-1pm
- Where: day begins/ends at Rosemont Auditorium.
- Will travel offsite by bus to service locations.
Cost: \$175

Learn more:

[Stewardship Camp \(stthomasofvillanova.org\)](http://stthomasofvillanova.org)



On this Feast of the Conversion of St. Augustine, the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova is hosting its second annual giving day, **Tolle Lege Day**, where we come together with one mind and one heart for a 24-hour fundraising event celebrating our Augustinian charism and all those who share in it with us.

No matter how small, every gift makes a difference! Donate by phone at 610-616-3748, by Venmo @AugustinianFund, or online at:

TolleLegeDay.AugustinianFund.org

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED FOR EASTER SUNDAY

At St. Thomas of Villanova, we strive to ensure a warm welcome for all — from permanent parishioners to students as well as the many guests who worship with us each week. This is especially true as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Please consider joining our "Alleluia Ministry Team".

Alleluia ministers welcome our parishioners, family members and many guests with a warm smile as they enter our worship spaces. Often, they help to direct attendees to their seats and are available to answer other questions that may arise. They are asked to arrive one hour prior to the start of the Easter liturgy they plan to attend, and stay for about 15 minutes following the conclusion of the liturgy (handing out bulletins, etc.) This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners of all ages to serve, especially our younger members. Families are welcome and encouraged to serve together.

Please join us in this important ministry of welcome. Contact Cathy Van Kula at service@stvparish.org or 610-525-4801, ext. 221, to sign up or if you have any questions.

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

REP IS LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS TO TEACH
ONCE A WEEK FROM SEPTEMBER TO APRIL.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL MATERIALS AND TRAINING PROVIDED.

COME JOIN THIS VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS AND EXPERIENCE
THE JOY OF SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CONTACT: TARA PENZA
REL.ED@STVPARISH.ORG



Lenten Collection for Afghan Families

During this season of self sacrifice, we are asking for specific donations each week to support the Afghan families being resettled by Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All items can be dropped off at the parish center. Please designate that the donations are for "Afghan Resettlement." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Week one (3/6) – Gift Cards from Acme, Aldi, Shoprite, Uber and Walmart

Week two (3/14) – Laundry items: laundry detergent, laundry bags and baskets, foldable grocery carts (for trips to the grocery store, laundromats, etc.)

Week three (3/21) – Paper products: napkins, toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels

Week four (3/28) – Cleaning supplies: dish soap, dish towels, trash bags, toilet cleaner, toilet brushes, mops, brooms, dust pans, scrub brushes and sponges

Week five (4/4) - Kitchen items: New or gently used sauce and stock pots, fry pans, kitchen knives, cooking utensils, can openers, mixing bowls, pot holders, stove top tea kettles, and tableware (dish sets, flatware, drinking glasses, mugs/coffee cups)

Week six (4/11) - Bathroom items: New or gently used towels and bath mats; shower curtain liners; small waste-baskets; toiletries (soap, razors, shampoo)

Volunteers Needed to take the Eucharist to Rosemont Care Center Residents

For many years, a dedicated team of parishioners took the Eucharistic each Monday morning to the Catholic residents at Rosemont Care Center, 35 Rosemont Ave, Bryn Mawr. This ministry was paused during the pandemic but we've been invited to return. Many of our former volunteers are no longer able to serve, so we are looking for a few people to join the team.

This is a perfect ministry for current and/or retired Eucharistic Ministers. You will be paired with an experienced volunteer. The commitment is typically one Monday morning a month based on your availability. Please contact Cathy Van Kula at service@vicevice@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801, ext. 221, if you are interested in this ministry.



The STV Parish Community striving for integrity and accountability in Church.

As relevant news and background items come to light, we will highlight them here for your reading and thought.

Catholic Bishops in the Holy Land Launch a Synod App

<https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/catholic-bishops-in-the-holy-land-launch-a-synodapp/15883>

Opposition to Pope Francis Rooted in Rejection of Vatican II

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/opposition-pope-francis-rooted-rejection-vatican-ii>

Note: If you access these items from the parish website, the hotlinks can save a lot of error-prone typing.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line An Affiliate of Family Promise — 30 Years of Transformation

IHN-ML Celebrates 30 Years of Serving Families

Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line (IHN-ML) served its very first family in May 1992 when staff and parishioners at Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr, welcomed a mother and her two daughters to their campus for shelter and support. All went well that first night and 30 years later, OMGC and a network of local congregations are still opening their doors to provide shelter, meals, and hospitality to families experiencing homelessness.

From those initial guests and volunteers, Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line – soon to be known as Family Promise of the Main Line – will mark its 30th anniversary with a celebration on April 26, 6:00-8:00PM, at Our Mother of Good Counsel.

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish has been a host congregation since IHN-ML's beginning. If, over these 30 years of hosting, you have ever made a casserole, brought a meal, set up a cot, played with children, served on a committee or board, attended an event, made a donation or gift, or care about your parish's outreach, please accept our gratitude and

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS WITH US!

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022 — Our Mother of Good
Counsel Parish
31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Lite Meal & Celebration
Music by the Jazz Sanctuary

Learn more and register for the event today at www.30anniversary.givesmart.com.