

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

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

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

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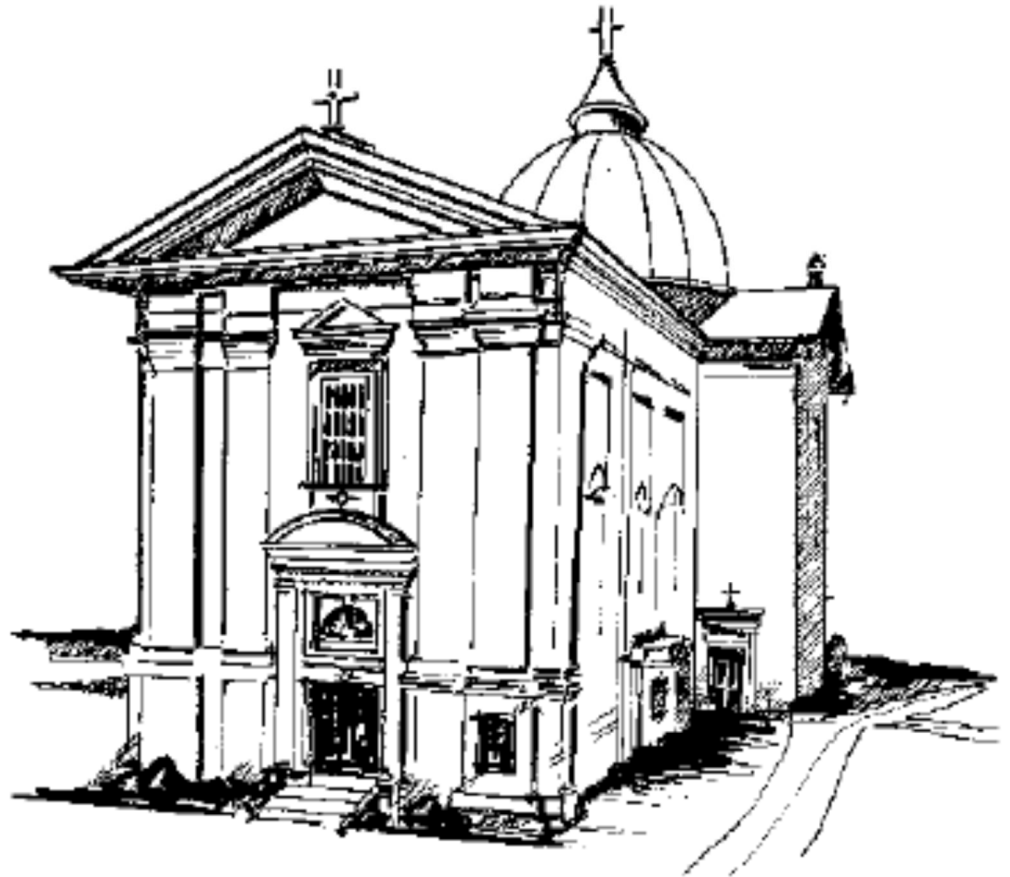
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

October 9, 2016

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/09</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>9:00 am</b>
		Joseph Mastronardo	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>10/10</b>	NO MASS	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>10/11</b>	Marianne Buczek Szucs	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/12</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/13</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/14</b>	Joan Bretschneider	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/15</b>	Gloria Pio	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth 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, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak, Annie Serious.

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

***Readings for Next Week***

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm: Psalm 121  
Second Reading: II Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1;  
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45,  
47-48; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk  
11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk  
11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,  
12-13; Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk  
12:8-12

**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 9-15, 2016

### 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

Lectors, please sign up for Oct/ Nov/ Dec dates in the Liturgy Prep Room, near the main door to the church. Please also indicate if you'd like to plan or attend an Advent Lectors morning (pot-luck breakfast, refresher on our ministry, and Advent prayer) on Sat morning Dec. 3, here at St. Vincent's!

### 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, October 30. 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.

### SOLIDARITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

There is a legend that when the Germans ordered Jews in occupied Denmark to identify themselves by wearing armbands with yellow stars, King Christian X of Denmark and non-Jewish Danes thwarted the order by donning the armbands themselves. This made it impossible to identify those who were Jewish. Today we invite you to wear the rainbow ribbon as a sign of your support for the quest for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. You might consider putting the ribbon on your name tag so that all who enter the House of Vincent will know this is a welcoming place. You can read more about Solidarity Sunday on the prayer card that was given out today.

### 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.

### POWER UPDATE

#### Volunteers Needed to Get Out the Vote!

Our Catholic faith urges us to consider our "public duties" as sacred ones, building up the Be-loved Community! In that spirit, please consider the following as "corporal works of mercy," in a non-partisan way:

**\*\*Voter registration deadline is Oct 11** (forms must be postmarked or sent electronically by then). Urge the "procrastinators" in your family and neighborhood on board! Pick up a registration form at the post office or register online: [www.votes.pa.com](http://www.votes.pa.com).

**\*\*Between Oct 12 and Election Day**, the POWER congregations will be working hard across the city to "Get Out the Vote" (distribute non-partisan literature about the importance of showing up at the polls on Nov 8): Please sign the "Sign Up to Show Up" sheet in the back of church if you can do **ANY** of the following:

**\*\*Sun Oct 30 from 2 to 6 PM:** St Vincent's will host POWER volunteers to distribute door-hangs across Germantown! We want a big showing of our own parishioners that day! Please sign the sheet on the radiator in the back of church. A great family activity to do together!

**\*\*Can't make it on Oct 30? Sign up to help on ANY of the Sats or Suns between Oct 12 and Nov 8 between 2 and 6 PM.** Schedule of locations will be posted.

**\*\*Can't walk but can make calls?** Please indicate that on the sheets and we will meet you at the rectory to give you call-numbers and refreshments!

### TOY COLLECTION FOR COLOMBIA

New parishioner Saamara Kaylor is asking for our donations of new toys for low-income children (ages 1 to 6 years) in Buenaventura, Colombia—her hometown. She needs these by **October 30** in order to get them to Colombia by Christmas. Look for a "Giving Pumpkin" with little paper pumpkins indicating the gender and age of a child, and bring your unwrapped and marked gift to church on any October weekend Mass! For more information, contact Saamara: 210-722-3870 [saamarasanchez@yahoo.com](mailto:saamarasanchez@yahoo.com)

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

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\_\_\_\_

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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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Prayers of the Faithful- October 8-9, 2016

God, our source of all compassion, we hear the cries of the people of the Middle East. We ask that you bring healing to those suffering from violence and open our own hearts as we welcome refugees to our country.

God of Peace, your wisdom is needed as we approach the election of our country's president. Inspire and shape our candidates thoughts and actions for peace, and help us to be agents of your peace and reconciliation.

Gracious God, society has divided us by race, gender, class, ideology and sexual orientation. Remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you.

God of Justice, many wrongfully convicted people take the painful lash of punishment for someone else's crimes. Guide us to support them for the basic necessities of life including; food, housing and the education and development of workforce skills.

God of All, you stood in solidarity with the oppressed, the poor and the marginalized. Show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

God of life and goodness, you claimed us as your own through our baptism. We remember your promises and rejoice as all of our deceased loved ones enter into your family to spend eternal life.

Jack DiFeo

October 4, 2016

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</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.

Evangelization Team: Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

**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. The workshop will be at St. Cyrian's. If you are interested in going to the Congress, please call our rectory to register for 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.

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.

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

**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.

**NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT UPDATE: (Primary Campaign)**

**The Unmarked Driver's License Campaign for Undocumented Immigrants**

The New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia is a year into the Driver's License Campaign. We have allied ourselves with other immigrants' rights organizations throughout Pennsylvania in the effort to get a new law passed in the Pennsylvania legislature. A bill was introduced last year and voting for passage is still a ways off.

**LIVE STOP CAMPAIGN (Secondary Campaign)**

Thousands of immigrant residents are denied driver's licenses, but they drive because they have to in order to live.

