

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2026



A Scripture Reflection.....

Everyone wants to have a space, a place we call our own, don't we? How exciting it is when we get our own bedroom growing up. I remember what a big deal it was in my house at college to become eligible, as a senior, for a single room. Even as we get older, we like having a place where we're surrounded by sentimental and familiar things, where we feel safe and secure in a sometimes scary, unpredictable world. Jesus understands that feeling. On the very night of his birth, Mary and Joseph had to use a makeshift stable because "there was no room for them in the inn."

We all long to have that safe and sacred place – "Somewhere" – as the star-crossed lovers, Maria and Tony, sing about in *West Side Story*. Perhaps you recall those powerful, hopeful words – "There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us. Peace and quiet and open air, wait for us – Somewhere." And, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus understands, he grasps that very human longing, our deep desire. We hear him continuing his conversation with the disciples at the Last Supper. In what we might call his 'last will and testament,' Jesus begins to talk of his departure. Of course, as one might imagine, it was an anxious, troubling time for his friends. Jesus tries to reassure them – and, in turn, us.

Like many of the big questions our faith explores, what happens when this life is over is a mystery. We actually know little about heaven. But one thing we can count on comes from Jesus himself. In using the imagery of preparing a place for us, of reserving room for us in the Father's house, he makes the point that we're wanted, we're loved. There's a room with our name on it, so to speak, waiting for us, not just "Somewhere," but in the peaceful, caring presence of Jesus the Christ, with God forever. Isn't that an incredibly intimate, comforting image? That's why so many families choose this Sunday's Gospel passage as part of the funeral liturgy.

No matter what heaven may be like, we know that it means being in the presence of the One who loved us into being, 'who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.' It means joining with those who have gone before us, with our deceased loved ones, with the Communion of Saints. But are we prepared to return the favor and make a place, make room for God in our lives, while we're here on earth? Is Jesus truly "the cornerstone" of who we are, of what we say and do? For as St. Peter declares in our 2nd Reading, we are to be like "living stones," allowing ourselves to "be built into a spiritual house," into a place where the stranger is welcomed, the hungry are fed, the ill and the grieving are comforted. This is the roadmap to heaven that the practical Thomas asks Jesus about – "how can we know the way?" In one of his most famous responses, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Trust Jesus. Follow him. Imitate him. "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these," with his grace, his help. If you aren't already engaged in stewardship, maybe now is the time to consider supporting the parish's efforts to assist those experiencing homelessness, hunger, and other needs. And there are indeed many needs – and many opportunities.

Finally, it's hard to believe, but this coming Friday, May 8th is the 1st Anniversary of our Augustinian brother's election as Pope Leo XIV! Please join us in praying for him this week, especially at the 12:05pm Mass in the Rosemont Chapel on Friday, as we remember him in a special way.

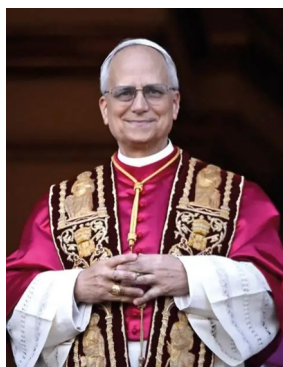
Stewardship Thought for the Week

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of April 25 and 26, 2026:

Number of Envelopes	308
Envelope	\$15,751.00
Loose \$ / NP	\$9,717.00
Electronic	\$2,167.60
Total	\$27,635.60
10% Tithe	\$2,763.56
Last Year	\$22,007.00



POPE LEO XIV



A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Please join us this Friday, May 8th at the 12:05pm Mass
in the Rosemont Chapel,
as we celebrate the 1st Anniversary
of the Election of our Augustinian brother,
Pope Leo XIV!
We will pray in thanksgiving for his service to our Church
and the world.

