

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.**

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Parish Social Ministry

215-438-1514

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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	02/26	Joseph Intrieri	9:00 am
		Donnie Smith	11:00 am
MON	02/27	NO MASS	7:00 am
TUE	02/28	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	03/01	Frank & Maria Meloni	7:00 am
THU	03/02	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	03/03	John Fox	7:00 am
SAT	03/04	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, 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, Mary Ann Delaplaine.

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

Last Week's Collection	3,468.65
Electronic	<u>2,972.00.</u>
Total	6,440.65
Tithe	322.03

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15
 Psalm: Psalm 62
 Second Reading: I Corinthians 4:1-5
 Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Psalm: Psalm 51
 Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

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 - February 26-March 4, 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be at 7am, noon, and 7pm. If you can distribute ashes to nursing homes, schools, or street corners, sign up at the back of the church.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and Benediction will be held at 6:30pm every Friday in Lent.

COLLECTION FOR CARE OF AGING PRIESTS

We received \$724.46 in donations.

"Hate has no home here" SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE.

NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Parishioners may submit nominations after masses this weekend and next (March 4-5). Nominees must be baptized Catholics, a registered member of the parish for at least 1 year, and active participant in the worship life of the parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Join the Lenten Challenge this year with CLOW! Follow the provided calendar to complete a challenge based on Jesus' teachings for each of the 40 days of Lent. After Easter, children with most challenges completed will receive a small prize.

LECTORS

Do you feel a call to share God's Word with the Assembly by becoming a lector? If you have skill in speaking/ reading clearly, time to prayerfully practice readings, and willingness to come early to Mass, please come to a 1-hour training after Mass on one of these dates: Call or email Mary Laver to confirm you are coming: mlaver14@comcast.net 610-324-9388

Sun Feb 26 after the 11 PM Mass

Sun Mar 5 after the 9 AM Mass

****Sat Mar 18, 1-3 PM** lector workshop (& pizza) especially for young people (post-confirmation) - Register by talking w/ youth ministers Kate Crump or Delia Landers

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.

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. Sign up 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. Items sell for fifty cents. Questions? Call Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682.

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 or email business@saint-vincent-church.org.

R.U.M. INVITATIONS

Many of you attended the Reconciliation Unity Ministry retreat on Jan 14. Our next invitation is again open to ALL parishioners interested in how we are living out our parish "All Are Welcome!" mission! Save these dates (locations not yet confirmed):

***Sat 3/11** Movie Night Oscar-nominated "HIDDEN FIGURES" 5:30: dinner 6:30 film

***Sat 3/25** RUM General Meeting: Want to get involved? Learn more? 11am to 1pm

POWER UPDATE

POWER's work on Economic Dignity (jobs/ wages), School Funding, and Criminal Justice Re-form continue! Watch for ways you can get involved! You are welcome to participate in trainings during POWER's "100 Days of Faithful Resistance." to increase the wisdom and skills needed to move social justice forward in our world, especially when threats to the well-being of so many of our sisters and brothers (African-Americans, Muslims, Immigrants) are steadily mounting:

Tues Feb 28: Analyzing Power for Social Change (school funding & other issues)

Wed Mar 15: Documenting the Movement: Pushing Social Change through Social Media

Th Mar 23: Whites Confronting Racism

Tu Apr 4: Black Work Matters

For details re/ locations, times and possible changes to the schedule, see upcoming bulletins or the POWER website www.powerinterfaith.org or contact POWER St Vincent's co-chairs Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388)

VATICAN-SPONSORED WORLD MEETING

The Pope created a "World Meeting of Popular Movements" to honor and empower worker-organizers of all faiths. Over 700 delegates will meet to discuss their call to dismantle racism, care for the earth, and provide sustainable jobs and housing for all, including from Philadelphia: Auxiliary Bishop Edward Deliman, an airport worker-organizer, an immigration activist, and from St Vincent's: Terri Burgin, Chris Bolden-Newsome, Maureen O'Connell and Mary Laver. Please pray for us.