Following is an example of what happens as a result. Last December an immigrant family (mother, father and three children under ten), associated with the New Sanctuary Movement, was going to a meeting with Mayor Kenney. Their car was pulled over by police at the corner of Kensington and Somerset. The driver was undocumented, meaning he had no license. The police proceeded to apply the Live Stop ordinance. They called for a tow truck to come to impound the car.

The ordinance is based on a Pennsylvania law that requires municipalities to stop people with expired registrations or suspended or revoked licenses and not allow them to drive. Some cities, like Philadelphia, impound the cars.

According to Philadelphia's published procedures regarding Live Stop, the police are directed "to ensure the safety of these occupants (of the car) by offering to either transport the occupants home or to another address if located within a reasonable distance, transporting the individuals to the nearest police district where the occupants can safely make alternate arrangements . . ." <sup>1</sup>.

In the aforementioned instance, nothing of the kind occurred. Instead, the family members were left to fend for themselves on the street.

To reclaim an impounded car in Philadelphia is a costly and time consuming proposition. Poor people who are caught driving without a license may even end up losing their car for lack of funds to reclaim it. This ordinance affects more than undocumented immigrants. Over the years since 1998, petitions have been made to the city and suits filed to get Live Stop halted. One legal interpretation of the ordinance is that it is an illegal confiscation of private property. For a fuller treatment of the issue, you may want to read a file on line published by the Center for Social Justice of Temple University. <sup>2</sup>

The New Sanctuary Movement will be meeting with the city officials, particularly Mayor Kenney, to talk about modifying the Live Stop policy in the hope of lessening the impact on immigrant families and other working-class people. For that reason **we need your support. Please sign our petition** and if you have questions about the campaign, call the New Sanctuary Movement and leave a message at 215-279-7060. If you choose to, go on line to sign the petition:

<https://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/p/enddiscriminatorycartowing>

<sup>1</sup> [www.phila.gov/pac/PDF/CB2\\_Live\\_Stop\\_Program.pdf](http://www.phila.gov/pac/PDF/CB2_Live_Stop_Program.pdf),

<sup>2</sup> <http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/wpstage/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Live-Stop-Report-Final-Draft.pdf>



**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY** is a faith-based initiative of **DignityUSA** that focuses attention on anti-gay violence.

As an anti-violence initiative, this program is consistent with Catholic principles of peace and justice. **DignityUSA**, an organization of concerned Catholics, works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and throughout the world.

Solidarity Sunday is consistent with the American Bishops' pastoral letter *Always our Children*. Imagine how supported a mother who has been silent about her child's homosexuality would feel, sitting in Church the morning of Solidarity Sunday surrounded by fellow parishioners wearing rainbow ribbons

Concern for the oppressed is part of the very fabric of our Church. One pastor in southern Maine wove the fact that Solidarity Sunday and Pro-Life Sunday occurred on the same day by remarking that the rainbow ribbons were a good reminder of the sanctity of all life. At a Catholic college in Colorado, Solidarity Sunday was celebrated during Parents' Weekend. The Mass included prayers for people who are victims of anti-gay and other kinds of violence, and a ribbon was pinned to the altar cloth during the Offertory.

### How to Participate in Solidarity Sunday

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1. Wear your Solidarity Sunday ribbon.
2. Pray for an end to anti-gay violence
3. Educate your children, your faith community, your colleagues, your friends about the need to stop violence against all people, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.
4. Take the Solidarity pledge.

#### ***The Solidarity Pledge***

**I WILL WORK** for civil and human rights for all people, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender. Civil rights are not special rights.

**I WILL SEEK** to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender when spoken in my presence. Words that hurt and bigotry are not funny. I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender, including when spoken by political or religious leaders. Violent speech leads to physical violence.

**I WILL WORK** to stop physical violence against anyone, including violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals or the transgendered. Violence against any person is violence against all people

#### ***The Solidarity Prayer***

God, You are the Creator and Lover of all. You wish us to live in solidarity with each other and to rejoice in our diversity.

