

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do everything for the glory
of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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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— 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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Rev. Ray Yadron, *Pastor Emeritus*

Permanent Deacons

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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Did you know that you are in the midst of National Marriage Week—February 7 until 14? It is a great reminder of how special and holy your marriage must be. It becomes a great opportunity for us to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with all of us promoting and supporting marriage. Here are some daily tips to help you live and celebrate your marriage.

1. Perhaps your children are grown and it's just the two of you again. Has your attention to each other grown stale or routine?
2. Love is a concrete decision. As wonderful as marriage can be, it is not always lived on an emotional high. Some days, we must just decide to love and even forgive.
3. Daily married life includes its own share of anxieties: bills, schedules, kids, chores, personality conflicts. Pray, share and talk together about the best way to handle these forms of anxieties.

We always need to celebrate the gift of marriage. And I and our Parish Family love to recognize the Wedding Anniversaries. So, Happy Wedding Anniversary to James and Lourdes Selvaraj and Erv and Marcia Walz who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversaries. And also recently, we celebrated the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Frank and Pat Leali. Remember to always keep Christ in your Marriage.

This weekend is the final weekend in regards to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. This is an opportunity for those who have not yet made their pledges to do so today. The Annual Catholic Appeal benefits parishes in need, faith formation for children and adults, peace-making in troubled neighborhoods and the formation of ministries who serve in the Church. Do you remember my homily two weeks ago talking about the Annual Catholic Appeal and why you should pledge? (Of course not?!?) I gave the following reasons—1.) because you are truly blessed in your life by God. 2.) because you are called to be a disciple of service 3.) because you are called to help heal others in the dreariness of their lives. Our support of this Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to be the healing and comforting touch of Jesus for people who need His help.

This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) coincides with Ash Wednesday and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given. Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance. In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday, the obligation of the fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and grow in friendship with the Lord." - Pope Francis.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. Coming Soon... Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving... Lenten Parish Mission ... Renew My Church Town Hall

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, February 12

9:00am	Burning of Palms	School
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, February 13

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:00pm	Family School Assoc.	MRA
7:00pm	Rectory Building Committee Meeting	MRB
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 14

1:00pm	Golden Villanovans	MRA & B
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, February 15

1:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:30pm	Women's Club Guild 1	GA
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, February 16

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA-D
4:00pm	K of C Fish Fry	RAC
7:00pm	Ultreya	MRA & B

Saturday, February 17

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
9:00am	Prison Ministry Meeting	MRD

Sunday, February 18

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

TODAY

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** After Mass in the Gathering Area and Narthex
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER TICKET SALES** After Mass in the Gathering Area and Narthex

UPCOMING

- **BURNING OF PALMS** Monday, February 12 at 9am in front of the School Building
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** 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.*
- **K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, February 16 (Page 9)
- **WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE** Next weekend (Page 7)
- **7 DEADLY SINS / 7 LIVELY VIRTUES SERIES SIGN-UP** Next weekend (Page 9)
- **THE LINKED COT (TLC) MEETING** Sunday, February 18 at 12:30pm in MRB
- **LENTEN PARISH MISSION** Monday—Wednesday, February 19-21 (Page 9)
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** February 24 at noon. Lunch and book discussion. "The Winter of our Discontent" by Steinbeck. For more info call 847-525-3376.
- **RENEW MY CHURCH TOWN HALL MEETING** Monday, February 26 (Page 5)

SAVE THE DATE:

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

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Ministers of Care visit the faithful in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and private homes to provide listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care, mark your calendar now for the training dates. You must attend BOTH—February 24 & March 3 from 9am—3pm. Training will be at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 135 S Bueshing Rd, Lake Zurich. Morning hospitality and lunch will be served. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne 847-358-6999 for more information or visit www.vic1chicago.org and click on "Ministry of Care."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will have men in the Narthex and in the Gathering Area to answer questions about becoming a Knight. All Catholic men 18 and older are eligible to become a Knight.



RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE

Fr. Tom introduced our Parish Grouping Team a few weeks ago. Since that time, they have met with the other three Parishes, St. Theresa, St. Colette and Mission San Juan Diego, to start the process that has been defined by the Archdiocese. The Grouping Teams will meet again on February 12 to continue their dialogue and prepare for our first St. Thomas **Town Hall**



Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Church. We invite all parishioners to come to this important meeting to learn more about the Renew My Church initiative. Please mark this date on your calendar along with Monday, April 16th for the second Parish Town Hall Meeting.

REFLECT WEEKEND RETREAT

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL on March 2-4, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Call (630) 222-8303, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

RCIA NEWS

RCIA Candidates prepare for the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion

On Sunday, February 18, our RCIA candidates will celebrate the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion at Holy Name Cathedral. In the Call to Continuing Conversion, the Church welcomes those who are already baptized and are preparing to complete their initiation through both Confirmation and Eucharist and are preparing to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. The Church acknowledges their desire to be one with the Church in faith, prayer and service. Respecting the integrity of their baptism, the Church asks these candidates to use the Lenten season as a time to hear again the Call to Continuing Conversion and to be faithful to their baptismal vows.



Also, the candidates are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This sacrament aids them in searching their hearts for that which is sinful and which they will ask the Lord to transform. Moreover, all the faithful should be inspired to be transformed into holy men and women through the practices of the upcoming Lenten season. *Please continue to pray for our candidates as they grow in their faith.*



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.

HELP FILL FATHER TOM'S BUCKET LIST FOR THE ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER!

ANY GIFT— LARGE OR SMALL. HELP IS NEEDED FROM YOU ALL!

VACATION FUN

Time share / Summer home / Get-a-way weekend / Hotel packages / Airline tickets / Travel points / Limo rental / Car rental

DO IT YOURSELF

Art classes / Scrapbooking / Craft supplies / Gift cards

AROUND THE HOUSE

Florist certificates / Home decor / Landscaping services / Garden tools / Financial services / Tax preparation

DATE NITE

Restaurant certificates / Cooking classes / Wine baskets / Liquor baskets / Movie tickets

PAMPERING

Salon or Spa certificates / Gym memberships / Yoga or Zumba classes / Massage / Personal training

HOME ENTERTAINMENT

Flat screen TV / Camcorder / Camera / MP3 Player / Blu-Ray player

FOR KIDS

Summer Camp certificates / Tutoring services / Toys / Books / Music lessons / Game night games / DVD's

OUTINGS

Concert tickets / Sporting events / Golf foursomes / Great America tickets / Boat tours

Fr. Tom's BUCKET LIST

St. Patrick's - St. Joseph's



Parish Fundraiser

2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Feb 4	\$ 23,816.45	\$ 3,253.00	\$ 27,069.45	\$ 3,369.45
Feb 11				
Feb 18				
Feb 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 758,400.00
YTD Actual	\$ 700,815.21
Over / (Under)	<i>(\$ 57,584.79)</i>

THANK YOU!

2nd Collection for Catholic Schools Week: \$ 7,938.00

WOMEN’S CLUB BAKE SALE

Next Weekend—After Mass

The Women’s Club is soaring to new heights with their gold medal goodies! Stop by the Gathering Area next weekend, **February 17 / 18** for some Olympic sized sweets and savory treats. All proceeds will support the service work of our Women’s Club. So, come show your support for this winning team!



ST. PAT / ST. JOE “SWEET TABLE” NEEDS YOU

We are looking for bakers to help make our event extra sweet. Please consider baking or purchasing a sweet, baked good item for this exciting event. Contact Sandy Peterson at 847-358-1193 or tidybull@hotmail.com

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

With Christ at the center of this trip, surely we’ll see His presence in the beauty of Ireland, each other and time we take for prayer and reflection. For more info, contact Jennifer@CatholicPilgrimOffice.com or www.catholicpilgrimoffice/ireland2018/

– \$2,998.00 per person



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**

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This is Follow-Up weekend for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Perhaps, you were away last weekend or are still prayerfully considering how you will participate. Thanks to all Parish Families who responded during our in-pew pledge sign-up last weekend and those who mailed their pledges directly to the Archdiocese. Our 2018 ACA goal is \$63,866.00 in paid pledges. Additional funds received over this amount will be returned 100% to STV for our needs.

