

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.

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

July 17, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	07/17	Joseph Mastronardo	9:00 am
		McCormick/Gallagher	11:00 am
MON	07/18	Family (Mon.)NO MASS	
TUE	07/19	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	07/20	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	07/21	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	07/22	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	07/23	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Sixteenth 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, Anoa 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.

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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 Dallin and her family.

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	3,136.00
Electronic	<u>3,073.00</u>
Total	6,209.00
Tithe	310.45

Today's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm: Psalm 15
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm: Psalm 138
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

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 - July 17-23, 2016

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI 1st ANNIVERSARY

At St Vincent's, we are celebrating a special Laudato Si Liturgy in 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 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.

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!

LECTORS Please Sign up for Summer!

If you are lector, please sign up for times you can serve our worshipping assembly at Masses this July-Aug-Sept! Sign-up sheet is in the Liturgy Prep room in the back of church, to the right of the main entrance. Thank you for making God's Word come alive in our Masses!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

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

SPECIAL HOSPITALITY

Special hospitality will be hosted by the Care for Creation Committee after the 9am and the 11am masses on Sunday, July 17th. There will be materials available on Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, also known as On Care of Creation. The Pope's book will be on sale for \$5 and other materials will be available as we celebrate the first anniversary of the Pope's Encyclical.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Forms are available for those active members who send their children to Catholic schools and need help.

ST. VINCENT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are offering a "cave themed" Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip from **Wednesday, August 3 through Sunday, August 7 from 11am-4pm** at the church. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. Cost is free with lunch provided. Registration forms in back of church are due **July 24**. For more information, email dre@saint-vincent-church.org or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

DISCUSSION GROUP: "WHAT ABOUT JESUS?"

Would you be interested in being part of a group to discuss the book, REDISCOVER JESUS? Fr. Sy passed it out when we were meeting at the Miraculous Medal a few months ago. It's very clear and well-written, with brief chapters and thought-provoking questions after each chapter. It's ideally set up for small group discussion. If interested call Dick Taylor (215-248-3178) or Fr. Sy (410-371-0627 or the rectory). Tell us your best meeting time.

POWER UPDATES:

Thank you Pennsylvania300! for your participation in "Children Demand Educational Justice" rally in Harrisburg, our largest State action to date! Your active contributions, feedback, and ideas were an integral part in making this rally a great success. **Because of your continued support of the Full Fair Funding campaign, Pennsylvania now has a funding formula and a \$200M increase in education funding for this year's budget!!**

Voter Registration: Can you volunteer? POWER does not support candidates, but it does urge everyone who is eligible to VOTE. St Vincent's and other POWER congregations have a goal of 100% congregant voter-turnout. We will also 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.

COFFEE SALE TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH

Our Sister Parish ministry is still holding a monthly sale of Fair-Trade coffee to support our friends in El Salvador by funding scholarships, advocacy, and education on issues affecting our Salvadoran friends. We take orders and payment 2 weeks before delivery: See Mary Durkin or Joanie Brooks at church or Joanie at jmblapaz@yahoo.com 267-825-6989, Mary at joemarydelia@verizon.net 215-675-9166.

COUPONS TO BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN Jack DiFeo is selling Shop For A Cause coupons for \$5 after the nine o'clock mass for the remainder of the summer. These coupons provide 25% off purchases made at Macy's from August 26-28. If you end up not using the coupon, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to end homelessness in Philadelphia. All proceeds go to My Place Germantown providing permanent housing and support to formerly homeless disabled men.

BLACK LIVES MATTER RALLY AND MARCH

1:30-3:30pm July 24 at Independence Historical Park: Germantown Unitarians Group meeting at Upsal Station to take 12:29pm train to Jefferson Station. All are most welcome to join in.

