

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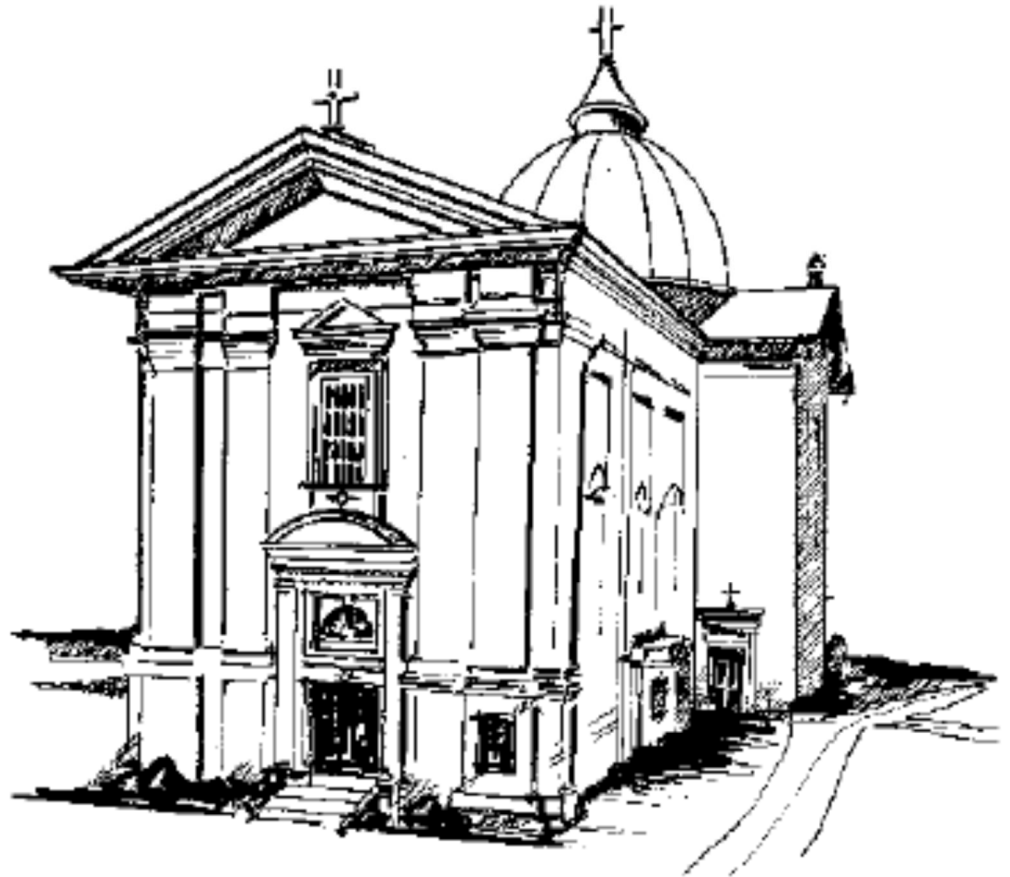
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

October 16, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	10/16	Joseph Mastronardo	9:00 am
		Quadie Jefferson	11:00 am
MON	10/17	NO MASS	
TUE	10/18	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	10/19	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	10/20	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	10/21	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	10/22	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

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

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

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	3,668.98
Electronic	<u>2,972.00</u>
Total	6,640.98
Tithe	322.05

Today's Readings

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

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm:	Psalm 34
Second Reading:	II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel:	Luke 18:9-14

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

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 16-22, 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 MEETINGS

We invite you to come for fellowship in Christ with your peers in the Hospitality Center behind the church. Youth group is open to youth in grades 6-12. Youth Masses will be on **October 30 at both the 9 & 11**. Youth Group meetings will be on **November 20 and December 4**. For more information, email Dan and Katie at: youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org.