We pray that all Your lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight children may experience justice, enjoy peace and spread Your love throughout the world.

We pray in the name of God, who welcomes all to a holy circle of friendship. Amen.

### **SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**

#### ***Wear the Rainbow Ribbon!!!***

**Violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people is an issue of real concern in today's America. Each year, tens of thousands of Americans are the victims of violent crimes directed against because of their sexuality.**

**Solidarity Sunday** is a faith-based anti-violence initiative. **DignityUSA**, an organization of concerned Catholics, works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and throughout the world.

**Solidarity Sunday** is marked by the wearing of a rainbow-colored ribbon a symbol of gay pride that reflects the diversity of the GLBT community, their families, friends and supporters. Wearing the ribbon is a token of support and for the quest for equal rights for all people.

**Solidarity Sunday** is dedicated to the memory of those who have lost their lives through violence because of whom they were or who they were perceived to be. May their deaths not be in vain. Let us work together to end verbal and physical violence against all people.

**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**



# The Unitarian Society of Germantown

invites you to a

# **BLACK LIVES MATTER FORUM**

*Systemic racism continues to be a major problem in our communities.*

*Open dialogue is crucial to solving problems. Join us to take part in this conversation. The forum is a panel discussion involving community members, the Philadelphia District Attorney's office, the Philadelphia Police Department and local houses of worship*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**At The Unitarian Society of Germantown,  
6511 Lincoln Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19119**

**Parking: Off Johnson St. between Wayne Ave. & Greene St.**

**Childcare will be provided**

*Sponsored by the Ending Racism Committee at USG*

*For more information, please contact: [kweiser7825@verizon.net](mailto:kweiser7825@verizon.net)*



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Location: 342 E. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia PA 19144

Phone: 267-335-5455

Website: [www.PAR-RecycleWorks.org](http://www.PAR-RecycleWorks.org)

We collect the following:

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We can't accept CRT monitors, TV's with CRTs or batteries

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
Roman Catholic Church

## St. Vincent's Youth Ministry Kick off Meeting

Sunday October 9th at 10:15AM in the  
Hospitality center behind the church

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:

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- ~Youth Group Meeting November 20th
- ~Youth Group Meeting December 4th

For more information or to meet one on one with  
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# 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!**



## **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.

# *My Place Germantown*

*is pleased to invite you to our Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner!*

● *Tuesday, October 18, 2016*

● *Bridgid's Restaurant, a casual European-style bar and restaurant in the Fairmount/Art Museum section of Philadelphia, with a fantastic Italian-inspired menu! (726 N. 24th Street, Philadelphia) Two seatings are available . . . 5:30pm and 8:00pm*

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- *Menu: Bridgid's Executive Chef Ron Carter has created a new Italian-inspired fall menu especially for Bridgid's. Dinner will include an Amuse Bouche, Starter (soup or salad), your choice of seven (7) Entrées, and Dessert.*

*Entree selections:*

- \* *Spaghetti :: Beef/Veal/Pork Meatballs, Meat Sauce, Pecorino*
- \* *Cavatelli :: Broccoli Rabe, Cannellini, Nduja, Pesto, Sundried Tomato Crumb*
- \* *Lasagna :: Beef/Pork/Veal Bolognese, Fried Egg*
- \* *Ricotta Gnocchi :: Pea Gremolata, Roasted Mushrooms, Goat Cheese, Truffle Oil*
- \* *Short Ribs :: Marscapone Polenta, Fried Egg, Chimichurri*
- \* *Trout :: Artichokes, Almonds, Spinach, Pickled Red Onion, Butter*
- \* *Piccata :: Chicken Confit Leg Quarter, Lemon-Caper Butter, White Wine, Spaghetti*

*Make your dinner reservation now!*

*Seating is limited, so we must have your reservation no later than October 11. Requests for preferred seatings will be honored in the order in which they are received.*

*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.*

*We thank you for your ongoing support of My Place Germantown and look forward to seeing you at Bridgid's!*

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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.  
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### 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  
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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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## 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



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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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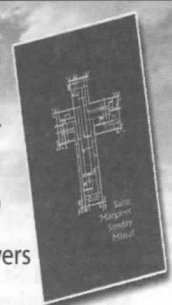
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# Celebration of Life

## Margaret B. Tighe

Celebrant.....Reverend Timothy Lyons C.M.

