

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.

March 5, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	03/05	Joseph Intrieri	9:00 am
MON	03/06	Miraculous Medal NO MASS	11:00 am
TUE	03/07	Margaret Merrigan	7:00 am
WED	03/08	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	03/09	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	03/10	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	03/11	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

Today's Readings

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

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm: Psalm 33
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN First Sunday of Lent
SAT Sacrament of Penance **3-3:30 pm**

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Anoa 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 Delaplane.

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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	4,616.18
Electronic	<u>2,972.00.</u>
Total	7,588.18
Tithe	379.40

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

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 - March 5-11, 2017

FRIDAYS IN LENT

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS

Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. All proceeds go to Catholic Relief Services.

"Hate has no home here" SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE.

NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Parishioners may submit nominations after masses this weekend. 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 contact Mary Laver to schedule a 45-min training (including "practice" at the microphone!) mlaver14@comcast.net 610-324-9388. If you are a prospective YOUNG lector, we would be thrilled to have you! Please come to a session just for you on **Sat., March 18, 1-3pm** (w/ pizza) Register with 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 your 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.

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 church on **March 11 and 12**. All are welcome.

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 Reform continue! Watch for ways you can get involved! Meanwhile, all are welcome to participate in trainings POWER is offering during "100 Days of Faithful Resistance." The point is to increase the wisdom and skills we need in order to move social justice forward in our world, especially in this time when threats to the well-being of so many of our sisters and brothers (African-Americans, Muslims, Immigrants) are steadily mounting:

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)

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE BEACH

Our own Sharon Browning will lead a retreat "From Chaos to Presence: Being at Peace in an Age of Anxiety" from **Friday, April 21 6pm - Sunday, April 23 noon** at Maris Stella Retreat Center in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. Cost is \$250. Sliding scale is available. To register, contact Kathy Flaherty at 610-917-0549 or kbfaherty@aol.com.

Prayers of the Faithful
First Sunday of Lent – March 4-5, 2017

Lent invites Church leaders to listen to and enact Pope Francis' teachings on mercy. May our bishops respond to the spiritual needs of all who are marginalized.

Lent invites us to humility. May we listen with care and sensitivity, striving to understand those whose views differ from our own.

Lent invites us to be active in our care for our planet Earth. May we engage in the restoration and preservation of our environment.

Lent invites us to reconciliation. May we examine the relationships in our parish and address any area of concern that prevents us from being the Beloved Community.

Lent invites us to welcome the stranger. May we support all efforts to protect refugees and immigrants and provide for their safety.

Lent invites us to compassion. May we reach out as a community to those who are suffering from illness, loss, and isolation. May our departed loved ones be always in our prayers.

Mary Ellen Graham
Peg McFadden

Prayers of the Faithful
Ash Wednesday – March 1, 2017

From the ashes of exclusion, deliver the Church.

From the ashes of bigotry, deliver all races and religions.

From the ashes of destruction, deliver Syria, South Sudan, and Venezuela.

From the ashes of despair, deliver the addicted.

From the ashes of poverty, deliver Kensington and Germantown.

From the ashes of death, deliver the faithful departed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 4TH AND 5TH, 2017

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT, FROM NOON UNTIL 3PM. THERE ARE ADORATION SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWLS: The cardboard rice bowls are in the back of the church and are easy to assemble. There is a wonderful Lenten calendar inside and meatless international recipes. All funds will go to Catholic Relief Services and help in poor countries.

MOVIE NIGHT: The movie scheduled for March 10th has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled soon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is Thursday, March 9th, at 7pm.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS: Saturday, March 11th, from 9am until noon, 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, 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM: Coming soon! "Come, Explore, Grow in your Relationship with God". Saturdays: March 25th, April 1st, April 8th, April 22nd, and April 29th, from 2pm until 4pm.

Have you heard about *Spiritual Direction*? Spiritual direction is a contemplative practice of accompanying another on their spiritual journey. Visit www.kathycleaver.com or www.sdiworld.org, for more information.

