

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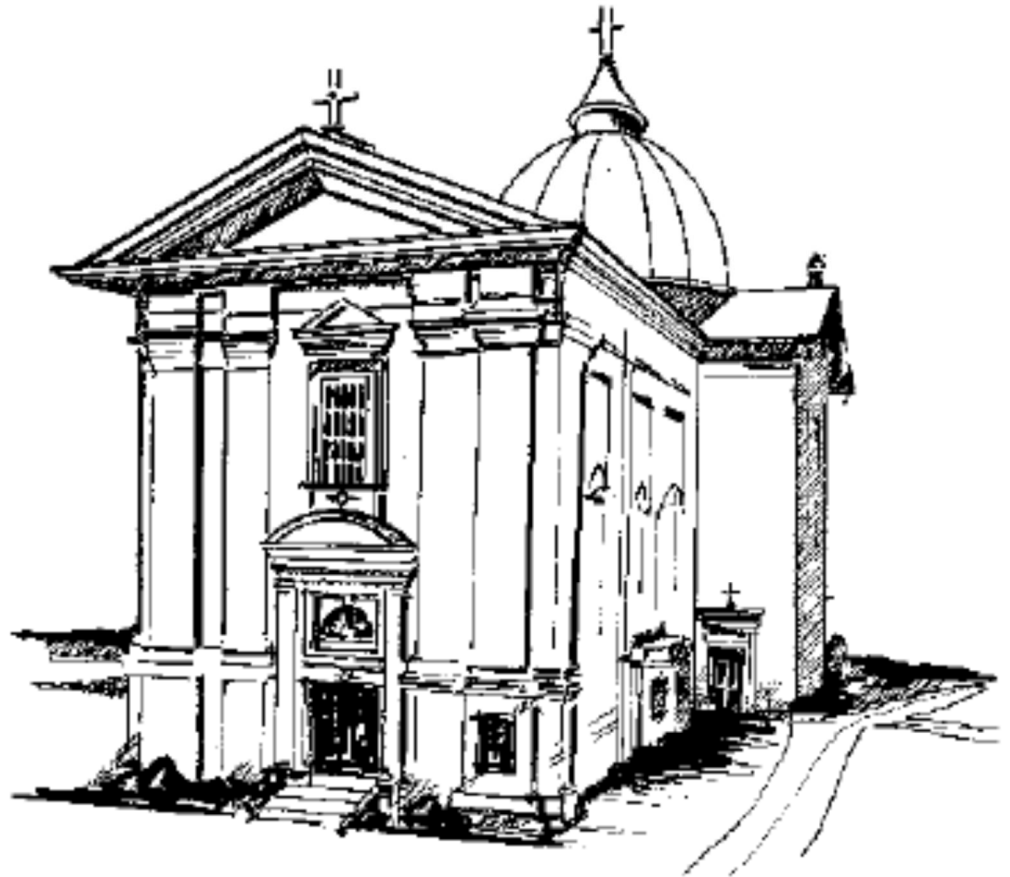
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	12/11	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	12/12	Lydia Phillips	11:00 am
TUE	12/13	NO MASS	7:00 am
WED	12/14	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	12/15	Joan Bretschneider	7:00 am
FRI	12/16	Kevin Sims	7:00 am
SAT	12/17	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
			4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Second Sunday of Advent
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.

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Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Arone & 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 Margatech, 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, Siobhan Barrett, Mary Corini, Robert Glasgow.

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	4,136.95
Electronic	2,972.00.
Total	7,108.95
Tithe	355.44

Today's Readings

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

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm: Psalm 24
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Monday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

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 - December 11-17, 2016

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SCHEDULE

*4pm Choir 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass
7pm Choir 7:30 Christmas Eve Mass
11:30 Choir Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Mass is at 10am*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Come to our Spanish Mass **December 12 at 7pm** in the chapel.

