

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

*St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.*

**The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School**

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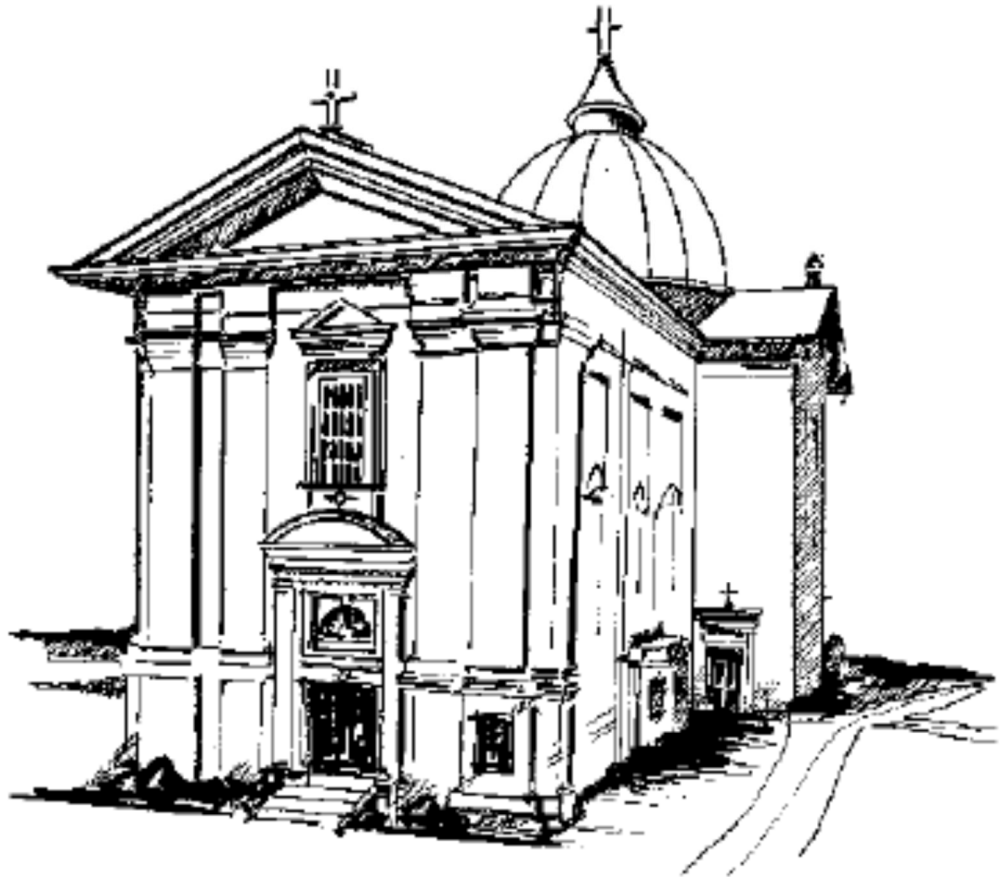
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

June 19, 2016

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	06/19	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
		Joseph Mastronardo	11:00 am
MON	06/20	NO MASS	
TUE	06/21	Sister Mary Gerald	7:00 am
WED	06/22	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	06/23	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	06/24	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	06/25	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time
SAT	Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

### FOR THIS WE PRAY

#### Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Ansoh Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Bobbi Satterthwait, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak, Gertrude Steptoe.

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Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'aron & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Mary Sarabocca, Alice Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Mainsford Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Ned Dugery, Bart Sullivan.

***Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.***

*Please pray for the soul of Helen Copeland, mother of Doug Copeland.*

### PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	5,266.90
Electronic	3,038.00
Total	8,304.90
Tithe	415.24

### Today's Readings

First Reading:	Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1
Psalm:	Psalm 63
Second Reading:	Galatians 3:26-29
Gospel:	Luke 9:18-24

### Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	I Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Psalm:	Psalm 16
Second Reading:	Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel:	Luke 9:51-62

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

### BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

### THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

### PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

### RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

### RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

*To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 19-25, 2016

### CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI 1st ANNIVERSARY

At St Vincent's, we are celebrating a special Laudato Si Liturgy on the weekend of **June 18 & 19**. The Mass will call all of us to think deeply and pray strongly for the healing and sustaining grace needed by our Mother Earth and will include music, readings and symbols related to Care for Creation. All those at Mass will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge, which reads: "*I pledge to pray, act and advocate to solve the problem of climate change.*" Taking the St Francis Pledge is the best way for our parish community to take action. If you pledge on the website listed below, you can receive action alerts, resources and stories from Catholics leading the charge. Register your pledge here: [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org).

### AMORIS LATITIA (LOVE OF FAMILY)

We invite you to a panel discussion on "Love of Family" focusing on Pope Francis' exhortation on family life in all forms to be held at St. Vincent's on Sunday, June 26 at 1-2:30pm. Free light lunch at 12:30.

### DECORATE OUR SPACE WITH YOUR TREASURES

*Let us come alive to the splendor that is all around, and see the beauty in ordinary things.* - Thomas Merton

**YOU ARE INVITED...** to consider this quotation as you pay attention to "the beauty in ordinary things", this summer. Our reflection space in the back of the church during the summer months of Ordinary Time will be dedicated to your offerings of items you may find...on a summer walk at the beach, in your back yard, or on a city street...whatever you notice that speaks to you in a special way, for its beauty and splendor, feel free to add to the space as a reminder of the splendor that God has for us, all around.

### FR. TIM'S FAREWELL

We will honor Fr. Tim as he celebrates his 65th birthday and his farewell after four beautiful years of ministry here with ONE MASS at **10am on Sunday, July 31** followed by a party!

### LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the rectory.

### SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

### HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just All are welcome to enjoy summer hospitality on the Rectory porch after the nine o'clock mass. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. There is no need to buy anything. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**September 25** we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul with ONE MASS at 10am followed by a celebration.

### DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT

On **Friday, June 24 at 7pm**, come for dinner (bring dessert) and to watch and discuss *Which Way Home*, the award-winning documentary that follows the journeys of children from Mexico and Central America who are trying for a better life in the U.S. What is the Catholic response to our immigration crisis?

### POWER Updates:

**Harrisburg bus trip to speak up for School Funding: Tuesday, June 28!** Let's fill a bus with St Vincent's parishioners—families, children, seniors, teachers, everyone! We depart St Vincent's at 8 am and return by 4pm. No charge but must reserve seats by **June 23** and bring a bag lunch. Sign clipboard in the back of church or contact Mary Laver ([mlaver14@comcast.net](mailto:mlaver14@comcast.net) 610-324-9388). Why June 28? School will be out, and the state budget is due two days later. People are coming from Philadelphia and across the state! So plan to come with your children and "grands" as we tell legislators that NOW is the time to increase funding for schools— so teachers can teach and students can learn.

### Voter Registration: Can you volunteer?

POWER does not support candidates, but it does support participation in elections. St Vincent's and other POWER congregations have a goal of 100% congregant voter-turnout. We will also work hard to register new voters in our neighborhoods all summer, at events and locations where people gather. If you can help, we can train you! Sign up on clipboard in the back of church. Important dates: **Tues Oct 11:** Deadline for the Board of Elections to receive registration forms. **Tues Nov 8:** Election Day

Next POWER meeting: **Monday, June 20, 7-8:30pm** in the Hospitality Room. All are welcome!

### NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

**Jubilee of Migrants & Refugees** will be celebrated in a prayer service on **Tuesday, June 21, 7pm** St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

### COFFEE SALE TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH

Our Sister Parish ministry is still holding a monthly sale of Fair-Trade coffee to support our work with our friends in El Salvador to help fund scholarships, advocacy, and education about issues affecting our Salvadoran friends. We will take your order and payment 2 weeks before delivery: see Mary Durkin or Joanie Brooks at church or contact Joanie at [jmblapaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmblapaz@yahoo.com) or 267-825-6989, Mary at [joemarydelia@verizon.net](mailto:joemarydelia@verizon.net) or 215-675-9166.

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

This partnership of St Vincent's and Mishkon Shalom will be working in Germantown **July 4-8** repairing houses. You can help for a day or two or the full week. Teens 16-18 with parental supervision welcome. If you can help our neighbors in a concrete way, contact Lance Laver 610-668-9845, [llaver4@comcast.net](mailto:llaver4@comcast.net).

### SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR

Catholic Social Service NE Family Center 7340 Jackson St. will hold an informational fair on **Friday, June 24, 10am-1pm**.

### PART TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

Kitty Intriери will be retiring! We are seeking an honest, hardworking person with accounting skills to work flexible hours. If interested, call Kitty at the Parish a.s.a.p.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Parish**  
**Registration Form**

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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first

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received the Sacraments?

( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation ( ) First Communion

Are you interested in

( ) Liturgical Ministry ( ) Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket  
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to  
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**



**St. Vincent de Paul Church**  
**Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255**

**Thank you** for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

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**Date of 1st Donation**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Frequency:**

Monthly on the **1st** \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly on the **15th** \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly (**every Monday**) \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly (**every other Monday**)\_\_\_\_\_

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Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**  
**Authorized signature and Date:**

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Prayers of the Faithful  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
June 18-19, 2016

Through faith we are all children of God. May our Church acknowledge her sinfulness which has harmed and excluded her children throughout the ages. Through repentance may she reflect God's love and mercy.

We are all children of God. May world leaders engage all groups in efforts to reduce violence and create peace. May they refrain from alienating people through the stereotyping and targeting of groups.

We pray for the victims of the Orlando massacre, those who have died and those recovering from wounds. May they and their loved ones be surrounded by God's healing and mercy.

We pray for the first responders whose heroic efforts save lives and reduce injuries. May they find the strength to continue their healing work.

We pray for children without parental support who live on streets, in orphanages, and in refugee camps. May they find people who will be present in their lives, giving them loving support and guidance.

We pray for all fathers. As they are challenged with the responsibilities and demands of fatherhood may they also delight in their children as God delights in us.

Mary Ellen Graham  
Peg McFadden

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016***

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:** The next meeting is on Wednesday, at 7pm.

**RUM:** The next meeting is Saturday, at 11am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS:** The Liturgy Committee will soon have procedures for making verbal announcements at Mass.

**WORD OF THANKS FROM DEPAUL CATHOLIC:** Much thanks to everyone for your prayers and support for DePaul Catholic School's Hall of Fame dinner honoring Steve Janczewski and John Figge on Thursday, June 2nd. Over 150 persons were in attendance and we raised \$60,830.02, towards unrestricted dollars to maintain and improve our existing academic program. Funds will be used to further close the gap between our costs and our families' ability to pay. Thank you again for your prayers, love and support!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** We have a few people in need of a monthly visit to distribute Holy Communion. If you can visit another person, please call Barbara Carey at (215) 438-2652.

**RESERVING A ROOM:** When planning a meeting or event, please remember to contact the Rectory and reserve a room.

### Celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Laudato Si

In the months of June and July, Catholics and people of faith around the world will be celebrating the first anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical, **Laudato Si**, On Care for Our Common Home.

