

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON
TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38

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February 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— Feb 15, 26 & Mar 12*

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 of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process 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 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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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Can you believe that the first month of the year is over? It goes by fast when you have lots of activities and meetings. Have you accomplished much with the Lord's help? As we are in the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time, it will see us heading toward Lent. Soon we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday. Would you believe that this year Ash Wednesday is on February 14—that's right, Valentine's Day. And are you aware of the date this year of Easter? Easter is April 1st! Yep, April Fool's Day. Hmmm! And in between those special and unique days, we will experience our Lenten Parish Mission on February 19, 20 and 21 with Father Tom Allender—a Jesuit! So mark your 2018 calendars today!

Today is *World Day of Prayer for Women and Men in Consecrated Life*. Across the world, people gather in prayer to celebrate the commitment, compassion, and influential work of Religious who have devoted their lives to the mission of Jesus. Our parish is blessed to have several Sisters from two religious communities as part of our Parish Family.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, in a spirit of joyful hospitality, welcome the elderly poor to St. Joseph's Home in Palatine to care for them as family and to accompany them with dignity until God calls them to Himself. There are currently eighteen sisters who live and work there. Six of them are with us today. We welcome Mother Provincial Maria Christine, Mother Margaret Charles, Sister Therese, Sister Rose, Sister Beatrice and Sister Andrew. They all value the reverence for the sacredness of human life and the uniqueness of each person. They do wonderful Ministry and work for the Lord and for their 90 residents.

Sister Carrie Miller, Sister Kris Vorenkamp, and Sister Joanne Fedewa are **Sisters of the Living Word** who also live in Palatine. Sister Carrie is a co-founder and presently Program Manager of *Faith Community Homes*, an agency that reaches out to low-income, working families to help them reach greater financial stability, thus preventing homelessness. Sister Kris is presently serving in Congregational Leadership. Prior to that, she ministered as a Pastoral Associate at Mission San Juan Diego. Sister Joanne Fedewa serves as a volunteer at St. Joseph's Home, offering support and prayer to the residents she visits, and facilitating a Scripture sharing group there.

Today, our Sisters from these two communities renewed their vows in our presence and asked for our blessing. As they recommitted themselves to their lives of prayer, community, and service, it is a chance for us to recognize, affirm, and express our gratitude for all they—and all Sisters—have done. It is also our hope and prayer that as more single women learn about women religious, more will choose to follow their example.

This weekend, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Blaise. We blessed throats in a General Blessing at the end of Mass. So, now you can yell loudly as you watch the Super Bowl later today.

You are invited to bring your old palms to Church so that we can burn them for Ash Wednesday.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. Have a Super Sunday!

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
7:30pm	K of C—Officers' Meeting	MRC

Tuesday, February 6

8:45am	Smiling Thru the Tears	MRA
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:00pm	St. Pat / St. Joe Meeting	MRC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:00pm	1st Communion Mtg	Church
7:30pm	Women's Club Guild 4	MRA
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 7

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Women's 2011 CRHP	MRC
7:00pm	GIFT I Meeting	MRB & D
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, February 8

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	GIFT II Meeting	MRB & D

Friday, February 9

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA-D
7:00pm	STV School Junior High Valentine Dance	RAC

Saturday, February 10

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
7:00pm	CFM Meeting	RAC

Sunday, February 11

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

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank You!
- **STV SCHOOL LOTTERY SALES** After Mass in the Gathering Area
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER TICKET SALES** After Mass in the Gathering Area and Narthex

UPCOMING

- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, February 5 at 1pm. Ladies Lunch at Walker Brothers—767 S Rand Rd, Lake Zurich. RSVP to Marva 847-542-9682.
 - Wednesday, February 14 at 1pm. General Meeting in MRA & B with speaker: Mike Thompson regarding Tax Review. *Note: Annual dues not paid at the last meeting are due at this meeting.*
- **SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS** Tuesday, February 6 (Page 5)
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, February 6 - next session of the *Divorce Care* program. Topic: *Forgiveness*. Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance) St. James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. For info: Deacon Jim Bannon jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net / 224-345-7200
- **TO BE JOYFUL AGAIN**, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Rd, Inverness. Come get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Elaine at 847-705-9886 or Bob at 847-438-2884 for more info.
- **WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE** After All Masses on February 17 & 18 in the Gathering Area. Look for our ad in next weekend's bulletin.