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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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:

Petitions for July 16 and 16, 2016

1. At a time of rising unrest and tension in our country, between communities of color and local law enforcement, we pray that God's limitless grace will bring about a period of mutual respect for the dignity and rights of all people as our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
2. We hear in Paul's letter that he rejoices in his sufferings for the sake of his brothers and sisters, so may we ask for God's wondrous grace to embrace and join our suffering to that of Christ's in hope that "we may present everyone perfect in Christ". We pray...
3. In this season of continued celebration of the Laudato Si Encyclical, we pray that Pope Francis' prophetic vision of Care for Creation will inspire us to think about our responsibility for the environment; to pray for stronger efforts to protect and nurture our mother Earth; and to advocate for local and national policies which provide care for all creation.
4. With the Leadership of POWER, the strong participation of many, diverse faith communities, and the active involvement of the St. Vincent Community, there has been real progress on fair school funding, raising wages and protecting the rights of immigrants. Let us continue to pray and work that their efforts will bear even more fruit. We pray...
5. As the main political parties begin their conventions, let us pray that their platforms and their nominees will clearly state an approach to governing that demonstrates care and compassion for all, especially toward those most in need of respect and material support.
6. In solidarity with all those families and communities struggling to cope with the violent death of loved ones, including our sisters and brothers in France during their independence day celebrations. Let us pray that Our Loving God will bestow on them a comforting grace to heal their souls and ease their minds. We pray...

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 16th AND 17th, 2016

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN FUNDRAISER, "SHOP FOR A CAUSE": Save 25% all day, all weekend at any Macy's, August 26th through Sunday, August 28th. Get the \$5 tickets from Jack DiFeo at 9am Sunday or Fr. Sy at 4pm Saturday or 11am Sunday.

WORLD'S ORPHAN'S CHOIR: The choir, featuring children from Africa, Asia and South America, will be performing in Philadelphia on Thursday, August 4th, at St. Raymond's. Please make plans to come and hear this dynamic choir. No tickets. There will be a free will offering.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FORMS: St. Vincent families in need of financial help, who send their children to Catholic Schools (Grammar and High School), can pick up a form in the back of the church. You must be an active parishioner.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Capital Campaign, Wednesday, July 20th, at 7pm.

Evangelization, Monday, July 25th, at 6:30pm.

Liturgy, Monday, August 1st, at 7pm.

Finance, Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7pm.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE: Preparations are not complete without the blessing our parish community is ready to bestow. A blessing for all college students will happen at all Masses on the weekend of August 13 and 14. Please contact the rectory to let us know which Mass your college student will attend. The parish will also have a gift for each college student. So your phone call will enable us to be prepared. We hope you will join us.

Welcome to Fr. Anthony and Fr. Jenfa! These are two young Vincentians priests from Nigeria, who will be with us for about a month. If you want to help show them Philadelphia hospitality, please feel free to invite them to visit you and your family or to show them some part of the city.

*** JULY POWER Updates for St Vincent's Parishioners ***

What is POWER? Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild, founded in 2011, is an interfaith-based community organizing coalition of about 50 congregations—including St Vincent's—who share a commitment to working together to change policies so we can overcome racism and poverty with mutual respect, opportunities and justice for all.

POWER has a sister-org in the suburbs (POWER Metro), one in the Lehigh Valley (POWER Northeast)—as well as about 50 other federations in the PICO National Network around the U.S. As you are reading this, several staff members of POWER have gone to Louisiana to support their sisters and brothers in Baton Rouge in strengthening interfaith responses to and support for their community in a time of great trauma, following the death of Alton Sterling.

Here's POWER's website: www.powerinterfaith.org Your co-chairs for POWER at St Vincent's are Terri Burgin (215-605-7931 tburgin84@gmail.com) and Mary Laver (mlaver14@com-cast.net 610-324-9388). Come to a meeting or contact us to learn more or get involved!!

Voter Registration: Let's do this!

POWER does not support specific candidates, but it does urge everyone who is eligible to exercise their right to VOTE! We have a two-pronged plan: (1) 100% voter turnout from our own parishioners (if you've moved since you last voted, or just turned 18, time to register!) and (2) strong neighborhood registration campaign (deadline: 10/11) and get-out-the-vote effort (election day: 11/8). If you can help, we can train you! Sign up on clipboard in the back of church.

