

MAY 7, 2017 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

~ John 10:3

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am—8pm
Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 9am—1pm

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: May 18: Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to register and learn more about our Parish.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. *Contact Tom at 847-971-4419 / tom.note@icloud.com. Brochures are in the Gathering Area.*

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to our sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law), only the ailing person or, in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for their medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you know someone serving in the military, please contact the Parish Office so our faith community may pray for them.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles for the bulletin are due by Friday—9 days before publication date and can be emailed to: suzie@stov.org

Our Websites

- ◆ Parish: www.stov.org
- ◆ Religious Education: www.stvrec.org
- ◆ School: www.stvschool.org
- ◆ GIFT: www.stvgift.weebly.com
- ◆ Youth Group: www.stvoices.org



Second Family

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

May is a special month because it is the month honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. And it also honors all moms with the celebration of Mother's Day. When is the last time you prayed the rosary? Did you know that after every 8:00am weekday Mass the Rosary is prayed in our church? You are also invited to this Tuesday evening's special event—the Living Rosary and May Crowning. The Rosary will be prayed in several different languages. Why not come this Tuesday to pray the Rosary, to honor Mary and to pray for Mary's blessings on you and your family?

Have you thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister? There is an upcoming Formation and Training Session for new Eucharistic Ministers. It will take place in June at another parish. If you are interested in serving our Parish Family by becoming a Eucharistic Minister, or if you have questions, please contact me this week so that I can register you for this important Liturgical Ministry.

As we continue during the Easter Season, I would like to share with you this Easter Prayer:

*Lord,
the Resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Catholic ideal.
Grant us wisdom
to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
the strength to complete it,
and your love to guide us.
Amen.*

This week I will be celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary of the Ordination to Priesthood of myself and my classmates. I ask for your prayers for the Ordination Class of 1972 as we continue to live and celebrate the gift of our Priesthood. It is a tradition of our class that every year on our Ordination Anniversary date, we gather to concelebrate the Eucharist and pray especially for the people of our parishes. This year our class will be doing that as usual, but we will also spend the day in prayer and in spiritual reflection of forty-five years of Ministry. You are in my prayers everyday as our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family continues to amaze me with your depth of faith and your love for the Lord. Our Parish Family is truly blessed. And I am very, very blessed. Thanks for being you! Remember, I love you!

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*
7:00pm Polish Adult Volleyball *RAC*

Monday, May 8

7:00pm K of C Business Mtg *MRA & B*
7:00pm Faith Formation Team Mtg *MRC*

Tuesday, May 9

7:00pm Living Rosary & May Crowning *Church*
9:00pm Men's Basketball *RAC*

Wednesday, May 10

1:00pm Golden Villanovans *MRA & B*
4:00pm VOICES Drop-In *TR/RAC*
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration *Church*
7:00pm RCIA Core Team Meeting *MRC*
7:00pm GIFT I Party *MRA & B*
8:00pm A.A. (Closed Meeting) *MR4*

Thursday, May 11

6:00pm STV School Sports Awards *RAC*
7:00pm Adult Choir Practice *Church*
7:00pm GIFT II Party *MRA & B*

Friday, May 12

No Activities

Saturday, May 13

8:40am Morning Bible Study *MRC*
6:00pm CFM End of Year Party *RAC*
7:00pm Singles Game Night *MRA & B*

Sunday, May 14

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*
7:00pm Polish Adult Volleyball *RAC*



*If you or someone you know needs
prayer, call our Prayer Chain—
Elaine 847-358-2782.*

TODAY

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank you!
- **STV SCHOOL 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC BAKE SALE** In the Gathering Area after Mass

UPCOMING

- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, May 9 will be the next session of Divorce Care program. Topic: Reconciliation. Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance), St James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, A.H. For more info: Deacon Jim Bannon 224-345-7200 jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net
- **K of C BUSINESS MEETING** Monday, May 8 at 7pm in Meeting Rooms A & B. Come for the meeting and learn how you can help those in need, serve your parish and grow in your faith. Then stay to socialize with fellow Brother Knights. For more information contact: Jim Arns: grandknight4977@gmail.com.
- **LIVING ROSARY & MAY CROWNING** Tuesday, May 9 (See below)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, May 10 at 1pm. General Meeting in MRA & B with guest speaker: Palmer Optical-All About Eye Care Contact Ken Doruff: 847-358-3852
- **CFM END OF YEAR PARTY** Saturday, May 13 (Page 5)
- **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE** After Mass next weekend (Page 9)
- **WOMENS' RETREAT** Saturday, May 20 (Page 6)

SAVE THE DATES:

Vacation Bible School - June 26 through June 30

2017 Golf Outing—Friday, July 21, 2017

LIVING ROSARY & MAY CROWNING

Everyone is invited to honor our Blessed Mother THIS Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00pm in Church for the Living Rosary and May Crowning.

