

# 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](http://www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org)***

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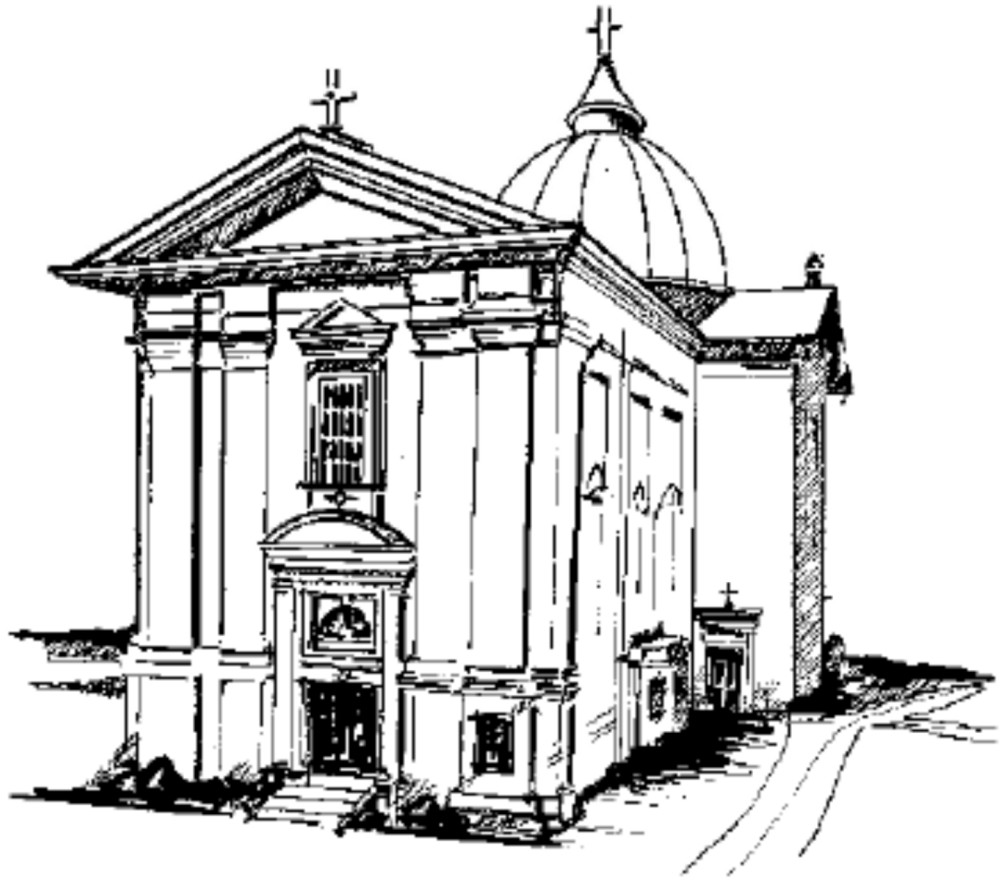
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

October 2, 2016

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/02</b>	Joseph Mastronardo	<b>9:00 am</b>
		Mary Montgomery Family	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>10/03</b>	NO MASS	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>10/04</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/05</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/06</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/07</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/08</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm</b>

**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, 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, 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, Siobhan Barrett.

***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	3,640.14
Electronic	<u>2,972.00</u>
Total	6,612.14
Tithe	330.60

***Today's Readings***

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:24  
Psalm: Psalm 95  
Second Reading: II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

***Readings for Next Week***

First Reading: II Kings 5:14-17  
Psalm: Psalm 98  
Second Reading: II Timothy 2:8-13  
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**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 - October 2-8, 2016

### DIVERSITY SUNDAY

Come join our celebration the weekend of **October 8th & 9th**.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend each Sunday with our leaders, Grace and Corbin.

### YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF MEETING

**Sunday October 9th at 10:15am** in the Hospitality center behind the church, we invite you to come for fellowship in Christ with your peers! Youth group is open to youth in grades 6th-12th. Other dates to put on your calendar: **October 30 at both the 9 & 11** are Youth Masses; **November 20 and December 4** are Youth Group Meetings. For more information or to meet one on one with us contact Dan and Katie at: [youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org).

### LECTORS

Please take a moment and SIGN UP for Oct/ Nov/ Dec dates in the Liturgy Prep Room near the main church door! We are late posting the schedule, so your prompt cooperation appreciated! Interested in planning a pre-Advent 2-hour retreat? Contact Mary Laver by Oct 1: [mlaver14@comcast.net](mailto:mlaver14@comcast.net) 610-324-9388.