Farewell Party & Raffle for POWER founding director:

Bishop Dwayne Royster, will be honored on Thurs **July 21**, 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Lutheran Theological Seminary (Germantown Ave & Allens Lane). He is leaving POWER to coordinate social justice policy for the PICO National Network. No charge, but freewill offerings will be encouraged, for a Justice Fund in Bishop Royster's name. Gift-baskets will be raffled off, including home improvement tools and Phillies tickets! RSVP to POWER (info@powerphiladelphia.org) or to Mary Laver. Let us know if you need a ride.

Monthly St Vincent's POWER meeting

Mon July 18, 7 to 8:30 PM in the rectory. As people of faith, we are called to be bearers of hope on many fronts now: Violence in Baton Rouge, Minnesota, Dallas and our own neighborhoods. Continued economic desperation. Under-supported schools. Many who don't believe their vote matters. At this meeting, we'll set action-plans and ask for leaders for each project, alongside our sisters & brothers in POWER. If you're looking for a way to "get involved" in these trying times, this could be it!

(over for more news....)

School Funding report

To cap 2 months of "Tabernacle Tuesday" pilgrimages, 300 members of POWER, POWER Northeast (Allentown) & PIIN (Pittsburgh) came to Harrisburg on 6/28 to pray and lobby for full, fair and on-time funding for our schools. **35 were St Vincent's parishioners, including several families! Special thanks to the Jarvis, Chavis, Coelho, Trudeau, and Koppisch families.** Legislators DID pass a budget by the 6/30 deadline, though the education portion was only half of the base-line PA public schools need, and revenue sources are "TBD." So please continue your prayers and "readiness to act" on behalf of our children.

Interfaith Revival during the Democratic National Convention

Mon **July 25** at 6:30 PM at Friends Center (Quakers), 1501 Cherry St.
RSVP to Mary or Terri if you can attend, and if you need a ride or childcare.

What is this? As part of a national tour, Rev. Wm Barber (founder of "Moral Mondays") and Rev James Forbes will bring "The Revival: A Time for a Moral Revolution of Values" to Philadelphia on the first evening of the Democratic National Convention. The purpose: to challenge people of conscience to work for a new social order that puts justice and fairness first! One of the speakers is Sr Simone Campbell, founder of Network (Catholic social justice organization) and the "Nuns on the Bus" program. POWER is encouraging all members of POWER congregations to attend this event and share what they learn.

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Thank you, St Vincent's parishioners, for your continuing prayers and presence as we work together to build a city, a region, a world where all our children can thrive!

NEW AMERICANS IN PENNSYLVANIA



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American Immigration Council, 2015
Immigration Matters #3
New Sanctuary Committee of Saint Vincent
de Paul's Church, Philadelphia

COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Pennsylvania is home to
796,159 immigrants.

6.2% of Pennsylvanians are foreign-born.

9.3% of Pennsylvanians are Latino or Asian.

ENTREPRENEURS

9.1% of all business owners in Pennsylvania are foreign-born.

\$2.2 BILLION in total net business income is generated by immigrant businesses in Pennsylvania.

VOTERS

51.6% of immigrants in Pennsylvania are naturalized U.S. Citizens and are potential voters.

PARENTS

86.9% of children with immigrant parents in Pennsylvania are U.S. Citizens.

88% of children with immigrant parents in Pennsylvania are considered English proficient.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS

- ➔ Latinos and Asians in Pennsylvania have purchasing power of **\$36.3 BILLION**.
- ➔ Undocumented immigrants pay **\$150.4 MILLION** in Pennsylvania state and local taxes.
- ➔ Pennsylvania would lose **\$5.3 BILLION** in economic activity, **\$2.3 BILLION** in gross state product, and approximately **27,718 JOBS** if all undocumented immigrants were removed.