PRAYER & FASTING DURING ADVENT

We ask everyone who is able to join in prayer and fasting from December 19-23. Fasting means no meat, desserts, alcohol or eating between meals. We do this to grow in faith and love for our brothers and sisters living on the margins. If you cannot fast, please pray, come to morning Mass or Eucharistic devotion.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our new CD available for purchase at \$15 (a great Christmas gift! with proceeds supporting the ministry and capital campaign!). You can also sing with the choir during Advent/Christmas. Call the rectory office for times and dates and experience a special seasonal joy!

THE "GIVING TREE"

Please note that our "giving tree" has returned! It is decorated with multi-colored tags with wishes on them for children and adults at Face to Face, My Place Germantown, Inn Dwelling and DePaul Catholic. Please take a wish and fulfill it by placing your gift in the collection basket any time before Christmas.

LECTORS

If you are a "seasoned" lector, please sign up for Christmas, January, February and Mar Masses in the Liturgy Prep Room near the main church door (to the left as you enter). If you are an aspiring lector, please contact the rectory and we will reach out to train you. Thanks to all who came to our Advent workshop!

Additional "At Home with the Word" books—with all the readings for each week of the liturgical year—are being ordered for parishioners to purchase in coming weeks after Mass. Thanks for helping us "sell out" and for your patience if you still want a book to enhance your prayer life!

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.

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.

DEPAUL CATHOLIC EVENTS

.Students have made Christmas cards! A pack of 10 cards is \$20. Go to depaulphila.org to purchase or call Kelly Bielby at 215-842-1266.

.Come visit us on **Thursday, December 15, 9-11am** at 44 West Logan Street to hear where we've been and where we are going. Meet our student scholars and teachers and our leadership team with their vision for moving us forward. We will also share donuts, coffee, and conversation.

.7th graders are collecting NEW socks for homeless people. Let's help them! Drop off a pair or two of NEW socks in the wrapped "sock box" in the back of the church. The program is called Joy of Sox. See www.joyofsox.org.

POWER UPDATE

All are welcome to our next St. Vincent's POWER meeting on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm** in the rectory parlor. Can't come but want to learn about us? Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388).

POWER is Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild, a coalition of 50+ con-gregations in the city and suburbs working together to change policies that exclude and harm people of color, people of low income, and immigrants in our communities! We work to increase the minimum wage, improve public school funding, and reform criminal justice practices. Watch for major POWER events the week of Martin Luther King Day!

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. And we have a one-day retreat coming up on **Saturday, January 14** for all old and new RUM members, so save that date! Interested? Want to know more, and maybe join us? Please talk w/ Fr Sy or leave your name at the office and one of the RUM members will be glad to contact you.

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**

General Intercessions
Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11, 2016
11:00 Mass

We are an impatient people,
longing for the coming of our God.
May we also be a watchful people,
rejoicing in every sign of God's presence among us.
Let us pray to the Lord . . .

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened.
May all church leaders share Pope Francis' vision of the church
as a "field hospital" for hurting people.
Let us pray to the Lord . . .

The ears of the deaf will be cleared.
In the wake of the election,
may all political leaders learn to listen to the pain of their people
and the call of the common good.
Let us pray to the Lord . . .

The lame will leap like a stag.
May those who feel crippled by unemployment, addiction or abuse
find new strength to walk in fullness of life.
Let us pray to the Lord . . .

The tongue of the mute will sing.
May those who are silenced by the darkness of grief
learn to sing again in the light of God's love.
Let us pray to the Lord . . .

Christine Eberle

General Intercessions
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8, 2016

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, may our Church leaders reach out with loving care to all who feel estranged.

Sung response . . .

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, may leaders of nations find the courage to bring an end to war and oppression.

Through the intercession of Mary, Star of the Sea, may all refugees find safe harbor and a permanent home.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, may the nations of Latin America know peace and prosperity.

Through the intercession of Mary, Undoer of Knots, may all who wrestle with impossible problems experience patience, hope, and release from their burdens.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, may all who grieve the loss of someone dear, especially during the holidays, know true consolation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10TH AND 11TH, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Liturgy Council, Monday, December 12th, at 7pm.

Monday, December 12th is the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We will have a Spanish Mass at 7pm, in the Chapel.

DEPAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: DePaul students have made Christmas cards and for every gift of \$20, we will send you a pack of 10 cards to give to family and friends. Please go to www.depaulphila.org to purchase or call Kelly Bielby at 215-842-1266.

