



November 19, 2017

*Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.*

Matthew 25:21

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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— Dec 6, Jan 9, Jan 23*

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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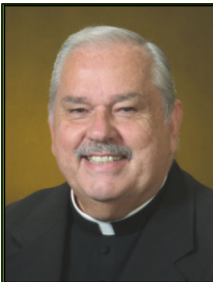
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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

The month of November brings the special day of Thanksgiving. It is a day of family time and fun and frivolity. But, more importantly, it is a day to give thanks to God who is the “giver of all” to us. He has—and still continues—to bless all of us in so many different ways, including our St. Thomas of Villanova Family. Come on Thanksgiving Day to our special “Mass of Thanksgiving” at 10:00am. And bring some groceries to Mass that day to share your bounty with those who are hungry. Also our financial collection that day will go towards our Parish Families who are unemployed or underemployed. I share with you the following prayer, and I encourage you to pray it at your family meal on Thanksgiving day!

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Thank you, Lord, for the gift of faith, that strength,
that power, that source within:
showing me the way, steadying my step and offering me the hope I need
to make my way through all my troubles and trials...*

*Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my Church and Parish:
that wounded, rag-tag, joyful lot of saints and
sinners, seeking out your truth, growing in the gospel,
reaching out to others' needs in your love...*

*Thank you, Lord, for the people around me, behind me and before me:
all who've shaped the person I've become;
who've loved me in more ways than I can know,
who've loved me when I've failed to love them in return;
who've pardoned and forgiven me with mercy;
who've shared with me their sorrows and their joys,
who fill my heart with peace and who help me trust
and know with hope that you are always by my side...*

*And thank you, Lord, for people I've not yet met,
whose paths will cross my own as your Spirit guides our ways...
Thank you, Lord, for the mystery of your presence:
in the simplest and most ordinary moments of each day
and in the stillness, in the quiet time I spend with you in prayer...
Receive my thanks and praise today for you,
Lord, are my God from whom all blessings flow... Amen.*

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

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, November 20

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, November 21

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
5:00pm	Thanksgiving Dinner Program: Drop-off	RAC
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, November 22

(Parish Office Closed)

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please join us for Thanksgiving Mass

10:00am in Church

(Parish Office Closed)

Friday, November 24

(Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

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

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- DECEMBER 24 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Wed., Dec. 13**
- DECEMBER 31 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Tuesday, Dec. 19**

TODAY

- **BEARS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER** At Dirty Nellies—180 N Smith St, Palatine
Door open 11am; Kick off 12pm (Page 8)
- **TLC– The Linked COT MEETING** 12:30pm in MRB

UPCOMING

- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, November 21 - next session of the *Divorce Care* program. Topic: *What Does the Owner's Manual Say?* Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance) St. James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. For info: Deacon Jim Bannon jamesbannon@sbcglobal.net / 224-345-7200
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Wednesday, November 22 at 1pm. Group Lunch at Olive Garden in Arlington Heights. RSVP to Maureen 847-358-2586.
 - Wednesday, November 29 at 8am Mass—Come pray with your fellow Golden Villanovans on this 5th Wednesday of the month.
- **TAP HOUSE GRILL—DINE-N-SHARE** Thursday, November 30 (Page 8)
- **SANTA'S WORKSHOP & MRS. CLAUS' CAFÉ** Friday, December 1 (Page 8)
- **ANGELS FOR ANGELA'S** Saturday, December 2 (Page 9)
- **BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER** Saturday, December 3 (Page 8)

Come give thanks for all your blessings!



Join our **VOICES Youth Group** for this Thanksgiving Liturgy.

Please bring items for our Food Pantry. During the Offertory, you will be invited to place your items near the altar as a way to share our blessings and help others.

VOICES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

- ◆ Wednesday, November 22; 7pm—9 pm, Church
- ◆ All are invited to sing and share their voice. Instrumentalists welcome, too! Just email jeff@stvoices.org before rehearsal.

THANKSGIVING MASS (*Planned by the Teens*)

- ◆ Thursday, November 23; 10am, Church
- ◆ *Note: We need teens to be Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, singers and more for this Mass. Please come help!*
- ◆ More info? **Visit STVOICES.ORG**

GREETER MINISTRY

The Lord is looking for people to greet everyone who walks into His house for weekend Mass. It is a very important job, as He wants His friends and family to feel welcome. He gave each of you a smile and a warm heart, so you can fulfill this role. We are in **desperate** need for greeters especially at the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 7:30am Masses. No experience necessary. Flexible scheduling. Great heavenly pay. No meetings to attend. Training is fast and can be done over the phone. Please, please volunteer! Just contact Jeanie or Jack Landeweer 847-842-0679.



