

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

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MARCH
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2018

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19

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 27, Mar 12 & Apr 2*

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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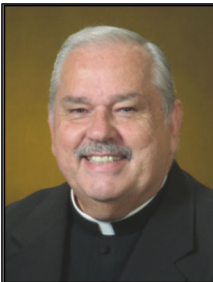
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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Through “Renew My Church,” the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church and our own Parish to the three Mission imperatives—1. To make disciples, 2. build vital communities of faith, 3. inspire witness to bring Christ to a world in need. Just a reminder that our Group is made up of St. Theresa, St. Colette, Mission San Juan Diego and ourselves as we plan for the future presence of the Catholic Church in our geographical area.

This past Monday was our first “Renew My Church” Town Hall meeting for our Parish. We are grateful to the 112 parishioners who attended the meeting. The meeting started with an overview of “Renew My Church” from the Archdiocesan perspective. Then, our Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team presented the strengths and challenges of our own Parish—followed by the strengths and challenges of our entire group. Parishioners shared their reactions, comments, suggestions and questions. It was a positive discussion of the values and Ministries at St. Thomas. I ask you to be sure to read the two pages regarding “Renew My Church” in today’s bulletin. And a reminder to mark your calendar for our next Parish Session on April 16 at 7:00pm. Thank you again to all who call St. Thomas of Villanova their Church and home.

I would like to share with you the prayer we prayed at the meeting as it encapsulates our Lenten journey and our “Renew My Church” endeavor:

A Stewardship Prayer for Lent

*God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives,
embrace the Good News and draw closer to You.*

*During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray,
be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.*

*Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to
renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your
active presence in our hearts and our community of faith.*

*Give us the grace to see Your face in others,
especially the poor and those who suffer.*

*And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love
so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. Amen.*

Thank you to all who remembered my birthday with cards, gifts and prayers. I appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

Saturday was our St. Pat—St. Joe Parish Fundraiser so some of us probably looked sluggish but holy today after being with the Saints last night.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 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, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

8:45pm	Smiling Thru the Tears	MRA
1:00pm	Come As You Are	MRA
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:30pm	Women's Club Guild 4	MRA
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Deacons' Meeting	MRC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, March 9

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA-D
4:00pm	Fish Fry	RAC

Saturday, March 10

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
6:00pm	CFM	RAC

Sunday, March 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

FLU SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

- Please refrain from receiving the cup at Communion, if you are ill.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Please find a substitute, if you are ill.

TODAY

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank You!

UPCOMING

- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, March 5 at 1pm. Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden in Arlington Heights. RSVP to Maureen at 847-358-2586.
 - Wednesday, March 14 at 1pm. Monthly Meeting in MRA & B. Speaker: Lisa Kuchar regarding Fannie May.
- **SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS** Tuesday, March 6 (Page 5)
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, March 6 - next session of the *Divorce Care* program. Topic: *Moving On, Growing Closer to God*. 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
- **FISH FRY Sponsored by Knights of Columbus** Friday, March 9. (Page 10)
- **OLIVE WOOD SALES** Next weekend (Page 5)
- **FAMILY SKATE NIGHT** Monday, March 12 (Page 6)
- **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Tuesday, March 13 (Page 10)

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

St. James Divorce Ministry is hosting an Annulment Workshop/Information Night for any interested Catholics. Annulments are the single most confusing topic for divorced Catholics. Many wonder: What is an annulment? Why do I need one? Do I need an annulment to stay Catholic? Can I get married again without an annulment? This workshop will address all the above and more.

Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM. St. James O'Brien Room
Parish Center Building, 820 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts.
Presenter: Deacon John Breit, Annulment Coordinator.

For questions: Deacon Jim at jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net / 224-345-7200

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmation classes will **begin March 10 at St. Edna Parish**, Arlington Heights. Registration required. Contact lcrepeau@stedna.org for more information and to register.