LENT

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at all the following services:

- 6:30am—Mass
- 8:00am—Mass
- 4:30pm—Prayer Service
- 6:00pm—Mass
- 7:30pm—Polish Mass

ASHES FOR HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care can pick up ashes & prayers at Deacon Tom Dunne's desk in the Parish Office beginning Monday, February 12.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be offered every week during Lent

ENGLISH

- Wednesday Mornings—after 8:00am Mass with our school children
- Friday Evenings—6:00pm in Church

POLISH

- Friday Evenings—7:00pm followed by 7:30pm Mass in Church

Daily Prayer Opportunities

- ◆ **6:30 am Communion Service** Monday thru Friday
- ◆ **8:00am Daily Mass** Monday thru Saturday
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration** Every Wednesday, 6pm—7pm in Church (except 3/1)
- ◆ **Reconciliation** Saturday morning; 8:30am—9:30am in Church

LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

CRS RICE BOWL

Join our parish community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Your family's Rice Bowl is available as an insert in this week's bulletin. Our STV Lenten Almsgiving will support two critical needs, each receiving half of the donations collected.

1. **GLOBAL** assistance through Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world.
2. **Local** effort aiding our own St. Thomas of Villanova Parish families who are struggling financially.



"THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK" sponsored by Faith Formation, is available at all church exits. Each Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Perfect for personal devotional time. Spend some quiet time with the Lord this Lent. *Free will offering.*

"COME AS YOU ARE" GROUPS will start this week and will continue for all 6 weeks of Lent. (One group meets all year!) 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.

"BEST LENT EVER" *FREE* email program by Dynamic Catholics will again be available. Don't give up chocolate this Lent— Sign-up at BestLentEver.com for a life-changing Lent.



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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Our Lenten Parish Mission, "Transforming Anger into Forgiveness," led by Fr. Tom Allender, S.J. will be held on February 19, 20, and 21, 2018. Fr. Allender will speak at all Masses on Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18. Fr. Allender will be presenting this Mission after the 8:00am Mass and the same message again in the evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Clear your schedule now, so you can attend all 3 days!



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"

"40 CANS FOR LENT"

Our Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a new program for Lent this year to help stock the St. Thomas Food Pantry. It's called "40 Cans For Lent." We ask parishioners to donate 1 can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. You can bring 1 can every day or 7 cans when you come for Sunday Mass. There will be collection boxes in the Gathering Area and the Narthex. Help us to continue to provide food for those that are hungry. (Note: Please check expiration dates on the items. We cannot distribute expired food to our Pantry clients.)



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.

7 DEADLY SINS & 7 LIVELY VIRTUES

Did that title get your attention??
Would you like to do something Meaningful & Interesting to Refresh Your Spirit during Lent & Easter Season?

STOV Faith Formation Team has Just What You Need!

Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony and Lust: These "seven deadly sins" are patterns that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness.



Bishop Robert Barron will help us explore these seven sinful patterns -- AND also learn how practicing positive virtues can break the cycle of sin: Humility, Admiration, Forgiveness, Zeal, Generosity, Asceticism and Chastity.

Join us on Wednesday Evenings,
February 28 - April 25, 2018
7:00-9:00pm (No class during Holy Week) for Bishop Barron's:
7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues

We will view the DVD -- Discuss some questions in small groups -- And maybe meet some new friends!