Concelebrant.....Monsignor Daniel Kutys

Words of Rememberance

Entrance Hymn....."On Eagles Wings", Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life. Say to the Lord "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear. Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day. Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Book of Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my shephard."

Second Reading: Paul to the Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Homily

General Intercessions

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts....."Hosea", Gregory Norbet, OSB

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.



Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### COMMUNION RITE

Communion Song....."Table of Plenty", Dan Schutte

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Your field will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Song of Praise....."Sweet, Sweet Spirit", Doris Aker

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord  
Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise (hearts in praise)  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

Presentation by great-grandchildren and grandchildren of roses to the Blessed Mother.

Final Commendation

Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Sending Forth....."We are Called", David Haas**

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**





If I die, survive me with such sheer force  
that you waken the furies of the pallid and the cold,  
from south to south lift your indelible eyes,  
from sun to sun dream through your singing mouth.

I don't want your laughter or your steps to waver,

I don't want my heritage of joy to die.

Don't call up my person, I am absent.

Live in my absence as if in a house.

Absence is a house so vast  
that inside you will pass through it's walls  
and hang pictures on the air.

Absence is a house so transparent  
that I lifeless will see you, living  
and if you suffer, my love, I will die again.

Pablo Neruda



## Peggy's Eulogy

One of my clearest and fondest memories as a child was painting my nails with whiteout and putting plastic clothing clips on my ears pretending they were earrings at Urban Outfitters while my mother ran the children's department where she was a clothing buyer. I felt like I had the run of the place when I was there and everyone paid me much attention since I was Karen's daughter. I could sense the respect they had for her. I spent a lot of time in the retail world at Urban Outfitter's and one other place where another strong woman I loved worked. That place was Sylvan Pools and that woman was my grandmother Peggy. Peggy, as I'm often going to refer to her as (for this is what we all lovingly called her), would also take me to work with her at Sylvan where she was the Division Manager. She was esteemed in her position and people were drawn to her. I'd play businesswoman in her office, roam the halls talking to her employees and longing for the opportunity to use one of the rafts floating in the pools they were selling on our next trip to the beach.

I loved my days at the office and as I look back I recognize how life shaping they were for me. I learned early on to work hard both professionally and personally. Now that I'm a mom to Jackson and Madison being a working parent and balancing a family resonates so much more. The sacrifices one makes for their children, the sacrifices one makes for their career, the sacrifices one makes for their partner (kids or not).

There is no perfect balance and when work and life gets tough I draw on my memories of Peggy. She worked and loved hard - even when life wasn't always a day at the beach.

I was a frequent visitor with my grandmother to the Jersey Shore and even got to accompany her when I was around 12 on a business trip to Curacao, an island off the coast of Venezuela. Our trips to the beach were wonderful. We'd sing *You Are My Sunshine*, and during rainy trips, *Rain Rain Go Away* until the skies cleared. Along our journeys she'd also share one of her many life lessons and tips with me numbering them as the list of lessons went on. One of the last ones she gave me was, "Life Lesson number 554 – don't get old and if you do, keep your brain and your body sharp!" She was referring to several people she had made friends with where she was living who had Alzheimers." I think often about this statement and take it to heart for I know that I too often take life for granted. Many of us do until faced with a life-changing event.

We spoke frequently by phone since she was in Seattle and I'm in Massachusetts. There was often a life lesson worked into the conversation and stories and reflections about life and her children and grandchildren who she loved so very, very much and was so proud of.



