

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

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

**The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School**

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

## Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

♦ **Joseph Cummins, C.M.**

Parochial Vicar, Ext #220

♦ **Valerie Lee-Jeter**

♦ **Dennis Rivera**

Ministers of Music

♦ **JoAnn O'Connor**

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Parish Social Ministry

215-438-1514

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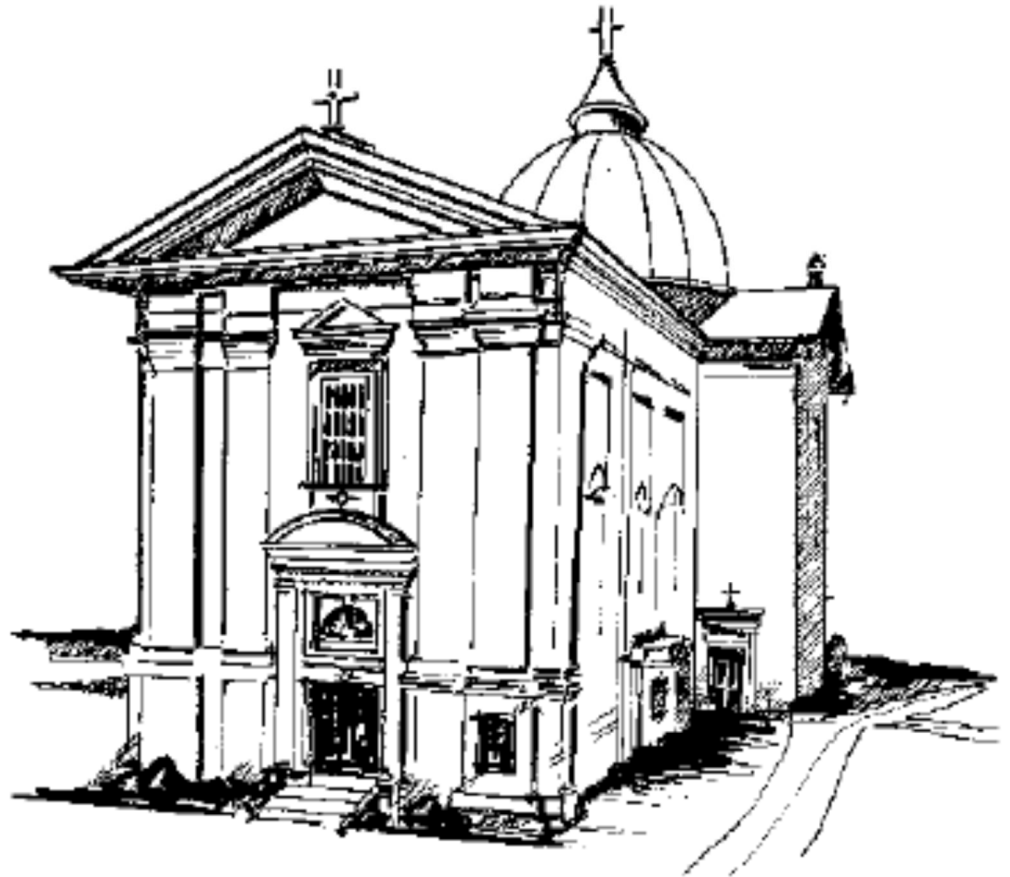
Directors of Religious Education

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

April 16, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	04/16	Mrs. Angello	9:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
MON	04/17	NO MASS	7:00 am
TUE	04/18	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	04/19	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	04/20	Frank Meloni	7:00 am
FRI	04/21	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	04/22	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
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.

#### Friends of St. Vincent's

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 Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Alice Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfoffer, 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, Vincent Owens, Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Siobhan Barrett, Mary Corini, Robert Glasgow, Alysa Smith, Joanne Gerney, Diane Dugan, Sue Henigan, Mary Hunter Gibbs.