IN-JUSTICE:
How We Lost Promised Relief for Millions of Undocumented Immigrants

Woe to you who make unjust laws... and deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from my people!
Isaiah 10:1-2

The Presidential Initiative

You may remember that, at the end of 2014, President Obama announced an Executive Action granting deferral of deportation to undocumented immigrants who have U.S. citizen children and have been in this country since 2010. He also proposed the expansion of a program that benefits immigrants who were brought by their parents as children, granting them the right to attend colleges or universities. DAPA, or the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, and DACA, the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, were designed to benefit **four million people** (in addition to the Dream Act, or original DACA of 2012, that affects **1.2 million** and will not be undone by the ensuing legal action). In the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area, according to the Center for Migration Studies, **67,100** people, our neighbors, were eligible for relief under DAPA/DACA in the year the program was announced.

The Legal Case

Alas! You may also recall that 25 states sued the federal government, arguing that the deferral program exceeded executive powers and caused burdensome expenses to states. You probably know that a U.S. District Court from Texas issued a preliminary injunction to block the program from going into effect in February of 2015. Then, the federal government appealed and lost its case in a Court of Appeals in New Orleans last November, so it went all the way to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, however, is missing one member after the death of Justice Scalia and the Senate's arbitrary refusal to consider the President's nominee, Merrick B. Garland. This story is full of unfair steps and small-minded judicial decisions. But immigrants and their allies like you, the Obama Administration, and many people of good will expected the Supreme Court to rise above the fashionable politics that dictate rejection of immigrants. It could not.

The Supreme Court voted four to four, a deadlock. Its June 23rd announcement says simply: "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided Court." By "judgment" they mean the Appellate Court's negative decision. Walter Dellinger, Acting Solicitor General under President Bill Clinton, said about this: "Seldom have the hopes of so many been crushed by so few words."

The Effect of In-Justice: Crushed Hopes and New Visions

For two years, hard working immigrant people, many of them part of the anonymous community known as "the working poor," were able to envision a life free of fear of being detained, deported, separated from their families. They imagined their lives in the freedom that we all take for granted. They believed that they had invested enough in a national community that would finally recognize their efforts and embrace them as their own.

The immigrant men and women the President's initiative had in mind have great *equity* in this country. Most are raising children who are citizens. The majority of them have been here at least ten years. They observe the law: reliable studies show the crime rate in immigrant communities is substantially lower than among citizens. Nearly all pay taxes and social security. Some are advanced students. Moreover, they are *workers*. The sectors that employ them rely on them completely, especially in construction, restaurants, cleaning of buildings and public places, landscaping, meatpacking, and agriculture. They work hard for low wages. They often labor in sectors where conditions are harsh and even unsafe. Without a doubt, we all benefit every day of our lives, in one way or another, from the work of undocumented immigrants. But the rhetoric of the extreme right, imbued with a racist ideology, portrays them as takers, not givers; as criminals, not social builders; as burdens for the community, not as sources of life for themselves and for others.

We in the **New Sanctuary Committee of Saint Vincent de Paul's Church** wish to renew with you and before you our continuing desire to work for justice and dignity with and for all immigrant and refugee people. Immigrants show us the way. They do not give up hope. They are strong, they are young, and they have a vision. Thank you for your constant interest and support.

July 2016

A message from Sister Parish Ministry and from our sister community of Las Anonas

This letter from the leaders of our sister community of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz in El Salvador appeared in the recent newsletter of the U.S. El Salvador Sister Cities Network. They express their gratitude for our “unconditional accompaniment” and ask for our continued support, especially now around the issue of sugar cane production that has a horrific impact on their health, their environment, and their animals.

Please also hold in prayer the International Sistering and Solidarity Delegations and Gathering from July 17-25. Delia Landers will take part in a youth delegation and Joanie Brooks will participate in the delegation on climate change and food sovereignty visiting our sister community.

Four other members of the Romero Interfaith Center will travel with us: Kim Daly, Carol Murray, Lance Laver and Nicola White. Please hold all of us, our fellow travelers, and our Salvadoran hosts in your prayers.

