

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

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

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School

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

Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

♦ **Joseph Cummins, C.M.**

Parochial Vicar, Ext #220

♦ **Valerie Lee-Jeter**

♦ **Darin P. Williams**

Ministers of Music

♦ **JoAnn O'Connor**

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215-438-1514

♦ **Corbin Gardner & Grace Yi**

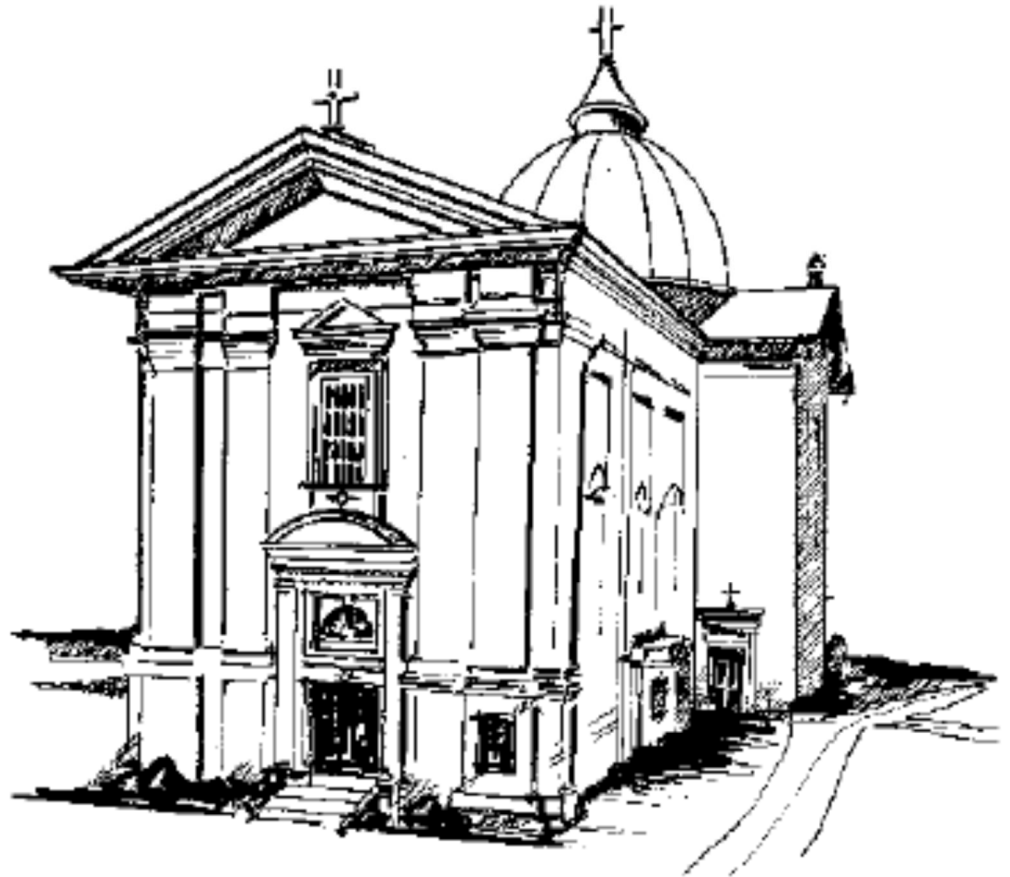
Directors of Religious Education

♦ **Dan Kraning & Katie Crump**

Directors of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

♦ **PAR-Recycle Works Prison Ministry**

Timothy Lyons, C.M. & Laura Ford
267-335-5455
Par-recycleworks.org



Partners in Ministry

♦ **Inn Dwelling**

Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson
Administrator
Alfred J. Smith, C.M.
Director
215-438-2195
inn dwelling.org

♦ **Face to Face**

Mary Kay Meeks-Hank
Exec. Director
215-849-0179
267-566-8402
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♦ **My Place Germantown**

Jeffrey Williamson
Executive Director
js@myplacegermantown.org
215-763-6387

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	11/20	Maria & Frank Meloni	9:00 am
		Paul Intieri	11:00 am
MON	11/21	NO MASS	
TUE	11/22	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	11/23	Miraculous Medal	7:00 pm
THU	11/24	Loretta Guld	10:00 am
FRI	11/25	Kathleen Lenaham	7:00 am
SAT	11/26	Melvin A. Smith	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Christ the King
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, Annie Serious, Mark Rogers.