Be A Bead: We invite individuals, families or groups and especially **First Communicants and Confirmands** to be beads of the rosary. If you would like to be a bead, you must call Gay Sladky 847-359-4067. We want to honor Mary in as many languages as possible; so if you speak a foreign language, please let Gay know when you call her.



**DSP CHANGE
DOLLAR SHOPPING POWER**

Our DSP card vendor, Manna Group, was purchased by Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC). We are beginning the transition to the new system and updating our procedures to reflect the new changes.



There may be some timing issues with inventory updates over the next few weeks. This is a short term issue and should be resolved soon. We should be back to a normal activity level within a few weeks. More information will be communicated soon..... Please be patient for the next few weeks as we complete the transition.

**CFM CLOSING CELEBRATION!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Join CFM on Saturday, May 13 for our closing celebration for the year with a Bubble Soccer Challenge. Bubble Soccer is a safe and fun spin on traditional soccer! Players step inside transparent bubble bumper balls which are designed to absorb and protect players as they have fun from head to knee. Their feet are free so they can dazzle their friends without getting bumped!



There will be a Potluck Dinner, so feel free to bring a dish to share (no dinner donations collected). Also, the CFM team will have an ice cream sundae bar for everyone to enjoy!

Gather after 5pm Mass or join us at 6:00pm in the Rowley Center. We eat dinner first, then the Bubble Soccer Challenge will begin! The evening will be done by 8:30pm. All families are welcome!

MINISTRY OF CARE—Guest Speaker

All are invited to attend! Ministry of Care is hosting a guest speaker on Thursday, May 18 at St. Francis de Sales in Fr. Valker Hall (Lower level of the Church; fully accessible) - 33 S Buesching Rd, Lake Zurich.

Topic: *“7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness: Enriching Your Faith by Strengthening the Health of Your Soul”* - Presented by: *Joe Paprocki, DMin.* Refreshments at 7pm; presentation begins at 7:30pm. For more information, contact Deacon Tom Dunne 847-358-6999. Please join us!



**2017 VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 26th—30th
from 9am—Noon
Rowley Activity Center**

**Children age 4 years old to
those entering 5th Grade**

We will learn how we were
CREATED BY GOD and
BUILT FOR A PURPOSE through...
song, games, crafts, Bible
Adventures, KidVid Cinema
and even treats!

Download a registration form at
www.stvrec.org
or pick up a form in the Religious Ed
or Parish Offices.

We need parent volunteers, too!
Just email stvrec@yahoo.com or
call 847-358-2386



Parish Events

GLUECKERT FUNERAL HOME HONOR FLAG

Honor your hero on May 29th, in the
Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade



The Glueckert Family takes great pride in annually sponsoring an entry in the Memorial Day Parade in Arlington Heights. Join us to remember and show gratitude to those who have served or are serving our country. We will provide you with an "Honor Banner" displaying the name and branch of service of your hero. If you can't join us, one of our volunteers can represent your hero. The 1-1/4 mile parade begins 9:30am at Village Hall, flows east along Davis St., ending in Memorial Park where your Flag and Honor Banner will remain on display for the formal ceremony.

Please bring your American Flag and pole to us at 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd. along with the information for the Honor Banner (form found at www.GlueckertFH.com) by May 23rd. You may pick up your flag and pole after Memorial Day at Glueckert Funeral Home from May 30 to June 3. Remaining flags will be donated to Arlington Heights American Legion Post #208.

For additional information, contact Jackie Glueckert at 847-253-0168 or Jackie@GlueckertFH.com

PHD BABY SHOWER

Sponsored by the St. Thomas of Villanova
Women's Club; Hosted by the St. Gerard Guild 5

- ◆ Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30pm
- ◆ Meeting Rooms A & B
- ◆ Admission: Donation to the PHD Baby Closet

Come and meet a representative from PHD for a short presentation. Socialize with members of St. Colette, St. Theresa and St. Thomas communities.

