

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
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

♦ **Timothy V. Lyons, C.M.**

Parochial Vicar, Ext #220

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♦ **Darin P. Williams**

Ministers of Music

♦ **JoAnn O'Connor**

Bookkeeper, Ext. #229

♦ **EveLyn Rogers**

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215-438-1514

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Directors of Religious Education

♦ **Dan Kraning & Katie Crump**

Directors of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Timothy Lyons, C.M. & Laura Ford

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215-763-6387

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

August 28, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	08/28	Joseph Mastronardo	9:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
MON	08/29	NO MASS	
TUE	08/30	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	08/31	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	09/01	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	09/02	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	09/03	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

Today's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm: Psalm 68
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-14a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm: Psalm 90
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN **Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time**
SAT **Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm**

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoaah 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, 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.

Friends of St. Vincent's

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 Penderghest, 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, Fred Ludwig, Marie Anderson, Vincent Owens, Jim Leonard, Ashley Sullivan, Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Gerrie Breslin.

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.

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	2,527.00
Electronic	<u>3,058.00</u>
Total	5,585.00
Tithe	279.25

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 - August 28-September 3, 2016

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Forms are available in the back of the church for active St. Vincent parishioners who send their children to Catholic grammar and high schools and need help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend when we resume on **September 11** with our leaders, Grace and Corbin.

WELCOME FR. ANTHONY & FR. JENFA

We are delighted to host two Vincentian priests from Nigeria for a month this summer. Please consider showing them Philadelphia hospitality by inviting them to visit you at home or give them a tour of your part of the city!

LECTORS

Please Sign up for Fall! 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.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. 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.

PREPARE TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST VINCENT

On September 25, we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at **ONE MASS at 10am** followed by a celebration. In the weeks leading up this day, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent: Simplicity, Humility, Gentleness, Mortification, Zeal - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member or how you see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make these virtues real and vibrant. If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter 215-327-1035 liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org Joanie Brooks 267-825-6989 jmblapaz@yahoo.com Thank you for responding to this call.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

To honor the feast day of our dear St. Vincent, an art exhibit of creative work by you, the parishioners of St. Vincent's, Germantown, will be displayed throughout the church the weekend of September 24/25. The exhibit is entitled *Our Creative Community: The Art of St. Vincent's, Germantown.*

You are invited to submit up to two original works of art. Please have them either matted or framed and ready for display. You may bring them to your regular weekend mass and leave them in the rectory dining room. Please tape an information tag onto the back of your entries. Tags may be found on the mantle of the dining room. Three dimensional work is welcome; however, display space is limited, so please take this into consideration. If your works are for sale, a price sheet will accompany the exhibit.

All entries must be in **by September 18th**, which is the Sunday before the exhibit. We are looking forward to celebrating the inspiration and creativity of you, our community, as seen in your artistic expressions. Artists of all ages are welcome. If you have questions, you may see anyone on the committee: Julie Kring, Mary Anne Campellone, Diane Zeig or Lynne Horoschak.

POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild)
www.powerinterfaith.org

Non-Partisan Voter Registration: Let's do this!

It's important for us as Catholics to encourage everyone to participate in elections, especially those who may feel their voices don't matter. We are all made in God's image! St Vincent's and many other POWER congregations are committed to doing non-partisan voter engagement this election season: Registration (by Oct 11) and "Get Out the Vote" (election day: Nov 8). Volunteers needed; sign up on the clipboard in church:

***Mon Sept 5 (Labor Day): 12 to 4 PM.** Germantown team-cavassing (meet at rectory)

***Every Sat from Sept 3 to Nov 5: 12 to 4 PM** Neighborhood cavassing (meet at rectory,)

***Every Sat & Sun after each Mass from Sept 3 to Nov 6:** Voter info table in church

FOOD PANTRY

Please note: The Food Pantry will be closed from August 19 to after Labor Day.

