October 15, 2017

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
"THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE
INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND
INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

Matthew 22:8-9

St. Thomas of Villanova
A Catholic Parish Family - Palatine, IL

Parish Information

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

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— Oct 23, Nov 14, Dec 6*

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite to Christian Initiative) Program is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

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

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

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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NOTE: Bulletin deadlines *Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication*

Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

As almost always, our plans frequently go awry. In last week's Second Homily, I wrote about my going on retreat this past week—and that I was excited because the Retreat Master was Bishop Jerry Kicanas—an excellent speaker, Bishop of Tuscon, AZ, former Auxilliary Bishop of Chicago, former Rector of the Seminary, my former boss and good friend and also a good friend of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish as he has celebrated several weekend Masses here as well as several "Confirmations" of our 8th Graders.

Well, he cancelled the retreat because his mother passed away a few days before it was to begin. His mother—Eva Kicanas—was the 105 year old resident of St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. Her funeral Mass was celebrated there on Monday. And it was one of the most beautiful funeral Masses! Bishop Kicanas was the Celebrant and Homilist. He gave a great funeral homily on the life of his mom and her deep faith in the Risen Lord. Cardinal Cupich and four other Bishops concelebrated the Mass as well as myself and 30 other priests. It was, indeed, a joyous, prayerful celebration of life.

So, my retreat was cancelled but I was able to spend a couple days in quiet and in prayer. And also during the week, I celebrated two other funeral Masses. During Respect Life Month it is important that we remember and celebrate the lives of people who truly respected their life and the lives of others—because of their blessings and their deep faith in the Lord. God always works in mysterious ways.

Respect Life Prayer

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As you know, one of the important Ministries which our children can be involved in at St. Thomas of Villanova is our Altar Serving Program. We are in the process of recruiting for new Altar Servers. Our training session for "New Recruits" is this Saturday. So parents, please ask your children about their interest for this special ministry to serve the Lord at His altar. We are also looking especially for new High School altar servers. Contact Sheila O'Shea for any questions. Sheila is our Altar Server Coordinator for several years now and has done an excellent job of training, scheduling and even more regarding this Ministry. We are grateful for her dedication to this Ministry and especially her commitment to our children.

I heard that the "Great Pumpkin" and all of his cousins are with us this weekend. You will be able to greet them after all Masses on our front lawn. You can take one or two of them home if you want to adopt them!

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	*School*
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	*MRD*
10:30am	RCIA Classes	*MRA*
12:30pm	TLC (The Linked Cot)	*MRB*
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	*RAC*

Monday, October 16

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	*School*
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	*MRB*

Tuesday, October 17

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	*MRB*
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	*MRD*
7:00pm	2nd Grade Parent Reconciliation Meeting	*Church*
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	*RAC*

Wednesday, October 18

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	*TR/RAC*
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	*Church*
7:00pm	Spirituality Series	*MRB*
7:00pm	Women's Club Steering Committee	*MRC*
7:00pm	GIFT I Class	*MRA & D*
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	*MR4*

Thursday, October 19

1:00pm	STV Scripture Study	*MRB*
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
7:00pm	GIFT II Class	*MRA & D*
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild 1	*GA*
7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	*Church*

Friday, October 20

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	*MRA—D*
7:00pm	Ultreya	*MRA & B*

Saturday, October 21

8:40am	Morning Bible Study	*MRC*
8:40am	STV Scripture Study	*MRB*

Sunday, October 22

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	*School*
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	*MRD*
10:30am	RCIA Classes	*MRA*
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	*RAC*

TODAY

- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Continues throughout October (Page 8)
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #4977**
  - **Membership Drive, Wreath & Tootsie Roll Sale:** In the Gathering Area after Mass
  - **Blood Drive:** 7:30am to 1:00pm in the Lower Dolan Center, St. Theresa Parish. Give the Gift of Life! Just one pint of blood can save a life! Walk in, roll up your sleeve, sit for a few minutes and become an honorable donor! Registration/Appointment: 877-543-3768, use code A216
- **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE** Drop off your items in the bins in the Gathering Area and Narthex for our sharing school, St. Angela
- **PUMPKIN FUNDRAISER for VOICES HS Youth Group** Can't miss 'em! The pumpkins are on the Church's front lawn. Free will donation!
- **TLC (The Linked Cot) MEETING** 12:30pm in Meeting Room B