SAVE THE DATES:

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ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER—March 3 (Page 6)

FRIDAY FISH FRYS—ARE BACK!

Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 will be hosting fish fry dinners throughout Lent. The dinners will be held on **Friday, February 16 & 23, March 9, 16 & 23** from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, in the Rowley Activity Center. TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!

- **Menu:** Tilapia, Fried Shrimp (*additional charge*), Cheese Pizza, Salad, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Beverages, Coffee and Dessert.
- **Prices:** Adults \$10.00; Fish Plus 5 Fried Shrimp \$12.00; Children (under 12 years of age) \$5.00; Family of 4 \$28.00

Proceeds to aid local charities.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

I would like to thank all who attended the Catholic Cemeteries Seminar luncheon on Saturday, January 20th. It was a wonderful turnout of 70 people! There were many questions and good fellowship by all. I also would like to thank the committee from Catholic Cemeteries for their time, effort and help in answering and guiding everyone with their questions. The participants found the presentation very helpful as they think about and pre-plan their cemetery course of action.



This is also a reminder that we encourage you to pre-plan your Funeral Liturgy so as to make your wishes known and to help your children during their difficult time of need. If you want to pre-plan your Funeral Mass, just give me a call and I will be happy to meet with you.

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish has a grief support group called "Smiling Through the Tears". We meet monthly for prayer, reflection, and support as we share our grief. It is for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Our next meeting is this Tuesday at 8:45am. Come help us help you!!

Love and prayers,
Connie West, Director of Bereavement

COME AS YOU ARE

"Come As You Are" small, faith groups will start the week of February 12th and will continue for all 6 weeks of Lent. There is even one group that meets year round! The "Come As You Are" groups read the upcoming Sunday's scriptures, discuss questions about the readings and ways to apply the readings to your life. If you were part of a group last year, your leader will contact you. If you would like to join a group, contact the Parish Office or Mary Haig, 847-561-2278.

YOUNG ADULT: WINE SERIES

Calling all Young Adults! Join us for our last session :

- Fr. Matt Jamesson: 40 Days in the Desert: Preparing for Lent; Wednesday – February 7, 2018; 7pm-9pm; St. Theresa Church at 455 N Benton St, Palatine

Young Adult Ministry-Northwest (YAM-NW) ministers to young adults in their 20s and 30s. Wine will be available to those 21 and older. Sponsored by the DEF Ministry Commission of Vicariate 1 of the Archdiocese of Chicago



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser Committee is still looking for a **Decorating Chairperson**. Won't you consider helping? To volunteer or learn more, contact Howard: hapsoxfan@att.net



GOLDEN VILLANOVANS

We are the Golden Villanovans. We join together for spiritual, social and intellectual growth. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm in Meeting Rooms A & B, with a guest speaker at most meetings. In addition to the speakers, meeting activities include prayer, social time, refreshments and a cash raffle. In December, there is a Christmas luncheon in place of our regular meeting, a pizza party at our January meeting and a picnic at our September meeting.

The ladies meet for lunch on the 1st Monday of each month while the gentlemen meet for breakfast on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Our group luncheon is on the 4th Wednesday of every month. The restaurants are all local with easy access. We are also invited to attend the 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas on the 5th Wednesday of the month. Special day functions may be scheduled throughout the year for interested members.

We are a fun group and offer seniors a wonderful opportunity to socialize, learn and help others within our parish community.

New members are always welcome to attend any of our meetings or activities. Contact Maureen at 847-358-2586 or Carol at 847-392-6445 for more information.

St. Patrick / St. Joseph Parish Fundraiser



Don't miss our largest Parish Fundraiser, featuring a delicious buffet, a never-ending sweet table, LIVE entertainment with audience participation, auctions, raffles and so much more!

Stop by the Gathering Area or Narthex today to learn more, buy tickets or enter the raffles.