- Rehearsal & Reconciliation: Thursday, May 10, 7pm, St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 7 pm, St. Alphonsus Liguori

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Bereavement Ministry is here to help you plan the funeral of your beloved one. If you are interested in becoming a Bereavement Minister, there is a training session coming up on Saturday, April 7. For further info on the Ministry and the required training, just call me. With more and more funerals happening at St. Thomas, we would like to add additional Bereavement Ministers. Pray about becoming one as we need to bring God's compassion and love to those in need.



Are you grieving over the loss of a loved one? St. Thomas of Villanova offers a monthly support group to help you understand God's plan for you. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, March 6 at 8:45am until 10:00am in our parish meeting rooms.

Connie West, Director of Bereavement

OLIVE WOOD GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.

Do you know there are more than 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem and completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam from "Star of Bethlehem Group" came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious hand crafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops, and the diocese of Jerusalem.



Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts next weekend (March 10/11) in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT BELLARMINE

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House is located at 420 W Country Line Rd, Barrington and has the following upcoming retreats.



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

- **"Psycho-Spirituality of the 12 Steps: Grace Comes through the Wound"** March 16—18, an Ignatian, Silent 12-Step Retreat for men in Recovery
- **"If We Die with Him, We Will Also Live with Him"** March 29—31, an Ignatian, Silent Holy Week Retreat for Men & Women

For more information: 847-381-1261 / www.JesuitRetreat.org

RCIA CANDIDATES CELEBRATE THE PENITENTIAL RITE!



In Lent, our RCIA candidates move into the final period of preparation to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They have been nourished by the graces of various liturgical Rites throughout the RCIA process.

Last Sunday, our candidates celebrated the Penitential Rite. This Rite marks the purification of baptized adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. During Lent, the candidates will become more spiritually centered as they begin their final preparations to share in the Eucharistic banquet at the Easter Vigil. This Rite also aids them in being prepared to receive the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Through this Rite they received the necessary graces to examine or scrutinize their hearts for that which is sinful and to change and transform their lives as they prepare for Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Let us continue to pray for them as we await the day on which they join us at the table of the Lord, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

If there is someone you think would like to explore the Catholic faith, please ask them to contact Kris at krisbartolameolli@gmail.com or 847-340-1963. Brochures about *Becoming Catholic* are available in the information rack in the Gathering Area.

~~SKATE~~
MARCH DINE-N-SHARE

Orbit Skate in Palatine will host
St. Thomas of Villanova

FAMILY



SKATE NIGHT

ALL are invited to a private
(not open to the public)
skate party on:

Monday, March 12
6:30—8:30pm

ORBIT SKATE CENTER
615 S Consumers Ave
Palatine

\$7/person
includes skate rental

Proceeds benefit STV School.

All children **MUST** have adult supervision. No drop-offs!

Food and beverage available at the Cosmic Café and Galaxy Sky Bar.



From the Principal's Desk

God bless our eighth graders, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. Bishop Rassas presided over the beautiful Mass. Thank you to all who worked so hard to create this memorable liturgy!

Our children are in their Lenten journey, preparing for Christ's Resurrection in a number of ways. Mrs. Liquin's fifth grade class has created a Lenten Tree. Symbols are being placed on the bare tree, and will end with the butterfly symbolizing the Resurrection. Students are following their Lenten calendar, which has daily suggestions for prayers and actions. Mrs. McGarvey's sixth grade class is doing chores at home to raise money for their Rice Bowl. They are discussing what Fr. Tom Allender's advice of "Be a giver, not a taker" means to them. Sixth graders are making conscious choices of positive behavior that has a positive impact on those around them.

