



NOVEMBER 26, 2017

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

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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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Rev. Martin Luboyera, Weekend Assoc.
Rev. Ray Yadron, Pastor Emeritus

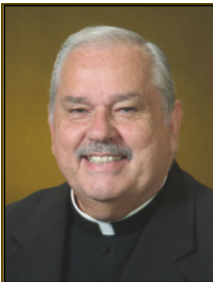
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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

I hope that your Thanksgiving Day and Dinner was all that you had hoped and wanted it to be. I hope that the only “turkey” present was on your dinner table. Thanksgiving and all of the upcoming holidays should be for all of us reminders of how truly blessed we are by God. And I hope you thanked God in prayer each day for who you are and all that you have. And, by the way, don’t forget to thank your spouse, your children, your entire family for “being who you are” and for “blessing my life with your life.” Do not take anyone and anything for granted. God is so good to us in so many, many different ways and with so many blessings. I would like to share with you the following prayer:

A Stewardship Prayer for November

Gracious and loving God,
As the Autumn Season continues its transformation;
and the days become shorter, the earth cooler;
And as we have recently celebrated with family and friends
the joyful feast of Thanksgiving day,
we pause to give You thanks and praise
for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:
For life and health, safety and comfort,
food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.

Through your Holy Spirit, open our hearts
so that we may be even better stewards
of these rich and unmerited gifts.
Show us how to continue to be a blessing for the poor,
the sick, the lonely and all who suffer.
And help us nurture the gift of faith,
revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift,
who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Two weekends ago, we presented in the Parish bulletin and I preached about our Parish Financial Report for the Fiscal Year—July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Hopefully, by now you have read and studied the figures. I would like to share with you that we’ve gone from red to black. Because, after one of the Masses that same day, a Parish family who wishes to remain anonymous told me that they would come in on Monday and cover the deficit of \$1,078.00. First thing Monday morning, a check was presented to me! I just want to remind you that if you have any questions regarding that report, feel free to ask me, or Deacon John Breit, our Business Manager, or any member of the Finance Committee. As I so often say and pray, your generosity to our Parish Family and to the many needs of so many other people is overwhelming and humbling. Through your magnanimous gifts of money and love, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is alive.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	School Board Meeting	MR2
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, November 29

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, November 30

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Choir Practice	Church

Friday, December 1

12:00pm	Church Decorating	Church
6:00pm	Santa's Workshop & Mrs. Claus' Café	RAC

Saturday, December 2

8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
9:00am	Angels for Angela's	School
6:00pm	Baby Sitting Fundraiser	RAC

Sunday, December 3

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
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

- **RAFFLE SALES for SANTA'S WORKSHOP BASKETS** In the Gathering Area after Mass (Page5)

UPCOMING

- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Wednesday, November 29 at 8am Mass—Come pray with your fellow Golden Villanovans on this 5th Wednesday of the month.
 - Monday, December 4 at 1pm—Ladies Luncheon at Toscana Restaurant, Central & Wilke Roads in Arlington Hts. RSVP to Kathy 847-358-7122.
 - Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30pm—Christmas Party at Palm Court. Must RSVP by Monday, 12/11 to Maureen 847-358-2586.
- **TAP HOUSE GRILL—DINE-N-SHARE** Thursday, November 30 (Page 6)
- **CHURCH DECORATING** Friday, December 1 at noon. Help decorate our Church for the Advent Season. No decorating experience needed. The team will put you to work and you'll be able to admire your work each weekend during Advent!
- **SANTA'S WORKSHOP & MRS. CLAUS' CAFÉ** Friday, December 1 (Page 5)
- **ANGELS FOR ANGELA'S** Saturday, December 2 (Page 5)
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** Saturday, December 2 at Noon. Book: "Behind Closed Doors" by B.A. Paris. Call 847-525-3376 for information.
- **BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER** Saturday, December 2 (Page 6)
- **CHOIR CD GIVEAWAY** Next weekend, December 2/3 (Page 5)
- **OPLATKI SALES** Starting Next weekend, December 2/3 (Page 5)
- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Next weekend, Dec. 2/3 (Page 9)

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.