DISCOVERED SAINT AUGUSTINE? NOW MEET THE AUGUSTINIANS

“Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever your
are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the
light of the Gospel growing every day, in you
and around you.” Pope Leo XIV

If you are interested in learning more
about the Order of St. Augustine and
what it means to be
an Augustinian, please visit our website:
www.beafriar.org

Respect Life Committee News Spring 2026

Members of the Committee will be distributing
roses to all mothers at our Masses on
Mother's Day Weekend.

We are currently planning some fall events and are
accepting new members and ideas. If you would like
to get more involved, please contact Margot Giuliano
at margotgiuliano@gmail.com.
All are welcome!



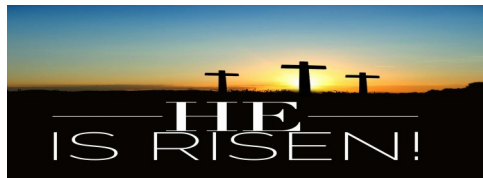
Please join us in praying for our 2nd graders
who will be making their First Holy
Communion on May 2nd and May 9th!

Our last class and All REP Closing Mass with
a May procession will be at 10:30AM in
Rosemont Chapel this Sunday, May 3rd.



**Mother's Day Cards for the Triduum of Masses
for Mother's — May 10, 11 and 12, 2026
are available after Mass in the
Villanova Church and Rosemont Chapel
and during the week
in the Parish Center Office.**

If you wish to have your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt,
Wife, Sister, Friend or Other Loved One (Living or
Deceased), included in our **Mothers Day Book** which
will be kept in the Rosemont Chapel during the three
days of the Triduum, please return the outside
envelope with the name or names of your loved
ones to the Parish Center.



Mon., May 4th 12:05PM-RMCH
Tues., May 5th 12:05PM-RMCH
Wed., May 6th 12:05PM-RMCH
Thurs., May 7th 12:05PM-RMCH
Fri., May 8th 12:05PM-RMCH
Sat., May 9th 9:00AM-RMCH
 4:30PM-RMCH
Sun., May 10th 7:30AM-VNCH
 9:00AM-RMCH
 10:30AM-VNCH

Easter Weekday
 Alfred T. Zodda - Zodda Family

Easter Weekday; Blessed Vincent Soler and Companions
 Fred Schreiber, Sr. - Bob Schreiber

Easter Weekday
 Ann P. McDonagh - Kelleher Family

Easter Weekday; Blessed Maria of St. Joseph of Alvarado
 Peter V. Gibbons - Family

Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Grace
 Pope Leo XIV - 1st Anniversary

Easter Weekday
 End of War in Ukraine -
 Bill Maruszczak

Agnes Poplaski - Mauriello Family

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Mother's Day Triduum
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Across the world, families are facing urgent crises, from war and displacement to hunger, disease and natural disasters. Catholic Relief Services and our Church partners are responding with food, shelter, clean water, health care and support for recovery.

In particular, Sudan is facing one of the world's most severe humanitarian emergencies. Ongoing conflict and massive displacement continue to tear lives apart. Nearly half of Sudan's population - about 21 million people - are facing crisis levels of hunger, and the country is now home to the world's largest number of internally displaced people. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help.



Fr. Michael's Weekly Scripture

The Weekly Scripture classes are on Tuesdays at 10:00am in PC1, Rosemont Parish Center. The classes are 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.

Schedule of Events for the week of May 3, 2026

Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.



Monday, May 4, 2026
 Centering Prayer - RMCH 8:00AM
 Rosemont Care Ministry 10:00AM
 Pastoral Council Meeting - PC1 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
 Scripture Reflection - PC1 10:00AM
 Grandparent Ministry - Harten Hall 10:30AM
 St. Francis de Sales Tutors 2:00PM
 Walking With Purpose - PC1 5:15PM

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
 Exercise - Harten Hall 10:00AM
 Staff Meeting - PC1 1:00PM
 Family Support - Harten Hall 7:00PM

Thursday, May 7, 2026
 Men's Scripture Reflection - PC1 6:30AM
 Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall 9:00AM
 Teen Ministry Closing BBQ — OMGC 5:00PM
 Immigration Panel - Harten Hall 7:00PM

Friday, May 8, 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026
 First Communion - VNCH 10:30AM

Sunday, May 10, 2026
 French Mass - RMCH 11:00AM
 Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM
 Baptism - VNCH 1:00PM
 FAMILY PROMISE MOVES IN

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.



