

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

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

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School

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

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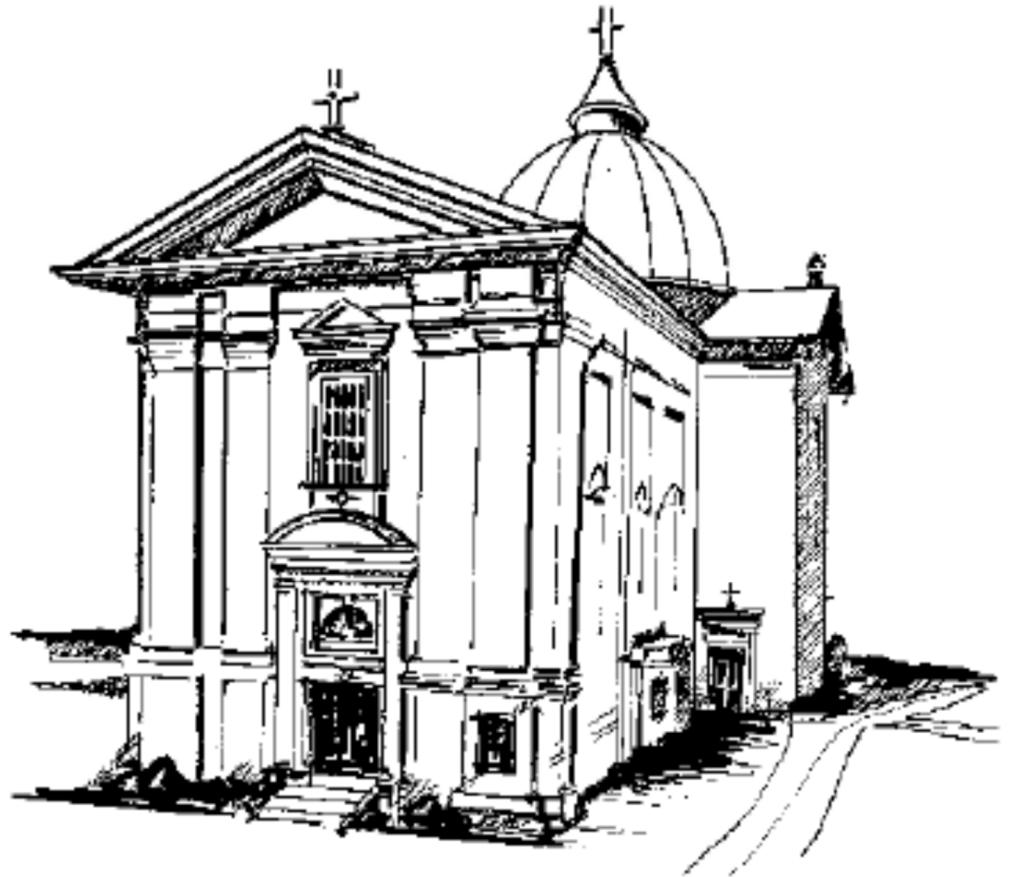
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

May 14, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	05/14	Joan Bretschneider	9:00 am
		Joan Bretschneider	11:00 am
MON	05/15	NO MASS	
TUE	05/16	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	05/17	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	05/18	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	05/19	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	05/20	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Fifth Sunday of Easter
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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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, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofner, Ana Esquilin Santos, Ann Rainsford & Family, Rayan Bouso, 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, Alys Smith, Joanne Gerney, Diane Dugan, Mary Hunter Gibbs, Joey Gavin.

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	3,166.25
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	6,416.25
Tithe	320.81

Today's Readings

First Reading:	Acts 6:1-7
Psalm:	Psalm 33
Second Reading:	I Peter 2:4-9
Gospel:	John 14:1-12

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm:	Psalm 66
Second Reading:	I Peter 3:15-18
Gospel:	John 14:15-21

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

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 - May 14-20, 2017

YOUNG ADULT FOLLOW UP MEETING

Sunday, May 21, 6:30-8pm, we will have a dinner and meeting to move forward with sharing and plans. All young adults, ages 20-45 are welcome. Bring a friend.

LECTORS

We are blessed with parishioners who clearly, boldly and reverently proclaim God's Word at Mass! We are especially seeking more men and young adults to join us. 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.

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

New Sanctuary Movement is seeking more supporters to accompany undocumented immigrants in court. An NSM staff member guides the group in prayer and then into court where they sit and witness the proceedings without comment. This quiet presence means a great deal to frightened immigrants. An email message comes from NSM telling date, time, and place, and supporters go when they can. To volunteer email: blanca@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org. For more details, call Gene Cleaver at 610-360-3496 or Mary Regan at 215-848-9489.

MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK

Sat May 20, 5:30 Potluck Dinner; 6:15 "Hidden Figures" screening will take place in the Social Hall of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, Cheltenham & Morton (enter off Morton). Bring the family and a dish to share! Register on the signup sheets in church, or call the rectory. Co-sponsored by the Youth Ministry & RUM (Reconciliation & Unity Ministry)

FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL

Every year, I ask friends and family to help me make a difference in VINCENTIAN AFRICA. I don't "mail" my appeal letters to my St. Vincent's family, but they are in the back of the church. I hope that you would take one and read it. Pray about it. You have been so wonderful in your support and in bringing Hope to so many. Thank you. There is no time when this must be done. You will not receive endless requests for more. This is a once a year appeal with several great projects that you can help with like:

- The St. Vincent Youth Center in Mekelle, Ethiopia offering a library, tutoring, and other activities + HIV/AIDS awareness for impoverished youth.
- Building a house for an impoverished family in Tunisia.
- Purchase of a vehicle for the Vincentian parish and agrarian school in Magube, Mozambique, a very poor rural area.
- Supply tanks and pipes to bring clean water to the impoverished village of Changrawe, Tanzania.

ART EXHIBITION

Parishioner, Lynne Horoschak, will exhibit her works of art on **Saturday, June 3 from 5-7:30pm** at Cellini Studio, 113 Poplar Street in Ambler. She has just recovered from surgery and would love to see and talk with you. All are welcome.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER FOR ONE MASS AT 10AM

Many have suggested that we come together for a joint celebration more often. These five Sundays were designated:

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

*POWER UPDATES

St Vincent's is a member of this vibrant interfaith community organization that works on economic dignity, criminal justice reform, fair school funding, and more. Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) for more info, or for rides to these events:

****DA PRIMARY: Tues May 16.** POWER does not endorse specific candidates, but urges ALL registered voters to come to the polls to make your voice heard! The District Attorney has a huge impact on many issues that impact our community, including how youth are treated and whether alternatives to incarceration are considered.

****GREEN ENERGY & JOBS MARCH: Mon May 22, 12 noon to 2 PM:** March w POWER and EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) from City Hall to PECO headquarters at 23rd & Market as people of faith. National expert on environmental racism, Bill McKibben, will speak.

****HARRISBURG TRIP on EDUCATION FUNDING: Wed June 21:** Buses provided. Watch for signup sheets.

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BLACK LIVES MATTER EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 all Masses: Solemn reading of the names of Black Philadelphians who died from violence.

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Sunday, June 18: St. Vincent's all-parish facilitated conversation on *Black Lives Matter* from a Catholic point of view.

VINCENTIAN FAMILY SYMPOSIUM IN ROME

The trip is from October 11th through the 18th. The symposium is October 13th through the 15th. 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 14th.

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 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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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 Joannet 215-438-2925x229

Date_____ Envelope Number_____
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Date of 1st Donation_____

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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:

General Intercessions
Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 14, 2017
4:00 & 9:00 Masses

Scripture calls us to be *living stones, built into a spiritual house*.
May this House of Vincent be a strong and welcoming home
for all who seek a vibrant faith community.

Sung response

We have been *called out of darkness into God's wonderful light*.
At this turbulent time in our nation,
may all who dwell in the darkness of intolerance
be drawn into the light of encounter.

In the Acts of the Apostles we learn that
care for the poor and marginalized has always been part of the church's mission.
May the many outreach ministries of our parish
find all the volunteers and resources they need
to care for those they serve.

Jesus said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life*.
May all our parishioners who were baptized and confirmed at Easter,
along with the children who made their first Communion last Sunday,
follow Jesus ever more closely as they continue to grow in faith.

On this Mother's Day weekend, may all who mother children of any age
be blessed with every grace they need.
And may those who grieve the loss of mothers or children
trust that they will be united one day
in the place that Jesus has prepared for us all.

Christine Eberle

Blessing Prayer for Mother's Day

God of Love, listen to this prayer. God of Holy People, of Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah; God of holy Elizabeth, mother of John, of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, bend down Your ear to this request and bless the mothers of our community.

Bless them with the strength of Your spirit, they who have taught her children how to stand and walk.

Bless them with the melody of Your love, they who have shared how to speak, how to sing and how to pray to You.