***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	4,139.00
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	7,389.00
Tithe	369.40

### Today's Readings

First Reading:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm:	Psalm 118
Second Reading:	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel:	John 20:1-9

### Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Acts 2:42-47
Psalm:	Psalm 118
Second Reading:	I Peter 1:3-9
Gospel:	John 20:19-31

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

### 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.

### 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 - April 16-22, 2017

### HAPPY EASTER & PASSOVER, CHRISTIANS & JEWS!

The major feasts in Christianity and Judaism are always celebrated in the spring, usually close together. This year, the 8-day Passover festival begins on the evening of April 10, while Palm Sunday launches us into Holy Week on April 9, culminating in Easter on Apr 16. Our two faith-communities share beautiful scriptures and the same God who creates and sustains us. But we also have a history of tension and oppression over the centuries, where Christians have allowed a partial or warped understanding of our faith and our scriptures to open us up to anti-Jewish thoughts, words and actions, including blaming all Jews for the death of Jesus. This sadly paved the way for far too many Christians to stand by as the Holocaust took place, and it remains a blind-spot for many. In this Lenten season, let us pray for the courage, as Catholics, to repent for the "sins of omission" that keep the seeds of anti-Semitism alive in our hearts and our communities. And let us give thanks that as Jews and Christians, we are truly sisters and brothers in God's love. For more food for thought on this topic, pick up one of a reading (on purple paper) on the tables near the church entrance. Also, consider attending a special educational session Fr Sy is hosting for lectors and other parishioners: **Saturday, Apr 22, 10 to 11:30am** in the rectory. RSVP to Fr Sy.

### FIRST COMMUNION

We will have ONE MASS on **Sunday, May 7 at 10am.**

### RCIA CANDIDATES

Please pray for John Burrell, Paige Chapin, Chris Chavez, Michael Garcia, Miki Sekiguchi, and Michael Taylor.

### LECTORS

We are blessed with many parishioners who clearly and boldly proclaim God's Word at Mass! We are especially seeking more men and more young adults to join us. If you feel that call, come to a short training after the 10am First Communion Mass on **Sunday, May 7** (about 1/2 hour after Mass in the front of church). For info, contact Mary Laver (610-324-9388)

### HOSPITALITY

Please join us for hospitality provided by the community after the 9am Mass in the Hospitality center. To volunteer, sign up on the bulletin board by the side entrance. Questions? Call Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682.

### RECITAL:

Join us here on **Sunday, April 30 at 1:30pm** for a performance from the students of Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music, providing healing cultural and social development through the performing arts. Youngsters, ages 4-13, will entertain us via piano, voice and praise dance. Donations accepted. Refreshments will be served.

### QUIZZO NIGHT:

Get your team together and join the Parish Council, on **Saturday, April 22nd, 7-10pm**, for Quizzo at the Miraculous Medal Hall, 500 E. Cheltenham Avenue. Entrance to the parking lot is on Morton Street. Doors open at 6pm.

### DEPAUL CATHOLIC

The Hall of Fame Banquet for DePaul Catholic is on **Thursday, April 20**. Please come and support our school. Tickets are \$100 per person. Call 215- 842-1266 for more information.

### CELEBRATING TOGETHER FOR ONE MASS AT 10AM

Many have suggested that we come together for a joint celebration more often. At Pastoral Council, these five Sundays were suggested. Please share your thoughts with your Pastoral Council.:

1. First Communion, the 1st Sunday of May. (May 7)
2. Sunday of the July 4th weekend. (We would also celebrate Juneteenth at this time, usually the 1st Sunday of July.)
3. Sunday when we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent DePaul (September 27th).
4. Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, "Feast of Christ the King", usually late November. It would be Ministry Sunday.
5. Black History Month Sunday, celebrated with potluck, after 2nd Sunday, in February.

### POWER UPDATE

St Vincent's is one of many congregations in this vibrant interfaith community organization that works on economic dignity, criminal justice reform, fair school funding, and more! Contact co-chairs Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) for more info. For more on POWER, see [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org)

#### Some updates and invitations:

\*A "win" at the Airport: POWER has been advocating for the rights of "curb-to-cabin" baggage handlers at Philadelphia International Airport for years, and they recently voted to form a union, where they can advocate on their own behalf re/ wages and benefits to support their families! This is a great breakthrough that we think MLK would have loved: 49 years ago this month, he was supporting sanitation workers in Memphis when he was killed. This is also a great example of Catholic Social Teaching in action!

\*Connecting Race, Economics & Environment on EARTH DAY: Interactive workshop: **Sat Apr 22, 6 to 8:30pm** at POWER office, 1429 N 11th St. (grounds of St Malachy's Church)

\*Next St Vincent's POWER meeting: **Monday, April 24, 6:30 to 8pm**, rectory.

\*Voter Education/ District Attorney Primary on **May 16:**

POWER's goal is to convince all candidates and voters to support policies that will end the mass incarceration of too many African-Americans, especially young men. Watch for non-partisan door-knock and phone-bank opportunities in the weeks before the primary.

