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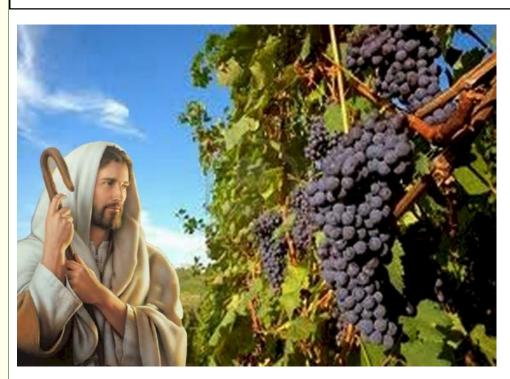
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **APRIL 28, 2024**



Jesus in the Vineyard

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Matrimony: Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements to meet with a parish priest at least 12 months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation: Saturday after the 9:00am Liturgy in Rosemont Chapel, First Fridays after 12:05 Mass or call the Parish Center to make an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: We are happy to offer many support services to the sick and homebound. Visits are made by the Pastoral Staff and Eucharistic Ministers to homes and hospital care facilities. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated each month, except during Lent. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements and to receive materials.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation): Please contact us for information on becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments. We can be reached at RCIA@stvparish.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am Villanova Church Rosemont Chapel

Saturday: 9:00am Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri: 12:05pm

Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9:00am

PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY — THURSDAY 9:00am - 4:30pm FRIDAY HOURS are 9:00am-1:00pm. The Parish Center is closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm; Monday-Thursday.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024



Scripture Reflection...

Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, "shape up or ship out" message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a "shape up or ship out" message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust, and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev. Billy Graham once said, "Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car." That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion. This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's "shape up or ship out" principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, "They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of April 20 and 21, 2024:

Number of Envelopes	249
Envelope Amount	\$10,675.00
Loose Cash	\$1,933.00
Electronic Offerings	\$7,712.00
Other	\$175.00
Total	\$20,495.00
10% Tithe	\$2,049.50
April 23, 2023	\$16,889.14



Mon., April 29th 12:05PM-RMCH Tues., April 30th 12:05PM-RMCH Wed., May 1st

12:05PM-RMCH Thurs., May 2nd 12:05PM-RMCH

Fri., May 3rd 12:05PM-RMCH Sat., May 4th 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH Sun., May 5th 7:30AM-VNCH

9:00AM-RMCH 10:30AM-VNCH Saint Catherine of Siena

Donald DiCarlo, Sr. - Florence & Family Easter Weekday; Saint Pius V Frank & Peggy Beston - Friends Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker

Frances Rufo - Jim & Ann Costello Saint Athanasius

In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saints Philip and James

Fred H. Schreiber - Bob Schreiber

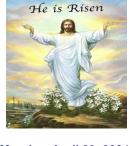
Easter Weekday

Jim & Peggy Fisher - Fisher Children Raymond R. Rafferty, Jr. - Family

Sixth Sunday of Easter For the Living and Deceased

Parishioners of St. Thomas Eileen McNeill - Maryann & Barry Walsh

Joseph Hopko - Choir



Schedule of Events for the week of: April 28, 2024 Recitation of the Rosary after the daily Liturgy.

Monday, April 29, 2024

Centering Prayer - RMCH 8:00AM Rosemont Care Ministry 10:00AM Young Adult Gospel Reflection - OMGC 7:30PM FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 Weekly Scripture Class - RMCH 10:00AM Finance Council Meeting - Harten Hall 7:00PM FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Exercise Class - Harten Hall 10:00AM 7:00PM Family Support Group - Harten Hall FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Thurs., May 2, 2024

Walking with Purpose - Harten Hall 9:00AM Handbell Practice - RMCH 7:15PM **FAMILY PROMISE WEEK**

Fri., May 3, 2024

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Sat., May 4, 2024

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Sun., May 5, 2024

Mansion at Rosemont Ministry 11:00AM Baptisms - VNCH 12:00PM 1:00PM Baptism - VNCH 3:00PM Youth Group - 7th & 8th - STV Youth Group - High School - STV 4:30PM FAMILY PRACTICE MOVES OUT

Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S

SERVANT OF GOD **FATHER BILL** ATKINSON, OSA

If you, or someone you know, was a caregiver to Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, perhaps during your time at Msgr. Bonner HS or as a medical professional, we want to hear from you.