HOUSING WANTED: Mature woman interested in renting a room, with access to kitchen and bathroom. Can help with house cleaning and is good with pets. She is quiet, neat and can provide company if the individual wants it. Please call the rectory or speak with Father Sy if you are interested in this opportunity.

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 and do the calendar.

Come to daily mass once a week. Masses are Tuesday through Friday, at 7am.

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.

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

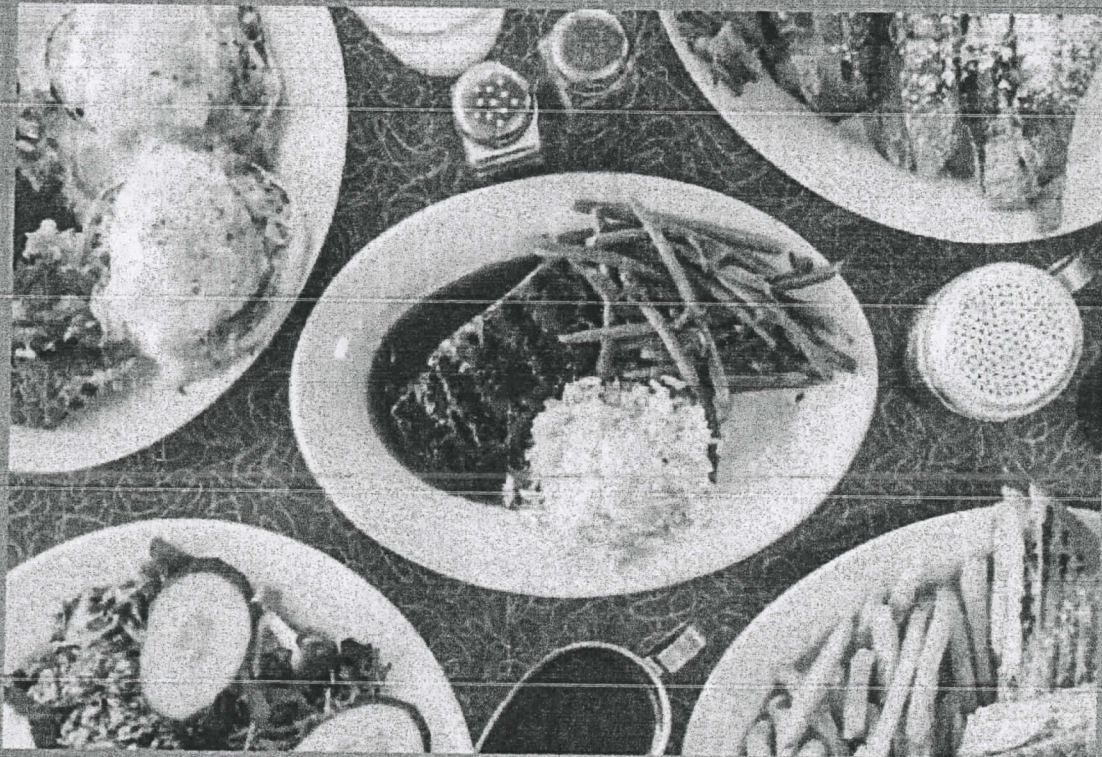
Do Corbin and Grace's Lenten Calendar, with children.

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

Pray and fast for growth in the parish.