Bless them with a place at Your eternal dinner table, they who has fed and nurtured the life that was formed within them while still helpless but embraced in her love.

Bless them today, now, in this lifetime, with good things, with health. Bless them with joy, love, laughter, and pride in their child/children and surround them with many good friends.

May they who carried life in their womb be carried one day to Your divine embrace: there, for all eternity, to rejoice with her family and friends.

This blessing and all grace, we pray, descend upon the mothers of our families: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 13TH AND 14TH, 2017

Happy Mother's Day to all of our "Mother Figures" here at St. Vincent's.

HIDDEN FIGURES: A great movie about African American women, who worked behind the scenes at NASA, will be shown next Saturday, at the Miraculous Medal Shrine Office Auditorium (plenty of parking at Baynton and Cheltenham). We will have dinner and then the movie. Dinner is at 5:30. The movie is at 6:30.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 20-45: We will have dinner and meet next Sunday, May 21st, in the Hospitality Center. Feel free to invite your friends.

VINCENTIAN FAMILY SYMPOSIUM IN ROME:

- The trip is from October 11th through the 18th.
- The symposium is October 13th through the 15th.
- For a brochure, see Father Sy.
- If you have a brochure, please sign up at www.learningjourneys.com or call (855) 784-7687.
- Also sign up for the symposium, at www.famvin.org. (Father Sy can help you with this, it is easy.)
- There will be a meeting on Thursday, June 8th, at 1:00 pm, at St. Vincent's Seminary. Use the Shrine parking lot.

MAY 24TH IS TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DAY: Next Sunday we will have a second collection for the DePaul Catholic School teachers.

Father Joe is meeting with a neurosurgeon on Monday to discuss his MRI, please keep him in prayer.

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CALLING ALL ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS!

As most of you know, St. Vincent's has a website <<http://saint-vincent-church.org/>> where you can download the latest bulletin, check Mass times, and get contact information for parish staff. However, did you know that you can also find:

- schedules for lectors and altar servers?
- a calendar of events?
- news and writings from your fellow parishioners?
- ministries, staff bios, announcements, and more?

Well, the parish website ministry has been working hard to make our site both engaging and useful. But we can't do it alone – we need your help! Here's what you can do:

- If you're a ministry, please send us whatever you'd like for us to put on your ministry page, be it photos, an updated schedule, anything.
- If you're a shutterbug, please send us your photos! We'd like to have a gallery showing the vibrancy of our parish life!
- If you're coordinating an event at St. V's or elsewhere, then please let us know the details so we can include it on the calendar.
- If you just have something you'd like to share with the parish, perhaps a reflection or a poem, then send it along.

To make it easier, email anything you have to web@saint-vincent-church.org. And finally, we are always looking for people to join the ranks of the web ministry. If nothing else, your feedback and encouragement are essential, so let us know how we could serve you better.

Many thanks,

The St. Vincent's Web Ministry Team



The New Sanctuary
Movement of
Philadelphia

JOIN US in canvas-
Sing Germantown
and Mt. Airy to talk
with residents about
matters the New
Sanctuary Move-
ment is promoting.

**Sunday, May 21st
at 1:00 p.m.**

Meet at Germantown
Mennonite Church, 21 W
Washington Ln, just off
Germantown Ave. There will
be a light lunch and
orientation until 1:30. We will
return at 3:30.

We will canvas parts
of Mt. Airy just north of
Germantown Mennonite.
Depending on turn out and
weather, we might add some
street canvassing outside
Weaver's Way. This is a
chance to have good
conversations with each other
and with our neighbors about
our values.

If you need a ride to
get to Germantown Mennonite
Church, call Paul at 267-237-
6683. Call also if you have
questions.



DECLARATION ON
THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

NOSTRA AETATE

PROCLAIMED BY HIS HOLINESS

POPE PAUL VI

ON OCTOBER 28, 1965

1. In our time, when day by day mankind is being drawn closer together, and the ties between different peoples are becoming stronger, the Church examines more closely her relationship to non-Christian religions. In her task of promoting unity and love among men, indeed among nations, she considers above all in this declaration what men have in common and what draws them to fellowship.

One is the community of all peoples, one their origin, for God made the whole human race to live over the face of the earth.(1) One also is their final goal, God. His providence, His manifestations of goodness, His saving design extend to all men,(2) until that time when the elect will be united in the Holy City, the city ablaze with the glory of God, where the nations will walk in His light.(3)

Men expect from the various religions answers to the unsolved riddles of the human condition, which today, even as in former times, deeply stir the hearts of men: What is man? What is the meaning, the aim of our life? What is moral good, what is sin? Whence suffering and what purpose does it serve? Which is the road to true happiness? What are death, judgment and retribution after death? What, finally, is that ultimate inexpressible mystery which encompasses our existence: whence do we come, and where are we going?