ANGELS FOR ANGELA'S

DON'T FORGET... Next Saturday, December 2

Between 9am and 11am, you can drop off Christmas—*unwrapped*—gifts in the Meeting Rooms at the west end of school for our sharing school, St. Angela's. All gifts are welcome—ranging from gifts for babies to High School. Suggestions: toys, games, puzzles, sporting goods, pajamas, slippers, wrapping paper, tape & bows.



To caravan the gifts down to St. Angela's on that same day at 11am, please contact Deacon Tom Dunne at 847-358-6999. Lunch will be served. It's a guaranteed good time, so come and join us!

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

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.



OPLATKI

As we begin to prepare ourselves for this season of Advent, we remember the traditional custom of the sharing of the Christmas wafer or Oplatki. Beginning next weekend, Oplatki will be available for you after all the Masses in the Gathering Area and Narthex. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 for each package which contains two wafers. It is a great family custom to break bread together—especially on Christmas morning.



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

All are welcome to join in the first annual **TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** hosted by the STV School on **December 9th, Saturday, after the 5:00 Mass**. This will be held in the front of the school by the Nativity Scene. The tree will light the days as we anxiously await the birth of our Savior.

Hot chocolate and cookies will follow, along with some Christmas songs around the tree. So come—join in this new tradition!



SANTA'S WORKSHOP & MRS. CLAUS' CAFÉ

Friday, December 1st

6:00pm—8:00pm

Rowley Activity Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!



- ◆ 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.

Stop by the Gathering Area **TODAY** to enter the raffles!
\$1 per ticket

For chances to win
a Weber Grill, Cooper's Hawk
Wine Basket, Star Wars Lego
basket and more...

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

First Friday Club of Chicago

“CHRISTMAS, IT NEVER GROWS OLD”

Friday, December 1, 2017 at 12:00pm
Main Lounge - Union League Club
Downtown Chicago

It has been the practice of the First Friday Club to invite a speaker each first Friday in December to raise our consciousness of the spirituality of this wonderful season culminating on Christmas Day. There might be no one better this year than **John Shea** to speak to the spirituality of this special time of the year. He is a very creative writer, theologian, storyteller and poet. “Christmas, It Never Grows Old” ...

It will happen again very soon. We will gather around tables, in church pews, and on sofas in family rooms, living rooms and great spaces for our celebrations of Christmas 2017. It is inevitable. The calendar tells us so. Yet, it is possible that our Christmas can get lost amid all the expressions of Christmas we are about to encounter. Somewhere woven between the layers of Christmas shopping, retail discounts, gift giving, favorite seasonal movies and music from classic to pop, charming stories about a Grinch and another about a reindeer with a red nose, there is found yet another story, a Gospel story about a young Jewish woman who birthed her first-born son, wrapped him in love and placed him in a manger. All expressions of Christmas are rooted in this Story that never grows old.

To make a reservation and for more info: www.firstfridayclubchicago.org by 5pm on Monday, November 27.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Hour of Grace

Friday, December 8th—Noon to 1:00pm in Church
Come and Visit Our Mother on Her Special Day
Prayer aids will be provided.



Did you know that...

“Mystical Rose” Apparitions In Montichiore, Italy 1947-1966

Our Lady said: “It is my wish that every year, on the 8th of December, at noon, the Hour of Grace for the World be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion. Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brother... it is my wish that the Hour of Grace for the World be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at home, he will also receive graces through me... will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart.” Our Blessed Mother’s Request:

1. The Hour of Grace: December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, to be started at noon and continuing until 1pm for one full hour of prayer.
2. During this hour, the person making the Hour of Grace must put away all distraction and totally concentrate on your union with God.
3. Begin by praying the 51st Psalm three times with out-stretched arms.
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God or by using favorite prayers and hymns.

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 this **Thursday, November 30th from 4pm—10pm**. Please bring this ad with you when you dine-in and 20% of your bill will be donated back to STV School. See you there!



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!



Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Advent begins next weekend— Are you ready?

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when He comes again. Think about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life. Recommit yourself to praying daily, reading Scripture and staying faithful to God’s commandments. Pray through this Advent season that you will be more prepared to receive Jesus when He comes again.