All of us will carry your love and prayers with us to Las Anonas. We look forward to reporting back to you on all that we learn while away.

¡Mil Gracias!



Saludos

Dear brothers and sisters,

On behalf of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz community in San Vicente, we send a salute of solidarity to the big family of Sister Cities in United States, especially to our sister committee Philadelphia, hoping that God will bless your efforts towards social development and social justice.

We are infinitely grateful for all these years of unconditional accompaniment from you to our community, as well as to many other sister communities in El Salvador. We feel satisfied for all that has been achieved by our communities and with the international accompaniment during these 30 years.

The 30th Anniversary celebration is a good time to reflect and remember all of the struggles that we have overcome, in spite of the difficulties. Nonetheless, we still face other problems that affect the communities that live in the coastal area of our country, for instance San Vicente and southern La Libertad.

Among these issues it is important to mention the harmful practices used in sugar cane production. Those practices are causing major negative impacts in the environment, the health of people and animals.

For example, burning the sugar cane fields generates harmful amounts of pollution in the air, chemicals used on the crop eliminate the nutrients of the soil and pollute the few water resources that our communities depend on, and the unchecked use of water that is used to water the sugar cane fields is drying our underground aquifers.

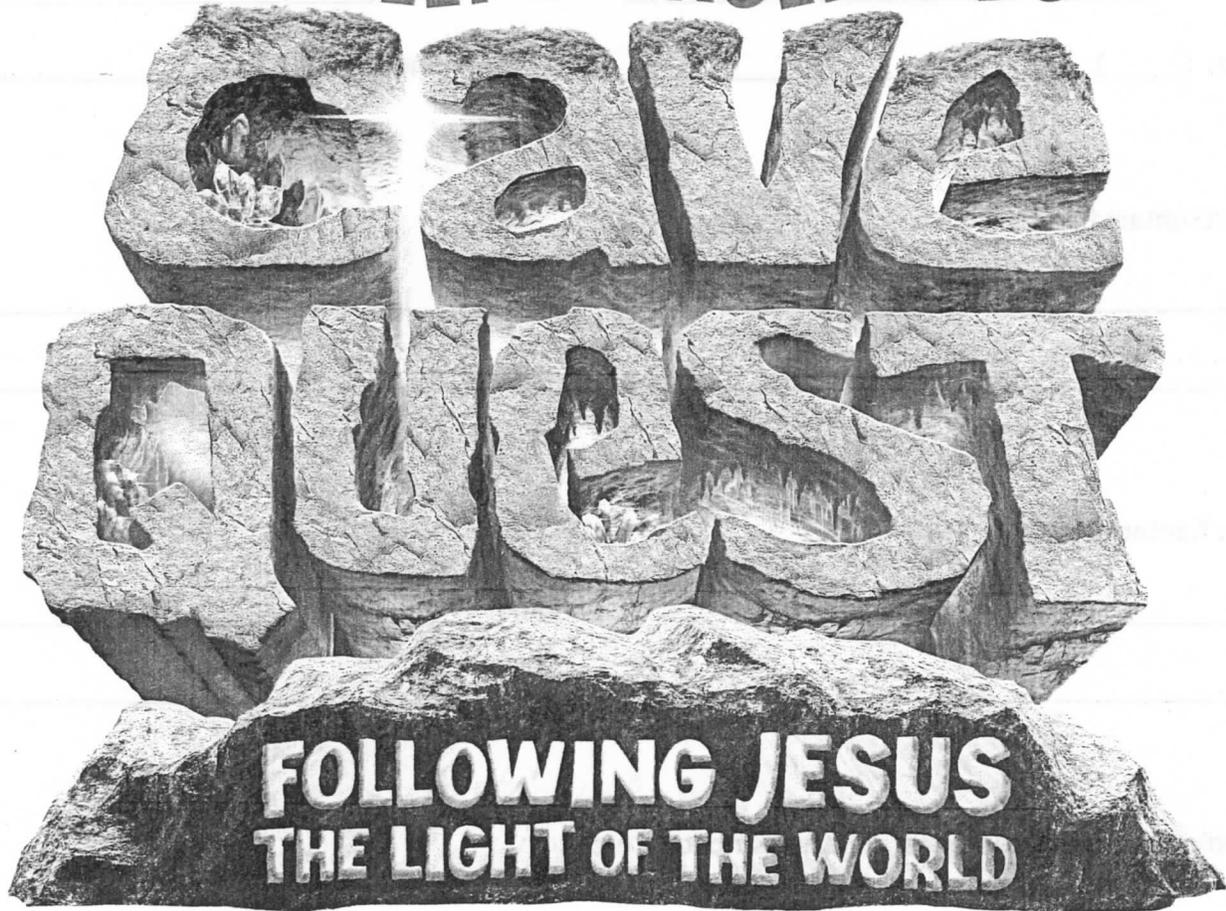
This is a concerning issue for the people who live close to sugar cane fields, since there are many people suffering from illnesses and even death provoked by those practices. It is with this in mind that we energetically invite the international community to renew your commitment in solidarity to accompany the struggles of the people in pursuit of a better quality of life and social justice.