POWER & EQAT (Earth Quaker Action) are teaming up to press PECO to offer more solar energy and related jobs in neighborhoods with high unemployment. Watch for mini-marches in MAY to keep the pressure on PECO for "green energy + green jobs"!

### ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul's clothing drive is on **Saturday, April 29th (11am-4 pm)** and **Sunday, April 30th (8:30am-12:30pm)**, in the parking lot.

### JULIE KRING'S ART EXHIBIT:

We invite you to parishioner, Julie Kring's art exhibit on view until April 26th at the Gallery at Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park.

### JOB TRAINING FOR PRISONERS

Par-Recycle Works is located at 342 E. Walnut La. 19144 267-335-5455. Hours: 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. Contact Laura Ford: [laura@par-recycleworks.org](mailto:laura@par-recycleworks.org) or check website [Par-recycleworks.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received the Sacraments?

( ) Baptism ( ) Confirmation ( ) First Communion

Are you interested in

( ) Liturgical Ministry ( ) Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

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

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



**St. Vincent de Paul Church**  
**Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255**

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

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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**)\_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

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## Prayer Petitions for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, April 15-16, 2017

Oh Risen One, there are places in your holy church where you are especially needed. Guide Francis to stay with you through our darkest nights, so he may lead your holy people into the promise land.

Risen Christ, our world is filled with gifts of love that you have poured abundantly into our hearts. We pray that you reveal yourself again and again to our catechumens and candidates: Michael, Miki, Paige, John, Chris and Michael, as we fully welcome them into our House of Vincent.

Oh God of the Tomb, your holy women waited with love and dedication after your crucifixion. We pray that the stone of sexism, the stones of fear, of selfishness and pride, of greed and blindness be rolled away so we may all experience the true joy of the resurrection.

Oh Risen Savior, you surrendered to your Father and were raised to new life. Enable us to bear witness to our faith and act as a balm for the wounds of the world.

Oh God of Emmaus, you appear to us as we walk daily. Open our minds and hearts to see your presence in the poor, the unemployed, and the abused, that we may nourish them with your love.

Oh Comforter of those in need, you defeated death to show that we can live. We pray that you will bless all who need your comfort; especially those who have recently lost loved one through death.

Jack DiFeo

April 14, 2017

## Prayer Petitions for Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Blessed Christ, you are known to us in the breaking of the bread. Teach us to show your love in acts of justice, peace and healing to all immigrants and refugees longing for a better way of life.

Oh God of us all, we remember our Jewish ancestors as we celebrate the Passover of Christ. We pray for Jewish, Islamic and Christians peoples, that they may seek peace and live as one throughout the world.

God, you sent us Francis to lead your church. Let us learn to emulate Francis this Holy Thursday, as he extends a loving hand to prison inmates, may we do so with all who are on the fringe of society.

Oh Holy One, you washed the feet of your apostles demonstrating extreme humility and showing us your love for mankind. We ask that you give us this great virtue of humility, so that we can bring about peace and harmony in our own lives.

Jesus our Savior, you took bread and blessed it and shared it with your disciples. Open our eyes that we may recognize you in the poor of the world, and minister to their needs.

Oh Suffering Servant, your people carry the burdens of sickness, grief, anxiety and guilt. Comfort them and guide them towards freedom, wholeness and faith in you as a loving God.

Jack DiFeo

April 12, 2017

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2017***

**BIBLE STUDY:** Join us Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, as we study the book of James.

**VINCENTIAN FAMILY SYMPOSIUM IN ROME:** The trip is from October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. The symposium is October 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are available. There should be around 5,000 people from the Vincentian family, from around the world. Pope Francis is scheduled to come and speak with us on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RECITAL:** Join us here on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, for a performance from the students of the Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music, at 1:30 pm. The youngsters, ages 4-13, will entertain us via piano, voice and praise dance. Donations accepted.

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**DEPAUL CATHOLIC:** The Hall of Fame Banquet for DePaul Catholic is this Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support our school. Tickets are \$100 per person. Please contact the school at (215) 842-1266, for more information.

**WORKSHOP ON SENSITIVITY IN SACRED SCRIPTURE:** Often our readings can be offensive to our Jewish brothers and sisters. This workshop is open to priests, lectors and all parishioners. It will take place this Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 until 11:30 am, in the church.

**INN DWELLING:** On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from noon until 5 pm, Inn Dwelling is having a ***Pub Crawl***, to support the organization's hard working students. The starting point is The Plough and The Stars, at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Chestnut Streets. The cost is \$20. For more information, see Brother Al or call 215-438-2195. You can also go to [inndwelling.org](http://inndwelling.org).