2. From ancient times down to the present, there is found among various peoples a certain perception of that hidden power which hovers over the course of things and over the events of human history; at times some indeed have come to the recognition of a Supreme Being, or even of a Father. This perception and recognition penetrates their lives with a profound religious sense.

Religions, however, that are bound up with an advanced culture have struggled to answer the same questions by means of more refined concepts and a more developed language. Thus in Hinduism, men contemplate the divine mystery and express it through an inexhaustible abundance of myths and through searching philosophical inquiry. They seek freedom from the anguish of our human condition either through ascetical practices or profound meditation or a flight to God with love and trust. Again, Buddhism, in its various forms, realizes the radical insufficiency of this changeable world; it teaches a way by which men, in a devout and confident spirit, may be able either to acquire the state of perfect liberation, or attain, by their own efforts or through higher help, supreme illumination. Likewise, other religions found everywhere try to counter the restlessness of the human heart, each in its own manner, by proposing "ways," comprising teachings, rules of life, and sacred rites. The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all men. Indeed, she proclaims, and ever must proclaim Christ "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), in whom men may find the fullness of religious life, in whom God has reconciled all things to Himself.(4)

The Church, therefore, exhorts her sons, that through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, carried out with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life, they recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found among these men.

3. The Church regards with esteem also the Moslems. They adore the one God, living and subsisting in Himself; merciful and all-powerful, the Creator of heaven and earth,(5) who has spoken to men; they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to even His inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham, with whom the faith of Islam takes pleasure in linking itself, submitted to God. Though they do not acknowledge Jesus as God, they revere Him as a prophet. They also honor Mary, His virgin Mother; at times they even call on her with devotion. In addition, they await the day of judgment when God will render their deserts to all those who have been raised up from the dead. Finally, they value the moral life and worship God especially through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

Since in the course of centuries not a few quarrels and hostilities have arisen between Christians and Moslems, this sacred synod urges all to forget the past and to work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as to promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom.

4. As the sacred synod searches into the mystery of the Church, it remembers the bond that spiritually ties the people of the New Covenant to Abraham's stock.

Thus the Church of Christ acknowledges that, according to God's saving design, the beginnings of her faith and her election are

found already among the Patriarchs, Moses and the prophets. She professes that all who believe in Christ-Abraham's sons according to faith (6)-are included in the same Patriarch's call, and likewise that the salvation of the Church is mysteriously foreshadowed by the chosen people's exodus from the land of bondage. The Church, therefore, cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament through the people with whom God in His inexpressible mercy concluded the Ancient Covenant. Nor can she forget that she draws sustenance from the root of that well-cultivated olive tree onto which have been grafted the wild shoots, the Gentiles.(7) Indeed, the Church believes that by His cross Christ, Our Peace, reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in Himself.(8)

The Church keeps ever in mind the words of the Apostle about his kinsmen: "theirs is the sonship and the glory and the covenants and the law and the worship and the promises; theirs are the fathers and from them is the Christ according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:4-5), the Son of the Virgin Mary. She also recalls that the Apostles, the Church's main-stay and pillars, as well as most of the early disciples who proclaimed Christ's Gospel to the world, sprang from the Jewish people.

As Holy Scripture testifies, Jerusalem did not recognize the time of her visitation,(9) nor did the Jews in large number, accept the Gospel; indeed not a few opposed its spreading.(10) Nevertheless, God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues-such is the witness of the Apostle.(11) In company with the Prophets and the same Apostle, the Church awaits that day, known to God alone, on which all peoples will address the Lord in a single voice and "serve him shoulder to shoulder" (Soph. 3:9).(12)

Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred synod wants to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues.

True, the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ;(13) still, what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. All should see to it, then, that in catechetical work or in the preaching of the word of God they do not teach anything that does not conform to the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ.

Furthermore, in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.

Besides, as the Church has always held and holds now, Christ underwent His passion and death freely, because of the sins of men and out of infinite love, in order that all may reach salvation. It is, therefore, the burden of the Church's preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as the sign of God's all-embracing love and as the fountain from which every grace flows.