Play games and win prizes. Enjoy some refreshments. *If you are unable to attend, please drop donations in the Gathering Area on May 13/14.*

Make a Gift »



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Want to feel more of God's daily presence & guidance in your life? Come hear Christian Life Purpose Coach Liz Lassa share her story and teach 9 prayer areas that help listen and notice God using a tool she created called the Spiritual Circle Journal. She'll show you how to get deep with God in 10-15 minutes using bullet points in circles.

- **WHEN:** Sat., May 20th
- **TIME:** 8:30am breakfast, 9am - 12:30am Speaker & Holy Yoga. *Bring a yoga mat.*
- **WHERE:** MRA & B
- **COST:** \$40 - Journals available for \$20 at event
- **RSVP:** by May 16th—Register on SHOP page of www.spiritualcirclejournal.com.
- **QUESTIONS:** Contact Rachel Bertrand, 224-232-9532

Finding God
In The Chaos!



You are invited to celebrate!

*Join us for a
Mass of Celebration
of Father Tom's
Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Priesthood
on
Sunday, May 21st at 11:15am*

 *From the Desk of the Principal*

Congratulations to Mia Martino for receiving a Student Recognition Award from the Illinois Principals Association of the North Cook Region. Mia was one of 25 students chosen from elementary, middle and high school students in 5th, 8th and 12th grades who exemplified the traits of responsibility, dedication, compassion and leadership. Below is a picture from the breakfast where she received her award. (From the left: Ricardo Castro—Teacher of the Year, Mia, me and Dr. Michael Merritt— Regional Director, Illinois Principals Association of the North Cook Region.) We are so proud of you, Mia!



Congratulations to our STV Lottery Winners!

MARCH 2017

- \$25 Grace Seiffert
- \$25 Tomm & Ro Smithe
- \$50 Rady Family
- \$50 Eileen Geller
- \$100 Ann Krzoska
- \$200 The Garrett Family

April 2017

- \$25 Michelle Lebron
- \$25 Pedro Boria
- \$50 Terri Pecora
- \$50 Peg Westfall
- \$100 Mike Carter
- \$200 The Skoczen Family



Since May is our month to honor the Blessed Mary, I wanted to share with you one of my favorite pictures. I just happened to catch this little one holding the hands of the Mary statue we have in school. Notice her looking up in awe at our Mother Mary. The picture says a thousand words. No caption needed!

God bless,
Mary Brinkman, Principal

**2017
GOT2RUN
FOR EDUCATION**

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for EDUCATION

Saturday, May 20

8:00am

200 E Sigwalt St, Arlington Hts

Event Distances:

- 2.62 Mile Micro-Marathon Run or Walk
- 8K (4.97 Mile) Run

Online Registration:

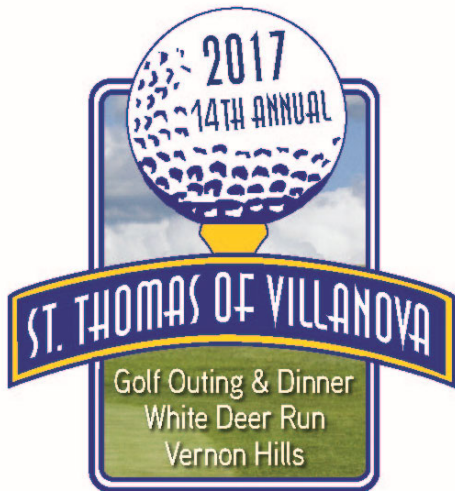
www.signmeup.com/118265

Website: www.Got2Run.org

Children, parents, teachers, school administrators and the general public are all encouraged to participate. The event is promoted to over 200 public and private schools serving over 120,000 northwest-suburban children.

Event proceeds of at least \$10.00 per participant will be distributed back to the schools or school district education foundations to fund activities that encourage wellness. Over \$100,000 has been raised for schools since the inaugural race in 2012.

Early Registration prices end on Sunday, May 14 at 8pm. But, you can continue to register up until 7:45am on the actual day of the race. So, don't miss out!



St. Thomas of Villanova 14th Annual Golf Outing Friday, July 21st, 2017

*At White Deer Run Golf Club
Vernon Hills, Illinois*

Shotgun Start at 12:00p.m.

We're Beginning the Outing with a Putt and a Prayer!