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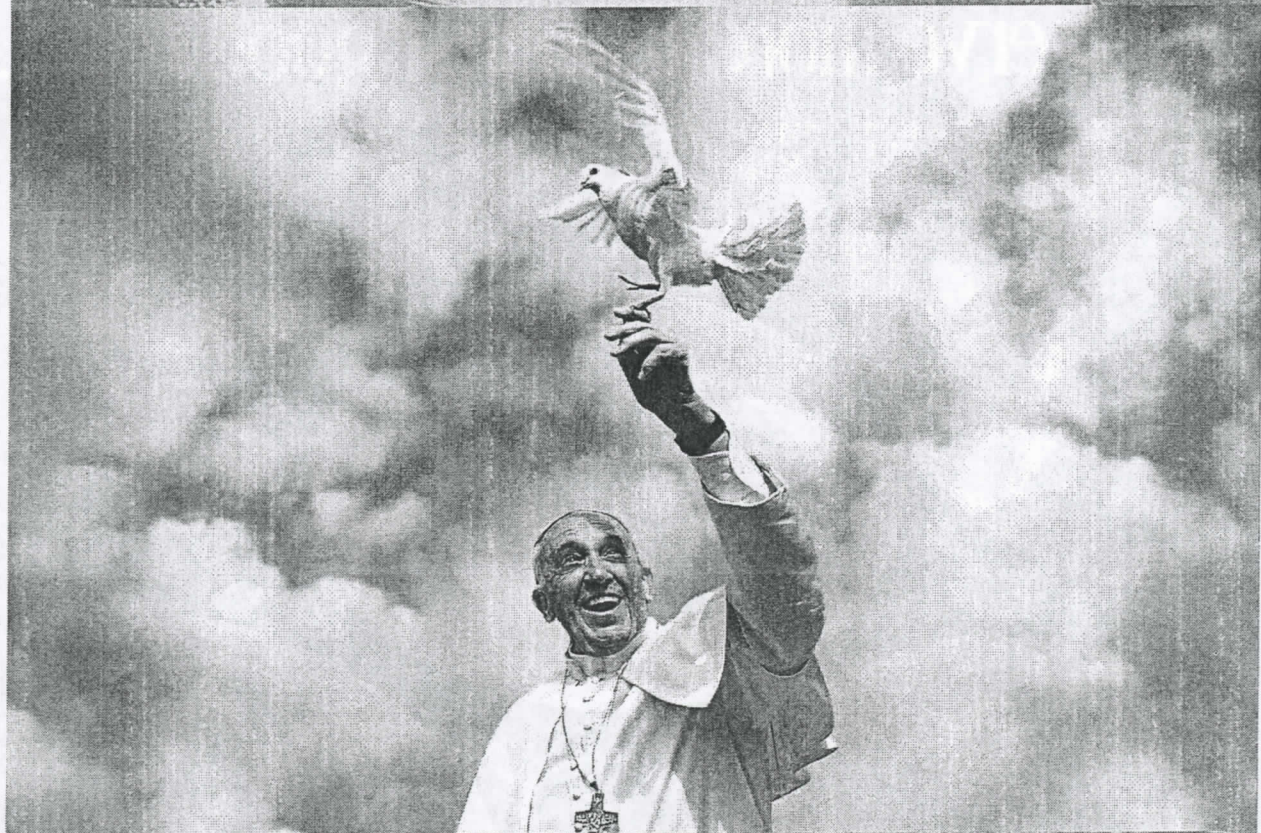
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MISSION MONTH

John XXIII *Pacem in terris* Lecture



The Pope, the People, and the Planet: Becoming a Church of Encounter in Perilous Times

Natalia M. Imperatori-Lee, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Manhattan College

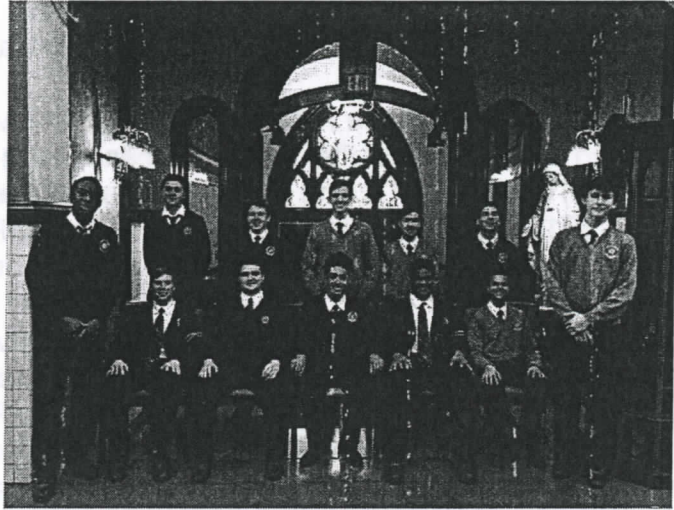


Wednesday, March 15
De La Salle Chapel

7pm

FIF ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND FROM THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION

(Philadelphia, PA) Faith in the Future is pleased to announce a \$576,000 scholarship program from the Howley Foundation. The funding will be directed through the Faith in the Future Foundation and administered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This program is designed to help students who are economically challenged benefit from a high-quality Catholic education at one of our outstanding 17 Archdiocesan High Schools. The Howley's believe that education is one of the most important catalysts to promoting positive change in individuals and society as a whole.



The Howley Foundation's commitment will provide these funds for 45 freshmen students in the class of 2021 to high school students at Bonner & Prendergast Catholic High School, John W. Hallahan Catholic High School for Girls, SS. John Neumann-Maria Goretti High School, Roman Catholic Preparatory High School, West Catholic Preparatory High School, Bishop McDevitt High School, and Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls.

Current eighth-grade students interested in receiving a Howley scholarship will need to apply to the high school they wish to attend, and will need to ask to be considered for a Howley scholarship. This financial unburdening of families is designed to bring the best and the brightest students to our Archdiocesan schools, regardless of economic background.

The mission of the Howley Foundation is to award academic scholarships and provide tuition assistance to elementary, high school, and college students and support educational organizations primarily in Northeast Ohio and Philadelphia. The creation of a scholarship fund will become a key tool in helping these high schools meet enrollment goals and better attract qualified, deserving students.

The Howley scholarships will be based on a combination of merit and need. Students who receive a Howley scholarship are identified as very likely to succeed in high school and have both the academic skills and personal character to persist and graduate from college. These awards are renewable for each of the four years the students attend his or her high school. Howley Scholars are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

This partnership between Faith in the Future, the Office of Catholic Education, and the Howley Foundation offers an incredible opportunity for many deserving students in Philadelphia. The mission of Faith in the Future is to provide a Catholic education for any child that desires it. This scholarship fund is another step in that direction, making access to educational funding easier and more available to deserving students.

Since 2013, Faith in the Future has brought in over \$5 million in new scholarship funding for students at the 17 Archdiocesan high schools. Between scholarships, financial aid, and EITC and OSTC credits, total aid has increased from \$10.9 million in 2011-2012 to \$20.8 million in 2015-16. With additional scholarships like these, more students and families are able to attend and afford our schools every year.

Samuel Casey Carter, Faith in the Future CEO, voiced his excitement over these scholarships. "Nick and Lorie Howley are nationally recognized giants in support of Catholic education. For the last several years in Philadelphia we have been so lucky to have their daughter, Meg Miktus, sponsor scholarships in our schools, but now to expand and increase their commitment to next year's incoming class on this scale demonstrates both the extraordinary generosity of the Howley family and how the rebirth of Catholic schools in this region deserves the national attention it is getting. The Howley's gift is great news for families who want this educational opportunity but cannot otherwise afford it."

Daylight Savings Time returns next Sunday March 12

Advance your alarm clock [unless it does that for you] 1 hour before you go to bed next Saturday night so that you can get to Sunday mass on time.

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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.



LET US PRAY...

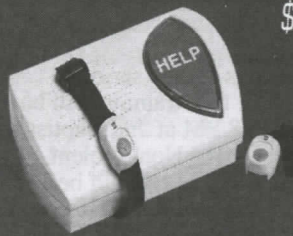
O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold 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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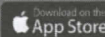
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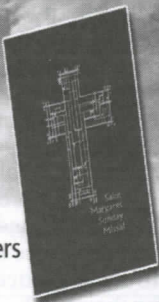
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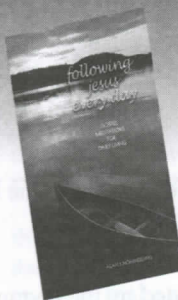
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