### LEGION OF MARY

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

### SENIORS MINISTRY

**CALLING ALL SENIORS:** We are meeting for fun, food and fellowship in the Hospitality Center on Wednesdays at 11:00am. Any questions, call Jerry Smith at (215) 508-0427.

### HOSPITALITY

Please join us for hospitality after the nine o'clock service in the Hospitality center. Hospitality is provided by the community for the community. Please sign up as an individual, as a family or as a group. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the side entrance. Volunteers need to buy donuts, OJ and milk. All other items are provided. Volunteers need to arrive early to make coffee prior to the start of mass. All items are fifty cents, and the volunteer who buys the items is reimbursed through the sale of the items. All items are kept in the cabinet in the hospitality center. If you have any questions please see Jack DiFeo or contact him at 215 287-5682.

### PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

We are again partnering with the Brandywine Peace Community in co-sponsoring a vigil on the last Saturday of the month between 12 noon and 2pm at the Horsham Air Guard Station at the corner of 611/Easton and County Line Roads to protest the possible opening of a Drone Command Center on its grounds. This center has had no announcement of its existence except for our protests! Our next vigil is this Saturday, September 24. Banners are provided; peace is shared. "End Drone Terror; Say No to the Drone Command Center in Horsham."

### GOOD NEWS

Brother Al is receiving a prestigious award from St. John's University, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in New York City, on Thursday, October 27th.

Father Sy will be preaching a Mission in Scott Township, from Saturday, October 22nd until Wednesday, October 26th. Please keep him in prayer, that the Holy Spirit use him.

### CELEBRATING 'LAUDATO SI'

To honor the Pope's call for greater care for our Mother Earth, we will celebrate special *Laudato Si* liturgies on **October 2 at 9 and 11am Masses**. Following each Mass will be hospitality sponsored by the Care for Creation Committee, including a book sale of the Encyclical, prayers for the environment, literature on recycling, and a display of local produce to symbolize the beauty of creation. We will provide an example of Zero-Waste by using ceramic mugs, cloth napkins, and composting waste.

### NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT UPDATE

Undocumented Immigrants Harmed by City Traffic Policy: For over a year the New Sanctuary Movement has been gathering steam for the final push for immigrant driver's licenses. The time is coming, but meanwhile we are working on a related issue called "Live Stop". Soon we will be asking parishioners to sign a petition to ask Mayor Jim Kenny and Police Chief Richard Ross to change a city policy that harms undocumented immigrants while benefiting a private industry. Be on the lookout for a new bulletin insert.

### POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild) [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org)

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Oct 11

We urgently need you, as the registration deadline approaches!! Please call Mary Laver ASAP to offer your available times:

-Vernon Park Craft & Flea Market, **9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 8**. Volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts!

-Neighborhood canvassing **Saturday, October 8** Volunteers. Come to the rectory at 11am for training and team-assignments. Some phone-banking too, if you are not a "walker". Can't do these times but want to help? Call and we'll make it work!

-Spread the word to your family and friends about the registration deadline! "Friends don't let friends sit out elections"! It is part of our duty both as citizens and as people of faith to be involved. Parishioner-volunteers will be present after each Mass to help everyone with the forms.

-After the Oct 11 deadline, we will also need your help with calls to "Get Out The Vote" and help people plan to show up at the polls on **November 8**!

### \*MEMORIAL MASS FOR PEGGY TIGHE

Please join Peggy's family in remembering the life of this amazing woman and long time, dedicated member of St. Vincent's on **Saturday, October 8, at 10:30am**.

### 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Come join the fun and good health on **Saturday, October 8th from 12 to 3pm** at the Shoppes at La Salle (Church Lane and Chew Ave) at La Salle University's 5th annual Explore Your Health community health fair. There will be nearly 50 vendors from a variety of areas of health, free screenings, Zumba sessions and massages, giveaways, prizes, food and drink, live performances from student and neighborhood groups, and fun for the kids. Call Cherylyn Rush, at 215-951-1948, for more information.

**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

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**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:**

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Prayer Petitions for October 1-2, 2016

Creator God, you embrace your people with your love. Guide us to embrace Earth and its peoples with a love that heals, celebrating transformation for good.

Lord of All, Francis of Assisi, took care of creation and ministered to the animals. Inspire us to care for your creatures with kindness and care.

God of Mercy, you were with your people on their migration out of Egypt. Be with the migrant people of today, as they escape from injustice and sometimes are forced to flee ecological collapse in their homelands.