Your Afternoon of Golf Includes:

- ◆ **Greens Fees and Carts**
- ◆ **Buffet Lunch and Dinner**
- ◆ **Access to Driving Range and Putting Green**
- ◆ **Live Auction Items and More!**



***Register by June 18th and receive a raffle ticket for Bears
Pre-Season Tickets! (Game to Be Determined)***

Help Support Our Annual Parish Fundraiser By:

- **Reserving a Foursome For Golf, \$150.00 per Golfer**
- **Becoming a Sponsor**
- **Advertising in Our Event Program**
- **Donating a Prize For Auction**

For Additional Information, Contact the Parish Office at (847)358-6999. All Proceeds Benefit the Ministries of St. Thomas of Villanova Serving the Greater Palatine and Arlington Heights Communities

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget \$ 1,042,800.00

YTD Actual \$ 999,205.43

Over / (Under) (\$ 43,594.57)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Apr 2	\$ 24,484.31	\$ 2,2328.00	\$ 26,812.31	\$ 3,112.31
Apr 9	\$ 27,961.11	\$2,693.00	\$ 30,654.11	\$ 6,954.11
Apr 16	\$13,999.63	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 15,697.63	<i>(\$ 8,002.37)</i>
Apr 23	\$ 16,461.04	\$ 1,608.00	\$ 18,069.04	<i>(\$ 5,630.96)</i>
Apr 30	\$ 17,367.47	\$ 2,313.00	\$ 19,680.47	<i>(\$ 4,0193.53)</i>

THANK YOU!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a special year for the Archdiocese of Chicago as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities' centennial year is truly a celebration for all of us because its great tradition of charitable care has included the support of volunteers and donors from every parish in the archdiocese. For 100 years, through every era of war, peace, poverty and prosperity, Catholic Charities has worked together with the faithful to fulfill the Gospel mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger, comfort the afflicted, and bring hope to the hopeless.

Each year on Mother's Day, we have an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. This year, as we face increasing violence in our communities, it is a critical time for us to come together to support Catholic Charities. With more than 150 locations throughout Cook and Lake Counties, Catholic Charities' services are intentionally located in the most troubled areas.

Through food and nutrition programs, early childhood education, alternatives for at-risk youth, trauma and grief counseling, job training, domestic violence programs, and substance abuse treatment, Catholic Charities' services are a powerful antidote the culture of drugs, gangs and violence that takes root in desperate areas.

Your donation to Catholic Charities will help the Church's efforts to promote peace, restore human dignity, and bring hope to those living with brutal violence and poverty. Please contribute as generously as you are able during Catholic Charities collection on Mother's Day. Or, make your donations directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654, www.catholiccharities.net/donate. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Flowers are a mother's favorite! On Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14, Respect Life Ministry will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses. Choose the perfect bouquet from a variety of colors and assortments.

- ◆ Carnation Bouquets--\$10
- ◆ Spring Mixed Bouquets--\$10
- ◆ Roses Bouquets--\$15
- ◆ Deluxe Hydrangea Bouquets--\$30

Proceeds will be used to help women facing a crisis pregnancy situation and in need of assistance. Please support this life-saving work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.

Last year, The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland provided compassionate counseling, social services referrals and material goods assistance to over 3,500 women who were facing crisis pregnancies. Since its founding in 1984, The Women's Centers have helped saved more than 39,500 babies—and their mothers—from the tragedy of abortion. For more information: www.GoTwc.org.

Thank you for your support.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH IS BEGINNING AGAIN!



God's greatest gift to each person is Life, but some people are denied that gift before their first breath. To

help stop this tragedy, St. Thomas Parish will be "spiritually" adopting two newly conceived children soon. More than 3,200 babies lose their lives to abortion each day (59 of those right here in Cook County). We will be "adopting" through prayer two of these babies.

How do you "spiritually adopt" a baby?

All you need to do is pledge to pray the following prayer every day for the next nine months that these 2 children will be given life, for the power of prayer is great. It's as simple as that!

Prayer of Spiritual Adoption

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the lives of the unborn babies that I have spiritually adopted who are in danger of abortion.
- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Respect Life Team members will be passing out prayer card bookmarks after all masses Mother's Day weekend.

Watch the bulletin for updates on the babies' development. Nine months from now, in January near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will celebrate their births with a baby shower for them!

Facing an unintended pregnancy?

You are not alone. Call 1-800-712-HELP
or www.OptionLine.org

Hurting from abortion?