5. We cannot truly call on God, the Father of all, if we refuse to treat in a brotherly way any man, created as he is in the image of God. Man's relation to God the Father and his relation to men his brothers are so linked together that Scripture says: "He who does not love does not know God" (1 John 4:8).

No foundation therefore remains for any theory or practice that leads to discrimination between man and man or people and people, so far as their human dignity and the rights flowing from it are concerned.

The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, color, condition of life, or religion. On the contrary, following in the footsteps of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, this sacred synod ardently implores the Christian faithful to "maintain good fellowship among the nations" (1 Peter 2:12), and, if possible, to live for their part in peace with all men,(14) so that they may truly be sons of the Father who is in heaven.(15)

NOTES

1. Cf. *Acts* 17:26

2. Cf. *Wis.* 8:1; *Acts* 14:17; *Rom.* 2:6-7; 1 *Tim.* 2:4

3. Cf. *Apoc.* 21:23f.

4. Cf. 2 *Cor.* 5:18-19

5. Cf. St. Gregory VII, *letter XXI to Anzir (Nacir), King of Mauritania* (Pl. 148, col. 450f.)

6. Cf. *Gal.* 3:7

7. Cf. *Rom.* 11:17-24

8. Cf. *Eph.* 2:14-16

9. Cf. *Lk.* 19:44

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Shrine

NOVENA
of
HOPE



EVERY MONDAY
for
NINE WEEKS:

JUNE 5
to
JULY 31

MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE - NOVENA OF HOPE

PREACHER: REV. MICHAEL J. SHEA, CM

THEME: "THE NEW EVANGELIZATION"

DATES IN JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 5

"It Pays to Advertise"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JUNE 12

"What is Evangelization?"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JUNE 19

"What is the New Evangelization?"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

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MONDAY, JUNE 26

"The New Evangelization and Saint John XXIII"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

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DATES IN JULY

MONDAY, JULY 3

"The New Evangelization and Blessed Paul VI"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

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2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JULY 10

"The New Evangelization and Saint John Paul II"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JULY 17

"The New Evangelization and Pope Benedict XVI"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JULY 24

"The New Evangelization and Pope Francis"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction

MONDAY, JULY 31

"Summary - The New Evangelization"

7am Novena Prayers and Mass

9am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm Novena Prayers, Mass, and Sermon

2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm & 6:30pm Novena Prayers, Sermon, and Benediction



THESE NOVENAS ARE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THESE SPECIAL GROUPS:

MONDAY, June 5: Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, and Religious Men and Women

MONDAY, June 12: Public Servants: Police, Firefighters, and EMTs

MONDAY, June 19: US Veterans and Military Personnel

MONDAY, June 26: Catholic Educators

MONDAY, July 3: Catholic Medical Professionals: Doctors, Nurses, and Technicians

MONDAY, July 10: Seniors (each service has "Anointing of the Sick")

MONDAY, July 17: Catholic Lawyers and Business Professionals

MONDAY, July 24: Catholic Societies and Organizations: Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, and many more

MONDAY, July 31: Vincentian and Novena Families: All Who Attend Vincentian Parishes and the Monday Novenas (Past & Present Devotees)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Monday, July 10, at all Services

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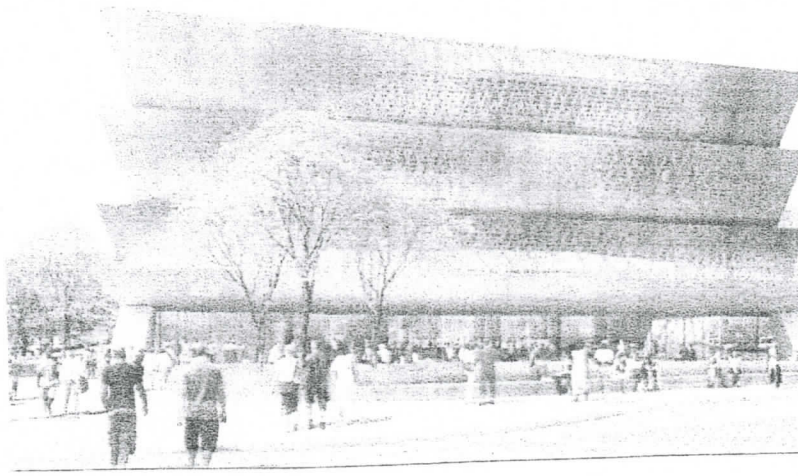
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The bus will depart from St. Vincent Depaul Church - 109 E. Price St. @ **6:00 A.M.** We will also be making a short stop at the Martin Luther King Memorial.