UPCOMING

- **RESPECT LIFE MONTH—OCTOBER** See page 8 for details.
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, October 17 - next session of *Divorce Care* program. Topic: Facing My Depression. Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance), St. James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, A.H. For info: Deacon Jim Bannon 224-345-7200 jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net
- **SPIRITUALITY SERIES** Wednesday, October 18 (Page 5)
- **EVENING OF REFLECTION** Thursday, October 19 (Page 6)
- **COOKIES FOR KAIROS** Due Friday, October 20 (Page 8)
- **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** Saturday, October 21 (Page 5)

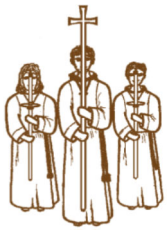
YAM (YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY)

YAM Northwest Chicago is for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Join us for a great time and meet other young adults in the area!

- **ReENCOUNTER: A Young Adult Faith Night:** Friday, October 20, 6pm-11pm; UIC Pavillion—525 S Racine Ave, Chicago, IL; https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/reencounter; Join thousands of young adults in prayerful worship, thought-provoking speakers, live music, meaningful conversation, and MARK WAHLBERG.
- **Masquerade Ball (Part Deux):** Formal Dinner and Dancing; Saturday, October 28, 7pm-Midnight (6pm Cocktail Hour); Hyatt Regency—1800 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL; To register, see https://sites.google.com/site/yamnorthwest/masquerade-ball

For more info about any of these events, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc/ or email us at yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Why We Altar Serve:

- "It is fun. I get to be closer to God." - *Grace, 6th Grade*
- "It is fun. It gets me more "into" church." - *Maura, 8th Grade*
- "I like helping the priests." - *Mark, 5th Grade*
- "I like serving God." - *Victoria, 7th Grade*
- "I am able to get closer to God because I am helping at church." - *Matthew, 7th Grade*
- "It is interesting and I get more out of Mass." - *Joshua, 7th Grade*
- "It is fun and a nice way to meet people-I really like it very much." - *Michelle, 10th Grade*
- "It helps my relationship with God." - *Evelyn, 7th Grade*
- "I like serving for God. It is an amazing experience to see everyone's faces in church." - *Lily, 6th Grade*
- "I like to be up on the Altar." - *Jose, 6th Grade*
- "I like everything about it." - *Madeline, 7th Grade*

Are you interested in joining this very important ministry ? We are inviting students in 4th-12th grade to attend our Altar Server Training Session.

- **When**: Saturday, October 21st , 12:00-1:00pm.
- **Where** : St. Thomas of Villanova Church
- **Who to contact** : Sheila O'Shea : Soshea13@comcast.net

God does not call strangers. He calls friends. If He is calling you to serve, please answer by contacting the Altar Serving Coordinator:

Sheila O'Shea— e-mail: Soshea13@comcast.net.

Please provide student's name, grade, and school.

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Did You Miss the 1st Talk?
Don't Miss the Next Two!
The Previous Talk will be summarized - so you won't be lost.
JOIN US on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm in MRA
NEXT TOPIC: The Human Condition, Quiet Time, Intro to Centering Prayer
COST: $ 5.00 for each session

A Few Comments from September 13th Attendees . . .

- Topic was: Thought provoking, Image of God; Very foundational & something we don't often think about; I liked the focus on Contemplation and our relationship w/God.
- Speaker was: Informative; Interesting; Knowledgeable; Engaging.
- Event was: Beneficial for Me; Very Stimulating!; Absolutely, making me aware; Good exercises to get me to look deeper.