PRAYER AND FASTING (DECEMBER 19TH TO 23RD): Everyone is encouraged from Monday, December 19th through Friday, December 23rd, to join in Prayer and Fasting. We recommend it, for those who are able. No meat, just fruits and vegetables, water and juice. No desserts, alcohol or eating between meals. If you cannot do it for five days, fast and pray for three or one. We are praying that we grow in Faith and Love for our brothers and sisters on the margins. If you cannot fast, take more time to pray. Come to morning Mass at 7am or to Eucharistic Devotion, Monday through Friday, in the Chapel. The side door of the church will be open.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE (Christmas Eve Mass counts as your Christmas Obligation):

4:00pm Choir. 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass

7:00pm Choir. 7:30 Christmas Eve Mass

11:30pm Choir. 12 Midnight Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS IS AT 10 AM.

2017 Church Calendars are available. Please take **ONE** home with you.

Please remember to take a tag from the Giving Tree.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE WEEKEND IS THIS WEEKEND!

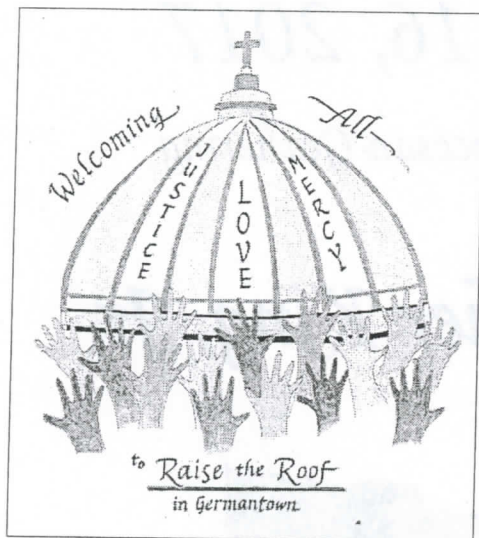
St. Vincent de Paul Church is a family of families. As a family, we praise God together, share joys and sorrows, good times and bad; we touch others and we are touched by them.

Together, our parish family grows, dreams and realizes our goals. Surely our Capital Campaign, "Raising All to Raise the Roof", is proving that.

I am so proud to be your pastor and so grateful to all of you for your love of God, your love of your families and your love of others in this world. We announced at our Kick Off Sunday that \$450,000 of our minimum goal of \$750,000 was raised during the first phase of our Capital Campaign. Everyone in our parish has now been asked to make their pledge and mail it by this weekend or bring it to Mass. Pledges have been coming in the mail, by phone, by email and by people stopping me at meetings to tell me they are still praying and thinking about their response.

It would be so wonderful if all our parishioners could make some gift or pledge to this Campaign and in particular, for this weekend, Pledge Commitment Weekend. Please do the best you can. No amount is too small.

Father Sy



Friends Under our Roof

While St. Vincent's Capital Campaign is primarily dedicated to furnishing funds to replace the roof, it's equally important that we use it as an opportunity to grow as a community. Towards that end, we are going to be profiling different members of St. Vincent's over the coming months. We're calling it *Friends Under our Roof*.

Today, we profile Jim and Janet Weiss.

Jim and Janet Weiss are long-time residents of Germantown, and have been part of St. Vincent's for over 27 years. We're all probably familiar with Jim's service as a eucharistic bread baker, but he also serves as liturgy coordinator, eucharistic minister, usher, and on the liturgy council, bereavement committee, and website ministry.

Of St. Vincent's, Jim says:

It is the truest reflection of Jesus' human personality and instructions to his followers to reflect God's love to the world and serve the needs of the human family that I have ever known.

Jim and Janet have participated in the Capital Campaign because they saw a need that they could fill.

We are so grateful for their presence at St. Vincent's!

SAVE THE DATE !

Monday, January 16, 2017

The Thirty-fourth Annual Archdiocesan Gathering

In honor of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



A Dream in Black and White

Growing in Understanding as Catholics

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Presider
People of every race & color are invited to join in
prayer and conversation.

Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church
437 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
(just 12 miles from Center City)
Convenient to the Route "L" bus

Choir Prelude: 6:30 PM
Prayer Service: 7:00 PM
Light refreshments to follow
All are welcome!
Invite family, friends to the conversation!

What is the Reconciliation & Unity Ministry (RUM)?
Are you called to join us?
An Advent Invitation...

RUM was formed in 2014 following the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, and the Ministry was tasked with exploring ways of facilitating dialogue and the development of relationships here at St. Vincent's so that "we may become One."

The ministry has sponsored several initiatives, including Pew Conversations and Movie Nights, and is now hoping to work with other parish Ministries and Committees throughout the parish to encourage everyone to incorporate this theme of "Becoming One" in their planning and work.

During this holy season of Advent, as we prepare the Way of the Lord in our lives, our parish, our city, our nation, and our world, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining in this essential work of reconciliation and unity. We now find ourselves in a time of unprecedented judgment and fear, but also, therefore, of an extraordinary opportunity to live our Gospel values more fully. More than ever, we must join together to birth God's love into our suffering nation and world.

Our faith tradition has always incorporated periods of prayer and fasting before major feast days, and so we are asking everyone to consider participating in a time of pre-Christmas Fasting and Prayer, from Sunday December 19 through Thursday December 23. During this time we will pray for the healing of all divisions among us, and for the healing and unity of our parish, our city, our nation, and our world. Fr. Sy and Fr. Joe will be providing more detail on this.

We also ask that you discern your call to the ministry of Reconciliation and Unity, and let us know if you are interested by writing your name on the Sign up sheet in the back of church before Christmas. We will begin our work in 2017 with a day-long retreat on Saturday January 14.

For more information, please contact any of the RUM members who will make announcements during Advent. Or Fr Sy.

May all of us experience ongoing reconciliation and healing so that we may be ambassadors of Christ's peace to each other and the world!



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

donuts at DePaul

Thursday, December 15, 2016

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

44 W. Logan Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144

**A candid meet and greet tour and discussion about DePaul;
where we're been and where we're going.**

All of our students can tell you - & show you! - our school values:

Faith = We believe in God

Honor = We do the right thing

Initiative = We get things started

Perseverance = We never give up

Community = We work together

Come and meet our student scholars and witness DePaul's 5 values at work! Meet our student scholars and see what they are learning. Meet our teachers and how they strive above and beyond for students. Meet our leadership team and their vision for moving DePaul forward.