2017 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Jan. 7	\$ 24,357.79	\$ 2,403.00	\$ 26,760.79	\$ 3,060.79
Jan. 14	\$ 15,366.00	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 16,584.00	(\$ 7,116.00)
Jan. 21	\$ 15,031.66	\$ 2,438.00	\$ 17,469.66	(\$ 6,230.34)
Jan. 28	\$ 18,259.64	\$ 1,418.00	\$ 19,677.64	(\$ 4,022.36)

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 734,700.00
YTD Actual	\$ 673,745.76
Over / (Under)	(\$ 60,954.24)

THANK YOU!

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "COME FOLLOW ME"

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, "Come, Follow Me" was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference because all Parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our

Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



2017 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

2017 donation statements are now available. Just stop by the Parish Office and pick it up. If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 or email your request to: stvliturgysched@yahoo.com.

GIVECENTRAL ON-LINE GIVING

www.givecentral.org

GiveCentral ONLINE GIVING is a convenient way for STV to receive your Sunday Sacrificial Giving and other donations. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. You can donate to:

- Sunday Giving
- Sharing / Ministry of Care
- "To Teach Who Christ Is"

And just added...

- St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser

THANK YOU from CCHD

Dear Community of St. Thomas, Thank you for your generous donation of **\$5,847.17** in the November 2017 collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your gracious support funds projects that promote workers' rights, violence prevention, affordable housing, education, and quality of life for people with disabilities and seniors. Thank you, again.

Peace,

Elena Segura

CCHD Diocesan Director

Our Catholic School

From the Principal's Desk

Stepping into a Catholic school, we experience the beauty of providing a learning environment that celebrates faith as we help children grow in knowledge, and then practice serving others with the gifts that God has given to them.

Catholic Schools Week was spent celebrating all our blessings while also maintaining our academia. **Thank you, Theresa Hubert and School Board**, for all your hard work in preparing for Catholic Schools Week at our school! **Thank you** to our parents who spoke at the Masses, **Mrs. Hubert, Mr. Bartkowiak, Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Barry**. **Mrs. Liquin**, thanks for organizing the beautiful Mass. Thanks to all our students who attended Mass in uniform, participated in Mass, and helped at the Bake Sale. **Fr. Mirek and Fr. Marcin**, thank you so much for brightening our halls with your presence! Thanks to **Fr. Tom** and the Parish for your financial support. You are a blessing. Finally, **thank you to all our volunteers** who help us in both small and large ways, behind the scenes, both at school and at home. **You are the best!**

God bless us,
Mary Brinkman



On Monday of Catholic Schools Week, all students "celebrated our community" by filling socks with basic necessities for our local PADS shelter.



Stop by the Gathering Area to buy your STV School Lottery tickets.

Still only \$10 a ticket! 1st drawing of the year will be March 15, 2018. Stub not required to win. Checks will be automatically mailed to winners each month. No time to stop after Mass, then just return your completed ticket (BELOW) with payment to the School or Parish Office or put in the collection baskets at Mass.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STV—Family School Association.

Name _____	Address _____	Phone _____	Date _____	<p>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL LOTTERY CERTIFICATE (Sponsored by the Family School Association)</p> <p>\$ 10.00</p> <p>Certificate owner is hereby eligible to participate in monthly dividends of \$200, \$100, (2) \$50, and (2) \$25, each month for twelve months, Plus two bonus dividends of \$500 each for the month of December.</p> <p>This Certificate issue is valid for the period of 1 - March 2018 thru February 2019.</p> <p>MONTHLY PRIZES 1st - \$200 2nd - \$100 3rd and 4th - \$50 5th and 6th - \$25 Certificate owner need not be present at time dividend is declared. All winning numbers will be replaced for future drawings.</p>
<p><i>Bulletin Ad</i></p>				

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
Lenten Parish Mission



Father Tom Allender, S.J.

*Transforming
Anger to Forgiveness*

Monday, February 19, 2018

*"Where does ANGER come from and
how is it expressed?"*

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

*"Giving our ANGER to God and letting go
of a life-time anger system"*

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

*"Through God's grace we can make our
ANGER a positive experience"*

DATES

- Monday – Wednesday
- February 19, 20 & 21, 2018

TIMES

- Morning Mission following 8 am Mass (with Hospitality)
- Evening Mission 7 – 8 pm (Same as Morning Mission)

LOCATION

- **ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH**
1201 E Anderson Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

For information, call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999

The Lenten Parish Mission is presented by the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Pastoral Council.