One of the last messages I received from her was, *"You don't have to call me back (she'd always say this), but I just had to call because I got just the most wonderful package yesterday. Those children (referring to her great grandchildren Jackson and Madison who she never got to meet) are so gorgeous and funny, I just adore each picture. Their personalities are priceless and I love the way Madison is always poking at Oliver (she was always mixing up Oliver and Jack, Oliver - Pink loved you so much) – Peg continued - and Jackson is pushing her away with his feet like he's trying to get rid of her. They are characters – and their eyes are beautiful. Madison's are hazel and look just like Cathy's and Jackson's are beautiful and blue like your moms. I'm also recognizing how much they look like John. Someone called out the almond shape of his eyes to me. Is he Asian at all? Have you looked into his background – I think they could be right... If not, you should - it would be nice to have someone interesting in the family...and on she went for another couple of minutes."* For those of you who know John he's Scottish and for those who knew Peg well, she could go on for hours on topics like this if allowed. Unfortunately (or fortunately depending on the day) voicemail only has a three-minute limit.

If she could speak to me right now she might say, okay Jenna life lesson number 555, "keep things moving and throw in something else kind of funny to keep the mood light". Since I'm not great with jokes I'll share a funny memory from our trip to Curacao. We were walking in one of the small towns just after lunch and took a stroll to the beach. It had pristine white sand, clear blue water, tall palm trees and lots of people without bathing

suits. Peggy and her co-workers gasped and hurried to cover my eyes and escort me as quickly off the beach as possible. Little did they know that the beach at our hotel also had this "optional" policy. Every afternoon while they were at business meetings I would hang out with the my new friends - a gaggle of woman in their 60s who liked a little extra sun.

For me life with Peggy was filled with adventure, but most importantly love, wisdom and support. Through her I fell in love with the Theatre. We saw everything from Cats, to Phantom of the Opera to Rent. She even helped enroll me at the Walnut Street Theater school when I was a young girl coaching me on my audition song, Memory. She did the same for me when I applied to Emerson College for a coveted spot in the theatre program. She travelled from Philly to Boston to watch me do obscure monologues and even supported me when I chose to go abroad to study theatre and pretend to be a cat for an entire semester (I gave up acting that year).

Peggy was a rock in my life, a second mother, a mentor, a confident and a role model. I wish my Jackson and Madison could experience the love she had for them first hand, but I know she is with them and us all in some way, and I am comforted to see the love Jack and Maddy have for my mom and dad and the love they have for them in return. I too had this relationship with Peggy, as did my sister Julia and brother Matt, and it's a bond that will last longer than we walk here on earth. Peggy you are deeply missed, but I feel you everyday and give kisses to Jack and Maddy on their neck for you as you always lovingly asked.





Prayers of the Faithful- Peg's Memorial Oct 8, 2016

(Fr. Tim will intro....choir will sing a response first)

God of our years, we remember today our foremothers, who used their gifts to change the world. Your voice sang in the story of Peg's life. Help us to discover within ourselves our own gifts.

God, our source of all compassion, we hear the cries of the people of the Middle East. We ask that you bring healing to those suffering from violence and open our own hearts as we welcome refugees to our country.

(sung response)

Gracious God, society has divided us by race, gender, class, ideology and sexual orientation. Remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you.

God of Justice, many wrongfully convicted people take the painful lash of punishment for someone else's crimes. Guide us to support them for the basic necessities of life including; food, housing and the education and development of workforce skills.

(sung response)

God of All, you stood in solidarity with the oppressed, the poor and the marginalized. Show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

God of life and goodness, you claimed us as your own through our baptism. We remember your promises and rejoice as Peg and all of our deceased loved ones enter into your family to spend eternal life. We especially remember Peggy's parents and brother's Stan and Chuck. May they be joyfully reunited in Heaven.

(sung response)

For Peggy's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that they be enriched by Peggy's gift of joy and pride in all of their endeavors.

For the parish of Saint Vincent De Paul's that they may know how Peggy was enriched by the community and enveloped in their faith and love.

(sung response)

Fr. Tim will close out the prayers.