**God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**



Annual Advent Event

**Sunday, November 26—TODAY!
2:00pm
Sisters of the Living Word Center
800 N Fernandez Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL**

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



We prepare for everything we consider important in life. So, sign up for the Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you’ll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories for hope



**420 W County Line Rd, Barrington
847-381-1261/ www.jesuitretreat.org**

- Feasting in the Kingdom: Conversations with Jesus While He was at Supper—December 1-3
Silent Retreat for Men
- The Three Wise Women of the Nativity Story—December 5
Reflection Day for Women
- The Power and Simplicity of the 12 Steps—December 8-10
Recovery Weekend Retreat for Men
- Life Lessons: Advent day of Prayer with Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 21
Reflection Day for Men & Women



As we prepare for another fun-filled evening at the St. Pat's/St. Joe's Fundraiser, we request your help in the following areas.



**SOLICITORS &
DONATIONS**

We are in need of solicitors and donations of items like sports tickets, play tickets, concerts. We also are in need of gift cards from your favorite restaurant or retail stores.

Please contact Brian O'Shea at boshea14@comcast.net or call 847-770-0326 to contribute.



**SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR
FOR DECORATING**

Do you enjoy decorating for dinner parties? Here is your chance to do it for 200 of your closest friends. We are in need of an individual to head up the decorating committee.

Please contact Howard Pettinger at hapsoxfan@att.net or call 312-590-8727 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2018

Enjoy a fun filled evening of Las Vegas style entertainment, fabulous buffet, dancing, games and prizes. All this for only \$50.00 per person.

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		Not Available Due to Early Deadline		
Nov 26				

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



Feast of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Weekend of November
25/26, 2017

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world.

How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

1st Weekend of Every Month

(Next weekend—December 2 / 3)

Bring your pantry items to Mass with you next weekend and place your donations at the front of church near the pulpit. (No expired food, please.)

We especially need:

- ◆ FOOD—Cereal, canned fruit, PB & jelly, rice and kid's snacks (granola bars, cheese crackers, etc.)
- ◆ NON-FOOD—Laundry detergent, toothpaste & toothbrushes



Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



- Have you seen the academic excellence our parish school sustains? 90-100% of our graduates enter high school honors or AP classes.
- Have you witnessed the faith-inspired curriculum and extra-curricula's the school offers?
- Do you want an excellent Catholic educational experience for your child?

Now is the time to pursue the faith-based education and standards that a Catholic school offers. The Tax Credit Scholarship may assist in providing up to 100% of tuition and fee costs of your child's Catholic education. Since this is a new program, application details are being finalized, and the school will share them as soon as they are available. In the meantime, you can find details at archchicago.org/tcs.



Our last Dine-N-Share at McDonalds was a ton of fun and it helped our school raise over \$500! Who knew a pie costume and humming the McDonald's theme song would bring in so many tips?! Thanks to all who joined us! Ba-da-bah-bah-ba!



God Bless,
Mary Brinkman

P.S. Next Dine-N-Share is at the Tap House on November 30—See you there!

STV School Board Members Wanted



We invite all parish members and our friends and family of STV school to join.

We are looking for people who are passionate in serving the STV school and in working with our teachers and administrators. We are in need of members of diverse talents.

Administration Liaison

- Dissemination of feedback of the parents and teachers

Membership/Enrollment

- Marketing Assistant
- Communication Manager
- Media Coordinator

Treasurer

- Budget Management

Community Development

- Charitable Events / Project
- Active role in the Chamber of Commerce

Please email Theresa Hubert, hubert898@sbcglobal.net, with your interest and questions.

Refer to the school website for bylaws at www.stvschool.org

On Doing Well, and Good

I think it was my son Paul who put me straight years ago on “good” vs “well.” I’d typically respond “Good” to the question that is commonly asked when people interact in passing fashion, like in the hallways at work or at CVS: “How you doing?” Typically my response was “Good,” or “I’m good,” and life goes on. This wasn’t working for Paul, though, as he told me repeatedly upon hearing me make this purported gaffe that the more correct answer is “Well” (as in, the opposite of doing poorly, health-wise). After a while, his insistence either made sense enough--or wore me down enough--for me to see it his way.

This all proved beneficial when my employer hired a new guy in our marketing department about two years ago. Erkin. I interacted with him quite a bit from the very beginning because he was put in charge of a new brand for us that drove several product evaluations in the QA lab, my turf. Erkin’s a personable sort and a stickler for language (a desirable skillset for a marketing guy) and we

established a good rapport early on, which is probably why he took a moment to elaborate on my son Paul’s point without even knowing about it the very first time we encountered each other in the hallway. “How you doing?” he asked. Without missing a step, I responded, “Well.”