You are loved. Call 1-888-456-HOPE
or www.AbortionRecovery.org

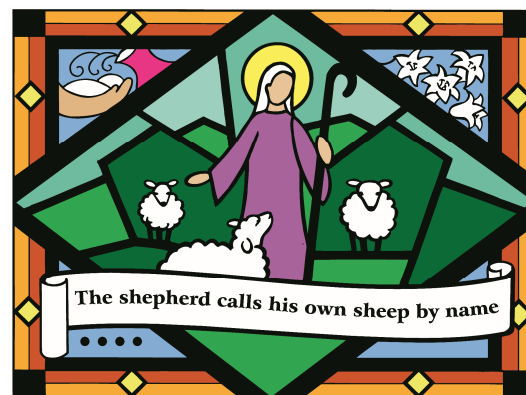
ON SONGWRITING, AND VOICE

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When my wife and I were married in 1981, we hired a pianist we'd heard play/sing at an earlier wedding. Together, we sent him the songs we chose, but OTDL, I also sent him a song I'd written. I can't read/write music, though, so I penned the lyrics, made up a melody, sang the song onto a cassette, sent it to the guy, and asked if he'd play/sing this song, too. He said sure, and come November 21, he did. Gail seemed to like it, so I just kept them coming, and every November 21st since, I've sung her a new song. All of which is why I laughed out loud as I drove to Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music two months ago. I was headed there on a Tuesday night in early March to cash in on Gail's Valentine's gift: an eight-week songwriting workshop. I was happy for it, but also intimidated by it. Regardless, I told Gail thanks and packed up my guitar, but only enroute did I gain clarity. I write a new song for my wife every year for 36 years, and my wife sends me to songwriting school. Hmmm...

With an impressive singing/songwriting/teaching resume, our instructor Steve Dawson gave us prompts each week, and we were to come back the next with something new to sing to the class. I learned much in the process, and heard some amazing songs! A guy named Jim wrote a touching nod to Glen Campbell: *Adios My Friends*. Emily wrote the haunting *A Tree Remembers*. Brad wrote *Mad Man in Charge*; Ethan, *Kilimanjaro*; Greg, *Head Over Heels*; Christine, *Above the Land of Fire*; and Bryan wrote the hilarious *Miranda*. And this Bryan said something that touched me after I sang one of my songs. He said that my lyrics were so well-constructed that I seemed to be making them up as I went along, in the sense that he could hear me just telling the story. This touched me so because it speaks to voice, that juice in writing that lets people *hear* the words, and not just see them on the page (or song sheet, I suppose). Voice is everything, and today's Gospel is everything about voice.

Here, Jesus positions himself as the Good Shepherd, explaining that "the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name." But note that it's not just any voice, for Jesus goes on, "he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice," then adds that the sheep won't follow a stranger "because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Get it? To the flock, a stranger's voice doesn't ring true. Led by Dawson in a like vein, we discussed each other's songs after our renditions, and we spoke a few times about the importance of songs being true. Surely truth is integral to voice. I read a fantasy book long ago about a bard who sang his boat safely to shore through a storm because in that moment his song was perfect and true. These are the songs Dawson and my classmates want to write each time we sit down. Well, Jesus is calling us safely to shore, singing us there in a sense. And on our best days, we hear his voice, for his song is forever perfect and true.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

From Mary Strybel, Director of Religious Education



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, being held the week of June 26-30. This year the theme is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." It will be so much fun to try to figure out how God created us, and for what purpose!! You may download a VBS form by going to www.stvrec.org, or you may pick up a form at the Religious Education Center, or Parish Office.

For many years St. Thomas of Villanova's very own, and very talented Mrs. Suzie Walczynski, has led our music at VBS. I can tell you that God created her with a beautiful voice, for the purpose of sharing it with our children during VBS. May I add that my Peter, who is getting married today, Saturday, May 6th, asked Suzie to cantor at his wedding, and we are so grateful that she said "yes." Thank you for sharing your beautiful voice with not only Vacation Bible School, but with the Strybel family, too.

Pete and Melissa also asked Fr. Tom to marry them, and we are equally grateful that Fr. Tom said "Yes," too. Thank you, boss, for being the celebrant, and sharing our joy. It means so much to all of us!!

Please know that in my humble opinion, God created you perfect in His eyes. For what purpose? To be a Mom, Dad, Friend, Pastor, Deacon, Sister, Catechist, Teacher, Nurse, Lector, Usher, EM. The list goes on and on.