A Prayer For RENEW MY CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- *to hear you clearly*
- *to listen to each other attentively*
- *to imagine our future boldly*
- *to discern your direction wisely*
- *to persevere in your holy will courageously*
- *to stay together in charity*
- *to surrender our own plans readily*
- *to embrace the greater good*
- *to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

ON BETTING AGAINST JOB, & *DUM SPIRO SPERO*

In Godspell, one of my favorite musicals ever, one of my favorite songs ever is titled "All For The Best." Here, the Jesus character opens the lyrics with this: "When you feel sad, or under a curse/ Your life is bad, your prospects are worse/ Your wife is sighing, crying... / And your olive tree is dying,/ Temples are graying, and teeth are decaying/ And creditors weighing your purse... Your mood and your robe / Are both a deep blue/ You'd bet that Job/ Had nothin' on you... / Don't forget that when you get to/ Heaven you'll be blessed/ Yes, it's all for the best..." The song and the lyrics come to mind now as I consider today's Scriptures, especially the first reading from Job...

"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Job says. "...I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope... I shall not see happiness again." Yikes! After someone read aloud in a grad school poetry class years ago a poem by the late English writer Philip Larkin about the negativism of the parent-child relationship that concluded with "Man hands on misery to man/ It deepens like a coastal shelf/ Get out as early as you can/ And don't have any kids yourself," one of my classmates said to herself but for all to hear: "Wow. What a charmer." Wow, indeed. Job and Philp Larkin: two (hopeless) peas in a pod.

But hope is everything. I read once decades ago--on a chalkboard in an empty classroom at St. Rita High School, actually--that one of the rules for a happy life is to each and every day give oneself something to look forward to. Isn't this the essence of hope? Something to look forward to? "Hope, the best comfort of our imperfect condition," someone famous once said. But Alexander Pope saw it this way: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man nev-

er is, but always to be blest." And Benjamin Franklin saw it this way: "He that lives upon hope will die fasting." And Milton saw it this way: "Our final hope is flat despair." Yikes! All over again. Yikes! Yikes! Yikes! in fact.

I like the Scriptural observation that faith is the substance of things hoped for much more. Today's Gospel is all about hope. When Jesus enters the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John, Simon's mother-in-law is sick with a fever. The disciples tell Jesus this, and he cures her by grasping her hand and helping her up. Then Jesus' healing touch continues through the night ("When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door"), and continues again the next day when he goes on to other nearby villages, because, as his disciples tell him, "Everyone is looking for you," and as Jesus understands, "...for this purpose, have I come." So when any of us feel sad or under a curse, and our olive tree is dying, and our mood matches our robe, and we'd bet that Job had nothing on us, may we all embrace the Latin phrase words that my daughter tipped me off to years ago. *Dum spiro spero.* "While I breathe, I hope." And breathe. And hope...in the Christ.





As I ended my first semester at Mundelein Seminary, one of the phrases that kept echoing in my prayer over break was from one of my professors.

He would constantly pose the question to us that we as seminarians did not wake up one morning and decide to enter seminary, but that is was the plan of God. Fr. Hennessey would remind us, as the kind and gentle person he is, that we are here in seminary because God loves us, and He has placed people and experiences in our lives to bring us here, so who are those people and what are those experiences? For me, my thoughts immediately went to my family, and my Catholic education.

I have wanted to be a priest since I was 8 years old, at my First Holy Communion in May 2003. I am grateful for the guidance and firm foundation STV

School laid for me in my years of education there. At STV, I learned how to follow and listen to the voice of Jesus. I learned the value of hard work and dedication. I met people who were truly dedicated to Gospel values and sharing their faith with others. STV truly is a place where the students are given the tools to build a firm foundation in the Catholic tradition for life-long success. I am truly blessed to be numbered among the alumni of this great school.

As we close the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools week, I thank God for my Catholic education. I thank God for the sacrifice my parents made over the years to send my brothers and I to St. Thomas. I thank God for the wonderful teachers who taught me, and the current faculty (some of whom taught me over the years including, Ms. Klotz, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Valis, and Mrs. Hardy), who continue to form the young minds of our local church for service in the future. I thank God for the

amazing leadership of principal Mary Brinkman, who taught me since pre-school, and is dedicated to instilling in the students the desire to know, love, and serve God and neighbor, while guiding the school towards academic excellence and personal success.