Both the Global Catholic Climate Movement and the US Bishops' Catholic Climate Covenant are urging individuals, families, organizations and parishes to plan events to honor and celebrate this historic document, with the goal of generating at least 1,000 events worldwide.

At St Vincent's, we are planning to celebrate a special **Laudato Si** Liturgy in mid-July. The Mass will call all of us to think deeply and pray strongly for the healing and sustaining grace needed by our Mother, Earth. The Mass will include music, readings and symbols related to Care for Creation. In Addition, all those at Mass will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge, which reads:

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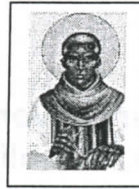


# Martin de Porres Foundation

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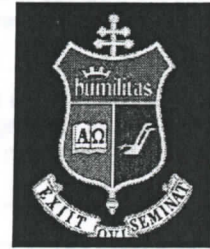
**The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation:** The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

## Ministry to African American Black Catholics/MBC School of Theological Studies St Charles Borromeo Seminary

5.20, 2016

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Coming Soon!



On Friday, May 20, 2016 graduate students, who received their Master of Arts in Theology along with students receiving Certificates, were both honored during a MBC Reception. The MBC Program is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for Black Catholics, and The School of Theological Studies, with the generous support of the Martin de Porres Foundation.



I-r, Deacon Wm. Bradley, [Paula Manchester, Janell Lavender and Connie McCalla- MA grads], and Catherine Reimel Hamilton, President, Martin de Porres Foundation.

The honorees were asked to give a brief reflection on their St. Charles Seminary experience. Dr. Camille Brown, Archdiocese of Maryland, was the keynote speaker.



I-r, Lorraine Rivera, Yvette Palmer, Carolyn Rice and Tonya Banks awarded Certificates in Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics. (Photos courtesy of Alonza Baker, St. Athanasius Church).

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Have a dream  
& follow it.

Have a plan  
and stick to it.

Have a goal  
and achieve it.

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## Xavier University (IBCS) Institute for Black Catholic Studies "Meet & Greet"

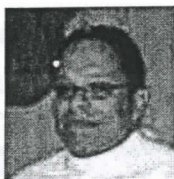
On Monday, June 13, 2016, Fr. Paul Castellani, Pastor of Saint Philomena, Lansdowne, PA will host a *Meet & Greet* for students enrolled in Xavier University Institute for Black Catholic Studies 2016 Summer Program, New Orleans, LA.

Fifteen students will begin a weekly class at Xavier U. beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Scholarships are awarded to students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through the generosity of the Martin de Porres Foundation.

We pray for traveling mercies for all students with determination and spiritual vision as they begin their studies, and may God give to everyone a safe return home.

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



**Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.**

To be conferred by

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

**Saturday, July 9, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.**

Reception to Follow

**First Mass of Thanksgiving**

**Sunday, July 10, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

His Excellency,

The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Homilist  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Daylesford Abbey

220 South Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Reception to Follow

RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup>  
to [vocations@daylesford.org](mailto:vocations@daylesford.org)  
or call 610.647.2530 ext. 107

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[www.twitter.com/mdpfound](https://twitter.com/mdpfound)

Tell us your parish story or give reflections on  
program(s) you attended.

[janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org](mailto:janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org)

Or call 267-398-2314/267-408-5923

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Quo Vadis Retreat 2016**

**Date: June 16-19, 2016**

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director or go to [www.heedthecall.org](http://www.heedthecall.org)

**Juneteenth** – is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

**Date: June 18, 2016**

**Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

For more information call: 215-763-1305 or

Email: [s.williams@stmalachy.us](mailto:s.williams@stmalachy.us)

**Jubilee for Migrants and Refugees**

President: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F. M. Cap., D.D.

**June 21, 2016**

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

**Catechist Training**

**August, 2016**

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

**Revival – Bishop Ferd Cheri**

**Date: September 26-27, 2016**

**Cathedral Basilica**

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

**National Black Catholic Men's Conference**

Theme: Blessed is the Man who is Faithful, Fearless & Fruitful

**Date: October 6-9, 2016**

Location: Doubletree Hilton Philadelphia Airport  
4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153

Adult Registration: \$150/ Youth: \$50 (age 8-13)/ H.S. & College Students \$75

<http://www.bowmanfrancisministry.com/programs>

For additional info contact Fr. Chester Smith at [www.gamba\\_10333@aol.com](mailto:www.gamba_10333@aol.com) or 317-259-0144

**2016 Catholic Women's Conference Gathering!**

**Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016**

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,  
Doylestown – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and hospitality bag

[www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org)

Contact your Pastor/DRE about the Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

## NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XII

**Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017**

Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Registration Fee: Adults - \$295/ Youths - \$150

Hotel Registration Fee: Single/Double/Triple,

Quad \$125 + tax

per room – per night.

[www.orlando.regency.hyatt.com](http://www.orlando.regency.hyatt.com)

<http://nbccongress.org/events/default.asp#lampstand>



# Father's Day Health Tips

**Father's Day is a great day to celebrate fathers! It's also a great day to take stock of men's health and well being, to help Dad enjoy many more Father's Days.**

Many men take better care of their cars than they do themselves! Men lead women in 14 of the top 15 causes of death in the United States. More than half of premature deaths in men are preventable. But most men are not aware that simple screening tests can dramatically improve their health. University of Maryland Medical Center experts offer this list:



**Heart Health.** Cardiovascular disease kills over 410,000 men each year. Risk factors for diseases of the heart and blood vessels, such as high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol, can begin in the thirties. Mandeep R. Mehra, MBBS, head of cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, tells us that unfortunately many men do not pay attention to the heart and may feel invulnerable to heart disease.