Thank you for helping us to keep the light of hope alive in a world of solidarity and justice.

*Hugs,
The Board of Directors of
Las Anonas, San Vicente*

ST. VINCENT'S

TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS



What: Cave themed Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip

When: August 3, 2016 (Wednesday) – August 7, 2016 (Sunday) from 11am-4pm

Where: St. Vincent's Church (109 E. Price St. Philadelphia, PA 19144)

Who: Any children between the ages 5-12 are welcome!

Cost: FREE – lunch included

Please return the registration form to St. Vincent's Church by Sunday **July 24, 2016**.

For more information, please email dre@saint-vincent-church.org, or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

St. Vincent's Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Emergency Contact Person 1:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person 2:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Known medical conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions, etc. :

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to attend the

(Parent/Guardian's Name)

(Child's Name)

Vacation Bible School at St. Vincent from August 3, 2016 to August 7, 2016.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Save The Date

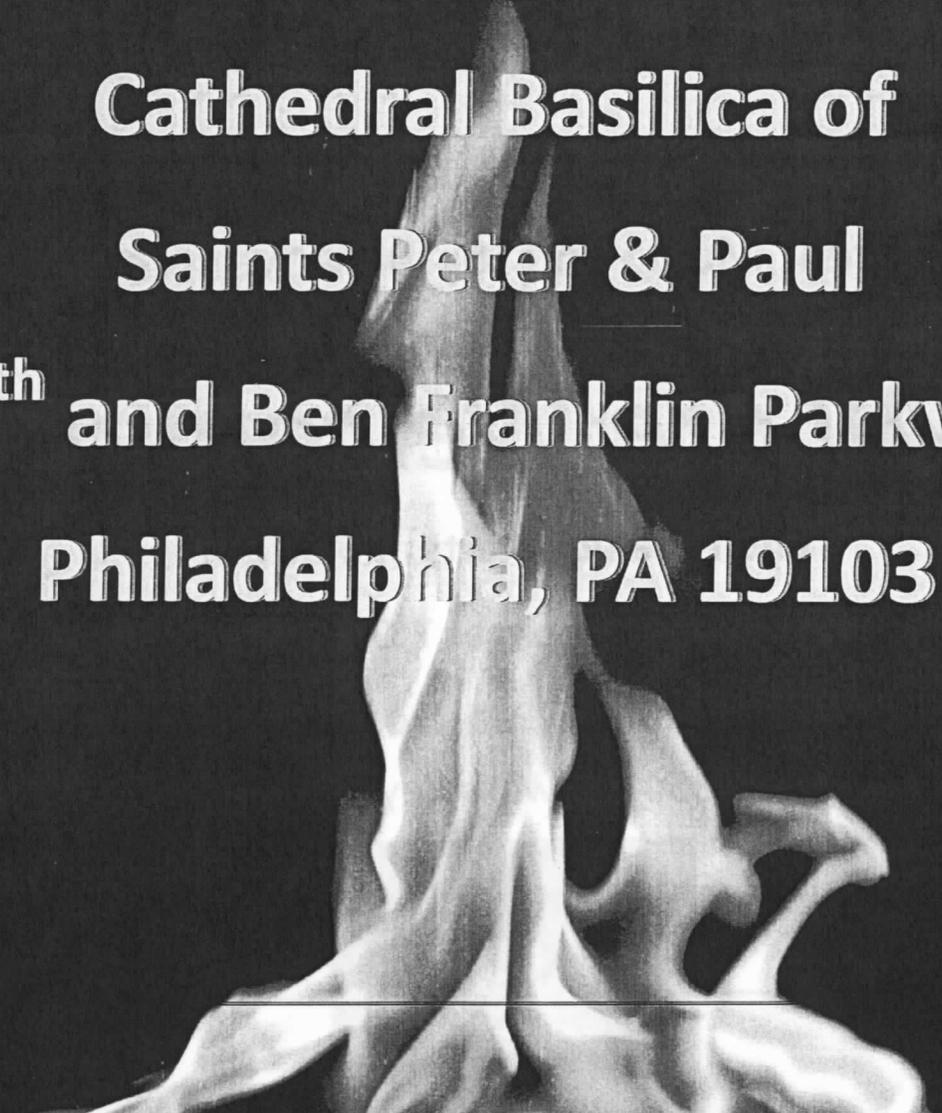