LECTORS FALL SCHEDULE

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

For all our years at St. Vincent's, this ministry has focused on ending wars worldwide and on reforming our own prison system. As a follow-up to our book discussions centering on the mass incarceration of African American males, we invite you to view the film *Broken on All Sides* on **Friday, October 29** after the 4pm liturgy. We hope to have a follow-up discussion with a Pennsylvania legislator on progress in prison reform, especially for juveniles. On **November 6, 12-1:30**, the Germantown Mennonite Congregation at Germantown Avenue & Washington Lane will host *Art for Justice*, works by inmates of Graterford prison. Our next meeting: **November 16 at noon**. Lunch provided!

GOOD NEWS

Brother Al is receiving a prestigious award from St. John's University on Thursday, October 27. Father Sy will be preaching a Mission in Scott Township, from Saturday, October 22 until Wednesday, October 26. Please keep him in prayer

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT UPDATE

Live Stop Campaign: Thousands of immigrant residents are denied driver's licenses, but they drive because they have to in order to live. If the drivers are pulled over and the driver was undocumented, meaning he had no license, the police can apply the Live Stop ordinance and call for a tow truck to impound the car. Often the drivers and family members are then 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. 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. We need your support. Please sign our petition at Mass or <https://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/p/endediscriminatorycartowing>

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! Now that the deadline to register has passed, we need to urge everyone to **SHOW UP AT THE POLLS on NOVEMBER 8!** Here are some ways to do that:

*Make a plan to help your relatives and friends who have mobility-challenges to get to the polls. Perhaps take part of Nov 8 off to do this "corporal work of mercy"! Leave your name and number at the rectory if you need help.

*Every Sat and Sun before Election Day, one of the POWER congregations will host a neighborhood door-tag campaign. St. Vincent's designated day is **SAT OCT 29 from 2 to 6 PM**. Save the date and come to help us host a crew. Sign up on the clipboard near the church door!

*Can't make it on Oct 29? Watch for notices about other congregations around the city where you can help in this critical "Get Out The Vote" time!

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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER FORUM

The Unitarian Society of Germantown at 6511 Lincoln Drive invites you to a panel discussion on the systemic racism affecting our lives on **Wednesday, October 26, 7-9pm**. Panelists will include community members, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Police Department and local houses of worship.

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:

Prayer Petitions- October 15-16, 2016

Oh God of our founding church, Pope Francis leads your people to witness the truth. Encourage and support every day Christians throughout the world and be a source of unity for all of your people.

God of Compassion, we remember Teresa of Avila who prayed for your people to carry on your word and deeds. Guide us to be the hands and feet of Christ here on earth to treat all people with love and kindness.

God of Healing, many of our Haitian brothers and sisters feel abandoned and have lost hope. Help the world wide community remember that the Haitian people need our support, love and prayers.

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. Open our hearts to those who are fleeing their homelands, and inspire us to open our arms in welcoming support.

God of Mercy, many of your people are poor, vulnerable, abused and neglected. May we serve as instruments of love in prayer and action for all who have no one to care for them.

Oh God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows as we mourn the loss of loved ones. Nourish your people with your comforting presence and hold us in your arms of love.

Jack DiFeo

October 12, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 15TH & 16TH, 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:

Evangelization Team: Monday, October 17th, 6:30pm.

FACE TO FACE: Meals are now being served on Tuesdays, in addition to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday; from 12:30 until 1:45pm.

DEPAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Please join us in a cleanup of the area outside St. Francis of Assisi church, next to DePaul Catholic School, on Saturday, October 29th, from 9:30 until 11:30am. We are excited about the future of this space. Bring gardening gloves! For more info, contact Kelly at kbielby@thedepaulcatholicschool.org

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.

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.

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH – CONCERT: On Sunday, October 23rd at 4pm, St. Raymond Church will host a concert featuring Mr. Nolan Williams and Voices of Inspiration. Free will offering.