**Recommendations:** (1) *Blood pressure.* Normal blood pressure in adults is below 120/80. High blood pressure is 140/90 or higher. One out of every four men has high blood pressure, but many men are unaware that they have it. High blood pressure is sometimes called the "silent killer," because it usually has no noticeable symptoms until other serious problems occur. Blood pressure should be checked at least every two years, starting at age 18, or more frequently if it is at or above 140/90 or if you have other risk factors. Ask your doctor. Don't have time for an appointment with a health care provider? Stop by a neighborhood fire station for a free blood pressure check-up. (2) *Cholesterol.* Your total cholesterol number should be below 200 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) and your good cholesterol (HDL) should be 40 mg/dL or higher. A lipid panel test (a simple blood test that measures blood fats such as cholesterol or triglyceride) is recommended for all men age 35 and up; and much earlier if heart disease runs in the family.

**Diabetes.** This chronic disease can be life threatening if it is not controlled. Complications include: heart disease and stroke, blindness or vision problems, nerve damage, kidney damage, gum disease, sleep apnea, and depression. Risk factors include: obesity, a family history of diabetes, high blood pressure, abnormal blood fat levels, and an inactive lifestyle.

**Recommendations:** According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, men age 45 or over, especially those who are overweight, should be screened for diabetes. Testing is also strongly recommended in men younger than 45 who are overweight with one or more risk factors. If results are normal, testing is recommended every three years.

**Prostate Health.** Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind lung cancer. The best way for a man to protect himself is to catch prostate problems early, when chances of successful treatment are better.

**Recommendations:** Two prostate screening tests are advised: a physical exam, and a blood test, called a prostate specific antigen test. Dr. Michael J. Naslund of the University of Maryland School of Medicine recommends that men begin the physical exam and the PSA test at age 50. Two groups at higher risk for prostate cancer—men with a family history of the cancer and African-American men—should begin the screening when they are 40.

**Colorectal (Colon) Cancer.** Colorectal cancer is the third most common type of non-skin cancer in men, after prostate cancer and lung cancer. Healthcare providers suggest one or more tests for colorectal cancer screening. These include a colonoscopy, which is used to visually examine the lining of the large intestine. Other screening methods include virtual colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and double contrast barium.

**Recommendations:** The American Cancer Society recommends that beginning at age 50, men at average risk for developing colorectal cancer receive a colonoscopy every 10 years; or a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years; or a virtual colonoscopy every five years. Men with a family history of colorectal cancer or precancerous polyps or a personal history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease should begin screening earlier.

**Skin Cancer.** Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. According to the American Cancer Society, men are more likely to develop skin cancers than women. One form of skin cancer, called melanoma, causes about 73 percent of skin cancer deaths.

**Recommendations:** A monthly mole self-exam should be performed by men in all age groups. In addition, starting at age 20, a doctor should do a mole exam every three years. For men 40 and older, a doctor should do a mole exam every year.

## **Additional Screening**

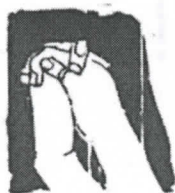
The University of Maryland team also reminds men to speak with their healthcare provider about the right schedule for dental exams, vision and hearing care screenings and immunizations.

Taken from Seniors Digest/ Seattle King County 6/1/2010

*Source: University of Maryland Medical Center.*

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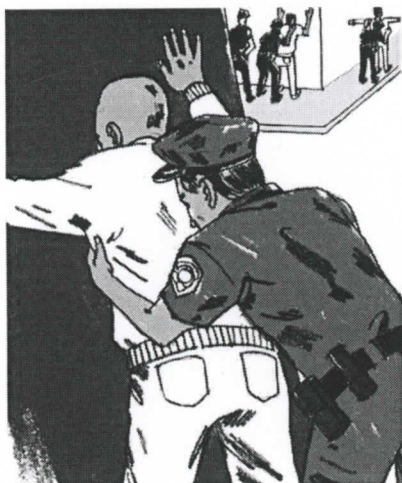
# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOP**

**Protect yourself, your family, and your community. You have rights during encounters with law enforcement.**

**Saturday, June 18 at 10am**

**Location: Behind St. Vincent de Paul Church, 109 E. Price St., Germantown**

***We will have light refreshments.***



## **LEARN:**

- Your constitutional rights
- What to do if law enforcement comes to your home or car
- How to protect yourself and your community from unlawful detention

**Questions:** Mary Regan, (215) 848-9489

*Organized by St. Vincent's New Sanctuary Movement committee.  
Justice for immigrants and all Philadelphia residents.*

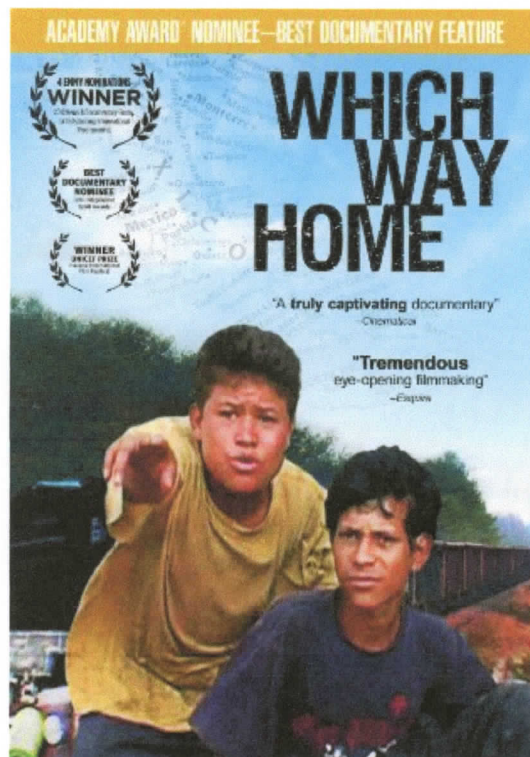
# Dinner and A Movie Night!