Sign-Up Weekends:
Feb. 17-18 and Feb. 24-25
After Mass in the Gathering Area
Maximum: 30 People
Fee: \$10.00 per person, includes your own workbook
Contact Norma Holmes 847-800-8655

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

Our Catholic School

From the Principal's Desk

Our Catholic Schools Week festivities were awesome last week. Special thanks to **Deacon Jacob** for visiting our classrooms and teaching us about vocations. The students ended the week with square dancing to a professional caller. Our Open Houses on Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening were **HUGE** successes. The Spaghetti Dinner was delicious, thanks to **Lisa Cramm Kozera** and her team. Many of the prospective families were referred here by the positive communications they received from our school and parish community. Thanks for helping others discover “*their neighborhood treasure.*”



Next Monday, 2/12 at 9:00 a.m. the school children will participate in the Burning of the Palms in front of the school by the mosaic. Feel free to join us if you would like to witness this annual event to prepare for Lent. Dress warmly.

God bless,
Mary Brinkman

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 _____	Sold by _____ <i>Bulletin Ad</i>	Date _____	<h3>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL LOTTERY CERTIFICATE</h3> <p>(Sponsored by the Family School Association)</p> <h2>\$ 10.00</h2> <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 - March 2018 thru February 2019.</p> <p>MONTHLY PRIZES 1st - \$200 2nd - \$100 3rd and 4th - \$50 5th and 6th - \$25</p> <p>Certificate owner need not be present at time dividend is declared. All winning numbers will be replaced for future drawings.</p>	
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Women's Club—Service Project



Founded in 1987, **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Since their founding, Feed My Starving Children has given hope in Jesus' name in the form of nutritious MannaPack meals to so many who are hungry around the world. As a Christian non-profit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and then these meals to distribution partners around the world.

From a slow death to life. Kids are fed and lives are saved..... Hope starts with Food. Food is powerful.

Nutritious food equips kids to learn in school, build their communities and grow up strong in body and spirit. Food paves the way for education. Food builds a solid foundation for communities to become strong and self-reliant. Food makes it possible for children to gain physical and spiritual health. Food delivers hope in the name of Jesus. This is the power of food.

You have the power to make a difference in the lives of so many precious children. FMSC offers volunteers a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world. Through volunteering at FMSC, you'll get the chance to impact hundreds of kids in just two hours per packing shift.

Food has been sent to nearly 70 countries, including Haiti, Sudan, Jamaica, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Tanzania, Lesotho, Liberia, Ghana, Guatemala, Malawi,

Cambodia, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Cameroon, Niger, Colombia and El Salvador, as well as to Hurricane Katrina victims in Louisiana, Mississippi and many more.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) targets feeding programs to children who are in the most severe circumstances, those suffering from severe malnutrition and threatened with death from starvation. The United States does not have that level of hunger on a widespread basis. In the past FMSC have supplied food to an Indian reservation in South Dakota and to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Turn hunger into HOPE! Please join the STOV Women's Club on Tuesday, March 13th at FMSC in Schaumburg. Contact Alice Witt 847-705-5828 AWitt3535@comcast.net

With God's help and your support, we can eliminate starvation in children throughout the world. Thank you for considering volunteering.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 17 / 18

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Mission Priest	Mission Priest	Fr. Tom Rzeplia	Mission Priest	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON			Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Tom Dunne	
HOMILY	Mission Priest	Mission Priest	Mission Priest	Mission Priest	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
LECTORS	Robert Trauth Therese Mitchell	Lee Fialek Bonnie Fennig	Chris Fisher Randy Schappert	Chanelle Savich Ray Savich	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Louis Akins Larry Coco Marian DeGroot Jim Dunne Corinne Greico Helen Janicki Peggy King Mick Lasiewicz Jean Pope	Karen Flasch Mary Anne Horan Gay Sladky OPEN Peter Kain Bob Stanek Margo Stanek Marilynn Stone Don Ullmer	Barb Howell Sue Kadowaki Cindy Kane Roswitha Kist Paula Logsdon Steve Lundell Stacy McCluskey Andrew Nalywajko Theresa Narantic	Maureen Treanor Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Donna Casey Tom Cavenagh Bob Haas Lynn Haas Barbara Hedrich Laura Klotz	
SERVERS Names in RED are Altar Servers In Training	Jose Aguilar-Rodriguez Grace Hedgepeth Caitlin Wilson Armando Aguilar-Rodriguez	Colin Regan Ryan Regan Michael Nix	Michelle Weber Mark Hulsebosch Claudia Tran Chase McCluskey Jackie Westfall	Garrett Colbrook Madeline Hake Caroline Kawiecki Thomas Smithe Alyssa Bourgeois	
GREETERS	M G N Bob & Nancy Bachmann Pat & Maureen Driscoll	Bob & Margo Stanek Don & Geri Ullmer Karen Froelich	Mary Anita Campbell Sue Fanara Ken & Barb Doruff	Laura Klotz Jack & Jeanie Landeweer Brian & Sheila O'Shea	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 12