Oh loving God, your Son taught us that it was right to celebrate the prodigal son come to life. May we, your people celebrate the new environmental teaching of Pope Francis.

Francis of Assisi was the son of a wealthy merchant, yet gave his life to service and sharing. May we as people of God emulate the life of Francis and share our blessings with the poor.

Like a loving parent, you our God have formed us from the Earth. As we mourn our deceased may we remember that we are dust as return to our common home, and be thankful for Earth's resources to us.

Jack DiFeo

September 27, 2016

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2016***

**SECURITY:** When you have evening meetings, the police has advised us that you should leave in groups. We are meeting with local police so that our grounds are very safe.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Liturgy Committee: Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.**

**Pastoral Council: Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.**

**NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** The next conference is July 2017. There will be a workshop on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am until 3pm. If you are interested in going to the Congress, please call the office and attend this workshop.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS:** Seniors are meeting for fun, food and fellowship in the Hospitality Center. The meeting begins at 11:00am, on Wednesdays. Any questions, call Jerry Smith at (215) 508-0427.

**Diversity Sunday will be the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.**

October is **Mass Count** month. So let's make it our "Evangelization Month", where we each aim to bring someone new to Church with us.

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**Father Sy** will be preaching a Mission in Scott Township, from Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> until Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in prayer, that the Holy Spirit use him.

**MINISTRY ROOM IN CHURCH OFFICE BUILDING:** There is a room that we have in the church office building that could be used by a church organization or ministry. If interested in using this space, please call the parish office.

### **5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR - LA SALLE UNIVERSITY**

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## NOTES OF THANKS

### **THANK YOU ST. VINCENT'S FOR SUPPORTING *OUR FEAST DAY*.**

Your generous contributions and donations of food, time and energy made our Feast Day a success!!! Special thanks to the Bereavement Committee for their assistance in coordinating the meal for the special event.

~Parish Council

Dear St. Vincent Family,

We want to thank all of you for the wonderful tribute and award given in honor of St. Vincent De Paul. No words can express our appreciation for your kindness to both of us. Be assured that we will continue to follow in the footsteps of St. Vincent De Paul, in service to our Church family and the needy.

~Maryann Dunphy and Evelyn Rogers



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
Roman Catholic Church

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Hospitality center behind the church

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Other dates to put on your calendar:

- ~October 30th at both the 9 & 11 are Youth  
Masses
- ~Youth Group Meeting November 20th
- ~Youth Group Meeting December 4th

For more information or to meet one on one with  
us contact Dan and Katie at:

[youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org)

EXPLORE YOUR HEALTH at the 5TH ANNUAL

# COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, October 8, 2016 | Noon–3 p.m.  
The Shoppes at La Salle | 5301 Chew Ave.

Rain Location: Belfield Recreation Center



- Health Screenings
- Nutrition Tips
- Health and Financial Planning
- Community Performances
- Student Performances
- Massage and Meditation
- Bounce House and Face Painting
- Zumba
- La Salle Athletic Teams
- Free Healthy Snacks
- and more!

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For more information, call 215.951.1916 or visit [lasalle.edu/cbt](http://lasalle.edu/cbt)

**Friday, October 14**

**7pm**

**St. Vincent de Paul Church  
109 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA  
19144**



The Romero Interfaith Center (RIC) invites you to celebrate with us a visit from our partners in U.S. El Salvador Sister Cities to Philadelphia with an educational coffee house fundraiser!

We will be welcoming two fabulous speakers:

Zulma Tobar, a staff member with USESSC in El Salvador, and  
Carly Roach, a current USESSC Volunteer in El Salvador

They are coming to share with us about:

***Solidarity, Organizing, and  
Environmental Justice in El Salvador***

We will also hear an update on the fight for safer sugar cane growing practices in our sister community of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz and reports from this summer's trip to celebrate 30 years of solidarity!