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 Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Ann Rainsford & 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, , Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Gerrie Breslin, Siobhan Barrett, Mary Corini.

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	3,537.63
Electronic	<u>2,972.00.</u>
Total	6,509.63
Tithe	325.48

Today's Readings

First Reading:	II Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm:	Psalm 122
Second Reading:	Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel:	Luke 23:35-42

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm:	Psalm 122
Second Reading:	Romans 13:11-44
Gospel:	Matthew 24:37-44

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 4:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

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 - November 20 - 26, 2016

THANKSGIVING MASS

Join us in giving thanks to God on **November 24 at 10am**. We will have bread for you to take home and share with your family.

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 Group meetings will be on **November 20 and December 4**. For more information, email Dan and Katie at: youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org.

LECTORS

As the new liturgical year approaches (starting Thanksgiving weekend), it's time for new books to reflect on God's Word through the lectionary! After each weekend Mass in November, books are on sale. The Lector Workbook is \$12, and "At Home with the Word" is \$10: A treasure to read and pray with throughout the year! Advent Lectors Gathering: Whether you are a seasoned lector or eager to become one, please come to this prayerful and practical workshop in the Hospitality Room: **Saturday, December 3, 930am to noon**. Please register by **Monday, Nov. 28** by calling the rectory during business hours.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) have made greeting cards and pictures for parish homebound. This makes a special connection for the homebound and the children. Cards are located in the rectory dining room, in a box marked "Artwork for Homebound Parishioners". Please take one when you visit.

LEGION OF MARY

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

SENIORS MINISTRY

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.

RCIA

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

MINISTRY SUNDAY

On **November 20**, we will celebrate our ministries. After Mass, there is hospitality and information about many of the ministries we have here.

HOSPITALITY

Please join us for hospitality provided by the community after the 9am Mass in the Hospitality center. You can sign up to help as an individual, family or group on the bulletin board by the side entrance. Volunteers buy donuts, OJ and milk and are reimbursed. All other items are provided in the Center's cabinet. Please arrive early to make coffee prior to Mass. All items are sold for fifty cents. Questions? Call Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682.

FOOD CUPBOARD

We will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. Please consider donating frozen turkeys or non-perishable food. Call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED

Our Evangelization Team and DePaul Catholic have teamed up to offer an afterschool course, called "Walk with Jesus" one day a week, after school (2pm until 3:15pm). We are now teaching one class of 18 students, K-2, on Wednesday but would like to expand this program since there is a 59 student waiting list to get in. If you would be interested in teaching your faith to "little ones" for one hour a week, please sign up in the back of the church, on the list called "Walk with Jesus".

POWER UPDATE

Over 25 parishioners helped boost voter turnout in Germantown and across the region by knock-ing on doors and making calls. POWER-wide, these contacts added up, and we hope will help us to show policy makers that we are serious about getting more and more Philadelphia-area residents involved in issues that matter to families: Better-funded schools, higher minimum wages, and criminal justice reform. THANK YOU to all!

Curious about POWER? Much planning is going on now re/ responding to the new post-election "landscape" for the issues that matter to people who are struggling. Watch for a St Vincent's POWER meeting in December. For more info, contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388).

ROOM RESERVATIONS

We have so many activities at St. Vincent's, we need to make sure we have room for them - literally. Please call Tiffany (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3) to reserve a room. We don't want you out in the cold!

FACE TO FACE NEEDS COOKED TURKEYS

We will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for more than 200 men, women, and children. Please help by dropping off a cooked and sliced turkey at Face to Face on **Wednesday, November 23 or Thursday, November 24 between 9 and noon**.

WHAT is R.U.M.?