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

Adam Dempsey of Wayne
Catherine Donlon of Wayne
Casey McIlvaine of Conshohocken
Reina Smrdelj of Hampton

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized members of the parish:

Lily, daughter of Chandler & Celia Hoopes
Kip, son of Kyle & Alexa Lampeter
Zoe, daughter of Leo & Kathrine Leonardo
Angelina, daughter of Kyle & Kayleigh Marshall
Grace, daughter of Mike & Christine Milliken
Colton, son of John & Meredith Schanz
Graham, son of Alec & Tara Somers

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Angelina Arcamone PHD, Nicola Bonelli, 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, 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.

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 610-97-0444 or sarahbreck@verizon.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.



Manna bags will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of May 9th-10th.

Kindly return your filled Manna Bag to the Rosemont Chapel on Saturday, May 16th or Sunday, May 17th. Or, you can drop it off at the Parish Office.

Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soup, and beans. If you are not able to bring a filled bag, please feel free to donate online at www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

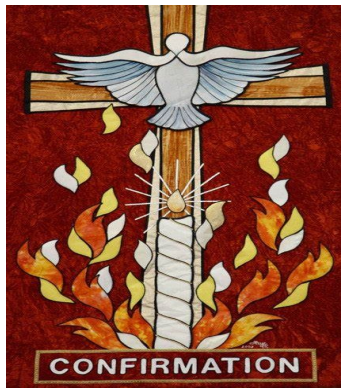
Brown Bag Lunch

Join us for our May Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. John Immerwahr. He will be discussing Biblical Stories as visualized by great artists.

Tuesday, May 26th after the 12:05pm Mass. We will gather in Harten Hall.

Bring your own lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

All are welcome!



*We congratulate the newly Confirmed
of our Saint Thomas of Villanova
Parish Community!*

*The Most Reverend James Patrick Green
was the Presider for our
Confirmation this year.*

Delaney Atkinson
John Benjamin
Mara Benjamin
Quinn Buchakjian
Nora Buckley
Bradley Castaldo
Stella Cooper
Roman Fry
Jude Galloway
Patrick Gauna
Conor Francis Geary
James Gibbons, Jr.
Jack Gilbert
Reagan Griffith
Patrick Haines
Iris Hoffman
Grace Hozack
Grant Huey
Caroline Kelly
William Krugler
Brayden Lada
Grayson Mantz
Olivia Maticic
Thomas McCullough
Ian McLaughlin
Alexandria Mignucci
Raymond Moore
Taylor Morton
Olivia Neopolitano
Leah Nguyen
Erin Nolan

Griffyn Niles
Jack Noller
Shea O'Donovan
Zachary Pinto
Siena Porcari
Colette Pradel
Madeline Pratt
Patrick Pucci
Thomas Quisenberry
Avik Rajan
Hugo Maximo Reagan
Clara Riggio
Matilda Shumann
Adrienne Shaw
Riley Sirchio
Charles Anthony Snyder
Brody Sorgi
Matthew Stephens
Loughran Sullivan
Carter Sweeney
Josephine Swyers
Samantha Swyers
Sebastian Tamburro
Emma Topolewski
Josephine Tyburski
Estelle Van Horn
Tyler Voiner
Quinn Voiner
Patrick Wallace
Ava Wallis
Renee Zodda



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 three-week Grandparent Seminar

Tuesdays: May 5th, May 12th and May 19th
(Please try to attend all 3 sessions)
10:30am-12:00pm in Harten Hall

This engaging series includes excellent videos
and small group discussions centered on the fol-
lowing 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.

This Ministry is back by popular demand.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 7th at 7:00pm**
in Harten Hall for a panel discussion about how
we can support our immigrant neighbors.