## Friday, June 24

Dinner: 6:00 PM (Bring a dessert!)

Movie and Discussion: 7:00 PM

Come for dinner and to watch and discuss *Which Way Home*, the award-winning documentary that follows the journeys of children from Mexico and Central America who are trying to get across the U.S. border and to a better life.



What is the Catholic response to our immigration crisis?  
Come learn and share about this important issue as a  
community of faith and hope.



# CHILDREN DEMAND EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

Calling all Children, Parents, Educators and Community Members

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**FUND OUR SCHOOLS! JUNE. 28. 2016**

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Join POWER and allied organizations in Harrisburg to demand an on-time budget that includes \$400M in increased public school funding. This free child-friendly day will include a march to the capitol building, rally inside the rotunda, and visit to legislative offices.

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# Home Should Not Be a War Zone

6-17-16

By Stanley McChrystal

**A**BATTLEFIELD on our soil. That was my reaction on Sunday, like that of so many of my fellow Americans and fellow soldiers, as I began to learn about the horror that unfolded early that morning in Orlando, Fla., when a dangerous man opened fire in a nightclub with a high-powered, military-style rifle.

As Americans came together to celebrate the freedom that our great country affords and that our soldiers have given their lives to defend, 49 of them were murdered with a gun. Scores more were injured.

But that was just part of the bloodshed in our communities this past weekend, when at least 121 people across the country were fatally shot. The tragedy in Orlando wasn't even the only mass shooting; in Roswell, N.M., a man was charged on Sunday with shooting his wife and their four children to death on Saturday. The oldest was 14; the youngest was 3.

In 2014, 33,599 Americans died from a gunshot wound. From 2001 to 2010, 119,246 Americans were murdered with guns, 18 times all American combat deaths in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That is a national crisis. And as a combat veteran and proud American, I believe we need a national response to the gun violence that threatens so many of our communities.

Those of us who served in the military were trained in the effective and safe use of firearms. We were taught about the responsibility that comes with carrying a gun. As combat infantrymen and special

operators, we received thousands of hours of firearms training.

In combat operations in places like Afghanistan, we often confronted the specter of dangerous people with powerful weapons who were a threat to their community and to our soldiers. Our aim was to quickly determine who in that community was a legitimate actor who could be trusted with a firearm and who was not.

Today, some of our politicians and the people who back them seem to promote a culture of gun ownership that does not conform with what I learned in the military.

Here at home, many of us are alarmed by the carnage. We are alarmed by loopholes that let felons and domestic abusers get hold of guns without a background check. We are alarmed that a

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**As a soldier and citizen,  
I have seen that inaction  
has dire consequences.**

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known or suspected terrorist can go to a federally licensed firearms dealer where background checks are conducted, pass that background check, legally purchase a firearm and walk out the door.

Now veterans are speaking out. Last Friday, two days before the tragedy in Orlando, a new initiative, the Veterans Coalition for Common Sense, led by the Navy combat veteran Capt. Mark Kelly and his wife, the former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, was announced. Those of us serving on its advisory committee come from every branch of our military and virtually every rank. We are trained in the use of firearms, and many of us have served in combat. And we all think our country must do more to save

lives from being cut short by gun violence.

As this national crisis continues to rage, I ask my fellow veterans — patriots who have worn the uniform, who took an oath to protect our Constitution and the Second Amendment, who served this great country — to add your voice to this growing call for change. America needs you.

In my life as a soldier and citizen, I have seen time and time again that inaction has dire consequences. In this case, one consequence of our leaders' inaction is that felons, domestic abusers and suspected terrorists have easy access to firearms.

Some opponents of closing these gaps in our laws will continue to argue that dangerous people will obtain guns in our country no matter what, and therefore that taking steps to make it harder for them is fruitless. That is both poor logic and poor leadership.

Just as something as complex as a combat operation in a war zone meant that we could not eliminate every enemy combatant or prevent every American casualty, we cannot prevent every dangerous person from getting a gun, and we cannot prevent every gun tragedy. But wouldn't preventing many of them be worth it? I believe it would.

We Americans are not a uniquely bloodthirsty people. We do not have more violent video games or movies than other countries. We do not have more dangerously mentally ill individuals than other countries. We are not unique in facing down the threat of global terrorism and active shooters.

But we have uniquely high rates of gun deaths and injuries that make us stand out in the worst of ways. Our communities should not feel like war zones. Our leaders can start by doing more to keep guns out of the hands of those who cannot be trusted to handle them responsibly. That must be our mission. □

*Gen. Stanley McChrystal is a former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan and of the Joint Special Operations Command, and a member of the Veterans Coalition for Common Sense.*



June 4-5, 2016

Dear friends,

A bill is currently pending in our state senate, HB 1947, that poses serious dangers for our own parish and for all the parishes, ministries, charities and schools of our archdiocesan Church. With this letter, I urge you to write or telephone your local state senator and members of the state Senate Judiciary Committee to vote *against* HB 1947, and especially to oppose any retroactivity provision in the civil statute of limitation covering sexual abuse.