November Date: Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm in MRA

***** Call Norma Holmes to Register at 847-800-8655 *****

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

October is Respect Life Month. It is an opportunity for us to look at our own life and how we respect our life and the lives of others. I would like to share with you some General Principles on "Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" written by our own American Bishops Conference:

"No summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, but some general principles are clear. We are entrusted by God with the gift of life, and in response, we care for our lives and health in obedience and gratitude to our creator. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. In principle, assisted feeding and hydration should be provided unless it cannot sustain life or is unduly burdensome to the patient, or if death is imminent whether it is provided or not. Moreover, no one should choose suicide, nor counsel or assist another to take his or her own life."

Have you thought about pre-planning your Funeral Liturgy and arrangements? October is Respect Life Month—a good time to do it! Call me and I will help you.

Connie West
Director of Bereavement

5TH ANNUAL FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

FRIENDS OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL PRESENTS:

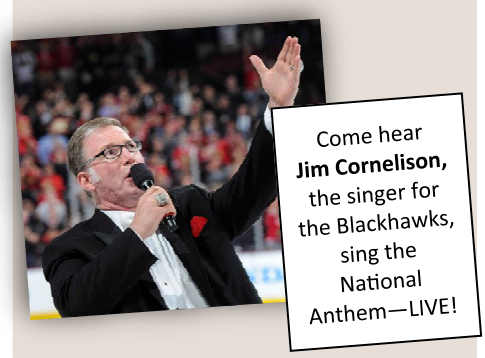
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH
AT DURTY NELLIES
180 N Smith Street, Palatine

Bears Viewing Party

11am—Doors Open
12pm—Kick Off

FOOD, OPEN BAR, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, SPLIT THE POT, SQUARES AND MORE

- All Proceeds Benefit ALL of the students at STV School
- Tickets are $50 per person, or $45 per person Huddle Pricing with purchase of 6 tickets



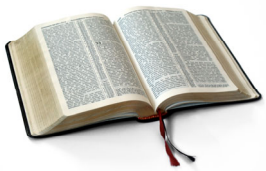
For reservations, questions or to donate, ***stop by the Gathering Area next weekend after all Masses*** or contact John: *312-805-6791 or john.hake95@gmail.com*

"COME AS YOU ARE"

"Come As You Are" is a small group ministry that has been active at St. Thomas for over 20 years. Groups of parishioners meet in each other's homes once a week for six weeks prior to Advent and six weeks during Lent. We spend about an hour and a half studying the next Sunday's scriptures, and sharing what they mean in our life. This is not a formal Bible study, but a relaxed time of exploring how the Bible impacts our lives. Our time together makes the scripture we hear proclaimed at Mass much more meaningful.

"Come As You Are" groups will start meeting the week of October 22. Groups are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening and Tuesday afternoons. Consider whether this might be a way to enrich your time in the Word of God during this Advent season. **Call Mary Haig at 847-561-2278 to sign up.** *If you were part of a group prior to Advent, your group leader will contact you.*

STV SCRIPTURE STUDY



Good News! STVSS has added another Scripture study course to it's 2017-2018 schedule. The Bible Timeline: The Story of Our Salvation is now being offered on Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm. The cost is $36. It's still not too late to sign up! Contact Nancy at nhulsebosch@gmail.com/847-757-5630 or Sueann at sueannk6@gmail.com to register or for more information.

MINISTRY OF CARE—EVENING OF REFLECTION

All are invited on **Thursday, October 19 from 7:30pm—9:00pm** (Refreshments at 7:00pm) to Saint Anne Catholic Community—Church Building, Gathering Space at 120 North Ela Street, Barrington for an evening of reflection. The presentation, titled "Eucharist Is a Meal," will bring together the history of meals as sacred and will explore how meals break down barriers when we step out of our comfort zone. The presenter, Flo Merkl-Deutsch, is the Director of Mission & Values at DePaul College Prep. RSVP appreciated to: Deacon Tom Dunne 847-358-6999.

LIVING ROSARY—Thank You

Guild 5 would like to thank all who participated in or attended the Living Rosary and Benediction. We could not honor our Blessed Mother without all the "beads;" those who stepped up to fill in; Jeanie, Jack and all who provided hospitality; Jeanne Slatkay and Suzie, our musicians; Vito and his crew; Lydia; Mark; the office staff; and especially Fr. Marcin for Benediction. We praised Our Lady in English, Spanish, Latin, Italian, Polish, French and Gaelic. Through Her intercession, may Jesus bless you and answer your prayers.