Congratulations to our students who won the *Right to Life* Essay Contest this year. Mrs. Mary Ann Kenesey presented the following students with their awards on Monday. While all students' essays were impressive, the following students excelled at their writing:

- **8th grade: First Place—Ryan Regan and Second Place—Brian Corsiga**
- **7th Grade: First Place—Aaron Hardy and Second Place—Michael Nix**

Thank you Mrs. Kenesey! Thanks also to Mrs. Hardy, our junior high Language Arts teacher who prepares the students to excel in their writing!

A **huge thank you** needs to go out to **Mrs. Darcy Moder**, our Administrative Assistant who keeps ahead of the registrations, FACTS accounts, bus schedules, attendance, medical needs, faculty and student questions and wants, and front office running so smoothly and efficiently. I don't know how she does it, but we pray she doesn't stop!

God bless,
Mary Brinkman

Hola! Parishioners
Save the Date

Emcee for the Evening:
Jim Schwantz,
Mayor of Palatine

TRIVIA
- NIGHT -

May 5, 2018 St Thomas of Villanova

See Future Bulletins for all the Details!

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	\$ 14,214.86	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 15,862.86	<i>(\$ 7,837.14)</i>
Feb 18	\$ 20,267.05	\$ 2,393.00	\$ 22,660.05	<i>(\$ 1,039.95)</i>
Feb 25	\$ 20,092.09	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 21,630.09	<i>(\$ 2,069.91)</i>

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 829,500.00
YTD Actual	\$ 760,968.21
Over / (Under)	<i>(\$ 68,531.79)</i>

THANK YOU!

2018 EASTER BLESSINGS PROGRAM

Please consider helping with our 2018 Easter Blessings Program. The program offers Easter dinners to our parishioners and area families in need. This is a great opportunity for Lenten almsgiving. To participate, you purchase items for a family’s Easter dinner celebration plus, small Easter baskets for children 10 years old and younger. If you would like to participate, email suzie@stov.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. More information including the dinner shopping list will be provided to you.



Basket drop off in the Rowley Activity Center will be Tuesday, March 27, 5:00 pm—6:00 pm (Tuesday of Holy Week).

**I/We would like to feed a family this Easter.
(Please respond by Monday, March 5.)**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip; _____

Email: _____

Size of family we would like to help: (check one)

- 1-3 4-6 7-8 9-10

I prefer to help with food, only—no Easter baskets for small children.

Return this form to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

2017 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

Stop by the Parish Office to pick up your 2017 Tax Donation Statement. 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.

STV SCHOOL LOTTERY FEBRUARY WINNERS

Congratulations!

- \$25 Janice Pelletiere
Sold by Mark Pelletiere
- \$25 Katie Hill
Sold by Aiden Hill
- \$50 Patricia Seligmann
Sold by Katherine Seligmann
- \$50 Lea Turnbull
Sold by the Turnbull Family
- \$100 Julie Hake
Sold by Maddy Hake
- \$200 Jennifer Chlopecki
Sold by Payton Chlopecki

And these are the final winners for last year’s lottery! Now is your last chance to buy STV School Lottery tickets for the March 2018—February 2019 drawings!

In just a few days, we will begin the first drawing with the new tickets for this year. Still only \$10 per ticket with 74 chances to win. Stop in the School or Parish Office, if you still would like to participate.

We appreciate your support!
GOOD LUCK!



Renew My Church
An Archdiocesan-Wide Initiative for Revitalization and Growth

Jesus Christ calls us to constantly renew His Church. *Renew My Church* is the Archdiocese of Chicago’s response to His call and our personal invitation for renewal. Addressing current challenges, needs and opportunities in today’s society, including a trending crisis of faith, *Renew My Church* will bring new and sustainable life to our local Church through three mission imperatives: making disciples, building communities and inspiring witness.