Friends, before we move into this Lenten season which begins on February 14th, I invite you to ponder on the people and experiences of your lives that helped you get to where you are today. Whether good or bad, easy or difficult, thank God for those people and experiences. May this time of reflection help us to see that God has become all things to us, in all the people and experiences of our lives, and may this Lenten season will help us to continue to see His loving presence in the everydayness of our lives.

In Christ who is the source of all things,
*Seminarian
Andy Matijevic*

LITURGY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 10 / 11

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON			Deacon Mark Duffey	Deacon Rich Willer	
HOMILY	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Deacon Mark Duffey	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
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SERVERS Names in RED are Altar Servers In Training	Emmett Maude Kieran Maude McKenzie Maude Ryan Maude	Connor Loftus Brianna Holmes Konrad Malik	Maura McGarvey Kathy Palmowski Josh Hulsebosch Anika Tsau Jack Castelli	Emily Murphy Tyler Murphy Evelyn Page Kara Rady Kyle Rady	
GREETERS	M G N Pat & Maureen Driscoll Judy Gott	Karen Froelich Tom & Marianne Greener Mila Quiaoit	Carol Thompson M & D Yurcheshen Stedronsky Family	Lynn Haas Brian & Becky Rady John & Jan Harahan	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 5

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Shirley Konczyk

Tuesday, February 6

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Wanda Gajda;

✠ Dennis Feely

Wednesday, February 7

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life

Thursday, February 8

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Florian Krasicki

Friday, February 9

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Ray Lubbers;

✠ Shirley Konczyk

Saturday, February 10

8:00am For All Who Are Sick

5:00pm ✠ Ethel Johnson;

✠ Kenneth M. Brown

Sunday, February 11

7:30am ✠ David Sladky

9:30am ✠ Jack & Joan Lichter;

✠ Anthony J. Reda;

✠ George Clark;

✠ June Falardeau

11:15am ✠ Jane Harrington;

✠ Gilmour Krogstad;

All Living & Deceased Parishioners

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Adilyn Isabel Figueroa

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato	Kirk Forseth	Elegie LoCascio	Ken Romanchek
Lou Anderson	Faith Forseth	Allan Loden	Dick Samojla
Jim Baur	Parker Forseth	Peggy Lowe	Dan Schaffer
Vito Boffa	Daniel Gajewski	Richard Maloney	Carlos Serna
Cherie Bott	Mel Gass	Baby Alexa Mang	Corky Smith
Andy Bouchonville	Bill Gerl	Helen Mariano	Shawn Smith
Charles Campagna	Ralph Gonzalez	Bob Maruska	Russell Spano
Eleanor Campagna	Ron Hennis	Elayne Maruska	Kristina Sromek
Anna Marie Candorla	Dave Hicks	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Alice Stedronsky
Tom Cook	Adeline Kaczmarek	Mike McGee	Anne Swaw
Baby Seamus Cullen	Katherine Kearney	Candida Morales	Robert Szott
Brenda Darling	Mary Anne Kiesel	Mike Moran	Sharon Tadsen
Jason Dean	Wesley Knutson	JoAnn Moser	Jack Treanor
Emily Dempsey	Mary Alice Kobler	Paul Moser	John Welge
Beth Dix	Susan Kordell	Rita Olles	Jim White
Eamon Downey	Lauren Lambert	Larry Peterson	Tom Yadron
Jeanne Formanski	Gene Lazich	Patty Reynolds	Martha Zara
Jaime Forseth	Harold Lewis	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
- SGT Raymond Dickenson
- PVT Ryder Dickenson

- 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 Steininger



ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of DENNIS J. GALLIVAN
A Great Friend

Informacje po polsku (Polish Information)

V NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Jesteśmy potrzebni

‘Przynosili do Niego wszystkich chorych’ (Mk 1, 32). Pomóc chorym znaleźć Jezusa – to bez wątpienia zadanie i zobowiązanie, jakie stoi przed nami. Dołożyć starań, by osoba chora lub starsza mogła wziąć udział w niedzielnej Mszy św., wypowiadać się... Może tęskni za Jezusem, bo już tak dawno nie była w swoim kościele, a nie ma śmiałości poprosić, by ktoś ją zawiózł? Nie jesteśmy w stanie przywrócić nikomu zdrowia – to może tylko Bóg. Możemy jednak mieć udział w uzdrawiającym działaniu Chrystusa, pomagając spotkać się z Nim osobom chorym lub starszym, jakie znamy...