2017 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: $23,700
Oct. 1	$ 22,944.73	$ 2,023.00	$ 24,967.73	$ 1,267.73
Oct. 8	$ 18,534.81	$ 2,508.00	$ 21,042.81	*($ 2,657.19)*
Oct. 15				
Oct. 22				
Oct. 29				

YTD Budget	$ 355,500.00
YTD Actual	$ 321,333.00
Over / *(Under)*	*($ 34,167.00)*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to renew our commitment as missionary disciples on World Mission Sunday. Like Renew My Church, mission ad gentes, or proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Christ, reminds us that we have a responsibility to those outside our parish boundaries, our Archdiocese, and even our nation. When we support our world missions together, we build bonds among each other, sustaining of life in Christ and we are transformed through service and solidarity as Christ's missionary disciples.

The World Mission Sunday collection, held here on October 21-22, and executed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on behalf of Pope Francis, is a global effort to provide for 1,111 mission dioceses across four different continents. This weekend's collection supports those with the greatest needs and the missionaries who evangelize and accompany them through the Sacraments while providing pastoral care, education, basic health care, and safe housing.

Let this celebration of World Mission Sunday also be a day to honor the many ways we commit to missionary discipleship. God is persistent and generous with the call to go forth. I pray that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago uses World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to be renewed in our commitment to prayer, testimony of life, and the sharing of our gifts. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

2nd Collection Next Weekend
Make checks payable to:
St. Thomas of Villanova
Write "World Mission"
on the memo line. Envelopes
are in your packet!

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE
Stewardship
A WAY OF LIVING

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, we have seen what stewardship and being a disciple of Jesus Christ means. It has taxed us, frightened us, brought out the best in us and sometimes brought out the worst in us. We have prayed harder than we have prayed before and suffered losses, but for the most part we have survived. We have seen neighbor helping neighbor, people helping strangers, friends taking in friends and so many trying to help.

At first the hurricane frightened us and after surviving, we were grateful we were alive. The following is a story from the news which renews faith in our fellow human. A disabled solider was wondering how he could help. He was praying to find a way and about ten minutes later, he heard about a pastor that had lost all his musical equipment during Irma. His prayers had been answered. He had extra equipment he was not using and gave it to the pastor allowing him to have music for his services. God does answer prayers, we just need to listen and be ready to act when He does.

This is what stewardship is, finding ways to give back and using the gifts and talents that God has given us. We are all gifted, we just need to take the time to discern our talents and then discover the best way to return them to God twofold!

October is Respect Life Month. When we care for others, we are respecting life.

OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH

HELP! PADS SITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—*Specific Shifts*

PADS had volunteer signup in September for volunteers to man our site on Sunday nights to Monday morning (7pm-7am). We desperately need volunteers to fill some of the 11pm-3am and 3am-7pm shifts. The site cannot be open if we don't have volunteers through the night. The 2nd shift makes the lunches for the next day, and the 3rd shift serves breakfast to our guests. We have 2 people on each shift and try to have both a man and a woman. Couples are welcome.

These are the shifts that need to be filled:

- 2nd shift (11pm-3am): Oct. 22/23—1 person; Dec. 10/11—1person; Dec. 17/18—1 person
- 3rd shift (3am-7am): Oct. 29/30—1 man; Nov. 12/13—1 man; Nov. 26/27—1 person

This year, the site is open on Christmas Eve to Christmas Day and also New Years Eve to New Years Day.