ST. VINCENT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS

BOBBY JO VALENTINE

An intimate, acoustic concert of hopeful folk/pop

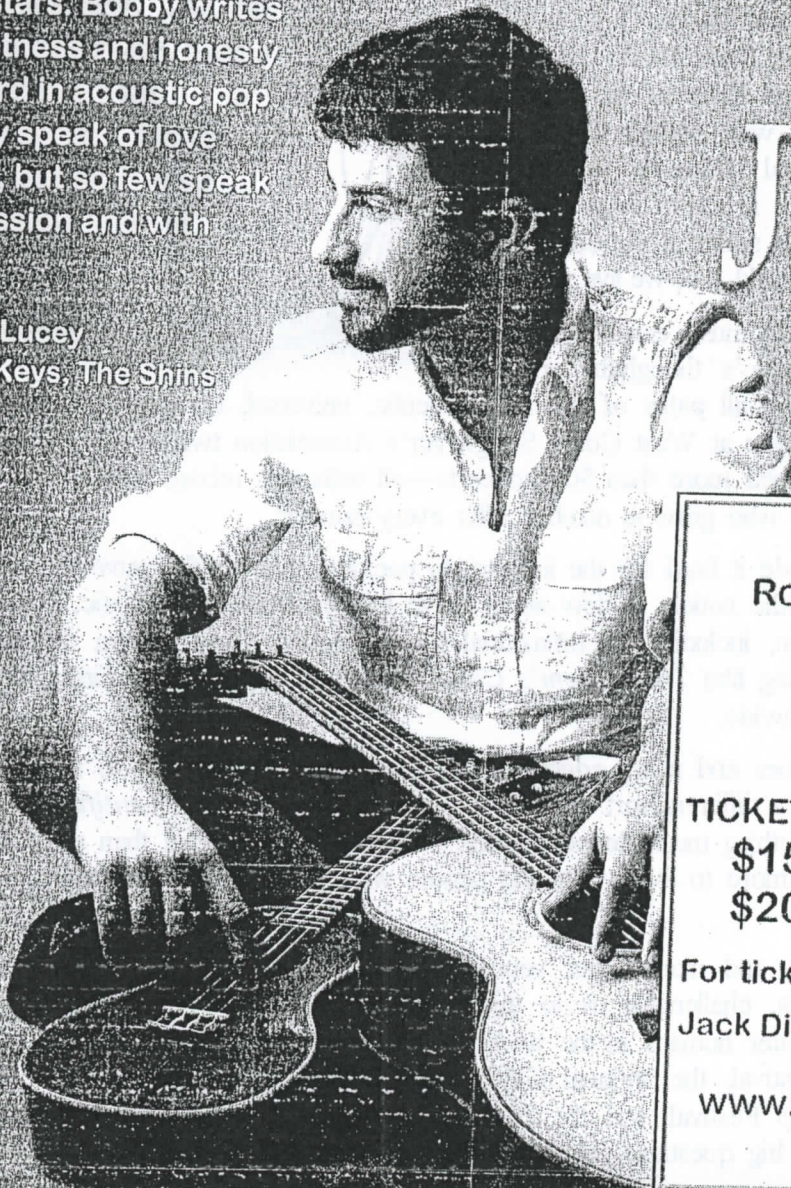
"5 out of 5 stars. Bobby writes with a sweetness and honesty seldom heard in acoustic pop music. Many speak of love and longing, but so few speak with compassion and with such hope."

—Brian Lucey
Black Keys, The Shins

Saturday

JAN 14

6 PM



ST VINCENT'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
109 E Price Street
Philadelphia, PA

For All Ages

TICKETS

\$15 (Advance)

\$20 (At the door)

For tickets or more info call:

Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682

www.bobbyjovalentine.com

SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR

—West Coast Songwriter's Association

"...The nicest guy to ever pick up an acoustic guitar."

—Los Angeles Weekly

"10 out of 10. A world-class singer/songwriter."

—Indiee Music

Preparing the Way for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The New Sanctuary Movement Committee of Saint Vincent's invites you to read the message of Pope Francis for next January 15th. We will present it to you in three sections each Sunday, and later on we will share with you other information relevant to the response of Catholics to the immigration crisis in the world and particularly in the United States in the context of the new federal administration.

Pope Francis' Letter to Us for the World Day of Migrants 2017



“Child migrants, the vulnerable and the voiceless” is the theme of the Pope’s message for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, to be held on 15 January 2017.

This time the Holy Father wishes to draw attention to “the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone,” asking all to take care of the young who are defenseless, “forced to live far from their homeland and separated from their families.”

PART ONE

Dear brothers and sisters,

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me”. With these words, the evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus’ teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path that leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Savior, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as we have rediscovered during the recent Extraordinary Jubilee.

But the Evangelists reflect also on the responsibility of the one who works against mercy: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin: it is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea”. How can we ignore this severe warning when we see the exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people? Such exploitation harms young girls and boys who are led into prostitution or into the mire of

pornography; who are enslaved as child laborers or soldiers; who are caught up in drug trafficking and other forms of criminality; who are forced to flee from conflict and persecution, risking isolation and abandonment.

For this reason, on the occasion of the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. In doing so I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenseless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.

Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Children are the first among those to pay the heavy toll of emigration, almost always caused by violence, poverty, environmental conditions, as well as the negative aspects of globalization. The unrestrained competition for quick and easy profit brings with it the cultivation of perverse scourges such as child trafficking, the exploitation and abuse of minors and, generally, the depriving of rights intrinsic to childhood as sanctioned by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

(Look for Part Two of three in next Sunday's bulletin).