CHOIR CDs

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Our choir has the perfect gift for everyone in your family. We will be giving away CDs of our favorite St. Thomas of Villanova music. You can pick up your copy of “On That Blessed Night”, “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”, and/or “Christmas at St. Thomas” after all the Masses on December 2/3 in the Gathering Area and Narthex. Available only while supplies last. No early birds, please. All free-will offerings will be graciously accepted.



ANNUAL ADVENT PRAYER

Sunday, November 26 at 2:00pm

Living Word Center—800 N Fernandez Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL

All are welcome! Refreshments after the service.
RSVP by Nov. 20 to www.slw.org or 847-577-5972.



STV COUPLES BAGS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

If you would like to help with this fun event, please call John or Donna at 847-359-2870.



It's not too early to start your Christmas Shopping !

Looking for a unique gift idea? Here are two wonderful programs that give you an opportunity to purchase beautiful Christmas gifts and support clients of Catholic Charities at the same time.

- **In Loom Chicago**, women in our Refugee Resettlement program make beautiful handmade products such as scarves, jewelry, throw pillows and bags. Loom gives them an opportunity to market and sell these products as a source of income for their families. More info available at www.LoomChicago.com.
- **After Supper Visions Program** uses photography from clients of the Catholic Charities supper program to create beautiful Christmas cards and ornaments. Sales of these products benefit the clients. More info available at www.aftersupervisions.com.

Please consider these programs as you do your Christmas shopping.

Thank you so much for your support of Catholic Charities, and may you have blessed holidays.



Update on "Spiritual Adoption" Babies

It's been **almost 7 months** since we as a parish "Spiritually Adopted" (through prayer) two babies in danger of abortion. We named them Liam and Emma and have been praying for them and their mothers daily since then.

The babies are a little more than one foot long now and weigh about 2 pounds. 90% of babies born at this age will survive and thrive. Sadly, in the US there is no legal protection for these children as abortion is legal through all nine months. Pray Emma and Liam will be safe.



Prayer for Spiritual Adoption

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

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

To learn more about spiritual adoption, see the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

www.SpiritualAdoption.org

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



Reflecting on Success

Planning for More!

Our 17th year of helping make homes Warmer, Safer, Drier in Central Appalachia was a great success. Thanks to your continued generosity we were able to raise over \$5,000 for the trip. In October 2017 15 volunteers made the trip to Greenbrier County, WV. We were assigned to work in a newly created subdivision called Hope Village which consisted of 50+ new homes built for those who lost their homes in the devastation caused by the 2016 floods. Our crew worked on a newly built 4 unit complex all week. Here are some of the project highlights:

- Our team was responsible for completing the shingle roof, installing the ridge vents, building the front and rear porches, and siding the complex. We worked hard all week in unseasonably warm weather for the region and we able to accomplish the majority of our assignment.

Projects like this would never be possible without your generous donations.



Thank you again to all the St. Thomas parishioners for the continuous support you have shown the ASP ministry over the last 17 years. If you missed our donation drive in September, you can always donate by placing your contribution in an envelope and mark ASP on the front. Look for dates for the 2018 trip in future bulletins.

ASP Ministry inquiries can now be directed to Robert Haufe by email at rhaufe2005@yahoo.com.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

November is the month dedicated to remembering our departed loved ones. And the month began with a special **Mass of Remembrance** on All Souls' Day. It was a very prayerful experience and a most prayer filled Eucharist. I hope you found it to be a comfort for you and your loved ones. I would like to thank all who attended this year's All Souls' Day Mass.

Also at this time, I would like to send a special Thank You to all my Bereavement Ministers. Howard Pettinger, Judy Gott, Jane St. Pierre, Jack McCarthy, Mary Willer and Teresa Sloniewicz who volunteered their time with the readings, reading of the deceased names, distributing the carnations, booklets and whatever needed to be taken care of. Also thank you to all who ushered. A special thank you to Roman Zelek, Paul Wood and Jeanne Slatkay and the choir for the beautiful music. Also thank you to all our Celebrants and Deacons.

Don't forget to sign the **Book of Remembrance** with the names of your departed relatives and friends- if you have not already done so. The book and the pictures are in the Tabernacle Chapel for the rest of the month of November.