NEW SANCTUARY

Emergency 24/7 Line for Raids: 267-333-9530

New Sanctuary asks for a response to possible raids by federal immigration agents (I.C.E). If you become aware of a raid going on, call the above number immediately for "Sanctuary in the Streets". To receive training to be a part of the response, email maria@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org, or call Paul at 267-237-6683.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Two years ago, we participated in a nationwide survey of Catholic churches called "The Disciple Maker Index". We have been awarded a grant so that we can take this survey again. Please fill out a paper copy at church or at disciplemakerindex.com.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

If you are interested in attending the July congress, there will be an important meeting on **Saturday, March 11** at St. Athanasius. If you cannot attend, you must see Fr. Sy beforehand.

Par-Recycle Works is located at 342 E. Walnut La. 19144 267-335-5455 Warehouse Hours of Operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 5:00. You can drop off electronics during these hours or bring them to the rectory kitchen. We pick up at St. Vincent's every Monday. Questions? Contact Laura Ford : laura@par-recycleworks.org or check website Par-recycleworks.org or on You Tube: Par-recycleworks.

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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_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____
_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

Have you received the Sacraments?
 Baptism Confirmation First Communion

Are you interested in
 Liturgical Ministry Service Ministry
(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

Date _____ Envelope Number _____
Electronic Type: New ___ Change ___

Name _____
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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:

Petitions for Sat and Sun Feb 25 and 26, 2017

1. Today, Lord, we hear from your prophet Isaiah: “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget you, I will never forget you.”

Forgive us O Lord and help us when we, your people, say “the Lord has forsaken us”. Let us pray...

2. God of Justice and Mercy, we continue to recognize and celebrate Black History Month, and we cry out to you for real justice, for freedom from oppression and for a new and sincere respect for Black Lives. We pray...

3. We thank you, O Lord, for the example of Pope Francis, who always asks the people to pray for him. Teach us through the Holy Spirit to imitate his example and humbly seek the transformative power of prayer in our lives. We pray...

4. In this time of continuing fear and unrest in our country, help all our people to choose kindness and unity over mistrust and division.

Bless our elected leaders with the grace to recognize their responsibility to act with fairness and compassion for all, and to humbly and honestly serve the people and not themselves. We pray...

5. O God, you know our hearts and our minds. We lift up for your special blessing those of us who are in pain or are grieving. Help us to trust even more in your words of comfort and to immerse ourselves in your never-ending love. We pray...

Submitted by John Trudeau, Feb 24, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 25TH AND 26TH, 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY:

- Masses with distribution of ashes, are at 7am and 7pm.
- Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes is at noon.
- If anyone would like to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, in nursing homes, schools, or street corners, please sign up in the back of the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT.

CRS RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. ALL FUNDS WILL GO TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Liturgy, Monday, February 27th, 7pm.
- Evangelization, Saturday, March 4th, 10am until 2pm.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS: Saturday morning, March 11th, there will be a very important meeting for all those interested in attending the National Black Catholic Congress, this July 6th to the 9th, in Orlando. Important details about the Congress and costs and travel participant requirements will be discussed. If you cannot make this meeting but are interested in going, you must see Fr. Sy beforehand. This meeting will take place at ST. ATHANASIUS.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX: Paper copies of the nationwide survey for Catholic churches will be available in the back of the church. You can also take it online, at www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey.

FIELDTRIP TO EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY: Peace and Justice Ministry is hosting a field trip to the penitentiary, on Saturday, March 18th; leaving St. Vincent's parking lot at noon and returning at 2:45pm. Discussion, with refreshments to follow. Suggested contribution is \$10, but scholarships are available. Sign-up sheets will be available in the rear of the church on *Saturday, March 11th and Sunday, March 12th*. All are welcome.

CABIN FEVER JAZZ: The Men's Catholic Association of Holy Cross Parish is presenting an evening of jazz, featuring the Daud El-Bakara Quartet, with Special Guest Gwen Jackson; on Saturday, March 11th, from 6:00pm until 10:30pm. There will also be a silent art auction, with work from October Gallery. Great southern food will be provided by Chef Ken's Café. B.Y.O.B.

SOME POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN PRACTICES

Bring in each week canned goods or non-perishables for our food pantry.

Save money for the rice bowl each week.

Come to daily mass once a week.

Read scripture daily.

Choose a prayer partner and each day pray with that person.

Pray the Rosary daily.

Pray as a family for 10-15 minutes, once a week, on one of the readings.

Come to Stations, Adoration and Benediction on Friday nights, at 6:30 pm.