**Thanks for all who gave for Easter flowers.**

**Thanks for all who helped decorate our church so beautifully.**



# KENYA | SOMALIA

## DROUGHT

### CONTEXT

Lack of rain has devastated the lives and stability of millions of families. Grazing is becoming scarce, rivers are drying up and livestock—a valuable asset—is wasting away. With higher food costs and loss of family income, a hunger crisis is growing. The governments of Kenya and Somalia have each declared a national emergency.

The humanitarian situation in Somalia has deteriorated rapidly. According to the United Nations, a massive scale-up of humanitarian assistance is urgently needed in the coming weeks to avoid famine in the most-affected areas. The number of people in need has increased to 6.2 million, or half of the population. As many as 363,000 children under age 5 are acutely malnourished, and 71,000 are at risk of dying. Nutrition support is critical to keep them alive.

Drought has also heavily hit neighboring Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands—home to 30 percent of the population, or 14 million people. Most of the country's national parks—the foundation of a thriving wildlife tourism sector—are also in these regions. This area of Kenya—the least developed—has limited services and poor infrastructure, leaving communities especially vulnerable to drought. The water level of boreholes and shallow wells is low, and pastoralists are migrating in search of water and pasture for their livestock. Also, growing demand for water, and overpumping at community boreholes, has led to more pump breakdowns. People are resorting to desperate tactics: skipping one or more meals daily, migrating to look for work, and selling deteriorating livestock at low prices to buy food. An estimated 2.7 million people need emergency relief.



Mano Hassan helps her child during water distribution at a camp on the outskirts of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. Photo by Mohamed Sheik Nor for CRS

### CRS RESPONSE

CRS is providing comprehensive, lifesaving relief to 18,000 drought-affected pastoralist families, or more than 100,000 people, so they can access water and strengthen their livestock assets—a key link to their nutrition and livelihoods. CRS is able to reach people in need and scale up our response in especially vulnerable areas in Somalia and Kenya thanks to our local Catholic partners. Emergency relief and recovery activities include the following:

#### ACCESS TO WATER

- Rehabilitating shallow wells and boreholes. This includes water points that have failed, as well as newly drilled underground water sources that remain undeveloped because of funding constraints.
- Installing additional water points, making them more accessible to reduce lines for water and improve drainage.
- Employing residents to maintain dams, providing their households and the local economy with cash while preparing local water infrastructure for future rains.
- Supporting the creation of county borehole maintenance teams to respond to pump breakdowns with the proper tools and better pumps, and helping local officials recruit more pump mechanics and electricians.
- Helping communities prepare for rainwater harvesting during October rains by repairing and rehabilitating surface water points.
- Providing emergency cash grants or vouchers to families to help them meet their nutritional and water needs.

#### SUPPORT FOR LIVESTOCK

- Making water for livestock more available by adding designated animal watering points near those for people.
- Supplying high-quality supplementary livestock feed to communities where it is scarce.

- Using animals left behind by migrating families to provide food, including milk for children.

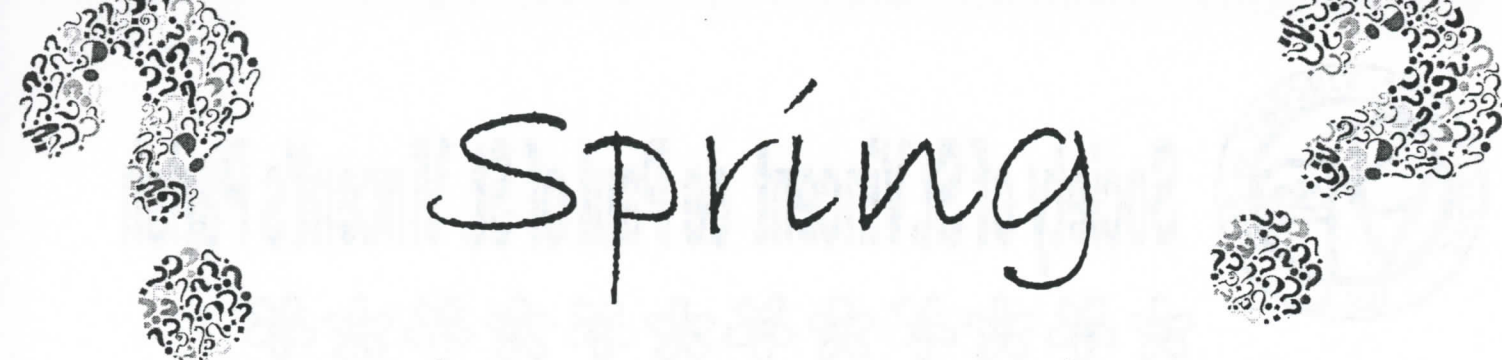
#### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND LIVELIHOODS

- Helping families secure veterinary services and fodder for vulnerable livestock, especially those that women-headed households rely on for food and income.
- Providing small livestock, allowing families that lost animals to rebound.
- Facilitating disease control and prevention through vaccination and deworming, and collaborating with the government to survey disease and migration patterns.
- Educating community members on health care for livestock.