The mission of the Reconciliation & Unity Ministry (RUM) is to foster our "becoming One Body of Christ" as a parish community where all are welcome— across races, generations, sexual orientations, countries of origin, and Mass preferences—to encounter Christ's loving presence in each other. RUM began in the aftermath of the national trauma generated by the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson in 2014, when Fr Sy invited a diverse group of parishioners to come together to reflect on what our times called us to be and do as a parish community. In its first two years, RUM initiated the Pew Conversations to encourage dialogue among parishioners about the meaning of the Gospel for our lives. RUM also launched Movie Nights, bringing us together to think about pressing and potentially divisive issues like racism, homophobia, and immigration. But RUM's main purpose is not to start new programs but to encourage our many ministries—from liturgy to social justice—to use "becoming One" as a central guide for their work. RUM members commit to meeting together monthly and following up on "homework" that arises between meetings, to talk, plan or collaborate with members of other ministries or external groups about ideas raised in RUM. Parishioners are welcome to talk with Fr Sy or any RUM ministry members to find out more, and to consider joining us!

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:

Prayers of the Faithful
Feast of Christ the King
November 19-20, 2016

May your kingdom come to the hearts of your followers, that despite all circumstances, they may always rejoice in the house of the Lord.

May those who display anger and hatred toward others experience a change of heart so that all God's people will be respected and accepted.

May your kingdom come to our leaders as they consider changes in governance. May they make all decisions responsibly and prayerfully.

May our leaders honor our commitment to repair and protect our environment from future damage.

May your kingdom come to all who are sick, especially Father Cummings, and those who feel isolated and cannot be actively engaged in our liturgies and ministries. May we reach out to them with gestures of kindness.

May all who have died, those whose names are inscribed in our book and in our hearts, rest in the fullness of your love.

Mary Ellen Graham
Peg McFadden

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 19TH & 20TH, 2016

VERBAL MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: There are too many verbal announcements each week and they are too long and it takes away from the Liturgy. You must have your verbal announcement approved by Fr. Sy. Both Pastoral and Liturgy Councils want this change.

THANKSGIVING MASS: 10am Thursday! Please start your Thanksgiving Day by giving "THANKS TO GOD".

ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!!!

GIVING TREE is coming soon. Please plan to help our own *CLOW, INN DWELLING, DEPAUL CATHOLIC, MY PLACE GERMANTOWN* and *FACE TO FACE*. More information will follow.

IMPORTANT STUDY: University of Pennsylvania is doing a study on campus sexual assaults. If you know of any parents whose child was a victim or families that are struggling to deal with this horrific issue, please contact Susan Sorenson, at (215) 573-1169.

HELP FOR SENIORS: Are you or aging relatives preparing for senior living transitions? There is a free educational workshop offered by Maplewood Rehabilitation Center. Please sign up in the back.

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN (MPG) FUNDRAISER: There will be a pretzel and drinks fundraiser on Sunday, November 27th, after the nine o'clock Mass, to help support the homeless men who are now living at MPG. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

THERE IS MAIL IN THE OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE (inside the office door, to the left, on the board):

Julia Stephens	Bruce Marshall
Patricia Steward	Crystal Pinckney
Loretta Miller	Thomas Walker
Wylie Turner	Anna Tumulty

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NEW CONTACT INFORMATION: We have new email addresses for the following:

Directors of Religious Education- dre@saint-vincent-church.org

Youth Ministry- youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org

For Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Genealogy Information-
records@saint-vincent-church.org

For Bulletin Announcements- bulletin@saint-vincent-church.org

Deadline for bulletin is Monday, by 8am.

For Flyers and Other Inserts for the Bulletin-

secretary@saint-vincent-church.org

Deadline is Wednesday, by noon.

Remember, if your group has a meeting scheduled, please call the rectory office and reserve a room.

MINISTRY SUNDAY

Below are the names, contact and locations of meeting for many Ministries offered at St. Vincent De Paul.

Please feel free to contact or attend any of the many organizations, as all are looking for members.

Further description, of a Ministry, is located on the posters in church.