Come to Holy Hour on Fridays, from noon until 3 pm, in the chapel. Sign up and stay 30 minutes or an hour before Blessed Sacrament.

Join a ministry.

Send a card, call or visit a sick family member, friend or church member each week and pray with them.

Pray for our Candidates and Catechumens daily, as they approach Easter.

Do Corbin and Grace's Lenten Calendar, with children.

Read a chapter of Resisting Happiness each day (37). Partner to reflect.

Pray and fast for growth in the parish.

ST VINCENT'S DEPAUL PARISH

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR PARISH COUNCIL



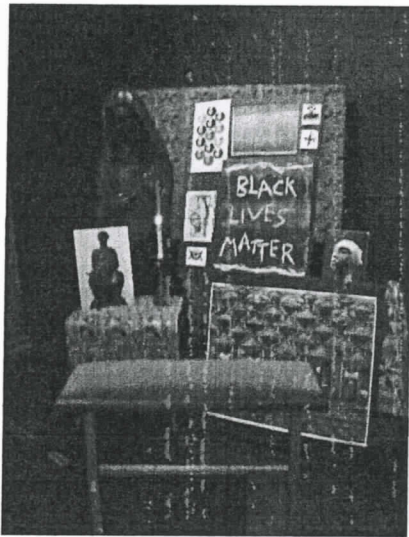
Nominees should have the following Characteristics:

- Desire for spiritual growth in themselves and in the parish
- Enthusiasm about the wellbeing and direction of the parish
- Willingness to listen, to speak honestly, and to work toward consensus
- Ability to inspire and empower other
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas

To be consider for this ministry, the Parishioner must

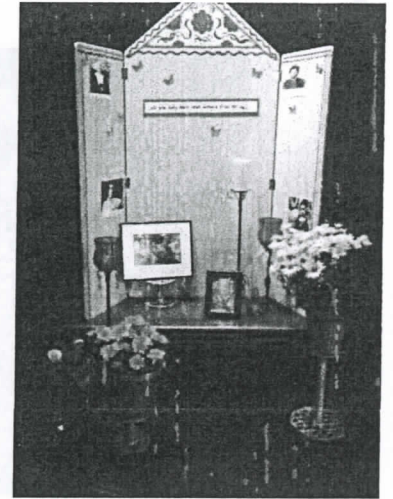
- Be baptized Catholic
- Have been registered member of St. Vincent's for at least 1 year
- Be a participant in the worship life of the Parish

Parishioners can submit nominations following the masses on February 18 – 19, February 25 -26 and March 4-5, 2017. In March, nominees will be invited to an Information Night to learn about the Parish Council Ministry. Nominees who feel called will return for a Discernment Night, when they will considered for service on Parish Council.



Have You Noticed?

As you walk into our church from the main entrance, take a look over to the right. You will find a beautifully enhanced space.

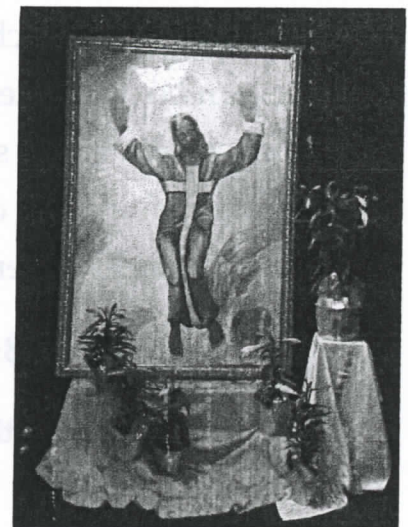


This is our St. Vincent's Reflection Space.

This special area of the sanctuary has functioned for many years as a place for quiet, contemplative prayer. The Art & Environment Ministry tends to this space so it may reflect the liturgical seasons. At times it may be interactive, whether by inviting members of the assembly to bring in photos, elements of nature, or their own artwork.

The Art & Environment Ministry prayerfully discerns and prepares our church environment for worship. Please take note of the seasonal changes that occur, not only in our Reflection Space, but throughout the church, including the altar linens, candle holders, side altars, walls, and church entrances.

The environment of our sanctuary should at all times enhance the prayer of our worshiping community.