#### SOUTH SUDAN FAMINE

Famine has been declared in three counties in Unity State, and a hunger crisis is affecting nearly 5 million people. CRS is providing food aid to some 800,000 people in Jonglei State. CRS provides food in exchange for work on building community infrastructure, and provides it directly when violence prevents such work. In partnership with the U.N. World Food Program, CRS airdrops food supplies into areas that are difficult to reach.



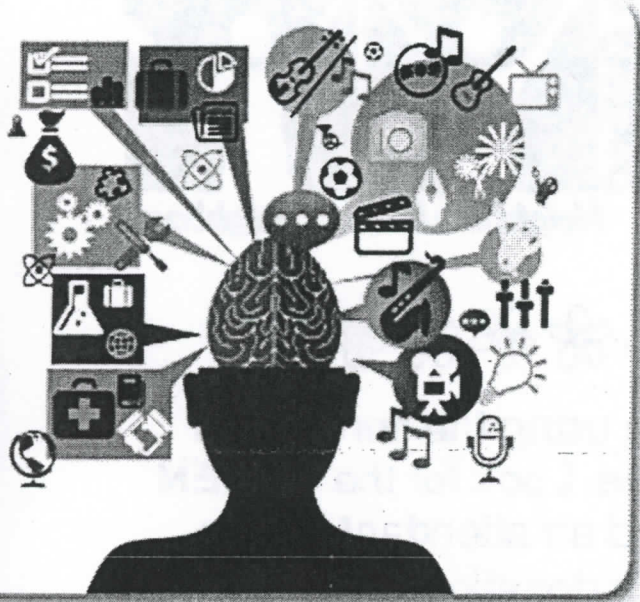


# Spring

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# QUIZZO NIGHT

A St. Vincent's Parish "Fun" Raiser



Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Doors Open at 6PM

Game is from 7PM to 10PM

Where: 475 East Cheltenham Ave, 19144  
Enter Parking Lot via Morton Street

\$20 per person

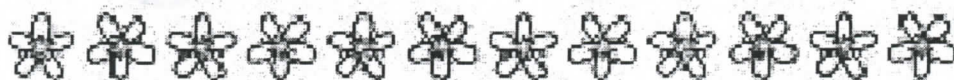
Bring your own snacks. Set ups & ice are provided

Good team names are expected--- theme teams are encouraged! If  
you don't have a team, we'll make one!

**QUIZZO!**  
**NIGHT**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Vincent's Parish



# Spring Clothing Drive

Saturday April 29, 2017

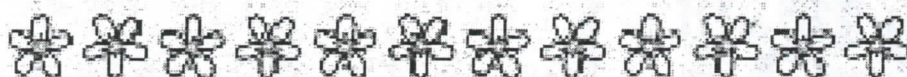
12 Noon to 4PM

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Sunday April 30, 2017

9AM to 1:30 PM

St. Vincent's Parking Lot  
109 E Price Street



The Society of St. Vincent dePaul will be using the services of **GREEN DROP** to support our clothing drive. Look for the **GREEN DROP** truck in the church parking lot and an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations.

Please place your donations of usable men's, women's & children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. We will also be accepting other household goods: kitchenware, games, toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors

To learn more about Green Drop visit their web site:  
[www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)





**Come and enjoy the fledgling talents of children of North Philadelphia as they express themselves in Dance and Music.**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**The Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music\***

*The school provides healing cultural and social development through music and the performing arts for the community.*

*The youngsters, ages 4-13, will entertain us via piano, voice and praise dance.*

**Sunday April 30th, 2017 1:30 PM**

**Refreshments after the 11:00 Mass**

**Come to enjoy and support. Donations accepted**

\*Joyce Drayton, MSW, founder/executive director 215-430-0435

Web site: [gegisom.org](http://gegisom.org); email: [gegisom@aol.com](mailto:gegisom@aol.com)