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If you are interest in going on this trip please contact:

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Black Lives Matter at St. Vincent's

"What does it mean to be Black and Catholic? It means that I come to my church fully functioning. That doesn't frighten you, does it? I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my Black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my tradition, my experience, my culture....."

-Sr. Thea Bowman of Canton, Mississippi (1990)

"Bear one another's burdens and in doing so you will fulfill the law of Jesus Christ."

-Galatians 6:2

At St. Vincent's Parish, our support for Black Lives Matter is rooted in our deep Catholic understanding of the fundamental dignity of **all life** and our understanding that God is *always on the side of justice for the oppressed* in the human story (Matthew 25:35-40).

A multi-racial group led by some of our black parishioners has been meeting for months to study Black Lives Matter and discern a way forward for discussion and the possible creation and display of a parish banner as a communal demonstration of support.

The origins of Black Lives Matter is described in the following excerpt found on the Black Lives Matter website:

"#BlackLivesMatter-was created in 2012 by three women of African descent, two of whom are queer identified. After the murder of Trayvon Martin, Trayvon's killer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted for his crime, and the dead 17-year old was posthumously placed on trial for his own murder. Rooted in the experiences of Black people in this country who actively resist our dehumanization, #BlackLivesMatter is a call to action and a response to the virulent anti-Black racism that permeates our society. Black Lives Matter is a unique contribution that goes beyond extrajudicial killings of Black people by police and vigilantes."

(Paraphrased from the blacklivesmatter.com/herstory/)

#BlackLivesMatter is working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically and intentionally targeted for demise. Black Lives Matter affirms the humanity, resilience in the face of deadly oppression, and innumerable contributions of black folks to this society. It recognizes and celebrates the sweat equity and love for Black people now put into creating a political project—"taking the hashtag off of social media and into the streets. The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives striving for liberation."

Black Lives Matter is committed to:

Collectively, lovingly and courageously working vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension all people.

intentionally building and nurturing a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.

- *acknowledging, respecting and celebrating difference(s) and commonalities.*
- *embodying and practicing justice, liberation, and peace in engagements with one another.*
- *practicing empathy*

While we at St. Vincent's recognize the intersection of multiple forms of oppression, **the statement "Black Lives Matter"** follows the long legacy of Black liberation movements that has always ultimately supported and benefitted the liberation movements of all oppressed people.

"Black Lives Matter at St. Vincent's", therefore, is a statement of love for Black folks. It is a challenge to us all to live the love we proclaim as we build relationships across race and heal America's historical narrative. As Catholics of all ethnicities, "Black Live Matters at St. Vincent" also calls us to recognize the historic role of our **Catholic Church** in creating and maintaining systems of racial injustice-**even** as we have continued to work against oppression. This work will require us to struggle together across a difficult terrain but to do so trusting God and holding on to one another in hope.

During this Resurrection season, we are challenged to make closer connections across race, gender and age and sexual orientation. We are mindful that we have **all** been affected, *particularly white folks*, by the participation in unjust systems since the beginning of our nation, which have made us **all** blind to the ways we help sustain them. St. Vincent's Black Lives Matter study group invites you to our upcoming reflections and community conversations to be announced this Easter and Pentecost season. Is God calling you to help move the stone of racism in our church and world, this Easter season? For more information please see below.

Some Upcoming Black Lives Matter Events at St. Vincent's

21 May at all three Liturgies: Solemn reading of the names of Black Philadelphians who died from violence

June 18 (location at Church to be announced): St. Vincent's All-Parish facilitated conversation on *Black Lives Matter* from a Catholic view

For more information, see the following people:

4 pm Mass- Chris Newsome, 267-584-8732

9 am Mass- Doug Copeland & Jeanna Murat

11 am Mass- Bemnet Melaku & Chris Newsome



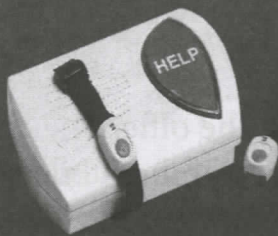
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O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth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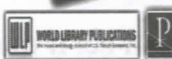
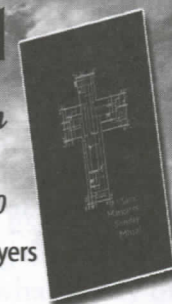
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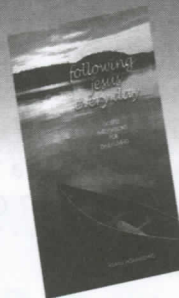
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