HUMILITY

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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 _____

last

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

Date _____ Envelope Number _____
Electronic Type: New ____ Change ____

Name _____
last first

Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

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:

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 28, 2016

Prayers of the Faithful (11:00, add "Let us pray to the Lord")

In a world that holds deep brokenness, and stunning beauty, may we join Pope Francis in his call to honor all of creation, through prayer, song and action for our earth community, particularly in the 14 days starting September 1st, called "the Season of Creation"

We lift in prayer all those who are suffering from the devastations of nature in Italy and Louisiana, and war and destruction in the Middle East.....

May we follow Jesus' call in the Gospel to seek communion with people who are different from ourselves, so that as a faith community we will be richer and more deeply Eucharistic.....

With trust in the promise of Jesus that the humble and righteous will be repaid at the resurrection, we take comfort in the deaths of all our loved ones, especially our St Vincent's former secretary Helen Rosales.....

Bernadette Marie Cronin-Geller

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 27TH AND 28TH, 2016

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT: Sunday, September 25th, **ONE MASS, at 10 am.**

FEAST OF BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM: On the weekend of September 10th & 11th, we will celebrate the Feast day of Blessed Frederick Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The Society assists the poor in 140 countries, including the United States.

PRAYER RALLY FOR PEACE: On the *Feast day of Martin De Porres*, September 9th, there will be a prayer rally, at 3pm. More information to follow.

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 MEETING:

Liturgy, Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00pm.

AMORIS LAETITIA: We will soon have open discussions on Pope Francis' exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" and Archbishop Chaput's pastoral application. You can view them by googling "Amoris Laetitia" and "Amoris Laetitia and Archbishop Chaput".

DEPAUL CATHOLIC: The Back to School Supply Drive for DePaul Catholic will be coming soon.

REVIVAL: Catch the Spirit with dynamic Bishop Ferdi Cheri, at the Basilica, on Monday, September 26th and Tuesday September 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30pm promptly. Sign up for buses in the back.

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, September 11th! All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend. Grace and Corbin look forward walking with your children in faith for another year. As always, if you have any questions about CLOW or Sacramental Prep, please feel free to contact us at dre@saint-vincent-church.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: October 6th through 9th, 2016. Some application forms are in the back. Some scholarship money for this event is available. For more information, call (317) 259-0144 or go to www.bowmanfrancismistry.com. There are also flyers in the back of the church.



The DePaul Catholic School

DePaul Catholic School will begin this school year on September 6th with nearly 450 students in grades PreK-8th grade – our LARGEST student body since St. Vincent, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Madeline Sophie merged in 1986!

This year we hope to provide supplies to sustain our classrooms throughout the school year. Please drop off supplies in box in church vestibule by September 25th. Thank you for partnering with us!

- Dry erase markers, assorted colors
- Dry erase board erasers
- Sharpie markers, assorted colors
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Erasers (for the pencil end)
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Single pencil sharpeners
- Color copy paper
- 3 ring hole punch
- Staplers and staples
- Tape dispensers and tape
- Clipboards
- Index cards
- Pocket folders, assorted colors or a box of red
- Calculators: basic and scientific
- Disinfecting wipes
- Tissues
- Bandaids
- Hand sanitizer
- Board games, various ages (for indoor recess)
- Gift cards to Michaels, Target and Amazon in small quantities to be given to teachers for additional classroom supplies
- Gym supplies: Rubber balls, assorted sizes, basketballs, hula hoops, ring toss, bean bags, nylon pinnies

For regular updates and happenings at DePaul, please visit our website www.depaulphila.org follow us on Facebook or email Kelly Bielby to receive our e-newsletters at kbielby@thedepaulcatholicschool.org



2016 National Black Catholic Men's Conference

2016 Scheduled Events

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Thursday, October 6, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Registration
Depart Hotel for St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Men Rally & Gospel Celebration
Light Refreshments at St. Martin de Porres
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Break
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Lunch (on your own)
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Black Rappin' Session
Dinner (on your own)
Reconciliation
"Spiritual Café"
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - noon
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Registration
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Breakfast (on your own)
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Workshops
Break
Lunch (provided)
Harambee Town Hall (Adult)
"Code Red" (Youth)
Depart for St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Mass
Reception
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Healing & Commissioning Service

Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport
4509 Island Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19153

Reservations: (215) 365-4150 ext. 33 or 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667)
(ask for National Black Catholic Men's Conference 2016 Rate)

Room Rate: \$139.00 plus taxes (King & Double)
\$10.00 for each additional adult over two adults per room.