Thank you again,
Connie West
Director of Bereavement



Faith ~ Hope ~ Community

Holiday Remembrance Candlelight Service

All are invited to our Holiday Remembrance Service.

If you have experienced a loss this year, or in the past, all are invited.

Saturday, December 2nd at 4pm
At Glueckert Funeral Home
1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts (*Please arrive by 3:30 pm.*
Service lasts approximately one hour.)

Please send or email us (jpeg/pdf) a photo of your loved one to place into a Keepsake Ornament. It's our gift to you.



RSVP to Jackie Glueckert at 847-253-0168 or jackie@glueckertfh.com by Wednesday, Nov 29. RSVP form is at www.glueckertfuneralhome.com.



TRANSFORMING GRIEF RETREAT

Tuesday, November 21—9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bellarmino, Jesuit Retreat House

420 W County Line Rd, Barrington

A Day of Reflection for Men & Women with Mrs. Mary KcKeon



BELLARMINO

Jesuit Retreat House

Who hasn't experienced grief? These are times of transition, unexpected or often unwanted change and loss. Come join us as we delve into these issues and focus on finding God amidst the struggles associated with our grief. We will explore both the psychological and spiritual aspects of grief and grief recovery. This event is free, courtesy of The Retirement Research Foundation. Free will donations accepted (includes Lunch). Advanced registration required: 847-381-1261 / www.JesuitRetreat.org.



From the Principal's Desk

Can you believe the first trimester is already completed? Students are out of school for the next week and get to enjoy a little break to reenergize!

God bless our second graders who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday. It was a beautiful celebration of the sacrament. Thank you, Mrs. Kerr, for preparing our students so well!

Thank you FSA for a hosting a fantastic Craft Fair last Saturday to benefit our school. It was well attended by crafters and buyers. I happen to know that another one is scheduled for the spring, and that some crafters have already reserved a table. We can't wait!

I placed this in last year's Principal blurb, and realized that I am just as blessed and grateful this year, so I would like to share some blessings for which I am grateful:

Receiving a smile and a handshake from students in the morning... encouraging and supportive parents... a dedicated faculty...an amazing administrative assistant...FOSTOVS... a School Board and FSA eager to help the school...Our parish priests...parents who are placing their trust in us to teach, model, and guide their children...students who keep challenging us to provide an exceptional education and be positive role models...and my family who supports me every day...

This Thanksgiving, take the time to reflect on your blessings with your family. Begin the day by attending Mass. When you sit down for your meal, go around the table and list one thing for which each person is grateful. See how many times you can go around the table, because God has blessed each of us in so many ways! Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless,
Mary Brinkman



TODAY
@ Dirty Nellies
11am—Doors Open
Come on over!

NOVEMBER DINE-N-SHARE

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly Dine-N-Share events! We raised more than \$500 for St. Thomas of Villanova School at McDonald's.

Grab some friends and join us at our next Dine-N-Share at The Tap House Grill—56 W Wilson St, Palatine on **Thursday, November 30th from 4pm—10pm**. Please bring this ad with you when you dine-in and 20% of your proceeds will be donated back to STV School. See you there!



ADDICTIVE FOOD
CREATIVE BREWS.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP & AND MRS. CLAUS' CAFÉ

Friday, December 1st
6:00pm—8:00pm

Rowley Activity Center

- ◆ Take a picture with Santa – perfect for Christmas cards!
- ◆ Spend time in Santa's Workshop. Create a craft that could be a gift for someone special! Prices range from \$1.00—\$5.00.
- ◆ Sing and dance to some of your favorite Christmas carols or take your turn in the **BOUNCY HOUSE**... new this year!
- ◆ Enter to win raffle baskets put together by St. Thomas of Villanova classrooms and the Family School Association.
- ◆ Enjoy a snack and some sweet treats at Mrs. Claus Café. Mrs. Claus Café brought to you by Student Council.



This event is sponsored by STV Family School Association and Student Council.

BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

Attention ALL Parents! Looking for a night without children? The 8th Graders (and the parents) are hosting a Babysitting Night Fundraiser on **December 2 from 6pm—10pm** in the Rowley Activity Center. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to come. (Children must be potty-trained.) No set cost just donations accepted. All proceeds will go towards the 8th Grade Washington DC trip scheduled for this spring. So, parents—take the night off and let us watch your children. You deserve it!



