

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

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

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 _____

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 _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

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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:

Prayer Petitions for October 22-23, 2016

Lord, we have witnessed many victims of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, famine and disease. We pray for all those who have been left homeless and injured, particularly the people of Haiti, Florida and North Carolina.

Oh Heavenly Father, we thank you for our country and the many freedoms we enjoy. We pray that our future president has the wisdom to confront the complex challenges of our domestic and foreign affairs. Surround our future president with Godly counsel and enable them to make decisions that are pleasing in your eyes.

Oh God of All Blessings, you have given us the gift of our Inn Dwelling Ministry. With a grateful heart we ask you to bless all of those who serve our students in need, and guide our students to lead full and productive lives.

Giver of All, we thank you for guiding many of our community to support our Capital Campaign. Open all of our hearts in generosity so that the House of Vincent may continue to be a beacon of light for all.

Oh God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us to imitate Christ as we minister to the poor of the world with great humility.

Oh Great Consoler, many hearts have been saddened by the sickness or death of someone close and dear to them. Help those who are mourning, experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the support of our church family.

Jack DiFeo

October 17, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD, 2016

RCIA: Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church, if you would like more information.

FAMILY MASS: In preparation for Thanksgiving, we invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving craft session and Family Mass on Saturday, November 12th! The craft session will begin at 3pm in the Hospitality Room, and conclude with 4pm Family Mass and pizza dinner afterwards.

HELP NEEDED: Our Evangelization Team and DePaul Catholic have teamed up to offer an afterschool course, called "Walk with Jesus". This course is one day a week, after school (2pm until 3:15pm). We presently are teaching one class of eighteen students, on Wednesday afternoon. We would like to expand this program since there is a fifty-five student waiting list to get in. The class is offered for kindergarten through second grade. If you would be interested in teaching your faith to these "little ones" for one hour a week, please sign up in the back of the church, on the list called "Walk with Jesus".

NOTE FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY: *October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.* Remember to have your annual mammogram and discuss your level of risk with your doctor.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS TO HOMEBOUND: Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), have made greeting cards and pictures for the homebound of the parish. This makes a special connection for the homebound parishioners and the children. The cards are located in the rectory dining room, in a box marked "Artwork for Homebound Parishioners". Please take one when you visit. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Carey, at 215-266-2264.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OFFICE: If you are available, please consider volunteering in the office. The following days and times are open:

Monday- 1pm until 5pm

Wednesday, Thursday- 8am until 11am

Friday- 2pm until 5pm

Saturday- 9am until noon

Responsibilities: Answer phone and door. Take messages.

Please call the Rectory to volunteer for a specific day.



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 _____

ELECTION 2016: QUICK FACTS

- * ONLY 58.8% OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN PHILADELPHIA VOTED IN 2012
- * BOOSTING TURNOUT WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS: WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY & WE EXPECT THEM TO PRIORITIZE OUR FAMILIES, IN DC & HARRISBURG!

- * **YOU CAN HELP!** • PLEASE FILL THIS OUT & LEAVE IN PEW

PHONE BANKS: I CAN MAKE REMINDER CALLS TO VOTERS:

MON OCT 24, 6 TO 9 PM (RECTORY)

MON NOV 7, 6 TO 9 PM (RECTORY)

NEIGHBORHOOD FLYERS: I CAN HANG "REMEMBER TO VOTE" DOOR-TAGS ON HOMES (WITH OTHER PARISHIONERS):

SAT OCT 29, 2 TO 6 PM (MEET @ HOSPITALITY RM)

SAT NOV 5, 2 TO 6 PM (MEET @ RECTORY)

I WANT TO HELP BUT NOT ON THOSE DATES (WE'LL CALL YOU)

YOUR NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

***PLUS: SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE OUR WORK TOGETHER!
POTLUCK BRUNCH SAT Nov 12, 10 AM TO 12 NOON (RECTORY)
FOR MORE INFO, CALL TERRI BURGIN/ 215-651-0100 OR MARY LAVER /610-324-9388**

World MISSION SUNDAY, 2016

Consider giving \$1 more than last year to help Missionaries serving God & the needy in 1,111 Mission Dioceses world-wide



\$20 HELPS Religious Sisters provide medical care & compassion to the Elderly in India and around the globe



\$100 Buys building supplies for a permanent Church to be built in the Morropón community of Peru



\$80 COVERS travel expenses for Religious Brothers & Sisters to study agriculture in Kenya



\$40 EDUCATES Catechists in the Vellore Diocese of India where only 2% of the population is Catholic



\$150 PROVIDES a home, food and education for children in orphanages in the Colombo Diocese, Sri Lanka



SUPPORT CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES . . . WITNESSES OF GOD'S MERCY

(after ALL announcements, very last thing before Dismissal)

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN'S SABBATH

R. 1 Today, places of worship of all faiths across our nation share in a common commitment of improving the lives of children and working for justice on their behalf. The movement is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund which this year celebrates 50 years of advocating for children. This weekend is nationally known as "Children's Sabbath"

R. 2 On this "Children's Sabbath" our community mourns the lost of the children in our city who have died because of violence. Before we read the names of those you have died we will pray for their souls, their loves ones and their perpetrators. Lastly, we pray that each of us is committed to peace in our world. Let us be still.

