

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.

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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	01/29 Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	01/30 NO MASS	11:00 am
TUE	01/31 Bobby Charles Marsh	7:00 am
WED	02/01 Maria Meloni	7:00 am
THU	02/02 The Rowley Family	7:00 am
FRI	02/03 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	02/04 Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoaah 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, Mary Ellen Graham.

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

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	4,085.65
Electronic	<u>2,772.00.</u>
Total	6,857.65
Tithe	342.75

Today's Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
 Psalm: Psalm 146
 Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
 Psalm: Psalm 112
 Second Reading: I Corinthians 2:1-5
 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

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 - January 29-February 4, 2017

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our new CD is still available for purchase at \$15 with proceeds supporting the ministry and capital campaign.

LECTORS

If you are a seasoned lector, please stop in the Liturgy Prep Room near the main church entrance to sign up for winter Masses, especially at the 11am Mass! There is also a Lector Guidelines sheet for you, including contact information in case we need to reach each other to find a substitute.

Want to become a lector? We are especially eager to invite young people (post-confirmation) and men to consider joining in this important ministry, so we are as diverse as a ministry as we are as a parish! If you have skill in speaking/ reading, time to prayerfully prepare, and willingness to come early to Mass, please come to a 1 hour training:

Sunday, February 5 after the 9am Mass

Saturday, February 11 after the 4pm Mass

Sunday, February 12 after the 11am Mass

Sign up by calling the rectory.

BIBLE STUDY

On **Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm**, we will resume our Bible study with the Book of James.

LEGION OF MARY

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

SENIORS MINISTRY

We meet in the Hospitality Center on Wednesdays at 11:00am.

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.

RETREAT FOR HEALING SEXUAL ABUSE

Grief to Grace -Healing the Wounds of Abuse is an integrated psychological and spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence or who has been abused by clergy. The program will be held **March 5 - 10** at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. Grief to Grace provides professional therapeutic staff; all treatment is based on a firm Christian Foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma. Visit www.griefftoGrace.org for more information or call 610-203-2002 Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

DIVERSITY DISCUSSION GROUPS

As people of faith, you are invited to learn about each other and bring our Church together at our first Diversity Discussion Group on **Saturday, February 4 at 2:30pm** at St. Vincent's.

RECONCILIATION UNITY MINISTRY INVITATION

Many thanks for all of you who came to the January 14 retreat hosted by R.U.M. (Reconciliation & Unity Ministry)! We will contact you soon to ask for your prayerful response, as you discern ways you may be called to integrate "All Are Welcome" more deeply into our St Vincent's com-munity life. For more info, leave us a message in the rectory or contact Fr Sy.

POWER UPDATE: SAFE HAVENS EVENT, FEBRUARY 6

Want to help "move the needle" on critical issues that make a difference in our city, state and country? Join people of many faiths in POWER for one of its trainings during the "100 Days of Faithful Resistance" to start this new year! Next one is on creating "SAFE HAVENS" to protect those who are most vulnerable to abuses in law enforcements, especially people of color and immigrants: **Monday, February 6, 6 to 9pm** at 2nd Baptist Church of Germantown. Enter parking lot and church hall off Cliveden, a block north of Germantown Ave. Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) if you need or can offer a ride. Watch for more trainings in coming weeks and months, on equitable school funding, using social media to influence public policies, and more.

OUR SISTER PARISH

A note of gratitude: Members of the Sister Parish Ministry thank the parish for your support of the ministry we continue in your name. Since 1992, St. Vincent de Paul has collaborated with other congregations of the Romero Interfaith Center to work for justice with peace in El Salvador, especially for those in our sister community of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz.

This ministry supports various grassroots projects in the region surrounding Las Anonas, including a high school scholarship fund, youth leadership training, and funding for sistering and youth coordinators. A fund was recently created to assist in addressing life-threatening environmental issues in the region, brought on by climate change and sugar cane production, through advocacy and popular education. Through separate funding, a young woman of Las Anonas has nearly completed her law school studies. Sister Parish Ministry also fosters the building and deepening of our relationship with our sister community and works to educate members of the parish on the issues confronting Las Anonas. We organize delegations to and from El Salvador, and we communicate with community leaders through letters, phone calls and Facebook. Our faith community has supported this ministry of solidarity with El Salvador for nearly twenty-five years. Our journey of accompaniment has been rich in relationship, cross-cultural exchange, and understanding the very different realities in which we live. May we continue the journey for years to come in justice and mercy, in solidarity and peace. ¡Gracias!