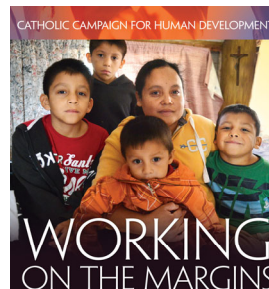
2017 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Nov 5	\$ 24,458.80	\$ 2,928.00	\$ 27,386.80	\$ 3,686.80
Nov 12	\$ 16,710.26	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 18,353.26	(\$ 5,346.74)
Nov 19				
Nov 26				

YTD Budget	\$ 474,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 432,650.21
Over / (Under)	(\$ 41,349.79)

2nd COLLECTION TODAY—CCHD

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.



VETERAN'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY COLLECTION

Thank you!

A big **Thank You** for the exceptional generosity of all who donated to our Veteran's Household Goods collection this month! Our St. Thomas parish contributed over 1200 items, which represents over \$3,000.00 in value. This contribution will go directly to our Veterans at Hines VA Center, and will go a long way in balancing the expenses for food, medicine and all the other necessities of re-starting a veteran's journey out of homelessness.

You were "Christ" to many who really needed your help—veterans who gave to all of us and protected our freedom. God has truly blest all of us, in so many ways. Hooray for you!



ANGELS FOR ANGELA'S



Angels for Angela's is back again this year for our sharing school, St. Angela's. Please bring one or two **unwrapped** Christmas gifts to the Meeting Rooms at the west end of school on:

**Saturday, December 2nd
Between 9:00am and 11:00am**

All gifts are welcome! Presents should range from gifts for babies to High School. Suggestions: toys, games, puzzles, sporting goods, pajamas, slippers, wrapping paper, tape & bows.

ANGELS ON WHEELS, TOO!

If you would like to try your angel wings, please plan on coming with us (caravan style) to St. Angela's on the same day, **Saturday, December 2 at 11:00am** to help deliver the Christmas gifts. We really need you **and** your vehicle to deliver our gifts. Lunch will be served, and families are welcome. It's a guaranteed good time! *To make reservations for lunch, call: Deacon Tom Dunne at 847-358-6999.*

Help make Christmas special for our sharing school, St. Angela's.

Growing Your Faith

A Prayer for Stillness

Be still and know that I am God. Scripture assures us that if we are still we will come to know God, but arriving at stillness is easier said than done. As Blaise Pascal once stated, “All the miseries of the human person come from the fact that no one can sit still for one hour.” Achieving stillness seems beyond us and this leaves us with a certain dilemma, we need stillness to find God, but we need God’s help to find stillness. With this in mind, I offer a prayer for stillness.

God of stillness and of quiet ...

- *Still the restlessness of my youth: still that hunger that would have me be everywhere, that hunger to be connected to everyone, that wants to see and taste all that is, that robs me of peace on a Friday night. Quiet those grandiose dreams that want me to stand out, to be special. Give me the grace to live more contentedly inside my own skin.*
- *Still the fever I inhale from all the energy that surrounds me, that makes my life feel small. Let me know that my own life is enough, that I need not make an assertion of myself, even as the whole world beckons this of me from a million electronic screens. Give me the grace to sit at peace inside my own life.*
- *Still my sexuality, order my promiscuous desires, my lusts, my polymorphous aching, my relentless need for more intimacy. Quiet and order my earthy desires without taking them away. Give me the grace to see others without a selfish sexual color.*
- *Still my anxiety, my heartaches, my worries, and stop me from always being outside the present moment. Let each day’s worries be sufficient unto themselves. Give me the grace to know that you have pronounced my name in love, that my name written in heaven, that I am free to live without anxiety.*
- *Still my unrelenting need to be busy all the time, to occupy myself, to be always planning for tomorrow, to fill every minute with some activity, to seek distraction rather than quiet. Give me the grace to sit in a quiet that lets me savor a sunset and actually taste the water I’m drinking.*
- *Still the disappointment that comes with age. Soothe the unacknowledged anger I feel from not achieving much of what I’ve wanted in life, the failure that I feel in the face of all that I’ve left untried and unfinished. Still in me the bitterness that comes from failure. Save me from the jealousy that comes unbidden as I begrudgingly accept the limits of my life. Give me the grace to accept what circumstance and failure have dealt me.*
- *Still in me the fear of my own shadow, the fear I feel in the face of the powerful, dark forces that unconsciously threaten me. Give me the courage to face my darkness as well as my luminosity. Give me the grace to not be fearful before my own complexity.*
- *Still in me the congenital fear that I’m unloved, that I’m unlovable, that love has to be earned, that I need to be more worthy. Silence in me the nagging suspicion that I’m forever missing out, that I’m odd, an outsider, that things are unfair, and that I’m not being respected and recognized for who I am. Give me the grace to know that I’m a beloved child of a God whose love need not be earned.*
- *Still in me my false fear of you, my propensity for a misguided piety, my need to treat you like a distant and feared dignitary rather than as a warm friend. Give me the grace to relate to you in a robust way, as a trusted friend with whom I can jest, wrestle, and relate to in humor and intimacy.*
- *Still my unforgiving thoughts, the grudges I nurse from my past, from the betrayals I’ve suffered, from the negativity and abuses I’ve been subject to. Quiet in me the guilt I carry from my own betrayals. Still in me all that’s wounded, unresolved, bitter, and unforgiving. Give the quiet that comes from forgiveness.*
- *Still in me my doubts, my anxieties about your existence, about your concern, and about your fidelity. Calm inside me the compulsion to leave a mark, to plant a tree, to have a child, to write a book, to create some form of immortality for myself. Give me the grace to trust, even in darkness and doubt, that you will give me immortality.*
- *Still my heart so that I may know that you are God, that I may know that you create and sustain my every breath, that you breathe the whole universe into existence every second, that everyone, myself no less than everyone else, is your beloved, that you want our lives to flourish, that you desire our happiness, that nothing falls outside your love and care, and that everything and everybody is safe in your gentle, caring hands, in this world and the next.*