- Dec. 24/25: need 1 person for 3rd shift (3am–7am)
- Dec. 31/Jan. 1: need 1 man for 2nd shift (11pm-3am) and 2 people on 3rd shift (3am-7am)

Please consider these slots and call Peg at 847-358-5150, if you can help out.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN *—NOW thru October 29*

Did you take home your baby bottle last weekend? If yes, then THANK YOU! If not, please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change. All baby bottles need to be returned the weekend of October 28/29. The Baby Bottle Project will benefit The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. ***If everyone took home a bottle and filled it...we could double the amount we contributed last year!*** Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

These baby bottles are reused every year, so please be sure to return your baby bottle.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS*—Due Friday, October 20*

Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you visited me." The Kairos Prison Ministry offers each of us a way to fulfill a true visit to "the least of these who are members of my family" by supporting the team of Christian men who will go into Stateville prison from October 28 through October 31. That support comes first of all from your prayers, and continues through donations of homemade cookies. Those cookies are shared by residents, officers, and team members throughout the four days of the ministry. Blue bins in the Narthex and in the Gathering Area have several plastic bags containing a sheet giving the recipes for the cookies. Won't you please visit by baking a few dozen cookies? **Friday, October 20 is the due date for baked cookies.** Please pray for the ministry, and bake cookies if you

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY*—1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month*

For All Knitters & Crocheters AND Those Who Want to Learn

The Respect Life Committee of St. Thomas of Villanova is sponsoring a Prayer Shawl Ministry for the terminally ill patients at the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, formerly Cook County Hospital. We will provide everything you need to make the shawls including yarn, needles and instruction to get you started and keep you going. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in MRB from 1:00pm—3:00pm. Come to as many sessions as you like and stay as long as you choose. For questions, contact Maureen Treanor at 224-532-1990

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

Do you find yourself humming a tune or singing along when you hear a favorite song? Do you sing to - or with - your children? Do you secretly – or not so secretly – sing in the shower? Do you sing "Happy Birthday?" Do you sing out loud - or under your breath - during Mass? Do you play an instrument?

If so, the St. Thomas choirs need you! We invite you to join one of our terrific choirs. You don't have to be a musical genius or read music or be a great singer. As indicated, the only requirement is that you love to sing or play an instrument and want to be part of this fun-filled and important prayer-filled liturgical ministry.

If you are curious about the choir or interested in finding out more about the prayer-filled ministry, you are invited to an **OPEN HOUSE** to be held during the choir's regular rehearsal time on **Thursday, October 26 at 7pm in church**. Refreshments will be served, and choir members will be available to welcome you and answer any questions. We invite all attendees to stay for the regular rehearsal and experience firsthand what this ministry is about. There will also be time for fellowship following the rehearsal.

The following opportunities are waiting for you:

- ***St. Thomas Adult Choir*** sings at the 5:00 p.m. or the 9:30 a.m. Mass each week of the school year and rehearses on Thursday evening in the church beginning at 7 p.m. Voices of all kinds are always welcome; we could really use some more basses/baritones! Anyone who loves to sing and needs an extremely rewarding place to do it should consider joining the choir. If you are a newcomer, empty-nester, need a night out, play an instrument, or whatever, this choir is a good way to find new friends and acquaintances in a parish ministry, as well as to nourish your spirit through sung prayer. This choir is open to anyone from 7th grade to adults of all ages. This is a great opportunity for our high school and junior high parishioners to complete service hours. For more information, please contact Pamela Maloney at 847-507-1181 or via email at pamela.maloney13@gmail.com . Or just talk to one of the keyboardists after Mass.

- ***St. Thomas Chorale*** sings at the 11:15 a.m. Mass every week and rehearses with the St. Thomas Adult Choir on Thursday evenings in church at 7 p.m. This group is composed of singers willing to take a lead or solo role. Please contact Bruce wood at 847-602-4533 or via email at brucegwood@gmail.com for more information about this group.

- ***St. Thomas Resurrection Choir*** sings for parish funerals. This is ideal for retired folks and for those who work at home. Most funerals take place in the morning, Monday through Saturday. You don't need to rehearse except to warm-up before the funeral, and members are notified by email when a funeral is scheduled. You can come when you are able, and there is no commitment to sing any more than you want to. This is a wonderful and comforting ministry to those who come to our church for the funeral of a family member or friend. Please contact Jeanne Slatkay at 847-776-3485 or via email at jslatkay@hotmail.com for more information.