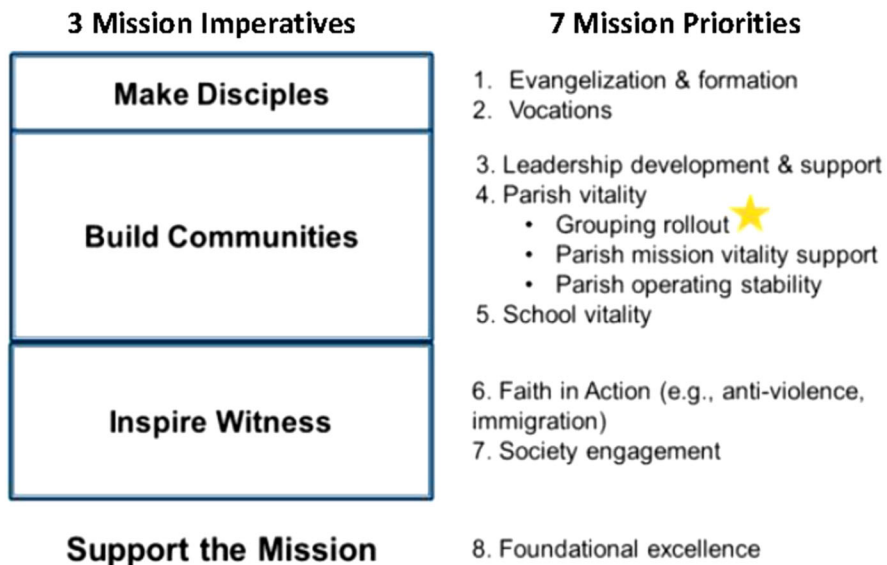
Making Disciples - Jesus calls us to grow in our own discipleship and go out to make new disciples. As baptized Catholics, it is our responsibility to act on His call. *Renew My Church* efforts will support us in renewed ways to grow in our own relationship with Jesus and to evangelize and form new and existing Catholics in faith, especially the young, and increase vocations.

Building Communities - We will revitalize our parishes and schools alike, increasing vibrancy and fortifying bonds with each other, drawing us and others to active participation in His Church.

Inspiring Witness - In this renewal, our Lord asks us to come together in solidarity and spread the light and hope of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world. Together, we will find new ways to serve the needs of the people on the margins of society: the poor, the hungry, and the outcast.

HOW WILL THE ARCHDIOCESE RENEW?

Through a multitude of *Renew My Church* initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith, and inspire witness to bring Christ to a world in need.



Your grouping is currently engaged in the “grouping rollout” that begins to address parish vitality and support renewed ways to build communities across the archdiocese.



What is the goal of a grouping?

The goal of a grouping of parishes and schools is to realize the vision of *Renew My Church* by building a renewed, vital, and sustainable Catholic presence for the good of all people in the collective communities within the grouping. To do so, a grouping must start by answering these questions:

- How can we be more effective through collaboration?
- Given resource realities, what do we need to change so we are better together?

Your grouping has begun this journey of discussing and discerning feedback on collaboration and structural scenarios that are viable and sustainable to renew the Church given today's realities.

What are Scenarios?

Scenarios = Possibilities regarding new parish and school structures in the grouping that enables the vision.

Includes:

Status of the parishes

- Ex. 1: Remain as is with no structural changes
- Ex. 2: Join together with another parish and all church buildings remain open
- Ex 3.: Join together with another parish and some church buildings close
- Ex. 4: Something that the grouping develops
- **Parish leadership** (i.e., full-time resident pastor, shared pastor)
- **School status** (i.e., remain open, close, merge with another school)

Who decides what is the best scenario?

It is the Cardinal's decision, yet he has invited your grouping into this discernment and decision planning process to share insights from your local experience and give him vital feedback before he decides.

How does the Cardinal get our feedback?