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. Contact him via his website: www.ronrolheiser.com / www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

From: Mary Strybel, CRE

We asked our wonderful Religious Education Families to purchase Christmas gifts for our St. Angela's sisters and brothers. I know we have all heard the expression "A picture is worth a thousand words," --- please see below.



Thank you Religious Education Families, you are going to make many, many children so happy this Christmas with your generosity.

God Bless You and Yours— *Mary*

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]." (Proverbs 31:10) Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

PARENTING POINTERS

Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the "P" word—Practice.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER 25 / 26

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Tom Dunne	
HOMILY	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Tom Dunne	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † George Cooper;
 † Frank & Eileen Cimmarusti
 † Alice Cooney
 Int. for Kristina Scoma Griffin

Tuesday, November 21

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Joseph Hoffmann

Wednesday, November 22

Note: No Communion Service

8:00am † Sue Rheume;
 † Carole Reibel;
 † Boni Quiaoit

Thursday, November 23

10:00am—Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 24

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Victoria A. Szott

Saturday, November 25

8:00am † Carole L. Reibel;
 † George Cooper
 5:00pm † Marino Guardalabene;
 † Carole Reibel;
 † Sabados Andrew

Sunday, November 26

7:30am † Robert Freely;
 † Raymond Kordzinski
 9:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 † Jack Nolan;
 † Edward Murphy;
 † Fred Dalton;
 † Tony & Marianna Falvo;
 † Theresa Schweitzer
 11:15am † Marie Kay;
 † Carmela Krogstad;
 † Thomas O'Driscoll;
 † Olga Capacci;
 † Catherine Schroeder
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH



OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mason John Bruns
 Jacob Tristan Mai
 Natalia Marie Nowak
 Fiona Scarlet Sliwicki

UPCOMING MARRIAGES

Kimberly Geraci & Joe Klein—Friday, November 24, 2017 at 3:30pm

FOR OUR SICK

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

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 Grelick
- 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 Jeffrey 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
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz

- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- SGT Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- LTJG 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 Steining



ROSE OF LIFE

Loving Memory of SYLVIA GRONSKI

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Brendan Dillon
 Son of Patrick Dillon

† Edward Fedorowicz
 † Mary Obey

XXXIII Niedziela Zwykła – Zachłanny Bóg

Za każdym razem, kiedy Bóg porównuje się do kogoś zachłannego, do kogoś, kto zbiera tam, gdzie nie posiał, kogoś, kto ma wielkie oczekiwania wobec ludzi, być może chce nam powiedzieć: 'Jestem zachłanny na człowieka, jestem zachłanny na to dobro, które może stać się jego udziałem. Jestem spragniony tego dobra, które pojawia się tam, gdzie pojawia się człowiek. Jestem spragniony człowieka...' Być może to chce nam powiedzieć Bóg w tej niezwykłej Ewangelii?

Dziękczynienie Bogu...