One of the Speakers will be from the
Catholic Charities of Philadelphia
Immigration Legal Services.
All are Welcome!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES **MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026** **2:00PM to 7:00PM**

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**

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
Giving Hope 2026
Please Give Generously!



Many thanks to award-winning journalist Tracy Davidson for her inspiring talk at the St. Thomas of Villanova Women's Speaker Series. More than 90 women and men came to hear Tracy's story of challenges and change that have marked her spiritual journey. A delicious lunch was provided courtesy of Taylor Farms. The Speaker Series Committee also wants to thank Parish Staff members who help with the logistics that make this series possible.



"Marie's Closet Ministry" St. Francis Inn

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

You can bring your donations to the parish office or email Sheila Holst at hagan1126@verizon.net to let her know that you have items to be picked up.

Please clearly label your bagged donations "Marie's Closet/St. Francis Inn." The following items are especially needed:

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

Please join us for

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - ITALIAN STYLE!

Join us for our last Family Movie Night before summer. We will have an Italian celebration! We are going to watch Disney's "Luca" which takes place in Italy and we will celebrate summer with pizza and Italian water ice.



Friday, May 29th, at 5:30pm in Harten Hall.

RSVP: fl-youth@stvparish.org

All are Welcome!!



St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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
May 10-17, 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.

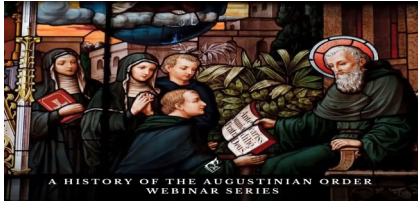
EVENING HOST — 6:00-9:00PM — Share dinner and fellowship with guests.

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.



The History of the Augustinian Order Webinar Series Began February 11

Please join the Lay Augustinians for a four-part series about the history of the Order of St. Augustine. It will focus on the development of Augustinianism from the death of St. Augustine in the fifth century to approximately the close of the fifteenth century, when the Order reached the height of its theological, intellectual, and cultural influence. Rather than treating the Order as a static institution, the series will emphasize a continuous historical narrative, tracing how Augustinian ideals were received, adapted, and institutionalized across changing social, political, and ecclesial contexts. Particular attention will be given to the antecedents inherited from late antiquity, the gradual formation of Augustinian life as a mendicant order, the conditions that allowed Augustinianism to flourish, and a series of sentinel events and foundational documents that have come to serve as touchstones for the Order's identity.

There is one more webinar on May 13 at 7:00pm. You can see all of the events and register at augustinian.org/events/ or by scanning the QR code.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMER CAMP 2026

This year the camp will be held from **Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26, 2026, from 9:30am-2:00pm. The cost is \$225.00.**

We can't wait to see you this summer! To register, please email Megan Carey at youth@stvparish.org.



Calvary Cemetery of
West Conshohocken

Join us for 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.

Topics Include:

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

**Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 12:30 PM
Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 12:30 PM**

**Location: Pietro's
236 N. Radnor Chester Rd, Radnor, PA 19087**

Don't miss out. RSVP to reserve your seat today with Renee Cirino at 610-484-5193 or rgree@everstorypartners.com

Now Hiring: Join the Mission at Saint John Vianney Parish (Gladwyne)

Saint John Vianney Parish is seeking faithful and dedicated individuals to support the liturgical life of the parish in two part-time roles:

Director of Sacred Music (Part-Time)

Lead and coordinate the parish's sacred music program, serving as principal organist and choir director. This role is ideal for a practicing Catholic with strong musical ability and a passion for reverent, liturgically grounded music.

Weekday Sacristan (Part-Time)
(Monday–Friday, 7:00–10:00 AM)

Support the daily celebration of Mass by preparing the church, maintaining the sacristy, and ensuring all liturgies are carried out with care and reverence.

Both roles require practicing Catholics committed to the mission of the Church. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

To apply or learn more, please send a resume to:

resume@sjvgladwyne.com