For information, contact: Lawrence H Geller or Bernadette Cronin-Geller 215-455-6876





Early Bird  
Tickets  
\$20

# *Inn Dwelling* **PUB CRAWL**

*Supporting hard working Philadelphia students*

**Exclusive drink specials &  
appetizers included with ticket**

**Saturday, April 22nd**

**12 PM - 5 PM**

**Starting Point: The Plough & The Stars  
2nd & Chestnut**

**Sign up at [inndwelling.org](http://inndwelling.org) or  
by completing the attached form**

**Questions? Contact: [info@inndwelling.org](mailto:info@inndwelling.org) or 215-438-2195**

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**Name(s) of Attendee(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Bring a friend!)**

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

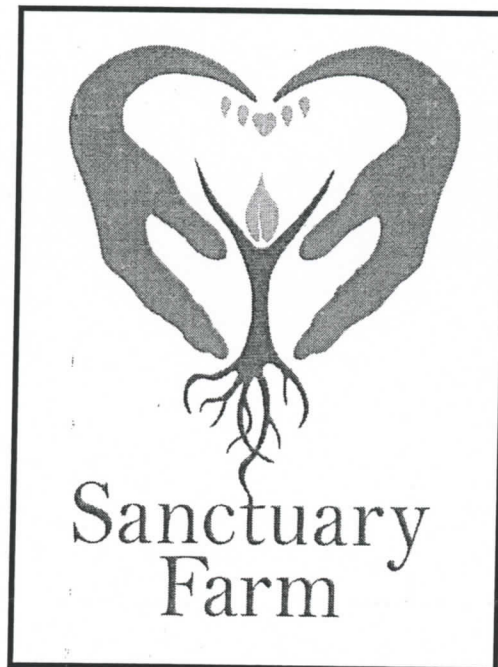
**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and your payment to Brother Al**

# GARDEN BUILDING DAY

SATURDAY  
APRIL 22,  
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# Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

March 18th

## Lector Worskshop

Come learn how to be a lector at mass, a great opportunity to serve the parish and meet other people! Snacks will be included!

April 22

## Earth Day Celebration

Join us on Earth Day for fun activities and discussion surrounding the enviornment. More details to come!

May 19

## Event TBA

Email [youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org) with any interest or questions. Thanks, Delia and Katie.



## Spiritual Formation Program

Saturdays: March 25, April 1, April 8,  
April 22 and April 29  
2 – 4 PM

**Come, Explore, Grow in your relationship with God.**

Is there a yearning in you that runs deep, a yearning for love, for meaning, to live true? The Christian tradition says that it is God we long for at the deepest level of our being and that only in God will we find the fulfillment we yearn for. This **spiritual formation program**, facilitated by Kathy Cleaver, a trained spiritual director, will give you the tools and time to explore and connect with your yearnings. You will be asked to spend some time in prayer between sessions.

Some of the topics that will be explored are Spiritual Yearning, God's Love and Our Relationship, Noticing God, Nurturing Spiritual Practices, Ways of Praying, Doing and Being, Solitude and Silence. The format for the sessions will be contemplative and experiential.

**Where:** St. Vincent's Rectory Parlor

**Register:** There is no fee, but you must register.

Please contact Kathy Cleaver at 267-297-6036 or [KathleenAcleaver@gmail.com](mailto:KathleenAcleaver@gmail.com)



## Have you heard about Spiritual Direction?

**What:** Spiritual direction is a contemplative practice of accompanying another on their spiritual journey. It is a process of tending the Holy in the ordinary with gentle listening through a trained ear.

**For:** Spiritual Direction is for all who wish to explore and develop their relationship with God.

**When:** In a 1:1 relationship for about an hour once a month.

????? See [www.KathyCleaver.com](http://www.KathyCleaver.com)

[www.sdiworld.org](http://www.sdiworld.org)





## 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



# Celebrating

*THE EASTER SEASON AT HOME*

*APRIL 16 – JUNE 4, 2017*





# **EASTER HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS AND** Prayers

## **EASTER DAILY PRAYER**

For your saving death, O Christ,  
and your glorious Resurrection,  
*Let all the earth cry out with joy!*

For the glad tidings of your gospel,  
and your wondrous ascension into  
heaven,  
*Let all the earth cry out with joy!*

For your gift of daily discipleship,  
and the sending of the Spirit each day,  
*Let all the earth cry out with joy! Alleluia!*

## **TABLE PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER**

*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

How generous is your love, O Lord,  
shown by the food on our table  
and our salvation in Christ.