Słowo 'Dziękuję' wyraża jedną z najistotniejszych postaw... i werbalizuje wszystko to za co należy być wdzięcznym... Zatem...

Jestem wdzięczny za posprzątaną bałagan po przyjęciu ponieważ oznacza to że jestem otoczony przez przyjaciół... Jestem wdzięczny za podatki, które płacę, ponieważ oznacza to że pracuję i jestem produktywny... Jestem wdzięczny za ubrania już nie pasujące perfekcyjnie, ponieważ oznacza to że mam co jeść... Jestem wdzięczny za trawnik który muszę kosić i za okna wymagające umycia, ponieważ oznacza to że mam dom... Jestem wdzięczny za słowa motywacji, ponieważ oznacza to że komuś na mnie zależy... Jestem wdzięczny za słowa narzekań, które wypowiadam względem rządzących, ponieważ oznacza to że mam wolność słowa i wyrażania poglądów... Jestem wdzięczny za cień i powiew bryzy chłodnego powietrza w czasie upalnych dni, ponieważ oznacza to że jestem świadomy Bożej mądrości stworzenia... Jestem wdzięczny za miejsce na drugim końcu parking, ponieważ oznacza to że mogę chodzić... Jestem wdzięczny za duże rachunki za ogrzewanie, ponieważ oznacza to że jest mi ciepło... Jestem wdzięczny za nocne telefony które odbieram i które odbierają inni kiedy to ja późno dzwonię, ponieważ oznacza to że mam jeszcze bliskich mojemu sercu ludzi... Jestem wdzięczny za zmęczenie, bóle mięśni i bóle głowy, ponieważ oznacza to że jestem twórczy... Jestem wdzięczny za dźwięk budzika wcześniej zrywającego mnie z rana, ponieważ oznacza to że jestem jeszcze wśród żywych... Jestem wdzięczny za doświadczenie Boga w Słowie Jego Mądrości i Sakramentach...

Postawa wdzięczności jest postawą niezbędną... i tą jedyną umożliwiającą doświadczenie pełni dobroci i hojności Boga...

We fragmencie Ewangelii czytanej w Święto Dziękczynienia tylko jeden z chorych na trąd wrócił by wyrazić swoją wdzięczność Jezusowi... Tylko jeden wrócił by podziękować... W Święto Dziękczynienia wielu wyrazi swoją wdzięczność Panu Bogu... Ale w pozostałe 364. dni w roku, która z postaw jest Ci bliższa... tego jednego czy tych dziesięciu...?

Po każdej Mszy świętej warto podziękować Bogu za wielki dar Eucharystii. Możesz zrobić to następującymi słowami: 'Dziękuję Ci, Panie Jezu, za łaskę uczestnictwa we Mszy Świętej i za przyjęcie Twego Eucharystycznego Ciała. Dziękujemy za pouczenie w Liturgii Słowa, za cud przemiany chleba i wina, za Twoją obecność w Komunii Świętej.

Chcę coraz pełniej poznawać Boże tajemnice, rozumieć wolę Ojca, który jest w niebie. Proszę o światło i moc łaski, o ducha miłości, ofiary i modlitwy, o umiejętność niesienia życiowego krzyża. Pozwól i pomóż, przyjdź ponownie do Ciebie i bądź przy mnie w ostatniej chwili życia... Amen.

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INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA

Intencje mszalne można zamówić po Mszy św. niedzielnej w pokoju marszałków lub zakrystii.

MSZE ŚW.

Parafia Świętego Tomasza z Villanova zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.

Msze św. w jęz. polskim—

Niedziela: 1:30pm;

Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Pierwsza Sobota miesiąca:

Nabożeństwo 'Pierwszych 5. Sobót' i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Trzeci Piątek miesiąca: Nabożeństwo do Bożego Miłosierdzia i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm.

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.

Sakrament Chrztu Św. w jęz. polskim jest udzielany w każdą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. w języku polskim—prosimy o wcześniejszy kontakt z ks. Marcinem.

SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Pary proszone są o kontakt z biurem parafialnym przynajmniej 6 miesięcy przed planowanym ślubem w celu ustalenia daty ślubu i spotkania się z księdzem.

SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Niedziela 12:45pm- 1:15pm.

RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA

Spotkania w drugą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w każdą niedzielę przed Mszą św. o godz. 1:00 pm.

KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ

Poniedziałek—Czwartek: 9:00 am—8:00pm

Piątek: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sobota: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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