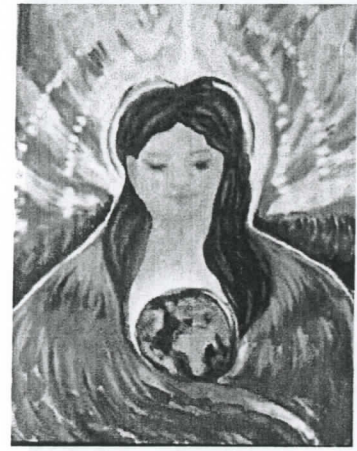


If you are interested in joining or sharing ideas, please contact

Julie Kring at jkringschreifels@verizon.net



**From Chaos to Presence:
Being Peace in an
Age of Anxiety**



**A Women's Retreat at the Beach
Friday, April 21, 6 PM - Sunday, April 23, Noon
Maris Stella Retreat Center
7201 Long Beach Blvd.
Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008-3135
marisstella.org**

We live in times of challenge and opportunity, but the daily reality of our lives can be overwhelming. Come renew and restore your spirit in the beauty of the Jersey shore and the company of other women. We will share our wisdom, stories of resilience, insights and strategies for living wholeheartedly when things are hard.

Facilitator: Sharon Browning

To Register: Contact Kathy Flaherty to reserve your place:

kbflaherty@aol.com

610 917 0549

Cost: \$250

Sliding Scale Available

Martin de Porres Foundation

The UPDATE

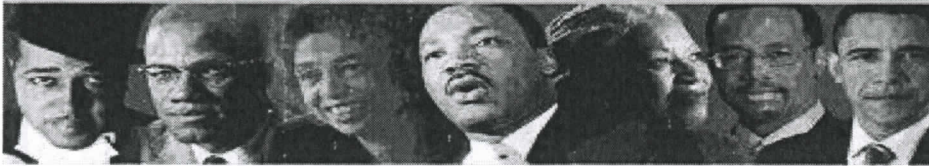
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The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation: The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Black History Month



MARTIN DE PORRES
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NEWSLETTER
SIGN-UP
click here
<http://eepurl.com/cnlalf>

Let us Not Forget to Include Black Catholics in Afro-American History/Black History

Article by: Bro. Alonza Baker, St. Athanasius Parish



It's February already and that means it is Black History Month here in the United States of America. During this time of year, many of us display our African Art and visit Afro-American history museums and cultural events; and television programs are loaded with stories of the many Afro-Americans who were involved in our struggle for freedom, equality, and dignity.

I am sure many of us would have some of the same names on a list of favorite Abolitionists, Civil Rights leaders, and workers. Harriett Tubman, Fredrick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X, and Daniel Rudd top my list.

Bro. Alonza Baker

According to Wikipedia, Harriett Tubman and Fredrick Douglas were born into slavery and became abolitionists after escaping; and Booker T. Washington was born into slavery and freed after the Civil War. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were major players in the civil rights struggles of the sixties, but who was Daniel Rudd? Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org

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A Living link to Black Catholic History, Parishioner Leads the Way into Future

By Msgr. Francis A. Carbine • Posted August 16, 2016 -CatholicPhilly.com



At age 91, the matriarch of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Darby carries the honorific title "Mother Bailey" — along with a sharp memory for many experiences yesteryear and today for Black Catholics in America.

"When my mother was a girl, she named her doll, 'Alma.' So, when I was born in Middleboro, Kentucky, in 1925, I was named after her doll! I was a twin, and one of seven children. My entire family was very active in our Baptist Church. It was in California that "I turned around," said Alma Elizabeth Bailey of her journey toward the Catholic Church.

Alma Elizabeth Bailey

The daughter of parents who were college graduates, Alma was accepted in 1943 into the United States Cadet Nursing Corps. This program was conducted at Tuskegee University, Alabama, home of the celebrated African American airmen of World War II, with whom she shares an association. The war ended before her graduation but she became trained in both practical and psychiatric nursing. Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org

Did You Know? The History of Black History

Article by: Elissa Haney <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmintro1.html>

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "[Black History Month](#)." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Celebrating Black History Month

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



FOLLOW-UP!