God Bless You and Yours,

Mary

"Remember when you prayed for things you have now?"

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The couple that shops together - may learn something. Many women enjoy shopping as an "experience" while many men shop with a "hunter" mentality (get what you need as quickly as you can.) Although these are stereotypes and not always true, shopping together can often be frustrating. Just once try shopping as a date. Enter into your beloved's world and learn something new about them.

PARENTING POINTERS

The first week of May is both Children's Book Weekend Screen-Free Week. Why not let these two themes support each other. Ask your child if they'd be willing to substitute a book for screen time? If you missed the start of the week, never fear, the week can start when your family is ready. This applies to you parents also.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for MAY 13 / 14

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON		Deacon John Breit	Deacon Tom Dunne	Deacon Bill Karstenson	
REFLECTION	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
LECTORS	Mark R. Long Stan Nowak	Jill Cervenka Tom Greener	Dorene Wackerfuss Mary Spila	Carol Schaffnit Earl Schaffnit	
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 8

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ☩ Frank McManamon;
Int. for Michael Recto

Tuesday, May 9

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ☩ Patrick Scollard;
☩ Carmela Krogstad;
☩ Gregorio & Maria Quiaoit

Wednesday, May 10

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Int. for Fr. Tom Rzepliela—
45 Years of Ordination

Thursday, May 11

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life

Friday, May 12

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am For All Who Are Sick

Saturday, May 13

8:00am ☩ David Sladky
5:00pm ☩ Madaline Tomaszek;
☩ Jim Tallian; ☩ Jan Rojek;
☩ Mary Pat Ross
Int. for Baby Alexa Mang

Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day

7:30am For All Living & Deceased Mothers
9:30am For All Living & Deceased Mothers
11:15am For All Living & Deceased Mothers
1:30pm Mass—POLISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;
Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6,
8; Jn 12:44-50
Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25,
27; Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Molly Katherine Lennon
Cassandra Irene Parker

Lauren Emily Zulinski

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Anderson	Jeanne Formanski	Lotti Kwiatkowski	Boni Quiaoit
Jim Baur	Kirk Forseth	Mark Kwiatkowski	Patty Reynolds
Kathy Bell	Faith Forseth	Robin Kwiatkowski	Elaine Romanchek
Jeanette Blaszynski	Parker Forseth	Stanley Kwiatkowski	Ken Romanchek
Cherie Bott	Carmela Gabl	Lauren Lambert	Carlos Serna
Andy Bouchonville	Mel Gass	Gene Lazich	Shawn Smith
Baby Billy Callahan	Bill Gerl	Harold Lewis	John Socha
Baby Ray Callahan	Sylvia Gronski	Baby Alexa Mang	Russell Spano
Anna Marie Candorla	Rose Guevara	Helen Mariano	Alice Stedronsky
Tom Cook	RJ Hubka	Bob Maruska	Anne Swaw
John Cooney	Adeline Kaczmarek	Elayne Maruska	Robert Szott
Abbey Corbett	Mary Anne Kiesel	Candida Morales	Sharon Tadsen
Baby Seamus Cullen	Wesley Knutson	Mike Moran	Marcy Weckler Barr
Brenda Darling	Mary Alice Kobler	Paul Moser	Jeri Sue Welty
Jason Dean	Susan Kordell	Mary Obey	Connie Wilberding
Emily Dempsey	George Kwiatkowski	Rita Olles	William Yadron
Beth Dix	John Kwiatkowski	George Oslovich	Martha Zara
William Dvorak	Leia Kwiatkowski	Valentine Pawlak	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SrA Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- A1C Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- SPC William Banville
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn

- SPC Jeffrey Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse

- MSGT Jason Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- LCPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- PO2 David Holley
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steinger



ROSE OF LIFE

In Fond Memory of DAWN TREMBLAY
From Karen & Dave Petrunic

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

☩ *Sue Rheaume*
- Wife of Mike Rheaume, Sr.
- Mother of Mike Rheaume, Jr.