How generous is your love, O Lord,  
given in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread  
and in sharing the Cup of salvation.

How generous is your love, O Lord.  
May others come to know it as well  
through our charity and witness to justice.

*Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

You have made this day for blessing, O Lord;  
let us be blessed and joyful,  
now and at the supper of the Lamb. Amen.

## **FROM VIA CRUCIS TO VIA LUCIS**

In December of 2001 the Holy See issued a *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*. In that document, the devotional practice known as the *Via Lucis* (the Way of Light) was noted.

In imitation of the Way of the Cross (*Via Crucis*), the stations of the Way of Light (*Via Lucis*) are based on the Resurrection appearances of Jesus. Though not as well-established or defined as the *Via Crucis*, this *Via Lucis* is a prayerful way to celebrate the joy, hope, and power of the Resurrection. Here are some “stations” to get you started. You may want to add your own favorite Gospel resurrection stories.

*The finding of the empty tomb.* “But when the women looked up, they saw that the very large stone at the door of the tomb, had been rolled away.” (Mark 16:4)

Prayer: Risen Lord, may I have the faith to find you in hollow and surprising places.

*Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus.* Jesus looked at her and said, “Mary.” She turned and cried out in a loud voice, “Rabboni!” (“Teacher!”). (John 20:16)

Prayer: Risen Lord, I listen for your voice calling me by name; look on me in mercy.

*Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus* The two disciples urged Jesus, “Stay here with us, evening draws near; the day is almost over.” So Jesus went in, and stayed with them. (Luke 24:29)

Prayer: Risen Lord, stay with me through every day, as I follow you steadfastly.

*Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas.* Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your fingers here; see my hands—reach out your own hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe.” (John 20:26)

Prayer: Risen Lord, let me face my doubts as Thomas did; increase my belief.

*Jesus commissions his followers.* Jesus said: “Go, make disciples of the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

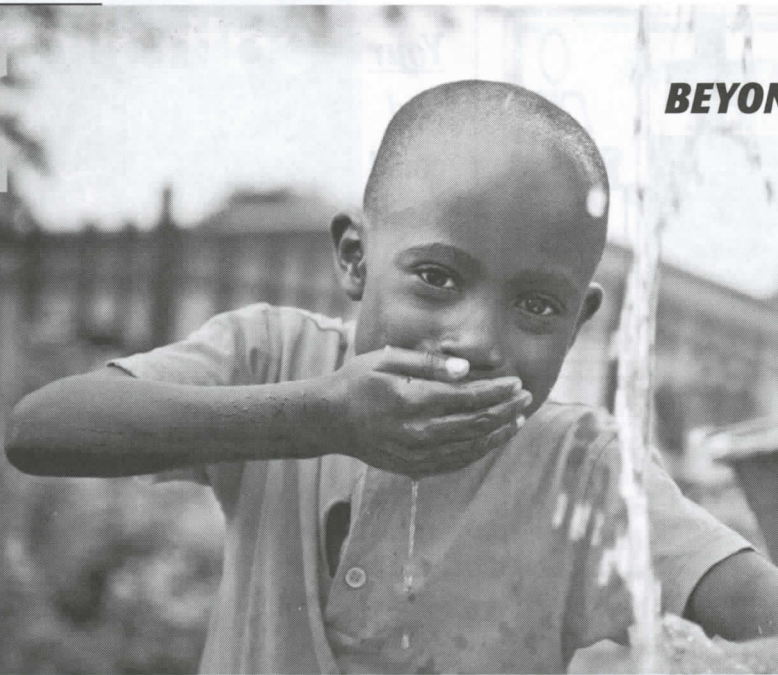
Prayer: Risen Lord, help me obey your command to be a strong and faithful messenger.

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# Mercy



## BEYOND THE JUBILEE YEAR

Although the official observance of the Jubilee year of mercy is past, all of Christian life hinges on the practice of mercy. This Easter season, here are some concrete ways to do so.

- ***Week One: Give drink to the thirsty.***

In your own life, be intentional about water usage; look for ways to reduce waste and become aware of the gift we often take for granted. Donate to an organization that helps provide safe drinking water to the developing world, such as the Water Project, Catholic Relief Services, or Heifer International.

- ***Week Two: Bury the dead.***

If your parish is hosting a funeral this week, help pray that soul into Heaven. Can you offer up an early lunch hour to volunteer as a lector, sacristan, or extraordinary minister of communion? Help prepare a meal for the bereaved?