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY FREE LECTURE: "Living with the Sins of the Past: Perspectives of Jesuit Slaveholding". Tuesday, October 18th, 3:30 pm to 5 pm – Cardinal Foley Center 517 City Avenue. Merion PA 19066

a ROBERT GREENWALD film

MAKING A KILLING

GUNS, GREED, AND THE NRA

PRESENTED BY

Ambler Area Coalition for Peace

Showtime - Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM – 9PM

Showtime - Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 9:30 AM – 12PM

Ambler Theater

108 E Butler Ave, Ambler, PA 19002

\$1.00

Includes Admission Ticket and Snack Bag

Discussion Including Community Leaders & Legislators Following Film

Questions, contact:

amblerareacoalitionforpeace@gmail.com

Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA tells the stories of how guns - and the **billions** made off of them - affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit - and thereby putting people in danger. The film looks into gun tragedies that include unintentional shootings, domestic violence, suicides, mass shootings and trafficking - and what we can do to put an end to this profit-driven crisis.

Join us to fight for a country where public safety is valued more than profit!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE THEATER 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOWTIME.



WWW.MAKINGAKILLING.COM

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

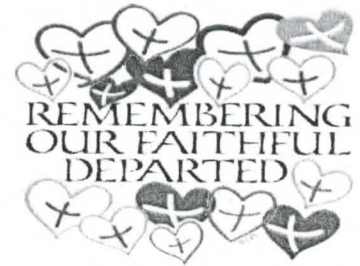


Join us for An Evening of Remembrance All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
7PM

St. Vincent de Paul Church

Please fill out the form at the bottom and return it to the rectory
(place in the offertory basket)



Name of the Deceased: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone # or email: _____

Will someone be representing the family at the prayer service on
November 2? Yes _____ No _____

Martin de Porres Foundation

The **UPDATE**

October 2016
Newsletter

Edition III, Volume 5



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.

GET READY IN November!

SUBSCRIBE to MDP FOUNDATION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"In the beginning...North Philadelphia welcomes the National Black Catholic Men's Conference"

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

October 6-9, 2016

By Reverend Stephen D. Thorne



On Thursday, October 6, hundreds of men gathered at Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church to begin the 13th National Black Catholic Men's Conference. As they arrived, they were greeted by a drum line to welcome them to Philadelphia. Many local clergy, religious sisters and lay leaders were present to offer their support. The inspiring evening included song, prayer and an inspirational reflection led by Mr. Jamey Moses, a Seminarian at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. One of the highlights of the rally was the "altar call" when all of the conference participants came and prostrated themselves at the altar in prayer.

The conference included workshops on various topics to help our adult men and young men grow, as the conference theme states...to be "faithful, fearless and fruitful." The conference will end with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Cyprian Catholic Church in West Philadelphia. Over 300 men from all over the country attended. Let the Church say AMEN!

Spring 2017 Semester St. Charles Seminary - School of Theological Studies (STS)

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC)
Scholarships are available through the Martin de Porres Foundation

Courses will begin January 17th

Spring 2017 Courses - For registration info. Go to www.scs.edu/mbc

Mondays 6:30PM – 9:30PM
STS 101 Old Testament

Tuesdays 6:30PM – 9:30PM
STS 401 Church History

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Dear brothers and sisters: The Lord never tires of having mercy on us, and wants to offer us his forgiveness. We all need to return to him with a new heart, purified of evil, purified by tears, to take part in his joy.

Pope Francis, 18 February 2015

Perspectives

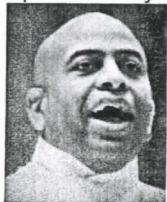
2016 Revival

By Beverly Harper, St. Athanasius, Parish
"Can't Nobody Do Me like Jesus"

Our Lord said, "For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:20

This statement was never truer than in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, September 26-27, 2016, at the Black Catholic Revival.

Sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics, this occasion sparkled with historical significance. It was the first time that the Cathedral was exclusively filled with Black Catholics. You could feel the excitement. Gathered were Catholics from sixteen predominately black parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The anticipation in the air was thick enough to cut. It was apparent that the Spirit of God was present.