Loving Father,
in your infinite compassion,
we seek your divine protection for refugee children who
are often alone and afraid.
Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to
violence and destruction,
who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they
cherish due to war or persecution.
Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord.
Reunite them with their families and loved ones.
Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land
to a place of peace and safety.
Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need.

Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children.
Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son.
Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those
who would do them harm.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Immigration Matters #5. December 2016

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Spring 2017 Semester

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - School of Theological Studies (STS)

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC) – Master of Arts Degree. Scholarship applications are available through the Martin de Porres Foundation at www.martindeporresfoundation.org or contact your Pastor/DRE.

Deadline to register is Friday, December 30, 2016

Courses will begin January 17, 2017

Spring 2017 Courses - For registration information and additional courses - Go to www.scs.edu. Need further assistance: call 610-785-6287.

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

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

North Bay Retreat 2016

St. Ignatius of Loyola
By Cameron Coles

I have been a member of St. Ignatius Church for 15 years and part of the TLC youth group for 2 years. This was my second time going to North Bay Camp or Jesus camp as we call it.

Now, North Bay is an experience that in no way can be put into words, but I am going to try my best. This retreat is exciting, nerve racking, fun, blood rushing, spirit raising, holy and new. When you go to North Bay you are totally separate from the outside world. I mean there's like four spots in the place where you can make a call or text and don't get me started about the Wi-Fi. None of that is important anyway. The activities like small groups, the 20 minutes of silence outdoors and even mattress wars, bond every teen no matter what their background is and I think that is very special.



Lastly, North Bay will bring you closer to God than you have ever been. At this isolated holy fortress, as I call it, I can honestly say it washes away your worries at the threshold. All those distractions and obstacles that get in the way of feeling His presence are eliminated and you just feel him enter you. You connect with God in every Mass and especially in adoration. Adoration is just the cherry on the top besides the special themed party, of

course. But, honestly adoration drags the tears from your eyes and you just break down and give yourself a way to him and I felt that this year. I didn't cry or anything but every struggle that I had and sin that I did or thought about doing ran through my head. It's almost as if God was telling me to stay strong in faith which I am prevailing in. I now can say I am closer to God and I want to thank the *Martin de Porres Foundation*, from the very pit of my heart for every penny that was donated to our cause to help my group go on this journey and I look forward to next year. May God, Bless you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Open House and Christmas Concert

Date: Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 pm

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA

- Campus Tours
- Stay for the Christmas Concert at 4:00 pm
Christmas concert featuring Seminary choir and musicians
- International Christmas crèche display
This event is free and open to the public

SAVE THE DATE

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
PRAISE & WORSHIP
JANUARY 16, 2017

MANUPPHILLY – MARCH 4, 2017

THE AREA'S LARGEST MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE.

To register for this year's Conference visit:
ManUpPhilly.com/registration.

Early Bird	<u>Sale End:</u> 12-31-16	<u>Price:</u> \$40	<u>Fee:</u> \$1.99
Normal Reg	3-1-17	\$50	\$2.24
Student Reg	3-4-17	\$25	\$1.62
Late Reg	Not started	\$55	\$2.37

The Bulletin and Beyond

Building a Parish Communications Plan for the 21st Century.

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 – 9:00 am – 12:30pm

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary – College Auditorium, 100 E. Wynnewood, Rd. Wynnewood, PA

Speak: Matthew Warner, founder and CEO of Flocknote.

The workshop is designed to be relevant, whether your parish uses – or plans to use – Flocknote & whether you are tech-savvy! \$20 pp Includes morning refreshments. To register: phillyevang.org/events

This half-day workshop will cover the essential elements of modern parish communication, including:

- Simple ways to update the way you communicate without breaking your budget
- Crafting your message so it gets noticed & increases engagement

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.

*Wishing you blessings of health, happiness
On Thanksgiving*

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

Benjamin Scott, Jr.
Gregory Robinson
Michael Jones

Pallbearers

Anthony Garnett
Eric Garnett
Jermaine McElveen

"The Garden of Promise"

There is a place, I have been told
Beyond an open gate
All have been invited
Where friends and loved ones wait

It holds eternal promise
of everlasting peace
No pain or sorrow ever comes
And teardrops there have ceased

Abundant life is evident
Constant, fresh and new
A garden of provision
With eternity in view

The promise is a waiting
A place we can abide
Fulfilled for all who answer
The call to come inside



Acknowledgement

The Family of the beloved **Benjamin Scott, Sr.** are deeply grateful for your prayers, expressions of love, and support during this time of bereavement.