Please step out in faith and know you will be welcomed with love! See you at our choir open house on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in church! REMINDER: There will be treats but no tricks!

STV School News

From the Desk of the Principal

It has been a tradition for many years that our sports teams pray before they begin to play. The team recites the prayer on the board, says the Our Father and wishes "Good Luck" to both teams. It is just another reflection of our wonderful school and Parish which is teaching the Catholic Faith, Values and Morals to our children.

God bless,

Mary Brinkman

We are a Catholic-Christian Community. We stand as an example to the world of our values. We are called even in the arena of sports to uphold these values. Let us begin with a prayer...

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS, VENDORS & DIRECT SELLERS!

Our Family School Association is hosting a Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10am—3pm. Booth space will be available for this fun event. The price per booth space is $60 (approx. 8'x 8'). If you are a crafter, vendor or have a direct sales business and would like booth space at this event, please contact ***STVFSA@gmail.com***.

craft And vendor fair

OCTOBER DINE-N-SHARE

October 25 at your Arlington Heights McDonald's
Fundraiser Slips

HELP St. Thomas of Villanova School

Use one slip for your family, and share one with a friend!

McTeacher's Night®

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: McDonald's of Arlington Heights
15 E. Dundee Rd. (Across from Buffalo Grove HS)

Teachers will be selling PIES in a pie costume!

20% of monies brought in by families will be donated to St. Thomas of Villanova School.

Fundraiser slips may not be distributed on McDonald's property

Please turn in slip at the front counter or drive thru

CHURCH HVAC PROJECT: *COMPLETE!*

This beautiful picture taken by Deacon John Breit shows the church furnace room with new HVAC equipment and a freshly painted cement floor, as well as the low hanging gas pipe painted bright yellow to protect our heads. Safety First!

Thanks to all whose faithful "To Teach Who Christ Is" pledge payments and generous donations have enabled our Parish Family to accomplish this much needed improvement.

Ron Schaefer
Project Manager

LITURGY SCHEDULE for OCTOBER 21 / 22

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	TBA
DEACON	Deacon Jacob Rouse	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Bill Karstenson	
HOMILY	Deacon Jacob Rouse	Deacon Rich Willer	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	TBA
LECTORS	Frank Maher Ed Boduch	James Sohn Jennifer Santos	Theresa Mitchell Mary Spila	Ray Savich Chanelle Savich	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Louis Akins Mary Bragiel Larry Coco Marian DeGroot Jim Dunne Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Corinne Greico Jean Pope	Mary Willer Rita Snyder Marilynn Stone Don Ullmer Diane Zielinski Bonnie Fennig Karen Flasch Jim Hajost Bob Hicks Mary Anne Horan	Marilyn Marturano Andrea Nalywajko Theresa Narantic Jackie Nogle Kate O'Connell Beth Stowick Susan Weres Alice Witt Debbie Yurcheshen Marty Yurcheshen	Sueann Karstenson Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Donna Casey Tom Cavenagh Sheila O'Shea Sandy Peterson Earl Schaffnit Ted Tomusiak Maureen Treanor	
SERVERS	Nate Carlson Colin Regan Ryan Regan	Matthew Sloan Timmy Sloan Truman Sanchez	Johnny Pellettiere Michelle Weber Konrad Malik	Lily Dix Josh Hulsebosch Mark Hulsebosch	
GREETERS M G N	Judy Gott Jim & Roseann Redmond Sylvia Schaffer	Don & Geri Ullmer Karen Froelich Tom & Marianne Greener	Sue Fanara Bev Dalton & Barb Murphy Mary Haig	Jack & Jeanie Landeweer Brian & Sheila O'Shea Basil & Carol Romaniszak	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 16
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Boni Quiaoit;
Intention for Kristina Sromek

Tuesday, October 17
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Bonifacio Quiaoit;
✞ William Yadron

Wednesday, October 18
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Boni Quiaoit;
✞ Dick Geller

Thursday, October 19
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Rose Casarez;
✞ Boni Quiaoit