Celebration Ministries

Alter Servicers Mike Weyand - mcweyand@comcast.net

Art & Environment - formerly Church Decorating
Julie Kring - 215-519-7805 - kringschreifels@verizon.net

Cantors Valerie Lee-Jeter - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Contemporary Choir Valerie Lee-Jeter - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Gospel Choir Darin Williams - 610-931-4212 -
darinoms@aol.com - Wednesdays, 7 pm, Chapel

Eucharist Ministers Jim Weiss - 215-848-4276
weissj12@verizon.net

Visiting Eucharist Ministers Barbara Carey
215-266-2264 - BJMCarey@gmail.com

Eucharistic Bread Bakers Jim Weiss - 215-848-4276
weissj12@verizon.net

Gesture Ministry Mary Ann Delaplane

Liturgy Dancers Barbara Boyle

Lay Leaders of Prayer Sheila Sharpe - shesharpe@yahoo.com

Lectors Mary Laver - 610-324-9388;
Vi Shenkman - 215-635-0278

C.L.O.W. - (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
Corbin Gardner - 641-226-7200; Grace Y. - 808-343-8306
dre@saint-vincent-church.org

Liturgy Committee Mike Weyand - mcweyand@comcast.net;
Christopher Bolton - okragalore@gmail.com

Writers of Petitions Ministry Peg McFadden
pegmcfadden@hotmail.com

Liturgy Coordinators Jim Weiss - 215-848-4276
weissj12@verizon.net

Ushers Tony Gillian - battchief99@hotmail.com

Van Drivers Gary Sylvester

Veronica Ministry Bernadette Crownin Gellar
bernlawr2729@verizon.net

Gathering Ministries

Bible Study Group Jerry Gionish; Fr. Sy - 215-438-2925

R.U.M. - (Reconciliation & Unity Ministry)
Chris Newsome Bolton - okragalore@gmail.com;
Sharon Browning - sbrowning@justlistening.net

RCIA - (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Diane Zeig

Parish Social Ministry Evelyn Rogers - 215-438-1514

Seniors Ministry Jerry Smith - 215-508-0427

Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Dan Kranig - 410-299-3191;
Katie Crump - 267-972-4444

More on Back

Hosting Ministries

Bereavement Ministry Lynn Lewis - 215-849-8934

Hospitality Ministry Jack Difeo for 9 mass;
Lynn Lewis for 11 mass

Outreach Ministries

Evangelization Ministry Sheila Sharpe - shesharpe@yahoo.com

Health Ministry Barbara Carey - 215-266-2264
BJMCarey@gmail.com

Prison Ministry & Re-Entry Program
Timothy Lyons & Laura Ford - 267-335-5455

Pro-Life Union Liz & Mike Bergen - 215-944-4574
lizbergen@verizon.net

Administrative Assistance Ministries

Collection Counters Kitty Interfray - 276-325-6162

Counting Ministry Robin Smith - 215-508-0427

Office Volunteers Tiffany Donn - 215-438-2925

Website Ministry Geoff Beatty -
geoff@germantownstudios.com

Social Justice Ministries

New Sanctuary Movement Paul Witte - 267-237-6683
pw Witte@hotmail.com

Peace & Justice Doug Popora - 267-549-2364

POWER Mary Laver - 610-324-9388;
Terry Burgies - 215-605-7931

Associate Ministries

Face to Face Mary Kay Meeks-Hank - 215-849-0179 or
267-566-8402 - facetofacegermantown.org

Inn Dwelling Brother Al & Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson
215-438-2195-2195 - inndwelling.org

Knights of Columbus Wiley Redding - 610-733-0370
wredding21@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Sharon Fisher - 215-438-8602

My Place Germantown Jeffrey Williamson - 215-763-6387
js@myplacegermantown.org

PAR-Recycle Works Timothy Lyons & Laura Ford
267-335-5455 - Par-recycleworks.org

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Liz Bergen - 215-944-4574
lizbergen@verizon.net

St. Vincent de Paul Music Ministry

Presents:

“All Are Welcome”

A CD featuring the music of our combined choirs
and an original composition by our own, Darin Williams.



Now YOU can sing
along with the choir!



COST: \$15 - Available Dec. 4

*This will make a GREAT Christmas gift!

***There will be a **CONCERT** featuring the music from the CD
on SUNDAY, DEC 4 at 3PM at St. Vincent's church (in the
church).