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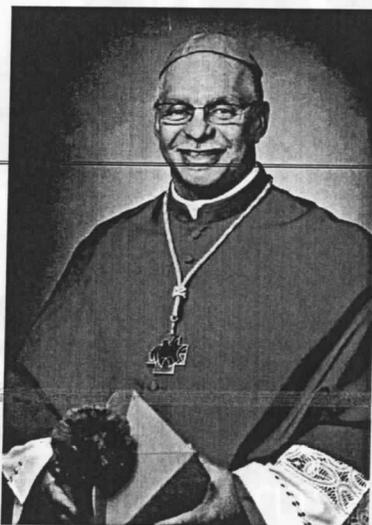
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Fr. Tim's 65th Birthday

And His Farewell

ONE MASS

July 31st @ 10AM

Party after Mass

Celebrating the 1st 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:

"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.

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.

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.

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
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Other \$ _____
- Please accept my monthly contribution of \$ _____



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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Pope Francis

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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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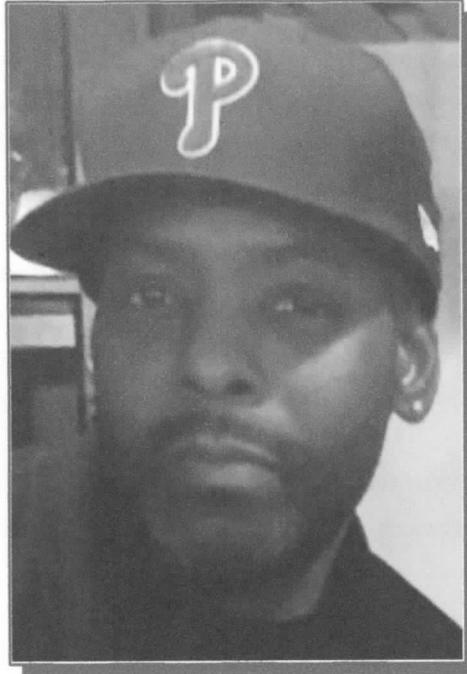
*Celebrating the Life
of*

Alonzo S. Mays, Jr.

*Sunrise
March 19, 1970*

"Lonnie"

*Sunset
July 1, 2016*



II Timothy 4: 6-8 (KJV)

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Life Celebration Mass

Friday, July 15, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

Viewing: 10:00 A. M. ~ 11:00 A. M.