Make your reservations early. Cut off date for conference rate is 9/23/2016

Reservations received after the cut-off date is subject to space and rate availability.

Complimentary Airport Shuttle from Philadelphia International Airport

Complimentary Parking for all conference participants

WHY A BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE?

We are committed Black men,
principally Catholic, who
recognize our need for God's help!

We gather in Christ's presence in
an atmosphere of trust, equality
and anonymity to share personal
feelings and experiences. We
unconditionally accept one
another and prayerfully
support one another.

We feel encouraged by the
Holy Spirit to share with
one another.....
Men to Men!

I have come so that you may have
life, and have it abundantly:

(John 10:10)

REGISTER AT:

www.bowmanfrancisministry.com

Adults: \$150.00

High School & College
Students \$75.00

Youth Ages 8-13: \$50.00

Mail Registration payment to:
Bowman Francis Ministry Project
Rev. Chester P. Smith, SVD
815 East 58th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

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CATHOLIC
Men's Conference
2016*

*"Blessed is the Man who is
Faithful, Fearless, and True"*



October 6-9, 2016
Philadelphia, PA

For more information call:
(317)259-0144 or visit our website:
www.bowmanfrancisministry.com

Prepare to Celebrate St. Vincent de Paul and 200 years of Vincentians in the United States

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As a way to prepare for this feast, Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member. You may see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make real and vibrant these virtues held most dear to our beloved Vincent.

If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter (215-327-1035 or liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org) or Joanie Brooks (267-825-6989 or jmblapaz@yahoo.com). The virtues are listed below and on the back of this page, and much more is available online. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this call.

The Five Vincentian Virtues



Simplicity

This is the virtue St. Vincent loved most. "It is my gospel," he says. Listen to how St. Vincent describes simplicity: "Jesus, the Lord, expects us to have the simplicity of a dove. This means giving a straightforward opinion about things in the way we honestly see them, without needless reservations. It also means doing things without any double-dealing or manipulation, our intention being focused solely on God. Each of us, then, should take care to behave always in this spirit of simplicity, remembering that God likes to deal with the simple, and that he conceals the secrets of heaven from the wise and prudent of this world and reveals them to little ones.

But while Christ recommends the simplicity of a dove he tells us to have the prudence of a serpent as well. What he means is that we should speak and behave with discretion. We ought, therefore, to keep quiet about matters which should not be made known, especially if they are unsuitable or unlawful ... In actual practice this virtue is about choosing the right way to do things." (CR 11, 4-5.

Humility

Jesus said "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is basic to gospel spirituality. The kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. God resists the proud; he raises up the humble. We must stand before God humbly in our daily prayer, and have the attitude of a servant.

Meekness

Jesus says that the meek shall be happy. St. Vincent believed this word of the Lord and won the hearts of the poor because his meekness developed as warmth, approachability, openness, deep respect for the person of others. Although he tells us that he was irritable by nature, he asked God to change his heart: "Grant me a kindly and benign spirit..." (see Abelly, U. 111, 177-178.)

Mortification

Jesus calls us to follow him even unto death. He asks us to die to sin daily. St. Vincent knew these gospel imperatives very well. We must be faithful to our duties of serving the poor, and prefer them when they conflict with other more pleasurable things.

Zeal

Vincent loved, with a burning love. "Let us beg God to enkindle in our hearts a desire to serve him..." (SV XI, 75.) We must labor long as servants of the poor— while remembering that although the Lord asks us to cooperate in his work, it still remains *His* work. So we must strive to live a balanced life, so that we might have the energy that nourishes zeal.