2. lutego – Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego – Święto Matki Bożej Gromnicznej

2. lutego Kościół katolicki obchodzi święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego. Czini to na pamiątkę ofiarowania przez Maryję i Józefa ich pierwotnego syna, Jezusa, w świątyni jerozolimskiej. W polskiej tradycji jest to też święto Matki Bożej Gromnicznej.

Według Ewangelii Jezus, zgodnie z prawem żydowskim, jako pierwotny syn był ofiarowany Bogu w świątyni jerozolimskiej. Wówczas też starzec Symeon wypowiedział prorocstwo nazywając Jezusa ‘światłem na oświecenie pogan i chwałą Izraela’. Dlatego święto to jest bogate w symbolikę światła. W Jerozolimie, gdzie Ofiarowanie Pańskie obchodzone było już w IV w., odbywały się - zazwyczaj nocą - uroczyste procesje ze świecami. Liturgiczną datę święta wyznacza upływanie czasu oczyszczenia Maryi po urodzeniu dziecka.

W Kościele zachodnim święto zostało wprowadzone w VII w. W Rzymie w tym dniu odbywała się najstarsza maryjna procesja, której uczestnicy nieśli zapalone świece. Prawdopodobnie ta procesja do największego sanktuarium rzymskiego – bazyliki Matki Bożej Większej – nadała świętu Pańskiemu charakter maryjny, który

z wolna zaczął przeważać.

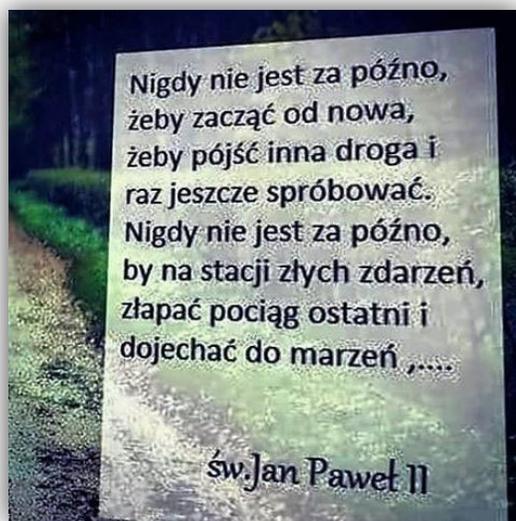
Od X w. pojawia się obrzęd poświęcenia świec, który jeszcze podkreśla i ubogaca symbolikę światła. Nawiązuje ona bezpośrednio do wielkanocnego paschału, który wyraża zwycięstwo nad śmiercią, grzechem i szatanem. Ofiarowanie Jezusa oznacza początek nowego przymierza i nowego kapłaństwa, w którym Syn Boży sam jest Świątynią, Kapłanem i Ofiarą. Treść tego święta podkreśla zamierzoną przez Boga powszechność zbawienia, które ma objąć nawet pogan.

W Polsce święto ma charakter zdecydowanie maryjny - Matki Bożej Gromnicznej. Tak jak Maryja wniosła Jezusa do świątyni jerozolimskiej, tak też przynosi światło wierzącym. W kościele dokonuje się poświęcenia gromnic. Zapalone gromnice daje się do rąk konającym.

Na znak zawierzenia Maryi w czasie klęsk, szczególnie podczas burzy, w domach i gospodarstwach, również zapala się gromnice. Jako gromnice służą też świece chrzcielne, kiedy to w życie nowo ochrzczonej osoby wkracza światło wiary, która prowadzi przez życie.

Nigdy nie jest za późno...

Każdemu z nas mogą się przytrafić w życiu takie chwile kiedy się pogubimy... z ignorancji, z zaniedbania, z bezmyślności, pod wpływem emocji, czy z jakiegokolwiek innego powodu, **ALE...**



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14 stycznia 2017 r	\$ 1,822.00
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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 prośzone 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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