*Please put the form below in an envelope **CLEARLY** marked “Music
CD”. You may place it in the collection basket or give it to a member of
music ministry.*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST. V MUSIC MINISTRY AND THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Name: _____

Email or phone # _____

of CD's ordered: _____ (\$15 per CD)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Checks made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Roman Catholic Church

St. Vincent's Youth Ministry Meeting Reminder

Sunday November 20th 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:

~Youth Group Meeting December 4th

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

youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org

Bulletin Advertising

As you may already know the ads you see on the back of our bulletin pay for the cost of printing and delivering the bulletins to our Church free of charge. As you may have noticed there are several spaces remaining to be filled. In addition, we are looking to expand the number of pages offered in our weekly bulletin to include additional parish and diocesan news. We hope that you can help us with the effort to increase bulletin advertising to cover this additional expense.

We would like the advertising to first and foremost reflect the businesses of our parishioners. If you currently run a business of your own, please consider advertising in our bulletin.

I would like to advertise my business in the parish bulletin. My name is _____,
My business name is _____, and I can be reached at _____.

Second, we would like the advertising to reflect the businesses you frequently patronize in the area. Instead of simply filling the page with local ads, our advertising page could be more of a reflection of the businesses you, our parishioners, would recommend to your friends and neighbors. It would then become more of a parish resource than just an advertising page.

We wish to respectfully request your help in listing your Family Doctor, Eye Doctor, Podiatrist, Auto Mechanic, favorite Super Market, Nail Salon, Hair Dresser, Restaurants, Contractors, Landscapers, retail stores, etc.

I would highly recommend the following businesses to my friends and would like to see them advertised in the St. Vincent De Paul Church bulletin.

Name of Business:

Contact Information:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Advertising in our bulletin is an inexpensive way to promote a business and help the Church. Our bulletin is distributed to the community and reaches many people. It is a good way to strengthen community ties and promote local businesses in our area. Please help us to keep distributing our bulletin, provide your friends and neighbors with quality referrals, keep our local businesses thriving, and receive some extra blessings.

Please return your form to the parish office, or call our bulletin sales representative Sarah Sorgie at 914-771-8170 for more information.

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!

Name: _____

Any amount is appreciated!

☐ \$25

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ \$500

☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Please accept my monthly contribution
of \$ _____



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.*

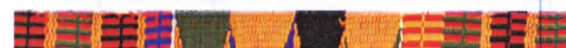


ETHIOPIA

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

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: _____

Ten Benefits Of Legion of Mary Membership

The Legion of Mary began in Dublin, Ireland on September 7, 1921. It is now the largest lay apostolic organization in the Catholic Church, with well over three million Active members throughout the world.

Types of work focus primarily on the Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Conversion – establishing friendly contact with those outside the Church; promoting the ‘New Evangelization’ called for by Pope John Paul II.

Conservation – fostering Catholic ideals and devotions in parish communities and Catholic families.

Consolation –
Visiting prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins; parish census or other spiritual needs in the parish or community.

1. It Can Help Grow Hair

A true story concerns the late **Father Francis Ripley** of Liverpool, England. During World War II Father wanted to start the Legion in a military hospital and was recruiting members. One German patient had been in an explosion in a tank and had lost all his hair which had never grown back. When Fr. Ripley asked him to join the Legion of Mary, the soldier asked if he joined would the Blessed Mother help his hair grow back. Fr. Ripley said that he would not be surprised if that happened. Three months later the new German legionary had the most handsome head of blond hair!

The principle is that Our Lord and Our Lady are never outdone in generosity. If we sacrifice some time, effort or energy doing their work, they will always give something in return to us or to others. Perhaps a child or grandchild away from the Church would come back. There will always be some special grace because of your Legion membership.

2. School For Saints

Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary, once said that "The Legion makes saints and makes them by the bushel". When we consider that an organization begun in 1921 already has three lay members whose cause for canonization has been introduced, it is truly amazing

If we want to become good at something, we have to practice it every week, such as a sport, a hobby, a musical instrument. If we want to "get good" at holiness, we must practice it every week as well. And the Legion gives us that opportunity. It provides an ideal expression of the Catholic vocation. It is a unique privilege and great blessing to be counted in the membership of an organization whose primary purpose is personal holiness.