Two types of meetings produce feedback to the Cardinal:

Grouping Sessions - Local parish and school leaders meet over the next 3-4 months and:

- Discerns scenario feedback by discussing operational and ministerial strengths and challenges in each of your parishes and schools based on current realities and your local experiences in your community
- Incorporates feedback or insights heard at the parishes
- Submits a Feedback Summary Report to the Commission who makes a recommendation to the Cardinal

Parish Sessions – Parishioners gather with their Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team and:

- Are informed about what is being discussed
- Ask questions about the Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team's progress and process
- Provide input to the team that informs the Feedback Summary Report for the Commission and Cardinal

LENT

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—7:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Lenten Prayer

“The Little Black Book,” sponsored by Faith Formation, is available at all church exits. Free will offering.

Eucharistic Adoration—If your Lenten goal is to spend more time in prayer, come to Adoration for quiet prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. Come alone or bring your family. Stay for 15 minutes or the entire hour. Every Wednesday, 6—7pm in Church.

6:30 am Communion Service

We are fortunate at St. Thomas to have a daily 6:30am Communion/Prayer Service Monday thru Friday. For people who are on their way to work, before early appointments or to start their day, our Communion Service is a perfect prayer.

8:00am Daily Mass Monday—Saturday; Come and pray and begin your day with the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

Saturday Morning Reconciliation

Come receive forgiveness and Reconcile with God this Lent. Reconciliation is offered every Saturday morning from 8:30am—9:30am in Church.

CRS RICE BOWL—WEEK THREE

ENCOUNTER DAFIATA

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



LENTEN PROJECT

Sponsored by the Women's Club

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Shift 1: 5:45—7:30 PM

Shift 2: 7:45—9:00 PM

1072 National Pkwy

Schaumburg, IL 60173

Deadline for Registration: Saturday, March 10.

Contact Alice Witt by March 10 to reserve your spot: 847-705-5828 /AWitt3535@comcast.net



“40 CANS FOR LENT”

Thanks to all who have been supporting the “40 Cans For Lent” sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. We hope you can continue to donate 1 can of food for each day of Lent. Look for the collection boxes in the Gathering Area and the Narthex. Help us to continue to provide food for those that are hungry. *(No expired food, please. We cannot distribute expired food to our Pantry clients.)*



FRIDAY FISH FRYS

All are invited to the Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 Fish Fry Dinners throughout Lent. The dinners will be held on **Friday, 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.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

*From Mary Strybel
Director of Religious Education*

With Confirmation behind us, we turn our attention to the beautiful Sacrament of First Communion. We've already had our Parent Meeting on February 6th. Mrs. Audrey Taylor was our presenter that evening, and she addressed some of the Theology associated with First Communion, she also shared a lot of practical information. Audrey is a retired DRE, mother of seven, and grandmother of twenty-two. I feel confident that she knows a thing or two about First Communion.

We hope that the parents walked away from that meeting with some Theology, but also knowing that it is so important to keep the emphasis on receiving the Eucharist for the first time the priority. In other words, not just focusing on the communion dress, suit, and party. Always keeping the focus on our Great Lord. We also hope that the parents walked away knowing how much we love them, and their little ones. If you are reading this, parents, **thank so very much for sharing your children with us!!**

May I ask you, my sisters and brothers, to pray for our First Communicants, and I ask for continued prayers for our recently anointed Confirmandi too. *(FYI: A camera was left in Church after Confirmation. Please call the REC or Parish Office, if you or someone is missing their camera.)*

Please mark your calendars for our Religious Education Closing Mass- my Retirement Celebration on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) at the 5:00pm liturgy.

God Bless You and Yours,
Mary

LITURGY SCHEDULE for MARCH 10 / 11

	SATURDAY 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
DEACON	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon John Breit	Deacon Mark Duffey	
HOMILY	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	Theresa Mitchell Dennis Young	Bonnie Fennig Tom Greener	Tom Dalton Randy Schappert	Carol Schaffnit Earl Schaffnit	
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SERVERS	Armando A-Rodriguez Jose A-Rodriguez Jackie Westfall	Aiden Hill Chris Parlier Thomas Smithe	Madeline Hake Aaron Hardy Katie Seligmann	Garrett Colbrook David Dabrowski Lily Dix	
GREETERS	M G N Sylvia Schaffer Bob & Nancy Bachmann Open	Mila Quiaoit Bob & Margo Stanek Don & Geri Ullmer	Mary Schaefer & Brendan Theresa Narantic Randy & Kathy Schappert	Jack & Jeanie Landeweer Brian & Sheila O'Shea Howard Pettinger	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 5