For more information, please contact:

Joanie Brooks at 267-825-6989 or [jmblapaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmblapaz@yahoo.com)

**Live Music from Lily Medina!**

Singer, songwriter, accomplished Latin jazz guitarist



**U.S.-El Salvador  
Sister Cities**

# TOGETHER WE VOTE

Saint Vincent's POWER team is looking for new voters. Here at Saint Vincent's we are looking for

## 100 newly registered Saint Vincent voters in 4 weeks

**If every registered voter at Saint Vincent's registers ONE voter we can meet this goal.** How can you help by the October 10 deadline? Register yourself. Then register one other person. Or bring your registration up-to-date and do the same for a friend. You need to register if you want to vote on November 8 if

- You have not voted in five years
- You have moved since you last voted
- You have never registered to vote in Pennsylvania
- You will be 18 years old before November 8, 2016

**Hand in the registrations at church so we can count your work towards our goal.**

Actually 100 new voters from Saint Vincent's is not the biggest challenge. Saint Vincent's POWER team has promised to submit before October 10

## 400 new voter registrations from all over the city

**One hundred volunteers get four new registrations each. Four volunteers get one hundred registrations each. That's how easy and hard it is to get to 400. You can help.**

■ Give POWER volunteers an opportunity to reach voters. We want to reach teenagers – are you a parent at a high school? We want to canvass neighborhoods. Do you know a business or organization that supports voter empowerment? Do you have a new idea where we can meet potential voters? Talk to POWER volunteers in church or call Sheila Oliver ( 215) 680-4996

■ Come out and meet voters where they are as a POWER volunteer. We're organizing voter outreach all over Germantown and beyond for the next month. Sign up and we will find a place and a time that works for you.

## 500? In 4 weeks? Let's go!

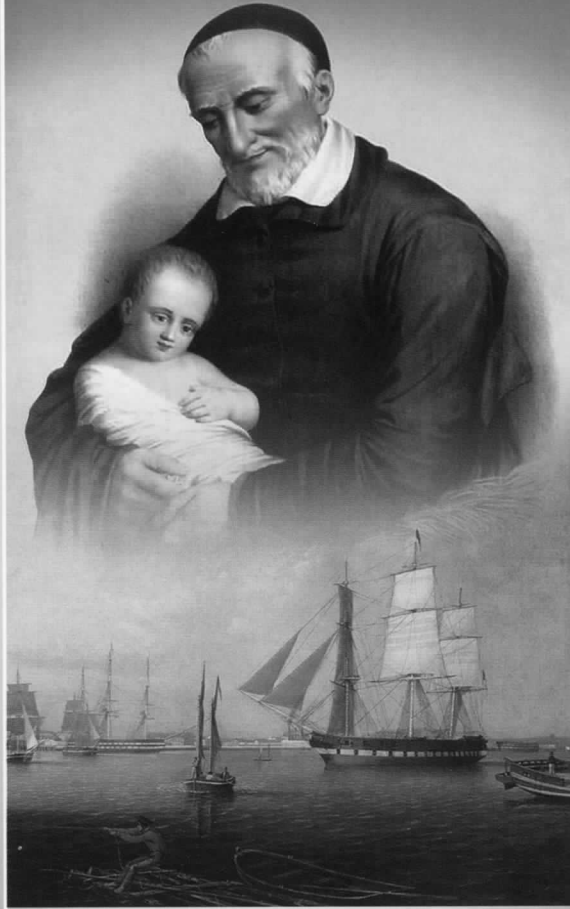


# WALKING

WITH THE POOR

*Vincentians Celebrate 200 Years  
of Service in America*

## 13 MEN ON A MISSION





## 13 Brave Men on an American Mission

In 1816, 13 religious men from Italy, Vincentians, landed in Baltimore. They were pioneers in the true sense of the word. The only details they knew about their travel to America were the following: their destination was St. Louis; and their reason for coming to America was to help with the ministry of the newly created diocese of Louisiana. When they left Europe, everything they owned and needed for their ministry in America was packed in 80 pieces of luggage.

Like the pioneers of the American West, they did not know how dangerous, exhausting, and challenging the trip to St. Louis would be. Travel was by foot, wagon or stagecoach, and rivers and streams had to be crossed by horse or foot. On a day-to-day basis, they would experience culture shock. The food would be new and foreign; housing was primitive; and English was a newly acquired language skill.



## The Vincentian Legacy Continues

The 13 pioneering men who arrived in America in 1816, planted the seeds for the Vincentian Community to grow and flourish in the United States. For the last 200 years, they have served Christ and the Church in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul by selflessly doing the following: caring for the poor; educating young men for religious life by building 30 seminaries; spreading Catholic teachings by establishing three universities, plus numerous high schools and elementary schools; and building Catholic churches in remote and poor areas in the Americas.



CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION.  
(VINCENTIANS.)

*St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, Md.*

CENTRAL HOUSE,  
WESTERN PROVINCE.