☩ *Janet Margaret Butterly*
- Mother of Richard Butterly

☩ *Jay J. Scherer*
- Father of Tom Scherer

IV NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA – NIEDZIELA DOBREGO PASTERZA

Głos Boga

Bóg zna nas wszystkich po imieniu. Dla Niego nie jesteśmy tłumem, każdy z nas jest odrębną osobą. Choć po ludzku wydaje się nam to niemożliwe, to każdy jest kochanym dla Niego dzieckiem. Nasza miłość poddana jest ograniczeniom, dlatego nie jesteśmy w stanie tak kochać, ale Jego miłość im nie podlega, dlatego każdy z nas może mieć w Nim specjalne miejsce. On woła nas po imieniu, a naszym zadaniem jest rozpoznawać Jego głos. Owce znają głos swojego pasterza. My też powinniśmy Go znać, ale wygląda to bardzo różnie w naszym życiu. On przemawia do nas na wiele sposobów. Naszym zadaniem jest je odczytać. Jeden ze nich przybrał jednak bardzo konkretny kształt i każdy z nas może Go w nim usłyszeć. Im częściej będziemy żywić się Pismem Świętym, Jego słowem, tym lepiej poznamy Tego, który w niej do nas przemawia...

Fatima – wezwanie do nawrócenia



Portugalskim ubogim dzieciom: Franciszkowi, Hiacyntcie i Łucji, Maryja ukazywała się wiele razy w Fatimie w 1917 roku, po raz pierwszy 13. maja 1917. Trwały wówczas wyniszczające Europę walki I wojny światowej, na frontach ginęły miliony żołnierzy. W Rosji, po zwycięstwie bolszewików, nastąpił komunistyczny terror. Walczono z Bogiem i z wszelkimi przejawami religii. Z ust Maryji poptłynął apel do wszystkich ludzi, by zerwali z grzechem i nawrócili się do Boga, by mógł na nowo zapanować upragniony pokój.

Franciszek Marto urodził się 11 czerwca 1908 roku w wiosce Aljustrel. Jego młodsza siostra przyszła na świat 11 marca 1910 roku. W domu dzieci otrzymały chrześcijańskie wychowanie, codziennie cała rodzina odmawiała różaniec. Dzieci pomagały przy pracy na roli i przy wypasie owiec.

Dnia 13 maja 1917 roku dzieci, jak zwykle rano, poszły paść owce w Cova da Iria (Kotlina Pokoju) w pobliżu wioski Fatima. Razem z nimi była też Łucja – późniejsza siostra zakonna. Dzieci nagle usłyszały niezwykle szum i błyskawicę na niebie. Gdy się odwróciły, na rosnącym niedaleko dębnie ujrzały światło i Panią w bieli. Spontanicznie wyciągnęły z kieszeni swoje różańce i zaczęły się wspólnie modlić z Matką Bożą. Po zakończonej modlitwie rozpoczął się ich niezwykle, a zarazem pełen prostoty dialog. Pani

powiedziała do nich, że jest z nieba i żeby się nie bały. Oznajmiła im też, że jeżeli ludzie się nie nawrócą i nie podejmą czynów pokutnych, świat skazany będzie na niechybny koniec. Dzieci obiecały Maryji, że odtąd z jeszcze większą niż dotąd gorliwością modlić się będą na różańcu i wykorzystają każdą okazję, by się umartwiać. Tymczasem Matka Boża zaprosiła je na kolejne spotkanie za miesiąc.

Za drugim razem wokół dzieci zgromadziło się ok. 50 osób, bo o wydarzeniu tym było coraz głośniejsze w całej okolicy. W lipcu 1917 roku niezwyklej wizji towarzyszyło ok. 4 tysięcy wiernych. Tym razem Maryja przekazała im tzw. 'tajemnicę fatimską'. Przede wszystkim dotyczyła ona wizji piekła. Zapowiadała też ogromne szkody, jakie uczyni w świecie Rosja szerząc wszędzie komunistyczną ideologię. Ostatnie spotkanie z Maryją fatimskie dzieci przeżyły 13. października 1917 roku. Wtedy towarzyszył im 70-cio tysięczny tłum, który oglądał na niebie cud 'tańczącego słońca'. Najwięcej domysłów wzbudziła 'trzecia tajemnica fatimska' powierzona przez siostrę Łucję ojcu świętemu Piusowi XII w 1958 roku. W 2000 roku jej przesłanie zostało opublikowane i skomentowane przez ówczesnego prefekta Kongregacji Nauki Wiary, kard. Josepha Ratzingera. Jan Paweł II uznał, że zapowiedź o męczeństwie papieża, o którym mówiła trzecia tajemnica, wypełniła się w dniu zamachu na polskiego Papieża 13 maja 1981 roku, kiedy w całym Kościele wspomniana jest Matka Boża Fatimska.