3. Fulfills Canon Law

Canon Law is the rulebook of the Catholic Church. Canon 225 obliges all Catholics to be apostolic: *"Since all lay people are assigned to the apostolate by baptism and confirmation, they are bound by the general obligation and they have the right, whether as individuals or organizations or in associations, to strive so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all people throughout the world."*

Legion of Mary membership makes it actually easy to follow the rules and be a good Catholic, but it does more: the Legion offers a proven method and motivation for sanctity, thus fulfilling Canon 210 which states: *"All Christian faithful must make an effort, in accord with their own condition, to live a holy life and to promote the growth of the Church and its continual sanctification."*

4. Keeps Its Members Young

This can't be found in Canon Law but it can be shown nonetheless. For example, the late **Fr. Aedan McGrath**, official Legion visitor to the Far East, at 92 years of age was still active and looked to be about 75.

Frank Duff, founder of the Legion, was still riding his bicycle at the age of 91. (In fact, he never drove a car after his first ride, when the engine exploded!) The Legion kept him young in spirit and in body.

And there were the "little old lady" legionaries in Philadelphia who, in their nineties, were still doing their Legion work of door to door evangelization! The Legion seemed to keep them young!

5. Teaches The Catholic Faith

During the weekly Legion meeting spiritual formation is found in the rosary, the Legion prayers, the spiritual reading and discussion, and the talk by the spiritual director. Additional help comes from Catholic doctrine, and apostolic techniques learned from the Legion handbook and the work reports presented and discussed.

Every time legionaries come together for a meeting it is as if they are gathered at the cenacle with Our Lady, as in the days of the first apostles. Every Legion meeting becomes the Upper Room where modern-day apostles gather together in a cenacle of prayer with Mary, asking the Holy Spirit to come upon them so that they can do great things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

6. Friendships

The Legion's main purpose is the holiness of the members. It improves the "vertical" relationship we have with God and the Blessed Mother, but it also enriches the "horizontal" relationship of friends we gain as we live the Legion way of life.

Experience has shown that the Legion can help develop wonderful life-long friendships with like-minded Catholics. It is also a great place to meet a future spouse. One Legion council in Cork, Ireland reported five marriages from one Legion group alone. It soon became the most popular group in all of Ireland!

7. A Means Of Tithing

In Scripture, tithing generally refers to the gift of ten percent of our finances to God. This principle should be applied to our time and effort as well. The Legion provides a good jump-start on this by requiring that about four hours each week be set aside, which is only two percent of our time. Scripture says that when you tithe, God's blessing to you will be far greater than your generosity to Him.

Therefore, as we give time to our Lord and His Mother, they bless us in many ways and we find even more time and more blessings in life. So we are encouraged to consider the tithing principle not only for finances but also for time. The aim is to spend time serving God through Catholic living and the active apostolate.

8. Helps Face Judgement Day

What a great blessing it would be to hear Jesus say to us, *"Come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for when I was sick in a nursing home you legionaries visited Me. When I was in prison, you came to see Me. When I was hungry for the Truth you brought Me back to the Church. When I was thirsty for love, you came and comforted Me."*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy – the Legion of Mary's primary program of works, such as encouraging people to come back to the sacraments, helping to get children baptized, making the Catholic Church known to others – will be even more important than the Corporal Works of Mercy (feeding the hungry, clothing the naked) because the soul, unlike the body, is eternal and will last forever in either heaven or hell.

9. Saves Souls

This is what life on earth is all about and it has its basis in the Letter of James, chapter 5, verse 19: "Brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone brings him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

Therefore, if you help to bring back a fallen-away Catholic, or bring a convert into the Catholic religion – if you are God's instrument to do that – the Bible says that you will cover a multitude of sins and save your own soul from death as well. The Legion, with its program of works which includes the friendly encouraging of the lapsed to live again their Catholic Faith, ensures its members of this future blessing.

10. Masses For Your Soul

At present throughout the world there are approximately 600,000 Legion groups, and by rule each group has a Mass said for all deceased legionaries in the month of November.

So, you as a Legion of Mary member, after your death can be sure of having six hundred thousand Masses celebrated for you. Imagine sitting in Purgatory and along comes November 1st, with six hundred thousand Masses being said for you. If you are not out of there soon, it's through no fault of the Legion of Mary!





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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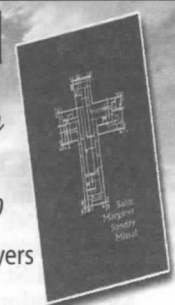
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