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Lawrence Curtin
 † Robert Novak

Tuesday, March 6

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Joseph & Cecilia Sullivan

Wednesday, March 7

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † June Falardeau;

Thursday, March 8

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am All Who Are Sick

Friday, March 9

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life;
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross—ENGLISH
 7:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross—
 POLISH

Saturday, March 10

8:00am † Mary Obey
 5:00pm † Mary Obey

Sunday, March 11

7:30am † David Sladky
 9:30am † June Falardeau;
 † Mary L. Murrill;
 † Shirley Konczyk;
 † Jane Davis
 11:15am † Gilmour Krogstad;
 Intention for Jack Treanor;
 All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

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	Sharon Woelfel
Eamon Downey	Lauren Lambert	Patty Reynolds	Tom Yadron
Jeanne Formanski	Gene Lazich	Elaine Romanchek	Martha Zara
Jaime Forseth	Harold Lewis	Ken Romanchek	
Kirk Forseth	Elegie LoCascio	Bridget Rubin	

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

- 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

- 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. 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

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

U.S. Navy

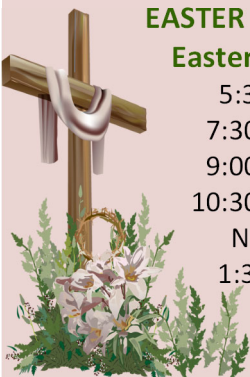
- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AN James Steininger

And all those serving in the Middle East.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday—April 1

5:30am—Polish Mass
 7:30am—English Mass
 9:00am—English Mass
 10:30am—English Mass
 Noon—English Mass
 1:30pm—Polish Mass



ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of ROBERT G. THIEL
 A Great Friend

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Anna Marie Hess
 - Cousin of Roswitha Kist

† Stanley Klamka
 † Janusz Sobocki

III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – Czemu czynicie z domu Ojca Mego targowisko...?

We współczesnej rzeczywistości można dostrzec sporo nadużyć, którym sprzeciwia się Chrystus w dzisiejszej Ewangelii...: targowisko idei, ambicji, przekonań, opinii... Każdy forsuje swoją perspektywę spojrzenia i swoje rozumienie świata, człowieka... bo należy iść za współczesnymi trendami i modami, odpowiadać na zapotrzebowania współczesnego świata, być na czasie, modny i wygodny..., przykrojony na miarę i dopasowany do potrzeb jak ubranie w magazynie mody. Jak na targowisku, sprzedaje się to co dobrze zareklamowane i co modne, co odpowiada (nie zawsze przecież najlepszym) gustom i guścikom. Jak na targowisku, gdzie każdy sprzedawczyk zachwala swoje byle jakie towary, a im głośniej tym lepiej i skuteczniej. A im gorszej jakości towar tym głośniej i nachalniej trzeba go zachwalać..., byle tylko sprzedać swój towar, byle tylko przypodobać się klienteli. Targowisko próżności, ambicji, racji i przekonań... I w takiej atmosferze, wśród tego zgiełku i hałasu, wkracza Chrystus wołający o wrażliwość i szacunek dla swoich wartości... który na szczęście mówi też: 'Nie lękajcie się, Ja jestem z wami aż do końca świata...' Dobrze, że jest obecny i broni nadal domu Swego Ojca przed kupczykami i modami, i tymi, którzy wymieniają stare na nowe...



40 dni bez słodyczy? Standard. Stać Cię na więcej...!