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Petitions for Sat and Sun Jan 28-29

1. That the faith community of St. Vincent de Paul follow the words of the prophet Zephaniah as we “take refuge in the name of the Lord, do no wrong and speak no lies, that we may be pastured as God’s flock with no one to disturb us.” Let us pray...
2. For Pope Francis that he will continue to provide an example to Religious and Political Leaders everywhere of just and compassionate care for immigrants and a clear dedication to care for creation in all its forms. Let us pray...
3. Loving God, we ask that your ‘amazing grace” and the breath of the Holy Spirit will touch the heart and soul of our newly-elected president, that he may truly become a leader who brings our people together, rather than drive them apart. Let us pray...
4. God of Justice and Mercy, be with us and guide us in our many ministries to the poor and marginalized people of Germantown, that we may be clear signs of your love for all people and all creation. Let us pray...
5. God of Wisdom, lead us to help in healing the violence and mistrust which has caused division between many communities and the local police, and even within the communities themselves. Let us pray...
6. God of Wondrous Love, we ask for the graces of healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering and for those who care for them, and especially for anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year. Let us pray...

Submitted by John Trudeau

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 28TH AND 29TH, 2017

Welcome Father Hugo Medellin to St. Vincent's! He will be working here.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER: The next meeting will be Saturday, February 4th, from 10-11:30am, in Dining Room. All who are interested can come.

CONTRIBUTION LETTER: If you would like to receive a letter from the church, for your taxes, please contact JoAnn, our bookkeeper, at 215-438-2925, ext. 229. She is in the office Monday and Wednesday, from 2:30 until 6:30pm. You can also email her at business@saint-vincent-church.org. Please contact her this week.

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CALLING ALL POETS: March is Women's History Month; and we are looking for poetry about women. If you are interested in sharing you work with the church, please speak with Father Sy.

LOU ROSALES: Helen's husband needs a ride to church. He cannot drive and is looking to come to Mass. Lou lives on Camac Street. If interested, please call the office, at 215-438-2925.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Our Capital Campaign improvement projects are coming soon. For those looking for more information, I will have a meeting to discuss plans for the following:

- New Bathrooms
- Handicap Accessibility
- Church Floor
- Restructuring Sanctuary to be within Code Guidelines

ROOF PROGRESS: The contractors have begun installing lighting and ramps in the doom, so the structural analysis can be completed. We are hoping to have the bids out for the TOTAL COMPLETION of the new roof and dome sometime in March.

Take Action! Please Support the BRIDGE Act and Protect DACA Youth:

Send this JFI action alert in support of immigrant youth

The BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) Act, S.128/H.R. 496, was recently introduced in Congress as a bipartisan effort to sustain the temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility offered to youth through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Under the BRIDGE Act, young people who came to the United States as children would maintain their eligibility to work and live in the U.S. without the fear of deportation and family separation so long as they meet certain requirements, such as showing a commitment to education or honorable service in our military and having no history of serious crime.

There are more than 750,000 young people who have received and benefitted from DACA. These youth entered the U.S. as children and know America as their only home. They are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics, we have long supported DACA youth and their families as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children.

Ask your Senators and Representative to support and co-sponsor the BRIDGE ACT by sending the following message:

Dear Senator/Representative,

As a Catholic I write to express my strong support for the "Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy (BRIDGE) Act," S.128/H.R. 496. The BRIDGE Act protects the dignity of DACA-eligible youth by ensuring that these individuals, who were brought to the United States as children and are contributing so much to our nation, can continue to live their lives free of the anxiety that they could be deported at any time to a country they do not know and separated from their families.

I urge you to:

- Support and co-sponsor the BRIDGE Act (S.128/H.R. 496); and*
- Continue to work towards larger legislative reform of our immigration laws.*

The Catholic community stands with you in support of the BRIDGE Act and vows to work with you to reform our immigration system in a humane and common-sense manner.

Sincerely,

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN BAKE SALE

My Place Germantown provides permanent housing for disabled, homeless men. Our annual Bake Sale fundraiser will take place the weekend of February 11 and 12 at all masses. All proceeds support our mission. If you can help by donating a home baked item or bakery purchased one, we would greatly appreciate it. Please sign the sheet at the entrance of the church and you will receive a reminder email. Items can be brought to mass the day of the sale. If you will be away, they can be dropped at my home in Glenside, prior to the weekend. Please call to make arrangements. Thank you for all of your kind support of My Place Germantown.

Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682

2:09 am 1/19/17

Hope

Now more than ever.

How many times have these words been spoken throughout the ages? What upheaval or social injustices were underway? What set of events needed hope to inspire better things to come?

We live in an age where greed, narcissism, hatred, and blame dominate the landscape.

We live in an age where we have information at our finger tips at every waking moment, we seem not to be content unless we are overloading our senses with that information, yet at the same time we wonder why happiness eludes us.

We are not content to let time and space allow us to reflect and separate right from wrong.

Now more than ever.

We need to understand in order to have a reaction we need to have an action that ignites, and motivates our passion to do what is right. We as individuals cannot rely on others to get out the word, we must share the goodness that is in our hearts.

Out of despair and anguish, hope is born, and the opportunity to do the right thing is created.

This message is painted with broad strokes so that we can pencil in the finer details so that our stories become one, and our message universal.