All of us are rightly angered by the crime of sexual abuse. Over the past decade the Church has worked very hard to support survivors in their healing, to protect our children and to root this crime out of Church life. But HB 1947 and bills like it are destructive legislation being advanced as a good solution. The problem with HB 1947 is its prejudicial content. It covers both public and religious institutions -- but in drastically different and unjust ways. The bill fails to support all survivors of abuse equally, and it's a clear attack on the Church, her parishes and her people.

HB 1947 is retroactive for private and religious entities, but *not* retroactive for public institutions. It places very low caps on damages for sexual abuse in public schools in the future. And it makes it hard for abuse victims to sue public institutions going forward. Meanwhile, private and religious entities face *unlimited* liability for exactly the same evil actions, and not just going forward, but also in the past. This is not justice. In fact, HB 1947 actually *excludes* most victims. And it also targets innocent Catholic parishes like ours, and families like your own, that will bear the financial burden of crimes committed by bad individuals in the past, along with the heavy penalties that always result from these bad bills. This is *not* just an archdiocesan problem. It's very much *our* parish problem. In other states where similar legislation passed, local parishes exactly like ours have been sued, resulting in parish and school closures and charity work being severely crippled. The effect of bills like HB 1947 is to erase the sacrifices of generations of faithful Catholics who have done nothing wrong.

The Church in Pennsylvania accepts its responsibility for the survivors of clergy sex abuse. It's committed to helping them heal for however long that takes. But HB 1947 and bills like it are not an answer. This kind of legislation is unjust and deeply misleading. It benefits too few victims, and it ends up punishing Catholic parishes and families that are innocent of any wrongdoing.

This is a serious and time-sensitive matter. Please take a few minutes to review the important information materials available at the exits after Mass. Senate hearings begin on or around June 13. Please act now to contact your state senator, and members of the state Senate Judiciary Committee, and urge them to oppose HB 1947 and any effort to impose civil statute retroactivity. You can do that quickly and easily by visiting [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org). That's the website for our state Catholic Conference, and you'll see a prominent link on the homepage about this vital matter. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

Archbishop Chaput

## 2. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish are open, cordial and friendly. They feel very much at home and shared their love for their parish and one another with openness and honesty. They expressed great pride in the accomplishments of being a parish focused on social justice issues, with ministries and non-profits created which address those issues, and which serve the people of the parish, the larger Germantown neighborhood and El Salvador. They were open and candid in their remarks.

Of those we interviewed, the average number of years spent at St. Vincent de Paul was 19.5 years. And, when asked to rate from one to three how at home they felt at St. Vincent's, 45 (97.8%) of the 46 interviews said 3, they felt very much at home.

The top strengths noted:

1. The People/Church Community (26 Mentions);
2. Social Justice (22 Mentions);
3. Diversity (19 Mentions).

The people who comprise St. Vincent de Paul Parish see themselves as the number one strength and when describing themselves they intertwine all the other strengths mentioned. They are proud of their hospitality and welcoming nature (to ALL) and believe it flows from their spirituality. They love that they are diverse and that all members and visitors are viewed equally regardless of age, race, gender, socio-economic status, faith or length of time in the parish. Interviewees noted numerous times that the reason people are willing to travel great distances to worship at St. Vincent's is to be a part of a faith community entrenched in the "Social Justice orientation of the Gospel."

The top areas for improvement noted:

1. More Unity Needed/Combine Masses/Merge is a Work in Progress (23 mentions);
2. Building Needs Improvements (19 mentions);
3. Communications (7 mentions).

Interviewees, for the most part, expressed sadness that the merger has created division within the community. The charisms of hospitality and welcoming may be present but there is a perceived lack of unity. Parishioners long for more interaction, more dialogue and more acceptance among the current members.

The second most mentioned area for improvement was repair of the buildings. Since this Study is testing the level of support people will give toward the projects listed, it actually makes this a strength that people see a great value and need to repair the buildings.

Communications was mentioned both specifically and indirectly throughout the interviews as an area to improve. Internal communications reflected overlap of events and meetings because there is no master calendar. Inconsistency of announcements at different Masses was also noted.



However, communications was also bundled as marketing and public relations meaning people feel there should be a plan for external communications to invite others to come and experience St. Vincent's.

When asked "Do you agree with the plans proposed?" - 37 (80%) agree; 9 (20%) agree with reservations and no one disagreed. Those who agree with reservations to the plan have concerns about the cost, whether enough due diligence has gone into choosing contractors and the financial capability of the parishioners. There are also as many people who want air conditioning as there are those who definitely do not want it.

Interviewers discussed the historical reality of the importance of major level gifts to a campaign and reviewed with each participant a range of gifts needed to reach the goal of \$1 million. In the Major level there were only two pledges. In the Leadership level there were 13 pledges. Combined, 15 (33%) of the 46 interviews noted Major/Leadership level gifts. We look for 50% to 60%, making this response very low.

LCDC consultants suggest that there is a tentative potential for St. Vincent de Paul Parish to raise \$400,000. It is tentative because some responses were made with conditions; specifically, a few interviewees want the rest of the work of the roof to go out to bid to at least two other companies, assuring that there has been 'due diligence' and all options have been considered for the appropriate cost of the roof.

Regardless of what money is needed to complete the project, the Capital Campaign goal must be achievable. If that goal reached will still not cover the costs, people need to know if the parish will borrow money and how they will carry the debt service. If there are other philanthropic sources, it would be best to secure them before announcing the targeted goal.

A Capital Campaign could be an energizing force to hurdle obstacles expressed in this Study. Working together towards a common cause could be a spiritual and unifying experience – and also raise money. There are many circumstances at St. Vincent's that would not make the traditional Capital Campaign strategy viable. The distance people must travel to get to the church and the age of many of the current leaders would suggest a non- traditional Campaign strategy may be more appropriate for St. Vincent de Paul Parish. A Capital Campaign is about building relationships, communicating and working together to accomplish a common goal. Done successfully, a Campaign can do far more than raise money. All efforts must be directed to accomplish all these goals.