This prompted him to stop right then and there and compliment my word choice. He added that had I said “Good,” he would have had to hit me with follow-up questions akin to “Oh, are you feeding the hungry?” or “Are you visiting the sick?” I laughed and told him that my son had tipped me off to this concept years prior. Now flash forward to just a few months ago when I had occasion to go to my parish deacon’s house for dinner. Later another friend--who knows of Erkin’s good vs. well inclinations--asked me how the deacon was doing. I said that he’s good. Then I corrected myself and said that he’s well. Then I said that he’s a deacon, so he’s actually well and good...

All of this comes to mind as I consider the

Gospel for this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It’s funny. Jesus is positioned here in kingly glory as ruler of all nations, but he references himself in many non-kingly moments as he welcomes the righteous into Paradise: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me...” See what I mean? Not much kingship apparent in this context. But of course, we all know the rest of the story. When the righteous answer that they never saw Jesus in such straits, he says in turn, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” The condemned argue similarly that they never saw Jesus in trouble, but he casts his response to them in the whatever-you-did-not-do corollary. Gulp. So, “How you doing?” Just as the King serves us, may we serve his people in need. It would be well for all of us to do good.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2 / 3

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Martin Luboyera	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON	Deacon Mark Duffey	Deacon John Breit Deacon Jacob Rouse	Deacon Len Marturano Deacon Bill Johnson	Deacon Rich Willer Deacon Bill Johnson	
HOMILY	Fr. Martin Luboyera	Deacon Jacob Rouse	Deacon Bill Johnson	Deacon Bill Johnson	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
LECTORS	Mary Bragiel Frank Maher	Bonnie Fennig Tom Greener	Tom Dalton Mary Spila	Maureen Treanor Conrad Bertz	
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SERVERS <i>Names in RED are Altar Servers In Training</i>	Douglas Hall Anna Martino Elise Martino Chase McCluskey Kara Rady	Connor Loftus Ben Pribilski Aaron Hardy George Leidolf Anika Tsau	Katie Burke David Dabrowski Grace Hedgepeth Thomas Smithe Jacob Korney	Tim Sloan Matthew Sloan Aiden Hill Patrick Shoults William Slatkay	
GREETERS M G N	Judy Gott Pat & Maureen Driscoll Bob & Nancy Bachmann	Karen Froelich Bob & Margo Stanek Don & Geri Ullmer	Sue Fanara Bev Dalton & Barb Murphy Ken & Barb Doruff	Roberto & Sharon Zapata Basil & Carol Romanizsak Earl & Carol Schaffnit	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 27

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✠ Bob & Gloria Kish

Tuesday, November 28

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✠ Bill Yadron
✠ Guy & Jean Hansen

Wednesday, November 29

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am All Living & Deceased Golden Villanovans

Thursday, November 30

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Seminarian Andy Matijevic & His Fellow Seminarians

Friday, December 1

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✠ John Bonefas
✠ Remembrance of Families from Our Lady of Angels

Saturday, December 2

8:00am All Who Are Sick
5:00pm ✠ Denise St. John
7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Sunday, December 3

7:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30am ✠ Fred Dalton;
✠ Frank Leali
11:15am ✠ Richard Heart;
✠ Ellen Conville
1:30pm Mass—POLISH
4:00pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,
15; Lk 19:11-28

Thu: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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 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
- 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 Steinger



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Parents
FRANK & LOIS BOHLING

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

✠ *Giovanna Maniscalco*
Mother of Tony Maniscalco

UROCZYSTOŚĆ CHRYSZTUSA KRÓLA – XXXIV Niedziela Zwykła – Niemiłosierny...