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Ginny Nichols

Tuesday, February 13

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am For All Who Are Sick

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14

6:30am Mass—ENGLISH

8:00am ✠ June Falardeau;

✠ Viola Stermer;

✠ Margaret Smithe;

✠ Anthony Reda

4:30pm Prayer Service

6:00pm Mass—ENGLISH

7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Thursday, February 15

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life

Friday, February 16

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Tom Digan

6:00pm Stations of the Cross—ENGLISH

7:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross—POLISH

Saturday, February 17

8:00am ✠ David Sladky

5:00pm ✠ Marilyn Vlcek

Sunday, February 18

7:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners;
✠ Sally Rossetti

9:30am ✠ Albert Govednik;

23rd Wedding Anniversary for
Roman & Barbara Bidiuk

11:15am ✠ Richard Heart;

✠ Marie Kay;

✠ Carl Hlavka;

✠ Kathy Tomusiak;

Intention for Miles Serra

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Henry George Drews
Dominic Joel Macatangay

Thomas Opiela

FOR OUR SICK

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

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
- 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 My Wife ROSE CASAREZ

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

Informacje po polsku (Polish Information)

VI NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Jesteś dla mnie ważny

Opowiadając o swojej posłudze wobec ubogich i trędowatych, św. Matka Teresa mówiła, że najgorszym doświadczeniem dla tych, których spotykała codziennie na ulicach Kalkuty, była świadomość, że są niepotrzebni... Nikomu nie zależało na ich zdrowiu, nikt na nich nie czekał. Dlatego razem ze swoimi siostrami starała się nie tylko tych ludzi nakarmić, ale również dać im poczucie, że nie są sami. Zauważmy, że Jezus mógł uzdrowić trędowatego swoim słowem, zachowując bezpieczny dystans. Tak nakazywało Prawo. On jednak zbliżył się, wyciągnął rękę i dotknął go. Bóg przychodzi bardzo blisko, kiedy jesteśmy samotni, cierpiący i odrzuceni, dotykając swoją miłością naszych serc...



ŚRODA POPIELCOWA – Wyznanie miłości

W tym roku Środa Popielcowa i Dzień Zakochanych obchodzone są tego samego dnia. Podczas Mszy św. na rozpoczęcie Wielkiego Postu posypujemy głowy popiołem. Ten gest zastępuje w liturgii wypowiedany w innych dniach akt pokuty. Posypanie popiołem to wymowny znak – gest wiary w Boże miłosierdzie i przyznania się do własnej słabości. Przedziwne wyznanie miłości...

WIELKI POST SIĘ ZBLIŻA O CZYM WARTO PAMIĘTAĆ?

Środa Popielcowa wypada 14 lutego (w Walentynki)

Wielki Post trwa 40 dni (nie wliczając niedziel)

Trzy filary Wielkiego Postu to modlitwa, post i jałmużna

W Środę Popielcową i Wielki Piątek obowiązuje post ścisły (dwa lekkie posiłki + jeden do syta) oraz wstrzemięźliwość od pokarmów mięsnych

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

4 lutego 2018 r	\$ 1,775.00
11 lutego 2018 r	
18 lutego 2018 r	
25 lutego 2018 r	

W sumie: \$ 1,775.00

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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 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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