Lynn Cummings Development Consultants recommends cautiously proceeding with a Capital Campaign and our recommendations for success are listed in Chapter 4 – Closing Remarks and Recommendations.



# Immigration Demographics in Pennsylvania

2013 - U.S. born: 12 million  
Foreign born: 800,000

Change between 2000 and 2013 for foreign born: 56%  
1990-2000: 37%

Foreign born by origin: Europe 170,000  
Asia: 311,000 (China 67,000; India 71,000; Korea 30,000)  
Africa: 65,000  
Latin America: 232,600 (Mexico 56,000)

Nationally, Mexicans are 58% of total 11.2 million (Pew)

**Removals (deportations) have more than doubled** over the past decade, reaching almost 400,000 in fiscal 2009. Mexicans are the majority of deportees for at least the past decade. In 2009, more than 70% of deportees were Mexican, according to the Department of Homeland Security (Pew).

A nationwide survey by the Pew Research Center in October 2010 found that registered voters are split (46% to 46%) about whether to amend the Constitution to end birthright citizenship.

In 2010, 5.2% of U.S. labor force was undocumented, or 1 in 20 workers.

Pennsylvania 2012 census: 170,000 undocumented, or 1.3% of total population and 1.7% of labor force.

- 21% of all Pennsylvania immigrants are undocumented
- 23% of all undocumented immigrants are Mexican (my estimate: 37,000)

Seven states where undocumented population grew from 2009 on:

Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Idaho, and Nebraska.

Pew 2014: 62% of undocumented immigrants have been in the US more than a decade.

## Brookings Institution (2006)

- Among its peers, metropolitan Philadelphia has the largest and fastest growing immigrant population, which now stands at over 500,000, comprising 9 percent of the population. Between 2000 and 2006, greater Philadelphia's immigrant population grew by 113,000, nearly as many as had arrived in the decade of the 1990s.
- Metropolitan Philadelphia has a diverse mix of immigrants and refugees from Asia (39 percent), Latin America and the Caribbean (28 percent), Europe (23 percent) and Africa (8 percent). The 10 largest source countries are Mexico, China, Dominican Republic, India, Guatemala, Brazil, Ecuador, Viet Nam, and El Salvador.
- Immigrant growth in suburban Philadelphia has outpaced the city's growth, but numerically, the city still has the largest population of all local jurisdictions. Outside the city, Montgomery County had the earliest post- World War II suburban settlement of the foreign born and has the largest number of immigrants among jurisdictions, while Chester County saw the fastest growth during the 1970-2006 time period.
- Nearly 60 percent of the foreign-born living in metropolitan Philadelphia arrived in the United States after 1990. Although their naturalization rates and educational levels reflect their recent arrival, on the whole, greater Philadelphia's immigrants are doing well on these measures as compared with some other U.S. metropolitan immigrant populations.
- Nearly 75 percent of greater Philadelphia's labor force growth since 2000 is attributable to immigrants. Immigrants' contributions to the labor force are considerably higher in this period than in the 1990s, when just 36 percent of the growth was due to immigrants.
- A long history of immigration to Philadelphia stalled in the mid-20th century and the region became nearly entirely native born. In the past 15 years, however, immigration is emerging again as a prominent feature of life in the region. The varied immigrant groups—high-skilled professionals, refugees, and laborers from a diverse set of origin countries — bring both opportunities and challenges for policy makers, service providers, and communities throughout greater Philadelphia.

## Foreign Born In Pennsylvania by County

Philadelphia	186,900
Montgomery County	78,000
Allegheny County	61,000
Delaware County	62,000
Bucks County	51,000

Data gathered from Brookings Institution, Pew Research Center and Center for Migration Studies. October 2015. Presented with permission.

*Aurora Camacho de Schmidt*  
*New Sanctuary Movement Committee*



# Summer Camp at Face to Face!

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**Start Date: Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Last Day: Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Times: 8:30am - 3:00pm**

## Specials

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**Kindergarten thru 7<sup>th</sup>  
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**For More Information Email Amy at  
[amy@facetofacegermantown.org](mailto:amy@facetofacegermantown.org)**



## MADAGASCAR

*My Dear Friends,*

Because of your mercy, compassion and generosity, you have brought **HOPE** to the Church in Africa. I know in this **YEAR OF MERCY** that I will have your support and prayers.

*Thank you! Thank you!* Thank you for all you have sacrificed and for your generous spirit that has and continues to bring **HOPE** in Africa.

This year, we have some very exciting ways in which you can help bring God's love, hope and mercy to the poor in Africa.

Please pray for the success of these projects. Thank you in advance for all you do. Please live mercy and give generously, so we can help complete these projects; **GIVING MERCY AND HOPE TO THE POOR IN AFRICA**. If you have any questions about this appeal or would like to consider a bequest, feel free to contact me at (410) 371-0627 or [frsy7@hotmail.com](mailto:frsy7@hotmail.com).

Please make all checks payable to "CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION-AFRICA". Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of hundreds of Vincentians priests, brothers and seminarians in Africa.

*Your brother in Christ,*

*Fr. Sy*



In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



## CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.





Please accept my contribution to help,  
Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Any amount is appreciated!