We want to honor and give thanks to all of Fr. Bill's caregivers at a special event in September, as the process for his beautification and sainthood continues. Email: Rich Herron, rpheron@comcast.net, Ted Donnelly, tuna1031@gmail.com,or Mary Moody, marymmoody@yahoo.com.

> For more information: https:// frbillatkinson.org/

Weekly Scripture Classes

Please join Fr. Michael for his weekly Scripture classes on Tuesdays, at 10:00am in the Rosemont Chapel. Texts, as in the past, will be provided. The subject matter for these hour-long classes will be the scripture readings from the following Sunday Mass. St. Jerome said, "To be ignorant of scripture is to be ignorant of Christ."

Please consider marking your calendar for these informative sessions. All are welcome, so bring a friend.

BECAUSE OF SEVERAL FAMILY PROMISE WEEKS, THE REMAINING CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE ROSEMONT CHAPEL.



We wish a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish:

Joe & Carolina Hare of Bryn Mawr Greta Wagner of West Chester

Resting in Peace:

Mrs. Joan Flick Mr. Henry Laveran Mr. John Mastronardo

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Angelina Arcamone PHD, Nicola Bonelli, Katherine Breck, Brynn Busby, Peter Cellucci, Kelly Clarke, Austin DePetris, Ella, Jim Foley, Lina Fulton, Ian Gallagher, James Gibbons, Jr., Mary Jane Girondi, Martin Gollin, Patricia Ann Harley, Sam Horsey, Bridget Kelly, Sara Keohane, Tom Kosinski, Ashley Lythgoe, Pamela LaMonaca, Mary Moran, Bruno Petrillo, Bill Riley, Michael Salucci, Jerry Santilli, Theresa Sherwin, Terry Sousa, and Robert J. Wahl

Please pray for our soldiers stationed throughout the world. Please also pray for the soldiers who are returning from their assignments, especially the wounded.



St. Thomas of Villanova is looking for a part-time Admin Ass't

- Flexible hours
- Great work environment
- Must have computer skills
- Must have organizational skills

If interested send resume to: pastor@stvparish.org

For more information contact: Colleen Penza, admin.rep@stvparish.org

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYER LINE

The parish prayer line is waiting for your prayer requests. Please contact stvprayerline1@gmail.com or Marie DellaGreca at 856-981-7761 to activate the parish prayer line. We have parish teams available for your special intentions.

DINNERS TO THE DOORSTEP

This ministry is for parish families who are in crisis or for parish couples welcoming a new baby. Homemade dinners are delivered. Two parish coordinators keep a list of volunteers who are called as needed. If you are in need of this delicious community support, please contact Maria Gunn at 610-291-7205 or maria.jim@comcast.net.

ST. FRANCIS INN

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, May 19th. The Inn tries to meet the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality. This ministry is open to anyone 16 years or older. For more information and to sign up, contact our parish coordinator, Sheila Holst at 610-659-5828 or hagan1126@verizon.net.

MOTHER AND NEW FAMILY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Parishioner and nurse practitioner volunteer offers support to new moms and their families who are navigating the complexities of motherhood and the addition of a new baby to the family. Contact Suzanne Foley at 610-952-0147 or suzannefoley@yahoo.com or Renee Massaua at service@stvparish.org.

Readings for the Week:

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15-9:11 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-46; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17





St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of Good Counsel Stewardship Camp.

This camp is for rising 6th graders through rising 8th graders. This year our camp will be held from June 24 through June 28, 2024. We will also be looking for high school students to be our counselors! Our sites this year include: One Love for Animals, Calvary Cemetery, Joy of Sox warehouse and, of course, Dorney Park!

To Sign up, please email:

<u>fl-youth@stvparish.org</u>. We have a limited number of spaces so be sure to sign up soon!