Friday, October 20
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Boni Quiaoit;
✞ Doris & John Kenesey

Saturday, October 21
8:00am ✞ David Sladky
5:00pm ✞ Madaline Tomaszek;
✞ Denise St. John;
✞ Don Starkey;
Deceased of the Rychlewski Family

Sunday, October 22
7:30am ✞ Marcy Weckler Barr
9:30am ✞ Kenneko Jenkins;
✞ Erma Compiani;
✞ Giacomo Compiani
11:15am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
✞ John Milligan
1:30pm Mass—POLISH

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mia Moldawa
Andrew Jeffrey Wilton
Adalyn Rose Moore

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato
Lou Anderson
Jim Baur
Vito Boffa
Cherie Bott
Andy Bouchonville
Charles Campagna
Eleanor Campagna
Anna Marie Candorla
Tom Cook
John Cooney
Baby Seamus Cullen
Brenda Darling
Jason Dean
Emily Dempsey
Beth Dix
June Falardeau
Jeanne Formanski
Jaime Forseth
Kirk Forseth
Faith Forseth
Parker Forseth
Daniel Gajewski
Mel Gass
Bill Gerl
Ralph Gonzalez
RJ Hubka
Ken Isherwood
Adeline Kaczmarek
Mary Anne Kiesel
Wesley Knutson
Mary Alice Kobler
Susan Kordell
Lauren Lambert
Gene Lazich
Harold Lewis
Allan Loden
Peggy Lowe
Baby Alexa Mang
Patricia Manno
Helen Mariano
Bob Maruska
Elayne Maruska
Baby Benjamin Mauro
Mike McGee
Candida Morales
Mike Moran
Paul Moser
Erin Nicholas
Mary Obey
Rita Olles
Valentine Pawlak
Michael Rawa
Jim Redmond
Patty Reynolds
Elaine Romanchek
Ken Romanchek
Dick Samojla
Carlos Serna
Shawn Smith
Russell Spano
Kristina Sromek
Alice Stedronsky
Anne Swaw
Robert Szott
Sharon Tadsen
Tom Yadron
Frances Zanetti
Martha Zara

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
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffry Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- 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
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy
- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steininger

ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Wife
ROSE CASAREZ

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

✞ *Marino Guardalabene—Father of Gina Manola*

XXVIII Niedziela Zwykła – Oblubienico, gdzie jesteś?

Król, jego syn i uczta weselna. Czy kogoś tu brakuje? Kogo? Oblubienicy… Królestwo niebieskie, czyli rzeczywistość 'Nieba', przygotowywane jest przez króla dla jego syna jako uczta weselna. Jezus Chrystus zapomina w tej opowieści o Oblubienicy. Czy naprawdę zapomina…? Czy może mówiąc te słowa, zwraca się po prostu do Oblubienicy owego syna królewskiego, czyli do Cibie i do mnie? Ty i ja, nasze dusze, Kościół święty – to Oblubienica, to największa miłość Boga. To właśnie jest odpowiedź na brakującą postać w tej opowieści. A wesele, które przygotowuje Bóg Ojciec, jest czasem, który wraz z Jezusem Chrystusem będziemy doświadczać wspólnie w wieczności…

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

1 października 2017 r	$ 2,068.00
8 października 2017 r	$ 1,443.00
15 października 2017 r	
22 października 2017 r	
29 października 2017 r	