Deacon Houston

After getting over the initial disappointment that Bishop Cheri had taken ill and would not be able to attend, we all prayed for his speedy recovery and were thankful to hear later that he was feeling better. Upon announcing that the speaker would be from the St. Peter Claver Parish in New Orleans, P. Thomas Dahn, introduced Deacon Lawrence Houston, who gave a few details about his background. [Read more.](#)

2016 Revival

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
His mercy endures forever."*

By Rev. Thomas P. Kletzel, Pastor-St. Malachy Parish

These words quoted from the Ritual of Reconciliation, fittingly describe the recent Revival held in the Cathedral Basilica of our great Archdiocese. Making history as the first Revival ever to be held in the Cathedral, the pews were filled each of the two consecutive nights with faithful Catholics from across the Archdiocese. We came by cars, chartered buses and public transportation to lift our hearts, minds and souls in joyful praise and gratitude for our gracious God whose love, grace and mercy are abundant.

We were inspired and energized by the Spirit-filled preaching of Deacon Lawrence Houston from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana. With the Scripture stories of the Samaritan Woman and the Prodigal Son as a foundation, Deacon Houston's preaching strengthened faith in our God who patiently waits, with great anticipation, for the opportunity to wrap us in the strong arms of His mercy. [Read more.](#)

Why Our Youth Need a Retreat

By Jennifer Simmons, DRE – St. Ignatius of Loyola

This is my eighth year working at St. Ignatius as the Director of Religious Education. I have to say that even with all of the ups and downs I still love it. I admit that going in I wasn't sure if I could do it, especially the youth ministry part. If I'm honest working with teens is scary, but it is also the most rewarding part of my job.

I've learned that teens really only want a few basic things. They want to be listened to. They want to be loved. They also want to feel safe. Most importantly they are searching for meaning in their lives and they really need us to point them in the right direction. Just like adults, they want to know God. They want to have a relationship with Him and they want to know that He truly loves them. [Read more.](#)

TRUE BEAUTY IS IN THE SOUL – THAT
PRICELESS GIFT OF GRACE.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2016 Catholic Women's Conference
Gathering!

SOLD OUT - SOLD OUT - SOLD OUT

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.

Democracy in Black: How Race Still
Enslaves the American Soul

Presentation -Eddie Glaude, Ph.D.-Princeton U.

Date: Thursday, Oct 20, 2016 – 7pm

Location: LaSalle U. - Founder's Hall Auditorium

723 N. Wister Street, Philadelphia

Event is free to attend, but please register at
lasalle.edu/eddieglaude.com

National Black Catholic Congress XII

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

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

Hotel Registration Fee: Single/Double/Triple,
Quad \$125 + tax per room – per

night.

www.orlando.regency.hyatt.com

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

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

www.facebook.com/martindeporresfoundation

www.martindeporresfoundation.org

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

Share your parish stories or give reflections on
program(s) you attended.

janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org

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

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 . . ." ¹.

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. ²

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>

¹ www.phila.gov/pac/PDF/CB2_Live_Stop_Program.pdf,

² <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

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.



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● *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*

- *Cost = \$50 per person (exclusive of beverages and gratuity) All proceeds from the dinner benefit My Place Germantown*
- *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 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!

(For those of you not familiar with Bridgid's, there is on-street parking available throughout the neighborhood, as well as an open-air public parking lot roughly a block away, between 22nd and 23rd on Fairmount Ave.)

MADAGASCAR

My Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Sy



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



CHAD



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



Please accept my contribution to help,
Thank you!

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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.*

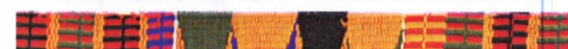


ETHIOPIA

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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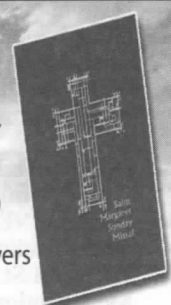
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