# Why and How Vincentians Came to America

In 1815, Louis William Valentine Dubourg, a Sulpician priest, based in the Louisiana Territory, went to Rome to recruit priests. When he arrived in Rome, he was informed that Louisiana was to be made into a diocese, and he was to be its first bishop. To successfully care for his new flock, he knew he needed more priests, and was determined not to accept this appointment until he could find priests who would minister in the new diocese.

One evening, Dubourg heard a young Vincentian priest, Felix De Andreis, giving an inspiring talk to a group of priests. De Andreis left a deep impression on Dubourg, and the new bishop wanted De Andreis to be part of his group going to America. De Andreis agreed.

The group's primary assignment in America: establish a seminary in lower Louisiana, specifically in New Orleans. The volunteer missionaries learned French, a language skill needed in lower Louisiana. Before they left for America, they learned from Dubourg that the new seminary was to be built in St. Louis, not New Orleans. They now had to learn English.



*Bishop Louis Dubourg*

## Arrival in Baltimore

The groups set sail on an American brig called "The Ranger," on June 12, 1816. On board were



*Felix De Andreis, CM*

13 missionaries: De Andreis, Joseph Rosati, Joseph Acquaroni, Joseph Carretti, Andrew Ferrari, Leo Deys, Francis Dahmen, Casto Gonzalez, Joseph Tichitoli, Martin Blanka, John Flegifont, Francis Boranvaski, and Medard de Lattre. They arrived in Baltimore on July 26.

After their arrival in America, the missionaries set a deadline of four weeks to survey the local scene and discern its needs, and to erect a seminary as soon as possible. A portion of the necessary funds needed for building the seminary was to come from the fees provided by enrolled seminarians.

## St. Louis

It took the group of missionaries more than a year to reach St. Louis. They traveled from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, to Louisville, where they settled

temporarily in Bardstown, Kentucky. They arrived in St. Louis in October 1817, and found a town of 2,000 residents, no resident priest, and Catholics who were apathetic to the arrival of their new bishop.

The Vincentians in St. Louis looked for a tract of land on which to build the new seminary. A colony of Catholics of English descent from the Barrens Settlement, about 80 miles south of St. Louis, offered the Vincentians a tract of land consisting of 640 acres. In April 1818, the offer was formerly accepted by Dubourg, who had arrived in Louisiana. The seminary, named St. Mary's of the Barrens, was established at the Barrens Settlement, the present location of Perryville, Missouri.

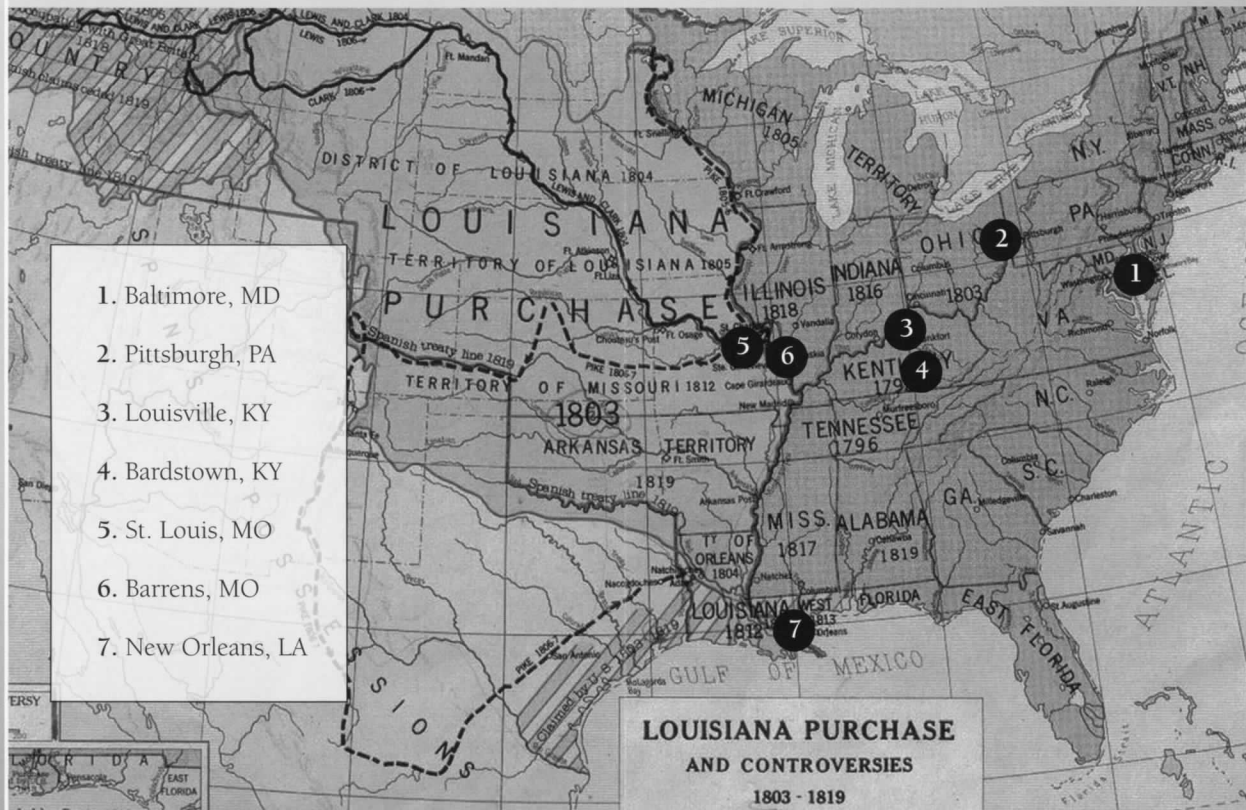
During the building of St. Mary's of the Barrens, De Andreis remained in St. Louis. He helped evangelize the African-Americans, both slave and free. On December 3, 1818, he opened the first American novitiate of the Congregation of the Mission in Saint Louis, using a small house on church property next to the bishop's house. He called the novitiate "Gethsemane." At about the same time, he began teaching theology in a boys school founded by Bishop Dubourg, the predecessor of the present-day Saint Louis University.