Przebywający 13 maja 2010 roku w Fatimie Benedykt XVI powiedział do zebranych tam pielgrzymów: 'Za siedem lat powróćcie tutaj, by obchodzić setną rocznicę pierwszej wizyty, złożonej przed Panią, "przybyłą z Nieba" jako Nauczycielka, która wprowadza małych wizjonerów w dogłębne poznanie Miłości Trynitarniej i prowadzi ich do zakosztowania samego Boga jako najpiękniejszej rzeczy ludzkiego istnienia. Doświadczenie łaski, które ich uczyniło zakochanymi w Bogu w Jezusie tak, że Hiacynta zawołała: "Tak się cieszę, że mogę powiedzieć Jezusowi, że Go Kocham! Kiedy Mu to mówię wiele razy, wydaje się, że mam ogień w piersi, który mnie jednak nie pali". A Franciszek powiedział: "To, co mi się najbardziej podobalo, to było widzenie Naszego Pana w tym świetle, które Nasza Pani umieściła nam na piersi. Tak bardzo Kocham Boga" (Pamiętnik Siostry Łucji, I, 42 i 127)...'

Franciszek i Hiacynta usłyszeli pewnego dnia od Maryji, że nie będą długo żyć. Z wielkim spokojem słuchali zapowiedzi o rychłej ich śmierci i czekającym

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

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ich niebie. Mieli ogromną życiową dojrzałość, którą widać na poważnych twarzach dzieci patrzących na nas z fotografii. O Łucji Madonna powiedziała, że Pan Jezus chce, by długo żyła, tak by Maryja była bardziej znana i kochana, a także by mogła uczyć ludzi, jak oddawać cześć Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryji. Franciszek z zapowiedzi Maryji wyciągnął od razu praktyczny wniosek. Kiedy chodził do szkoły razem z Łucją i Hiacyntą, często mówił im, że on zatrzyma się przez ten czas w kościele, bo jemu nie jest potrzebne, by czytać i pisać, gdyż niedługo umrze. W ten sposób chciał także uniknąć docinków niewierzącego nauczyciela, który wyśmiewał objawienie, jakiego doświadczyły dzieci.

Podczas Mszy św. beatyfikacyjnej Franciszka i Hiacynty, 13 maja 2000 roku, Jan Paweł II powiedział: 'Powodowana macierzyńską troską, Najświętsza Panna przybyła tutaj, do Fatimy, by zażądać od ludzi, by "nie znieważali więcej Boga, naszego Pana, który dosyć już został znieważony..."

Przemawia, bo jako Matka boleje, kiedy zagrożony jest los Jej dzieci. Dlatego wzywa pastuszków: "Módlcie się, wiele się módlcie i umartwiajcie się w intencji grzeszników; wiele dusz idzie do piekła, bo nikt nie modli się za nie ani nie umartwia". Mała Hiacynta głęboko odczuwała i przeżywała tę boleść Matki Bożej, heroicznie składając samą siebie w ofierze za grzeszników. Pewnego dnia, kiedy zapadła już razem z Franciszkiem na chorobę, która przykuła ich do łóżka, Maryja Panna odwiedziła ich w domu, jak opowiada sama Hiacynta: "Matka Boża przyszła nas odwiedzić i powiedziała, że już wkrótce wróci, by zabrać Franciszka do nieba. Mnie zaś zapytała, czy chcę nawrócić jeszcze więcej grzeszników. Odpowiedziałam, że tak". A gdy zbliżała się chwila odejścia Franciszka, Hiacynta poleca mu: "Pozdrów ode mnie serdecznie Naszego Pana i Naszą Panią i powiedz im, że będę cierpiała tyle, ile zechcą, by nawrócić grzeszników". Hiacynta była tak głęboko poruszona wizją piekła, jaką ujrzała podczas objawienia 13 lipca, że żadne umartwienie ani pokuta nie wydawały się jej zbyt wysoką ceną za zbawienie grzeszników...

Franciszek zmarł podczas epidemii zapalenia oskrzeli pod koniec marca 1919 roku. Hiacynta odeszła do Pana 20 lutego 1920 roku. Dzisiaj są oni naszymi orędownikami w niebie. Uczmy się od nich ukochania modlitwy różańcowej i prostoty serca dziecka, które podtrzymywane Bożą miłością, nie kłamie i nie udaje, jest szczerze i pełne ufności wobec Boga i ludzi...