(Silence.....15 seconds)

"*Please Stand*" (wait for complete silence/stillness)

R. 1 O God, we pray for the children who have been murdered on the streets of our city or in their own homes. We commit to your loving care those who have died, beseeching you to receive their souls into the mercy of your love. Comfort their loved ones who mourn. Enable them to meet the lonely and painful days ahead in the strength of your love. Let the love that you have made known to us lead us to create a safer world for all. In Jesus name we pray..... Amen

R. 2 (*names are read , bell chimes for each name read*)

(after the last name, PAUSE.....THEN)

Presider: Blessing and Dismissal

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

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,

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



CHAD



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



Please accept my contribution to help,
Thank you!

Name: _____

Any amount is appreciated!

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Other \$ _____



Please accept my monthly contribution
of \$ _____

Please make check payable to:

**Congregation of the
Mission / Africa**

Return in self addressed envelope to:
Congregation of the Mission / Africa
109 E. Price Street
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Please give address if giving monthly:
Address: _____

NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "DePaul hope Social Center". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*



ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



African



Appeal for Hope

*"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's Life.
The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."*

Pope Francis



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

Girls Freed in Nigeria, Reuniting With Parents,

Tell of Servitude and Privation

Joyful Ceremony Follows 2 Years of Captivity For 21 of Dozens Kidnapped by Boko Haram

By CHRIS STEIN
and DIONNE SEARCEY

ABUJA, Nigeria — They were taken deep into the Sambisa Forest to Boko Haram's stronghold, where the more than 200 schoolgirls from Chibok were offered a choice: Join the militants or become their slaves.

About half of them opted to join and marry the fighters and were taken away, never to be heard from.

Those who refused endured more than two years of servitude, washing, fetching water and cooking for Boko Haram.

The girls, nearly all of them Christians, lived in grass huts and were forced to convert to Islam. At first they ate rice and maize.

But then food became scarce. During their captivity in the forest, a few of them died.

These were the stories that parents of the schoolgirls from Chibok heard Sunday from 21 of the girls who were released last week

Chris Stein reported from Abuja, and Dionne Searcey from Dakar, Senegal.

after the Nigerian government negotiated their freedom.

The parents of the freed girls, as well as parents of girls still held captive, were bused to the nation's capital for a joyful reunion ceremony at a hospital run by the country's secret police service.

Videos of the ceremony showed reunited families hopping up and down together in celebration, singing Christian songs of praise.

"I felt like it was the day that I born her into this world," said Ruth Markus, the mother of Saratu Markus, one of the freed girls. "I danced and danced and danced."

The girls are in the custody of the secret police, and they are receiving medical and psychological care, government officials said.

They were scheduled to meet with President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday.

Mr. Buhari, who took office a year ago, had pledged during his campaign to find the girls. Officials have said they expect more girls to be released soon.

As many as 276 girls were taken in April 2014 when members of Boko Haram stormed their board-



OLAMIKAN GBEMIGA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the girls freed by Boko Haram, right, celebrated with family members in Abuja, Nigeria.

ing school during exam week.

About 50 of them escaped in the initial days after the abduction, but before last week only one had been found since: Amina Ali, who was discovered this year roaming

in the forest with a baby.

Boko Haram fighters have captured and killed large groups of other schoolchildren, but the kidnapping of the students from Chibok caught the world's attention,

fueled by a #BringBackOurGirls social media campaign.

On Sunday, people from Chibok who met with the girls said they looked gaunt.

"They've just become like skel-

etons," said Yana Galang, a mother of a still-missing girl and a community leader of the Chibok parents.

Some parents who met with the girls said they had reported that one of the schoolgirls in their group of about 100 died of a snakebite, one died in childbirth (their encampment included male hostages, too) and four died in a bombing.

The Swiss government and the International Committee of the Red Cross helped broker negotiations to release the girls, and the Chibok residents who met with the girls Sunday offered more details about their release.

Militants had gathered the girls recently and told them that they were going home. A few days later, a Red Cross vehicle rumbled into the forest where the girls were held.

Representatives shook hands and talked with a militant and then left. A militant then read from a piece of paper the names of those who were to be freed.

Militants later drove the girls for a couple hours until their vehicle broke down. They pointed them in a direction and told them to start walking.

The girls walked for two days and arrived in a border town where they were able to contact Nigerian officials.