High School Seniors and Families -Please Join Us to Celebrate You!



Please come to the 5pm Mass in Rosemont on **Saturday, May 11**th for a special blessing during Mass. After Mass come to Harten Hall for a reception and light refreshments with your families. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Peggy at fl-youth@stvparish.org

St. Thomas of Villanova hosts a FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP every Wednesday Evening at 7:00pm in Harten Hall (Rosemont Auditorium).

Family Groups are designed to meet the needs of those with loved ones who are currently in treatment, are using alcohol and/or drugs in a problematic manner or are in recovery.

Our mission is to help ourselves and in turn help others whose loved ones are struggling with addiction.

The purpose of these groups is to provide family members a confidential, safe place to find support, education, encouragement and hope on their own path to Recovery for Life.

Those 18 years and older are welcome.

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



TARA PENZA

in honor of her RETIREMENT

Join us for the REP CLOSING MASS

Sunday, April 28th - 10:30am - Rosemont Chapel

Please join us after Mass in Harten Hall. for coffee, sweets and well wishes.

For questions or more information, email Coleen at admin.rep@stvparish.org.



Looking to make a difference?

Our newly formed Hospitality Team at St Thomas of Villanova needs you! We are growing a large pool of volunteers to share their time and talents at parish-wide social events throughout the year.

Possible roles include:

- * Picking up food
- * Welcoming fellow parishioners at events
- * Set up, serving food and refreshments
- * Clean up after gatherings
- * Laundering tablecloths

If you would like to join us, even if only available 1-2 times/year, kindly email Beth Vollmer, committee co-chair at bvollmer709@gmail.com

You are invited to a Parish Forum on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:45pm at St. Thomas of Villanova's Harten Hall



"And Then There Was Light"

Have you ever wondered about those twinkling lights up in the night sky?

Are you curious about the universe?

Would you like to know what a star is and how it works?

Do you know if black holes are really black?

Then, come to a presentation on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:45pm, after the 12:05 Mass in Harten Hall under the Rosemont Chapel.

Presenter: Paul Tierney

Paul is retired from a second career as a high school physics and astronomy teacher following over thirty years working in information technology for the aerospace industry. He is a long-time lector and with a partner conducts a Communion Service at The Mansion in Rosemont.

Paul has been an amateur astronomer for over 50 years. He has constructed a telescope and now has two telescopes that are used to see the sights of the night sky. His fascination is with the universe as a whole, as well as its stars and galaxies.

No RSVP is necessary.

Bring your lunch; beverages provided.

Bring your friends.

FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE, CONTACT: ST. VINCENT DEPAUL OF DELAWARE COUNTY

e-mail: <u>DelcoSvdpHelp@gmail.com</u>

Three Key Challenges in Bioethics Today

St. Thomas of Villanova Women's Speaker Series Presents

Healthcare Ethicist Sarah-Vaughan Brakman, PhD, HEC-C

Tuesday, May 14th - 7:00pm Harten Hall below the Rosemont Chapel

Dr. Brakman is Professor of Philosophy at Villanova University and the National Ethics Consultant for Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health. She is also Faculty Director of the Medical Humanities Program for the Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture.

Please join us for an evening of thoughtful and lively conversation. The program will begin at 7:00pm, followed by a social hour. Come and catch up with friends before the summer break. Bring along a friend.

RSVP 610-525-4801 or office@stvparish.org

AGELESS EXERCISE AT ST. THOMAS

Ageless Exercise, Inc., presents a unique exercise program for the young at heart consisting of range of motion, strength training, weight bearing exercises and balance challenges -- all done to upbeat, fun music! Therapy bands, hands free weights, and balls are used for strengthening and stretching muscles and for attaining range of motion movement. Weight bearing exercises to strengthen bones and the skeletal structure as well as

aerobic endurance are included in the weekly class.

The class is led by a Certified American Council on Exercise (ACE) Instructor. Come join us and learn about your body, have fun, and strengthen your muscles and bones.