Postanowienia wielkopostne robimy po to, by lepiej przygotować się do Świąt Zmartwychwstania. Zwykle dotyczą ważnych spraw, wiążą się z indywidualnym wysiłkiem, chęcią podjęcia walki ze swoimi słabościami i nadzieją na zmianę w życiu.

Czy w ogóle warto stawiać sobie wyrzeczenia? Bez najmniejszej wątpliwości, TAK. To ćwiczenie silnej woli. W świecie, w którym mocno dominuje konsumpcjonizm, mamy przesył wszystkiego. Wyrzeczenia to dobry sposób na przywrócenie właściwej hierarchii wartości. Dodatkowym, ważnym elementem jest intencja, dla której podejmujemy postanowienie. Czasem tylko ona pozwala nam w nim wytrwać.

Na przestrzeni lat postanowienia wielkopostne uległy zmianom. Jeszcze do niedawna polegały one na ograniczaniu spożycia słodyczy i alkoholu czy palenia papierosów. Jednym słowem, sprowadzały się do odmówienia sobie pewnych przyjemności, ale także zakładały poświęcenia większej ilości czasu na modlitwę czy udział w nabożeństwach pasyjnych. Dziś katolicy coraz częściej rezygnują z tego, co na co dzień zajmuje im najwięcej czasu – ograniczają korzystanie z mediów społecznościowych, komputera czy 'kontrolują' jakość i treść wypowiedzanych słów...

Na liście postanowień powinny pojawić się kwestie, nie kojarzące się z wyrzeczeniami,

np. spotkania ze znajomymi czy spędzanie czasu z rodziną. Są także działania ukierunkowane na pomoc bliźnim, jak pomoc finansowa dla potrzebujących czy odkładanie każdego dnia pewnej drobnej sumy pieniędzy (jaką wydawalibyśmy na przykład na kawę czy papierosy) i przekazanie jałmużny na konkretny cel. Oczywiście nie brakuje również postanowień dotyczących sfery duchowej, jak częstsze uczestnictwo w Eucharystii i codzienna lektura Pisma Świętego.

Wielki Post to świetna okazja do pracy nad sobą i swoimi słabościami, dlatego na listach wielkopostnych postanowień pojawia się także rezygnacja z oglądania telewizji, unikanie plotkowania i mówienia źle o innych. Postanowienia mogą dotyczyć także naszych relacji z bliskimi.

Wśród postanowień pojawiają się także bardzo radykalne założenia, jak ścisły post (post o chlebie i wodzie kilka razy w tygodniu, najczęściej w środy i piątki) czy zaangażowanie w różnych formach wolontariatu. Postanowień może być wiele, ale ważne jest jedno. Mają nas zbliżyć do Boga. Jednoczyć z Nim.

Postanowienia mają zmienić coś w naszym życiu, pomóc nam stać się choć odrobinę lepszymi ludźmi. Są dobrym sposobem na zwalczanie egoizmu, a przez to kształtowanie charakteru i osobowości...

Wielki Post to co roku kolejna okazja, by nawrócić się i podjąć walkę duchową, by spróbować spojrzeć Bożymi oczami na otaczający nas świat i ludzi, zwłaszcza tych, z którymi wchodzimy w relację każdego dnia, by myśleć o nich dobrze, by przeżywając cząstkę cierpienia Chrystusa, ocalić w sobie to, co Bóg w nas najbardziej kocha, by z Eucharystii czerpać miłość niezbędną do kochania rzeczywistości, jaką daje nam Bóg. W takim poście istotna jest przemiana myślenia, odwrócenie się od dotychczasowych racji, kalkulacji, wyjście poza perspektywę swojego 'ja'. Powodzenia...

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

4 lutego 2018 r	\$ 1,775.00
11 lutego 2018 r	\$ 1,686.00
18 lutego 2018 r	\$ 2,155.00
25 lutego 2018 r	\$ 2,257.00

W sumie: \$ 7,873.00

Dziękujemy!

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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