W sumie: $ 3,511.00

TAJEMNICE CHWALEBNE

Zmartwychwstanie Jezusa Chrystusa

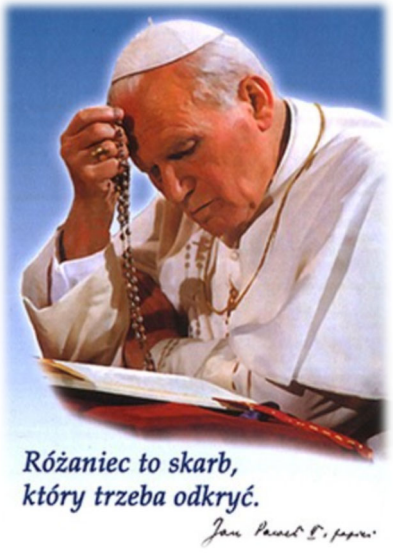
Jak mrok ustępuje światłu o brzasku, tak śmierć oddała Chrystusowi należne mu miejsce… Uczymy się miłości, która nie jest podparta strachem. Pośród skał, w mroku grobu Jezus powstaje zmartwych. Odsuwa ciężki kamień, za którym kryje się ludzkość… Czy w moim życiu są kamienie tak ciężkie, grzechy tak poważne, że nie pozwalają mi zmartwychwstać? Czym przydusiłem swoje ciało, co nie pozwala mi się wydostać do życia? Być może pokochałem swój głaz. Jezus pokochał człowieka i wyszedł mu na spotkanie. Co w tym czasie mogła robić Maryja? Przebudziła się o świcie z nowym oddechem w piersi. Serce Matki jest niezawodne. Panie pozwól nam doceniać rodzące się życie. Niech nas wzrusza każda istota, która podnosi się z miłości…

Wniebowstąpienie Pana Jezusa

Wiele znaków im jeszcze uczynił. Po czym odszedł. Zapowiadał, ale chwila ta nadeszła niespodziewanie… Już raz go stracili. Jezus jednak pozostał im i nam wierny do końca. Jako Bóg pragnął naszej miłości, jako człowiek chciał skierować nasze spojrzenie ku Bogu Ojcu. Czy nasze działania szukają swojej chwały, czy bożej? Gdy Bóg mówi przyjdź do mnie, gdzie idę? Potrafię być z człowiekiem, ale nie wiem czy potrafię go opuścić. Zostawić z wiarą, że jest w pełni gotowy i zdolny łaską Boga by podjąć swoje zobowiązania. Maryja pozwoliła odejść Jezusowi, ja czasami też muszę pozwolić komuś odejść. Jezus nam zaufał, odszedł do Ojca, ale nas nie opuścił.

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

Narodziny Kościoła. Apostołowie byli zwykłymi rybakami. Uwierzyli, że Bóg nie powołuje zdolnych, ale uzdalnia powołanych. To jest moment ich uświęcenia. Zwieńczenie wyboru dokonanego nad Jeziorem Galilejskim. Poznali Ojca, Syna, a teraz zostali namaszczeni Duchem Świętym. Kościół jest różnorodny, przebywali oni wszyscy razem. Każdy był inny. Odpowiedz sobie czy wierzysz, że w Kościele jest miejsce dla każdego z nas? Jesteśmy różni, ale dzięki Duchowi Świętemu możemy współgrać ze sobą w harmonii. Panie daj mi odwagę bym nie mówił już nigdy o Kościele ONI. Chcę mówić MY. Pozwól mi usłyszeć Twój głos i iść za nim. Chcę by moje życie realizowało się w NASZYM Kościele…



Wniebowzięcie Matki Bożej

Jezus powiedział kiedyś, że kto straci życie z jego powodu zyska je, a kto zatrzyma swoje życie, straci. Maryja straciła życie z powodu Jezusa. Nie, nie została go pozbawiona. Stracić życie dla Jezusa to tak naprawdę oddać je Bogu. Jest to strata tylko w oczach świata, rezygnacja z doczesności. My jednak wiemy, że jest to decyzja oparta o miłość i wiarę. Dlatego zyskujemy. Nasz największy skarb jest w Bogu. Maryja straciła wszystko i wszystko otrzymała w zamian. Bóg pozwolił jej doświadczyć nieba z ciałem…

Ukoronowanie Najświętszej Maryi Panny na Królową Nieba i Ziemi

Siłą pokory jest nie tylko godnie cierpieć, ale też godnie się radować. Maryja jest najpokorniejszą z istot. Objawiło się to również w tym, że potrafiła przyjąć tak wielki zaszczyt. Nie widziała w tym swojej chwały, ale zaproszenie do chwały Boga. Widziała też w tym zadanie. Wzięła świat w opiekę jako Matka Stworzenia…