"Continuing the Conversation"
FROM THE 34TH ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
GATHERING IN HONOR OF
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



A Dream in Black and White
Growing in Understanding as Catholics

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, St. Raymond Church
1350 E. Vernon Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19150

Monday, March 13, 2017, St. Athanasius Church
2050 E. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19138

Monday, April 10, 2017, St. Barbara Church
5351 Lebanon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

TIME - 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information contact Beverly Harper at
bharper@archphila.org or 215-587-3541

St. Athanasius Parish Community: Two Congregations Working Together

Arlene Edmonds, Tribune Correspondent
WWW.PHILLYTRIB.COM

If one wanted to worship at an immaculate and pristine older stone church with the warmth of a traditional mid-sized Black church, one need look no further than the St. Benedict Church. This church with majestic stained glass windows and adorned with pink marble is located 1940 E. Chelton Ave. on the border of West Oak Lane and East Germantown.

On the first Catholic Holy Day of the year, one could find a full house of avid worshippers singing gospel songs and praying from the original wood kneelers. During the service, they spent five full minutes hugging during the sign of peace. That same hospitality spirit kept members in the aisles and doorways of the church long after Mass was over.

St. Benedict Church is one of two congregations under the umbrella of the St. Athanasius Parish community. Though designated a worship site, the once stand-alone parish still has its own sense of vibrancy while being an appendage to the nearby congregation. Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MANUPPHILLY – MARCH 4, 2017

THE AREA'S LARGEST MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE.

To register for this year's conference visit:

www.ManUpPhilly.com/registration

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

CONGRESS - DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

St. Athanasius School Hall

2050 E. Walnut Lane

Philadelphia, PA 19138

Special invite to those interested in attending NBCC XII 2017

DIVERSITY DISCUSSION GROUPS

Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:00pm

St. Thomas Aquinas – 17th & Morris Street

Philadelphia, PA 19145

Call 215-763-1305 for information

SPIRITUAL FAMILY RETREAT

KPCLA ST. BARBARA COURT 326

"GO FORTH AND BRING THE GOOD NEWS"

Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:00am – 2:00pm

National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

1663 Bristol Pike Bensalem PA 19020

Donation: \$20 includes lunch

RSVP with payment by March 5, 2017

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NBCC UPDATE!!

Congress XII and Hyatt Regency Hotel

Registrations are NOW OPEN

<https://www.nbcccongress.org/>

National Black Catholic Congress XII

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

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Adult Early Meeting Registration: \$350.00

Adult Meeting Registration \$375.00

Youth Group Discount Registration - \$195.00

(Ages 14-17 groups of 15 or more youths)

Early Youth Meeting Registration - \$225.00

(Ages 14-17, individual registration, or groups of 14 or less)

Youth Meeting Registration - \$250.00

Early Registration Cut-Off Date is April 7, 2017

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Begun at the 2017 MLK Prayer Service

*Go to this link to see a short video of the January 16, 2017 MLK Prayer Service and the beginning of the “Conversation”

<http://catholicphilly.com/2017/01/features/videos/catholics-work-to-better-understand-race-relations/>



Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7:00 PM

St Raymond of Penafort, 1350 Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA 19150

Monday, March 13, 2017, 7:00 PM

St. Athanasius Church, 2050 E Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19138.

Monday April 10, 2017, 7:00 PM

St Barbara Church, 5359 Lebanon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131

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- ⇒ The process of in-group and out-group perception and behavior
- ⇒ The ways we view the ‘other’
- ⇒ The dynamics of racism, so we can better understand its effects on us all
- ⇒ How to positively influence the healthy dynamics of living together in community

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(even if you missed the first gathering)

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For additional information contact the Host Parish or the Office for Black Catholics (215-587-3541)

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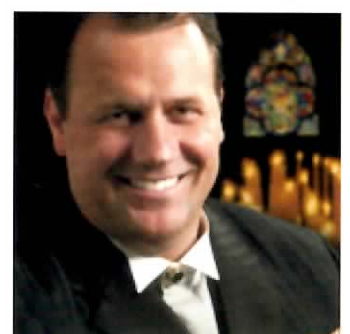
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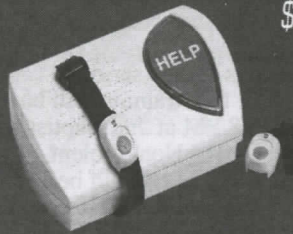
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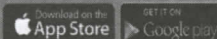
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