☐ \$25

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☐ Please accept my monthly contribution  
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## NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "*DePaul hope Social Center*". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*

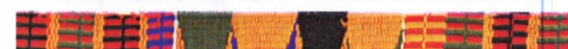


## ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



# African



## Appeal for Hope

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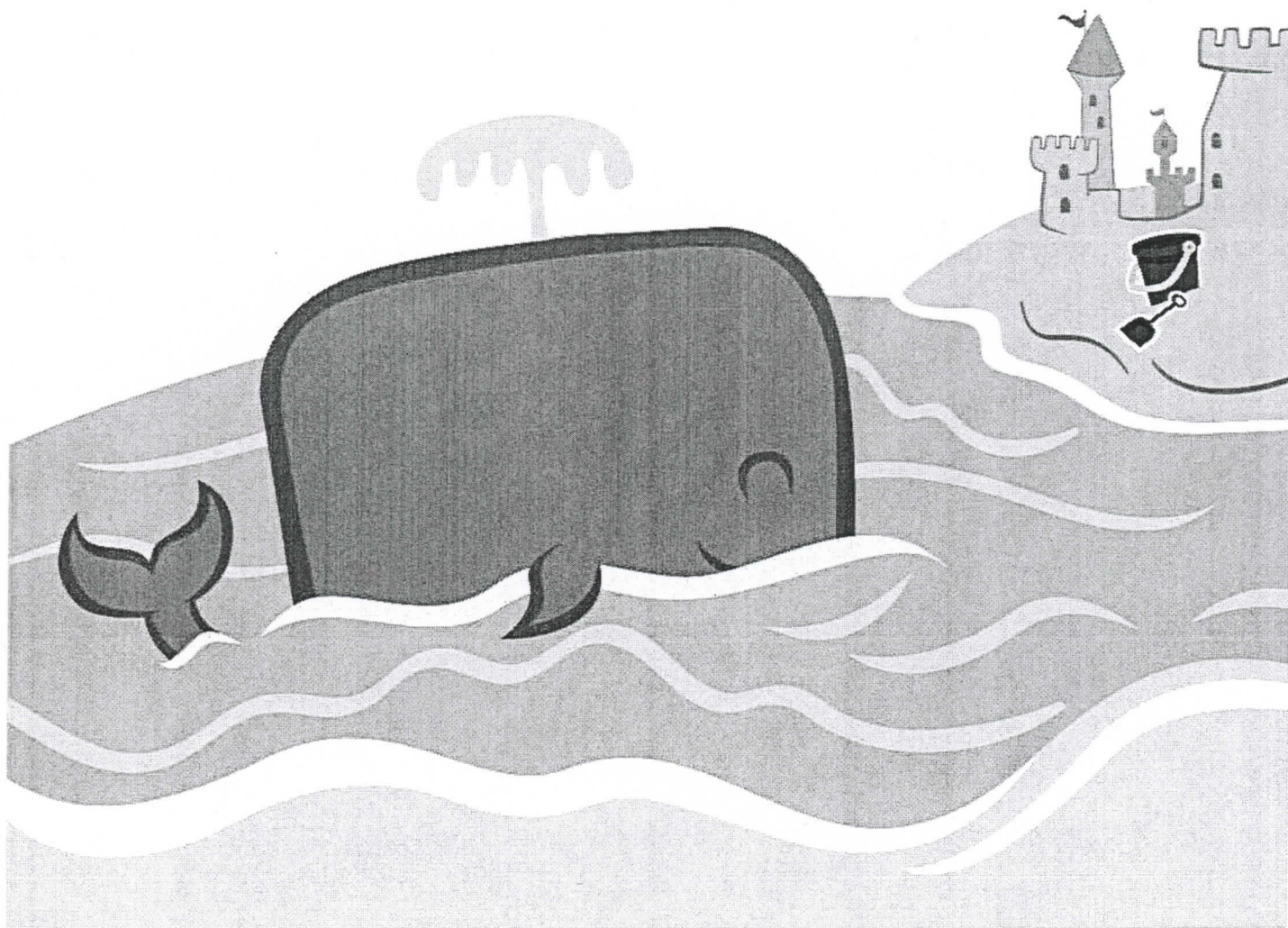
# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Vacation Bible School

Where: St. Vincent's

When: Wednesday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>—Saturday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

More Details To Come!!



June is AIDS Education Month. PLEASE JOIN US!

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All events are **FREE**. Register online at:  
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**Opening Reception & Award Ceremony**  
Wednesday, June 1 / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Independence Visitor Center  
6th & Market Streets

**Movements for Change**  
Thursday, June 2 / 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
William Way LGBT Community Center  
1315 Spruce Street

**Jonathan Lax Memorial Lecture**  
Tuesday, June 7 / 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
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Visit us at [www.fight.org/laxlecture](http://www.fight.org/laxlecture)  
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**Beyond the Walls:**  
**Prison Healthcare and Reentry Summit**  
Wednesday, June 15 / 8:00 AM - 5:00PM  
Pennsylvania Convention Center  
12th & Arch Streets

**Faith Leaders and Community Summit  
& Annual AEM Gospel Concert**  
Saturday, June 18 / 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Concert: 1:00 PM  
Temple University - Howard Gittis Student Center  
1755 N 13th Street

**End AIDS:**  
**The HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit**  
Wednesday, June 22 / 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Pennsylvania Convention Center  
13th & Arch Streets

**Community Cookout**  
Saturday, June 25 / 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Fairmount Park, Area #2  
33rd & Cecil B Moore Avenue

**Hip Hop for Philly FREE Concert  
in honor of National HIV Testing Day**  
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**Recess: A Collaborative Happy Hour  
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Wednesday, June 29 / 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
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**1st Annual Philly KIKI Awards Ball:**  
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## LET US PRAY...

O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen





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