St. Vincent De Paul Parish

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*Fr. Sylvester Peterka, C.M., Pastor
Fr. Richard J. Rock, C.M., Officiating
Darin P. Williams, Minister of Music*



Life Reflection of Alonzo S. Mays, Jr.

Alonzo S. Mays, Jr. was born on March 19, 1970 in Philadelphia, PA. He was the second child of the late Linda Stewart-Mays and Alonzo Mays Sr. Alonzo was preceded in death by his sister Monica Mays. He was educated in the Archdiocesan School System of Philadelphia and played Varsity Basketball and Football for Cardinal Dougherty High School. Alonzo furthered his education in the health field and became a Chiropractic Physical Therapist.

Family and friends affectionately referred to Alonzo as, "Lonnie". He had an easy-going, optimistic spirit and would frequently say "I got this". He had an infectious smile that drew people to him and his profession gave him the opportunity to do what he enjoyed... helping people. He was quick to share his knowledge of the field, to benefit those he cared about.

Lonnie was a very private person. He spent his down time appreciating simple pleasures like washing and waxing his car for hours. He had a passion for sports and although he was a Lakers fan, he looked forward to sharing a few cold ones, while engaging in lively conversations about his Philly Teams.

Lonnie was very proud of the achievements in his lifetime, most especially the birth of his beautiful daughter Tyshay. A mirror reflection of her father; Tyshay embodies the memory of a spirit well loved.

As fate would have it, Lonnie was truly blessed to have found a soul mate in his wife, Micki. Together they shared a loving relationship... merging families and friends and sharing many happy times together. They were each others balance and made each other whole. When Lonnie's health began to fail, Micki devoted herself to providing his every need. In the early hours of Friday morning July 1, 2016, Lonnie was quietly and peacefully called home.

His memory is forever celebrated by his loving wife Micki, Daughter Tyshay, Grandmother "Ran Ran", Uncle Tony, Aunt Glo, Uncle Vernon, Uncle Bo, Aunt Geneva, Godmother Anita, Cousins, Khaliq, Tony, Monique, his only niece, Oreal and a host of other relatives, extended family and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,



Memories

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

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*His Life a beautiful memory
His absence, a silent grief,
His soul lives in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect peace*





Order of Service

(Liturgy of the Word)

Opening Song ~ "I Won't Complain"

First Reading ~ Isaiah 25:6-9, Lynn Lewis

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 23 (Song), Darin P. Williams

Second Reading ~ Romans 5:5 -11, Gloria Benton

Alleluia

Gospel ~ John 14:1-6, Father Richard Rock

Homily ~ Father Richard Rock

Intersession ~ Barbara Adams

Prayer of the Faithful Response "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Solo ~ "Eye On The Sparrow", Darin P. Williams

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song ~ "Lord, I'm Available To You", Darin P. Williams

Communion

Solo ~ "The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me", Asli Rice

Obituary Reading ~ Attiya Toney

Recessional Hymn ~ "Going Up Yonder", Darin P. Williams

Dove Release ~ Church Steps

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I watched you everyday
I am always very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here*

*I watch you while you sleep
on your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you are on your own*

*You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you
I am here to keep you strong*

*Talk to me I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be*

*Death won't keep us apart
For our Love is forever
Just remember me in your heart
And one day we will be together*

*Live your life and live it full
don't waste a single day
Remember I am always with you
Every step of the way*

*Love,
Lonnie*

*Pall Bearers ~ Floral Bearers
Family & Friends*



On My Mind

*I can't get you out of my mind
I keep thinking about how much,
I enjoy talking with you
how great you look when you smile,
and how much I like your laugh.
I daydream about you off and on all day,
replaying pieces of our conversation...
funny things you said or did.
I've memorized your face
and the way you look at me...
it melts my heart every time I think about it.
I know one thing for sure-
you're the best things that ever happened to me.*

Love,

Micki



A Note Of Thanks & Appreciation

*The family of Alonzo S. Mays, Jr. wish to express our love and
thanks to our family, friends, and co-workers for all acts of
kindness and expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtful concerns
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