Where: St. Thomas of Villanova

Rosemont Auditorium

When: Every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am, Cost: \$6.00 for each class -- checks made

payable to Ageless Exercise, Inc.



MANNA BAGS will be distributed at all of our Masses on the Weekend of May 11-12.

Kindly return your filled MANNA Bag (or your own grocery bags) on Saturday, May 18 or Sunday, May 19.

Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork and beans.

If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online instead: https://yougivegoods.com/mannadrive

Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

MANNA PRAYER

Jesus, many times throughout Your life You fed hungry people and You called others to help.

You called the young child with the loaves and fishes to share his gifts. You call each one of us today.

Open our eyes to see the needs of others.

Open our ears to hear your call to share.

Open our hearts to welcome all people to the table of love.

Amen.





2024 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, May 20, 2024 2:00pm to 7:00pm at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Harten Hall (Rosemont Auditorium)

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and Enter: StThomasRosemont to schedule an appointment.

A FEW MINUTES OUT OF YOUR DAY CAN SAVE A LIFE!

There is no substitute for blood. **Donors provide the only supply of life-saving blood for those in need**. Donating is simple, fast, and convenient. The donation process can take as little as 45 minutes of your time, but can make a lifelong difference for someone else. Please sign up today.

Give the gift of life. Sign up to be a blood donor today!
For questions about eligibility:
call 1 800-RED-CROSS



Attention parishioners!
There are "lost and found" boxes in both churches. The one in Villanova is getting particularly full. It is on the right side of the church behind the last pew. If you are missing something, please take a look! In Rosemont the box is in the hallway near the restroom.

Thank you.



Don't let sexual violence silence you. Healing can start with a call. Dial 1-888-800-8780 or visit www.pacrimevictims.com/healing

HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST

Confronting Sexual Violence in our Archdiocese.

Bereavement Support Group at OMGC

Hosted by Fr. John Deary, O.S.A.
Thursdays: May 2nd and May 16th
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Social Center

ocation: Social Cent All are welcome.

Our group is for people who are suffering the effects of bereavement, who may benefit from some support from others in the same situation.

Our meetings are safe, friendly, welcoming and confidential. We offer a chance to share experiences and feelings, to swap useful information and, above all, to be there for each other.



Provide JOY and HEALTH with new socks!

- Every night in the United States over 560,000 people experience homelessness
- Socks are the #1 item requested at shelters
- The Joy of Sox collects NEW socks for men, women and children
- Over the last 13 years we have distributed over 1,020,063 pairs of socks in 273 shelters in 34 states and 15 countries

Let's help The Joy of Sox (founded by STV parishioner Tom Costello). Bring in pairs of NEW socks and we will take them to The Joy of Sox for distribution. Drop off your donations at the Parish Center during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:30pm, and Friday 9:00am-1:00pm.

Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
Giving Hope 2024
Please Give Generously!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Lal remembers well the day his world was turned upside down - a moment seared into his memory. It was April 25, 2015, when a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, killing nearly 9,000 people and injuring more than 22,000 others. Since then, CRS has been rebuilding homes in Nepal. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

If you would like to get involved with CRS at the parish level, please email service@stvparish.org to find out more about our parish CRS chapter, a joint effort with our sister parish, St. Cyprian.

ST. JOHN'S CASSEROLES

Want to help out a great nonprofit that serves hot meals to those in need?

St. John's Hospice is greatly in need of pre-cooked casseroles. Every day they provide over 350 lunchtime meals to homeless people in Philadelphia close to the Convention Center.

We are looking for volunteers who can make a casserole and bring it to our freezers located in the room outside the elevator in the lower level of the Rosemont Chapel. Casserole tins are available on the top of the freezers. Any home cooked casseroles must have a protein, i.e., meat and/or beans.

Please label and <u>date</u> your casserole with masking tape. If you have any questions, or need recipes for the casseroles, please contact Renee Massaua at <u>service@stvparish.org</u>.

NEW LENDING LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN

We now have a NEW Lending Library for Children during Mass at the Rosemont Chapel! Do your little ones need something to hold or do during Mass to keep focus? We love children at mass and want them to be here. To help the experience for families with young

children we have a new gold cart in the back of the church with Catholic themed items for the children to enjoy. Please take something during mass and return it when finished.



"Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

Isaiah 58:7-8

On any given day, more than 400 people are homeless in Montgomery County, and over 50% are families with children. Family Promise of the Main Line helps families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

For 30 years, St. Thomas of Villanova parishioners have committed to providing safe shelter, a good meal and compassionate fellowship. Families in the Family Promise program reside every evening for 1 week at our Parish Center. The number of families in need is higher than ever, and we need 40 parish volunteers to support each host week. Even an hour of your time could make a real difference!

You Can Volunteer to Welcome Our Family Promise Guests! April 28 - May 5 | May 12 - 19 | September 8 - 15

DINNER PREPARER — 6:00PM — Deliver cooked dinner to the Parish Center

EVENING HOST — 6:00-9:00PM — Share dinner and fellowship with guests.

OVERNIGHT HOST — 9:00PM-6:00AM — Spend the night at the Parish Center

SET-UP — 1 hour — Set-up the bedrooms and living room

 ${\tt BREAKDOWN}\,-\,1$ hour $\,-\,$ Disassemble the bedrooms and living room

LAUNDRY — Flexible timing — Pick up and launder the linens used by the families.

Families with school-age children/teens are welcome. Training is provided. For more information, contact Renee Massaua at service@stvparish.org or call 610-525-4801 ext. 221.

FR. BILL ATKINSON MEMORIAL

The plans for a memorial burial site for Servant of God, Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. in the Villanova church are moving forward. A design has been made to place this site in the niche opposite the Blessed Sacrament with the picture of Our Mother of Good Counsel. The Augustinians, in collaboration with the St. Jude Shop, have begun a campaign to raise the funds needed for this memorial for which the materials and workmanship ill be costly. Therefore, we are seeking donations to assist the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in this endeavor. If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your donation "for the Fr. Bill Atkinson memorial." Currently, he has been designated "Servant of God" and the next step is "Blessed" on the way to "Saint."

DONATIONS FOR THE FR. BILL ATKINSON MEMORIAL - If you are able and disposed to contribute towards this memorial, donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Joseph A. Genito, O.S.A., Pastor



DISCOVERED ST. AUGUSTINE? NOW MEET THE AUGUSTINIANS

If you are interested in learning more about the
Order of St. Augustine and what it means to be an Augustinian, please visit our website:

www.beafriar.org

VILLANOVA NEWS

Interested in helping asylum seekers arriving to Philadelphia? Villanova University's VIISTA Program is a great option for those with a passion for Immigrant Advocacy and Justice. Students in the program have ranged from ages 18-84 and come from a variety of backgrounds. Students who complete the online program will be eligible to apply to become Department of Justice "accredited representatives," authorized to provide low-cost, legal representation to migrant and Refugee families when they work for DOJ "recognized organizations."

Connect with Mike Kalpokas at Villanova's College of Professional Studies to learn more.

Michael.kalpokas@villanova.edu

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church or chapel, please know you are most welcome! If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish community, please call the parish office at 610-525-4801 or register on our website at www.stvparish.net.

Please join our sister parish, St. Cyprian, in Philadelphia for their Annual Women's Day Brunch.

"Owning our Queendom"
SATURDAY, MAY 4th 11:00AM-3:00PM
ST. CYPRIAN COMMUNITY HALL

Speakers: Edie King-Lawrence, MA, LPC and Deborah Marshall, Retired

Tickets are \$45 or reserve a table of 8 for \$315. For more information, contact 215-747-3250

<u>Archdiocese of Philadelphia</u> <u>Metropolitan Tribunal</u>

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified Catholics whose responsibility is to come to the help of people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment procedure addresses this problem.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office.

THE TRIBUNAL 222 North 17th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 Telephone: 215-587-3750

TOILETRY SAMPLES NEEDED

This is just a reminder that your toiletry samples are always needed for the homeless.

Please drop off those miniature soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, and other toiletries to the Parish Center, and we will make sure they are delivered to those in need. Thank you.