This is needed. Now more than ever.

. . . words from Frank M. Palmieri, Peace and Justice Ministry

SAINT VINCENT'S COMMUNITY HAS SPOKEN ON IMMIGRATION

On Saturday and Sunday the 21st and 22nd of January, the congregation of Saint Vincent de Paul's Church voted to adopt the "Proclamation of Justice for Refugees and Immigrants," rejecting the policies of exclusion proposed by President Trump during his candidacy, and affirming the human dignity of undocumented immigrants in the United States. We received 258 YES and 13 NO votes, or roughly 95% positive to 5% negative. We could not feel more grateful for this level of support.

We still do not know where this proclamation will take us, but we feel stronger in unity with you as we respond to immigrant workers-- men, women, and their children. The testimony offered by your vote is invaluable, first of all, for immigrants who will count on your solidarity. It may also open the doors of other communities of faith as we ask them to join us in demanding fair treatment of immigrants. It may be publicized strategically so that many more people, including those in positions of power, will know that there is widespread resistance to the President's proposed course of action. It may enable us to be in touch with immigrants who may need our help in Germantown and the North West of Philadelphia. More than ever, Saint Vincent's community and its expressed commitment will guide the work of the New Sanctuary Committee. We look forward to the joint venture that this proclamation opens for all of us.

New Sanctuary Committee
January 2017

Do you need Service Hours for School?

Do you love to cook?

Why not do them both @the same time?

The Saint Vincent DePaul Youth Ministry Team is sponsoring a Guest Chef trip to the Ronald McDonald House at St. Christopher's Hospital For Children.

Who? Youth and Young Adults 16+ (College Students welcome)

Date: February 11th

Time: 2:30 PM if you are meeting at the Church Van at St. Vincent's , 3:00PM if you are meeting at the RMDH

We would finish at the house around 7:30-8PM and return to the Church by 8PM

Where: Ronald Mc Donald House at St Christopher's Hospital for Children at Front and Erie Avenues. The entrance for the lot for the RMDH is on Erie Avenue.

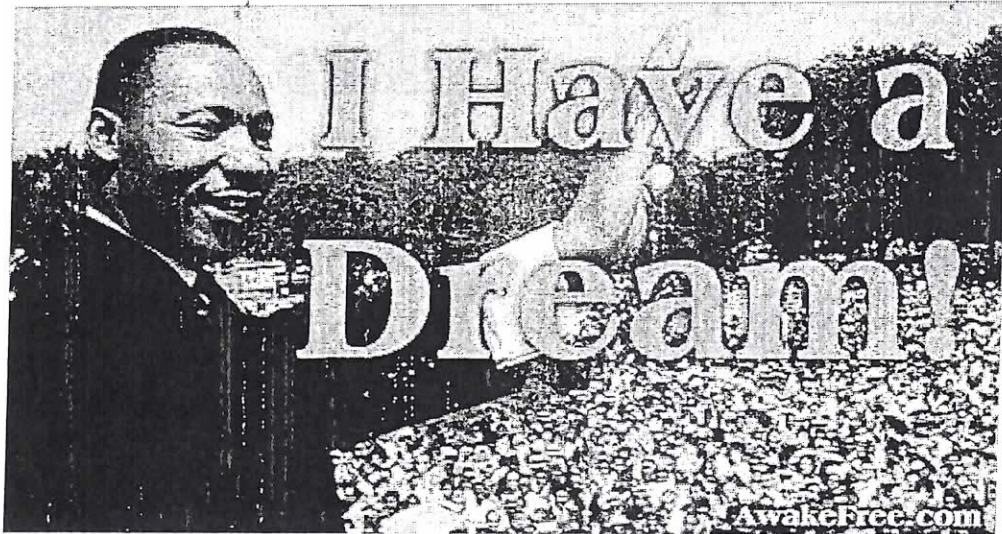
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Venez vous joindre à nous

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Vieni, unisciti a noi!



Join with other Catholic Christians to learn and share together.

Diversity brings spice to life and flavor to our daily activities.

Join our Diversity Discussion Groups. As people of faith, let's learn about each other and bring our Church together.

Catholic means universal. Let's celebrate our universal faith.

How: Diversity Discussion Groups

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2:30pm

Where: St Vincent dePaul Church— 109 E. Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Please call 215-763-1305, (not the church number) for information

Who: You are invited and bring friends

Come get to know everyone!!!



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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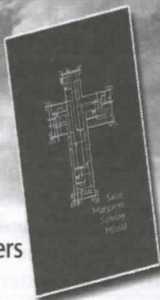
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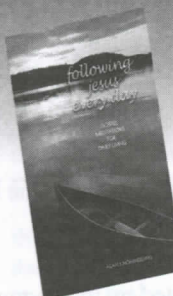
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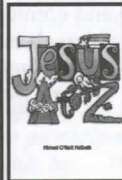
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