<http://vinformation.famvin.org/vincentian-spirituality/virtues-and-charism/>

ROSALES

MYRTLE HELEN (nee Shreffler), age 74, of Philadelphia died on August 21, 2016. She was the beloved wife of Luis Rosales. She is also survived by her loving children and their spouses: Thomas and Nancy Alfonse, Kathleen and Kevin Rodgers, John and Sandy Alfonse, Anthony and Patricia Alfonse; by her step-children: Dolores Rosales, Rick Rosales, Debbie Rosales and Anthony Rosales; by 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 3 god-children, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles; by her best friend of many years, Mickie West and by her favorite Aunt Helen.

Snookie, as she liked to be called, raised her family in Immaculate Conception Parish, where she worked for many years prior to working at St. Vincent Rectory from where she retired, due to her illness, 2 years ago. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, August 26, 2016, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 109 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144, where relatives and friends will be received from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the mass. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Fox Chase Cancer Center, Institutional Advancement Office, 333 Cottman Ave., Phila., PA 19111.

www.helwegrowlandfh.com



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FUNERAL HOME

In Loving Memory of

M. Helen Rosales

June 5, 1942

August 21, 2016

“The Magic of a Mother’s Touch”

There’s magic in a Mother’s touch, and sunshine in her smile. There’s love in everything she does to make our lives worthwhile. We can find both hope and courage just by looking in her eyes. Her laughter is a source of joy, her words are warm and wise. There is a kindness and compassion to be found in her embrace, and we see the light of heaven shining from a Mother’s face.

Helweg & Rowland Funeral Home, Inc.
Abington, Pennsylvania

Martin de Porres Foundation

The UPDATE

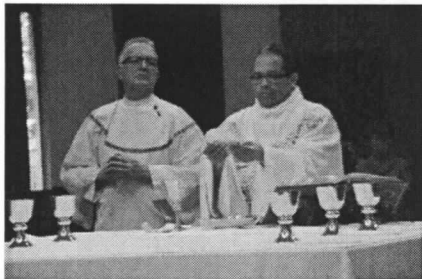
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Newsletter

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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.

Fr. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. Ordination to the Priesthood



On July 9, 2016 at the Daylesford Abbey, we celebrated the ordination, with great joy to the priesthood of Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

His first Mass and blessings as a priest were experienced on Sunday, July 10th. Parishes of the Black Apostolate were in attendance, among others to support, witness, and give praises to his ministry.

Many of us have prayed for increased vocations in our communities. By the glory of God, the Lord has blessed us with another African-American priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

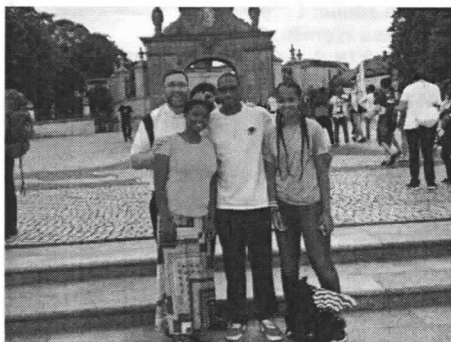
Also, may God continue to bless Fr. Jordan as Promoter of the Cause for the Canonization of Father Augustus Tolton.

About Fr. Augustus Tolton

Fr. Tolton was the first American diocesan priest of African descent. Born the son of slaves in Missouri, he studied for the priesthood in Rome, as no American seminary would accept him because of his race. Ordained in 1886 for the Diocese of Alton, Illinois, he served his first three years as a priest in the city of Quincy, of the same diocese. He later came to Chicago to start a parish for black Catholics, serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago until his passing. At the time of his death, he was only 43 years old. http://www.archchicago.org/news_releases/news_2015/news_151102.html

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World Youth Day 2016 - Philadelphia to Krakow, Poland

With an unlimited amount of pride, we are excited for three (3) students who were selected by the Office for Black Catholics, with the approval of their pastors, to join other students from around the world in celebration of World Youth Day 2016. It is through the grace of God that they have been given the opportunity to experience the culture, history, and the people of Krakow, Poland. (L-R) Fr. Chris Walsh & Dennell Lewis - St. Raymond; Clifford Bryant - St. Athanasius; & Devon Pigford - St. Barbara. Funding provided by the Martin de Porres Foundation.