'Idźcie precz ode mnie, przekleści...' Czasami wydaje się nam, że słowa Jezusa są pełne łagodności, miłosierdzia, dobroci i przez to są miękkie i dla wszystkich dostępne, a tymczasem Jezus potrafił wypowiadać słowa twarde i ostre... Należy się jednak zastanowić, do kogo wypowiada takie słowa. Czy do tych, którzy ważą swoje życie na tej dziwnej wadze grzechu, to znaczy na takiej wadze, która mówi, czy już jestem w grzechu, czy jeszcze nie, czy do tych, którzy próbują swoje relacje z Bogiem oprzeć na łatwym rozróżnieniu: zgrzeszyłem, nie zgrzeszyłem, łaska uświęcająca, stan grzechu śmiertelnego... Chyba nie. Jezus mówi to znamienne 'idźcie' do tych, którzy nie są pełni miłości miłosiernej. I to jest wielka nauka dla nas. Nie możemy swojej relacji z Bogiem układać na dwóch płaszczyznach. Jestem już w grzechu czy jeszcze nie... Możesz nie być w grzechu, możesz wypełnić całe prawo, ale równocześnie nie pełniąc czynów miłosierdzia być może usłyszysz byś odszedł Mu sprzed oczu... Nie daj Boże! Kochajmy tych, którzy są wokół nas, bądźmy miłosierni, bo jałmużna i dobroć zmagają nasze grzechy...



'Narody tracąc pamięć, tracą życie... stając się bezwolnymi manekinami nie wiedzącymi skąd przychodzą'... Lękając się tych słów Norwida, prosimy Boga i módlmy się po cichu: 'Od utraty pamięci o przodkach zachowaj nas Panie'... Pamiętajmy zatem tym razem o kolejnej, 187. rocznicy wybuchu Powstania Listopadowego.

Chrzestny to nie wróżka...

Od czasu do czasu emocje opinii publicznej rozpalane są do czerwoności opisami 'złych księży', którzy 'biednym' ludziom odmawiają sakramentów. Przy czym słowo 'biedny' nie oznacza 'ubogi', ale 'niby źle potraktowany'. Źle, czyli nie tak, jak to sobie wyobraża penitent. Źle, czyli bez 'ochów i achów', które z pewnością powinny towarzyszyć samej tylko chęci łaskawego wejścia do kościoła. Bo o świadomym przyjęciu sakramentu, w sytuacji gdy ktoś na co dzień po prostu do kościoła nie chodzi, mówić trudno.

Niedawno przetoczyła się kolejna taka dyskusja. **Mianowicie o niepraktykującym potencjalnym chrzestnym...** 'Zdecydowaliśmy się na chrzest syna, przychodzę do kościoła, a ksiądz robi fochy! I utrudnia!' O co chodzi??? Otóż jakiś 'zły ksiądz' odmówił rodzicom wyboru chrzestnego: nie zgodził się, by bliski znajomy, bez bierzmowania i bez regularnej praktyki, został chrzestnym. Jak się łatwo domyślić... rozpętała się burza, która w konsekwencji skazała księdza na szafot, a rodzicom zaleciła zabranie 'dużej koperty' i udanie się do innego, 'mądrego księdza'. Bo przecież chrzestny jest 'dla dziecka, nie dla plebana'.

Jak zakończyła się ta historia? Tego nie udało mi się ustalić. Można jednak domniemywać, że to nie pierwsza taka opowieść. I niestety nie ostatnia... Część rodziców traktuje chrzest jak magiczny obrzęd, do którego potrzebny jest szaman i bogaci świadkowie. Czyli chrzestni to takie dobre wróżki z bajek dla dzieci. Tylko co z tym fantem dalej? I dlaczego rodzicom przychodzi do głowy, by w katolickim wychowaniu wspierała ich osoba niewierząca? Bo taka tradycja, że trzeba ochrzcić? Bo nikogo innego nie było w rodzinie? Bo w końcu: chrzestny nie ma większego znaczenia niż to... finansowe? A do kupowania prezentów, faktycznie, bierzmowanie nie jest potrzebne...

Można też zadać pytanie, czy rodzice odbyli poważne przygotowanie do sakramentu. Takie, które choć trochę wypełni ich braki z katechizmu. Takie, które spowoduje, że ochrzczone dziecko będzie mogło liczyć na wychowanie w wierze. Bo oczywiście można się pośmiać z 'Kowalskiego czy Nowaka', który sam nie chodzi do kościoła, a teraz razem z niewierzącym chrzestnym chce ochrzcić syna. Tylko co to da? Co da sydera z dramatu i tragedii braku wiary i robienia 'szopki' z sakramentu? Ani to nie polepszy sytuacji rodziny, ani tym bardziej samego dziecka. Za to dziecko, jego wiarę i przyszłość, w obliczu braku wiary i świadomości rodziców, jesteście odpowiedzialni my, wierzący...

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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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