## St. Mary's of the Barrens

During the nineteenth century, St. Mary's of the Barrens Seminary functioned as a lay college, a Vincentian seminary, diocesan seminary, parish, working farm, and small academy. The diocesan seminary was relocated to St. Louis in 1842, and in 1868, the Vincentian seminary moved to Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The division of the Vincentian American Province into the Eastern and Western Provinces led to the reopening of St. Mary's as a minor seminary in 1886. Two years later, the novitiate and scholasticate returned. In 1888, St. Mary's once again became an active seminary and served as the Western Province's house of formation until the mid-1980s.



*Stagecoach travel on rough roads*





## Vincentians and the Future

The ministerial work of the Vincentians in the United States continues to the present day. The success of their ministry, to spread the Good News to the poor, is dependent on new vocations. We ask that you pray to God to touch the hearts of those men who might have a calling to serve God as a priest or brother, following the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you are a young man or know a young man, who has an interest in becoming a Vincentian priest or brother, and would like to dedicate his life helping the poor, please contact the following Vocation Directors:

*East of the Mississippi River*  
**Fr. John Maher, CM**  
vocations@stjohns.edu

*West of the Mississippi River*  
**Fr. Jim Osendorf, CM**  
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**For additional information** on the rich history of the Vincentians, their many ministries, and vocations, go to: • [cmeast.org](http://cmeast.org)  
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## **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam**

In the hope of obtaining  
a miracle through his  
intercession

Lord, You made Blessed Frederic Ozanam a witness of the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church.

You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service of all who were suffering.

In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband and father. In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching.

His vision for our society was a network of charity encircling the world and he instilled St. Vincent de Paul's spirit of love, boldness and humility. His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his short life, together with the radiance of his virtues.

We thank you Lord, for those many gifts and we ask, if it is your will, the grace of a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world! We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*RSVPs must be emailed to Kathy Lieberman at [kladvise@gmail.com](mailto:kladvise@gmail.com) no later than October 11. In your email, please include your first and last name, the number of guests who will be attending, your preferred seating (5:30pm or 8:00pm), and your choice of entrée (please use just the one- or two-word underlined descriptor) for each guest. Payment (cash or checks payable to My Place Germantown) will be collected at the restaurant upon your arrival.*

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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.

### 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.

### 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.  
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4:45 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
9:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

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

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

Registration  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Breakfast (on your own)  
Morning Mass  
Keynote  
Health Fair  
Workshops  
Break  
Lunch (provided)  
Harambee Town Hall (Adult)  
"Code Red" (Youth)  
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Mass  
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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](mailto:frsy7@hotmail.com).

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*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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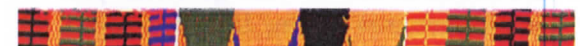


## ETHIOPIA

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



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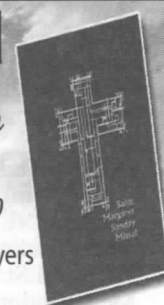
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