Professional Service of Comfort Entrusted To:

Emmanuel Johnson Funeral Home, Inc.

Cynthia R. Johnson-Reid, CFSP, CPC, Supervisor
6653-75 Chew Avenue ~ Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-438-6747 (Phone) emmanueljohnson.com

In Loving And Lasting Memory
of

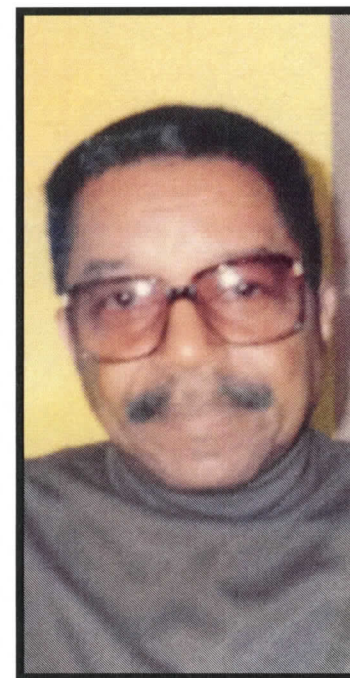
Benjamin B. Scott, Sr.

Sunrise

July 15, 1931

Sunset

November 27, 2016



Funeral Service

St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Viewing 9am – 10am

Service 10:00am

109 E. Price Street

Philadelphia, PA 19144

Father Sylvester Peterka, Officiating

Life Story

Benjamin Buren Scott Sr. was born to the late William Henry and Martha (Steptoe) Scott on July 15th, 1931 in Philadelphia, PA.

He departed this life on Sunday, November 27th, 2016 at the Hospice of Philadelphia.

Benjamin received his education in both the catholic (St. Catherine's Catholic School) and public (Murrell Dobbins High School) schools. Several years later he joined the United States Army and served as a Private First Class. After serving two years he was honorably discharged on July 17th, 1961. Later he went on to marry Sarah on November 18, 1972 and bore one son Benjamin B. Scott, Jr.

Benjamin was employed as a delivery driver by Perfect photos and Guardian Photos until he retired in 1991. After retirement, he protected the campus of Chestnut Hill College as a security guard and later took the same role at Woodmere Art Museum. In Benjamin's leisure time he enjoyed listening to country music, reading, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

Benjamin was a family man, who was always willing to lend a hand. He was caring and giving to all those who encountered him. He was a good natured individual who always found a way to challenge your thoughts and opinions.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his seven brothers Arthur, Harold, Merlin, Ralph, Randolph, Robert, William; two sisters, Annabelle and Martha. Benjamin is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sarah (Butler) Scott; one son, Benjamin Buren Scott Jr. (Rashida Scott); two daughters, Jamiliah Scott and Pam Scott; brother, Walter Scott; six grandchildren, Benjamin III, Gavin, Chloe, Mikiel, Usabo, Ghuneem, Taheera, and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order of Worship

Entrance Rites

Greeting

Signing/Sprinkling with Water

[placing of the Pall]

[placing of other Christian symbols]

Song..... "Take me back"

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading..... Wisdom..... Read by: Jamiliah Scott

Psalms 23 (sung)

Second Reading *Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39* Read by: Pam Scott

Acclamation (sung)

Gospel: John 14: 1-6..... Read by: Father Sylvester
Homily

Intercessions..... H7..... Read by: Anthony Garrett

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation and presentation of Gifts

Song: "Be not afraid"

Eucharistic Acclamations

The Lord's prayer (sung)

Lamb of God (sung)

Communion Song..... "How Great Thou Art"
"Eye on the Sparrow"

Post-communion prayer

Final commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell..... "Going up yonder"

Final prayer and dismissal

Interment

Northwood Cemetery

1501 Haines Street
Philadelphia, PA 19126