We pray for traveling mercies for priests, other religious and students who are separated from home, family, and friends. May they develop new contacts and relationships.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 PANAMA!

Congratulations – Lester E. Brown

Lester E. Brown – St. Barbara Parish, recently received his acceptance letter from Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He will begin orientation for the Fall semester on August 12, 2016. Lester was one of our students who received a MDP Foundation Scholarship for the 2016 Continuing Education Summer Program at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. We wish Lester all the love and blessings for a successful, spiritual, and knowledgeable education at Xavier University, NOLA.

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**FALL 2016 COURSE LISTING: UNDERGRADUATE (SEE GRADUATE
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**STS 202 History of Black Catholics and Saint (Tues)
STS 294 Catechism of the Catholic Church: Morality & Prayer
(Mon)**

Registration closes on Monday, August 15th, 2016. Late registrations will be assessed a \$50 fee. The MDPF will not be responsible for late fees.

Contact your Pastor or DRE for 2016 MDPF Scholarship Applications or go to www.martindeporresfoundation.org Questions regarding scholarship funding email: janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org or call 267-398-2314.

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Catechist Training Nights

August 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2016

Training Night fee: \$10 due by July 29th.

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

Unbound Ministry

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 Time: 1 – 3:00 pm

Location: St. Martin of Tours

Lower Church Room

5450 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia

NO Charge to attend. RSVP Required.

Revival – Bishop Ferd Cheri

Dates: Monday/Tuesday/September, 26-27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica

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

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

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

Dates: Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, 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.bowmanfranciscanministry.com/programs>

For additional info contact Fr. Chester Smith

www.gamba.10333@aol.com or 317-259-0144

Preparing for Congress XII-Day of Reflection

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Saint Cyprian Church (lunch included)

63rd & Cobbs Creek Parkway – Phila., PA 19143

To register for the day email: obcphila@gmail.com

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.

General Admission: \$50

Groups of 5 or more adults: \$40pp

Religious/Consecrated Women: \$15pp

Young Women's Track (H.S. & College Students) \$20pp

Registration Deadline: Oct. 18th

www.catholicwomensconference.org

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

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

NBCC XII Theme "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God."

Save The Date

September 26 & 27, 2016

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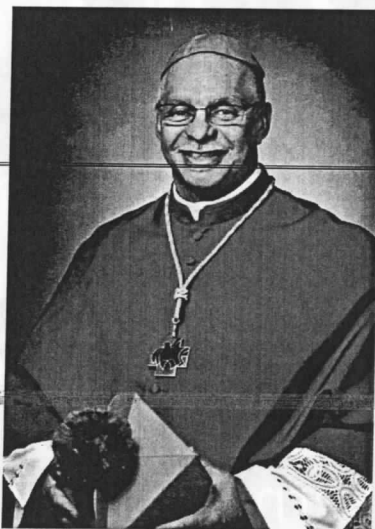
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Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM

Revival commences at 7:00 PM Sharp!

For information, contact your local Parish or the Office for Black Catholics
at 215-587-3541 or wbradley@archphila.org



Bishop Fernand "Ferd" Cheri, III, OFM.

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

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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.



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Thank you!

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- \$50
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- \$500
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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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Pope Francis

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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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2016 National Black Catholic Men's Conference

2016 Scheduled Events

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Thursday, October 6, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Registration
Depart Hotel for St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Men Rally & Gospel Celebration
Light Refreshments at St. Martin de Porres
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Break
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Lunch (on your own)
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Black Rappin' Session
Dinner (on your own)
Reconciliation
"Spiritual Café"
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - noon
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Registration
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Breakfast (on your own)
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Workshops
Break
Lunch (provided)
Harambee Town Hall (Adult)
"Code Red" (Youth)
Depart for St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Mass
Reception
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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