- ***Week Three: Visit the sick.***

No one wants to expose themselves to sickness. But those experiencing illness have great need for support from their communities. Who in your school, parish or neighborhood is overwhelmed by the illness, whether major or seasonal, of a family member? Can you mow their lawn? Bring them dinner? Run errands they can't do themselves? Chauffeur children to activities?

- ***Week Four: Visit the imprisoned.***

Those involved in prison ministry can attest to how fulfilling it can be. If this is too far outside your comfort zone, perhaps you can become pen pals with an inmate. Sites like [friendsbeyondthewall.com](http://friendsbeyondthewall.com) and [writeaprisoner.com](http://writeaprisoner.com) allow you to send messages electronically or via post.

- ***Week Five: Counsel the doubtful.***

Most of us experience too much doubt ourselves to feel equal to this work of mercy. This week, read a book about the faith and shore up your own, so you can help another when the need arises.

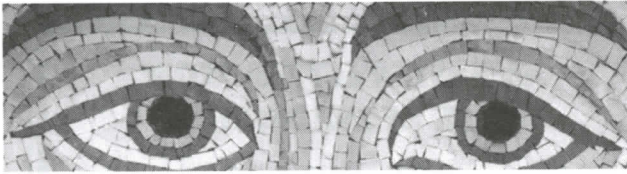
- ***Week Six: Pray for the living and the dead.***

It's easy to get sidetracked by the phone, the kids, the dirty dishes, or the song on the earbuds. This week, make a physical list of all the people you know who have asked for prayers. Devote five minutes a day to quiet, undistracted prayer.

- ***Week Seven: Admonish sinners***

This week, before engaging in "admonishment," take a few moments to try to understand the other person's experiences, and how they got there. When things must be said, focus on actions, and frame your words with kindness, understanding, and lack of judgment.





# Eye to eye

## **WITH JESUS**

In the time between Easter and the Ascension, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the burial garden, in closed rooms, and by lake shores. It's tempting to view those stories as mere throwbacks to Scriptural times. It was easier for them, we tell ourselves; they actually saw Jesus himself.

We often forget that more than once, the disciples failed to recognize Jesus until his actions revealed his divinity. Why was that? Were their minds clouded? Or is it possible that he wore a different face than the man they had known? Maybe, just maybe, it was as difficult for them to recognize the face of Jesus as it is for us today.

Modern life keeps us in motion and constantly stimulated. The irony is that with so much to see, we miss a lot. We avoid eye contact with people holding signs at street corners; we avoid eye contact with people who exhibit signs of disability or mental illness; we avoid eye contact with people going through tough times, because we don't know what to say or we don't want to get involved.

Eye contact invites communication, and communication leads to relationship. However fleeting, we are, in that moment, responsible for honoring the dignity of another person. We are compelled to act, but we don't know how we can take on another burden when we're already so heavy-laden that we feel we're treading water. We're afraid the weight of one more thing will pull us under.

Jesus Christ is still appearing in our world, every day, every moment. But if we do not consciously seek his face among those we encounter, we run the risk of not recognizing him at all.

## **AN EASTER LETTER FROM ST. BERNADETTE**

My dear brothers and sisters:

You may know my name because it is tied to one of the great feasts of the Church year. But I beg you to remember that the woman you honor as St. Bernadette was the humblest of God's creatures. My family was so poor, all seven of us lived in a single basement room that had once been a jail. At the time my adventure began, I couldn't even read or write. In fact, I had not even received my first Communion, because my teachers thought I was too dim-witted to learn what was necessary.

To put it simply, I was not a likely candidate to become a visionary.

That day when I was fourteen, I went out to gather firewood near the cave called Massabielle, which was sometimes used as a garbage dump for the people of our town. I fell behind my companions, and I heard the sound of rushing wind, but nothing was moving—except a wild rose in a dark corner of the grotto. It was my first glimpse of the white-clad lady who eventually called herself the Immaculate Conception.

My companions saw nothing. As the visions continued, I became a point of division in our town. Some thought I was lying; others, that I belonged in an asylum. Police and clergy questioned me, certain it was all a hoax. Yet sick people began visiting the spring she had shown me. Many were cured.

May God give you the courage to allow divine work to be done through you.

To Christ be all glory forever,  
Bernadette Soubirous

*St. Bernadette contracted cholera as a toddler and suffered from asthma for the rest of her life. By the time the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at Massabielle was dedicated in 1876, her health was too poor to allow her to attend. She died in 1879 at the age of thirty-five and was canonized in 1933. Her feast day is April 16.*