

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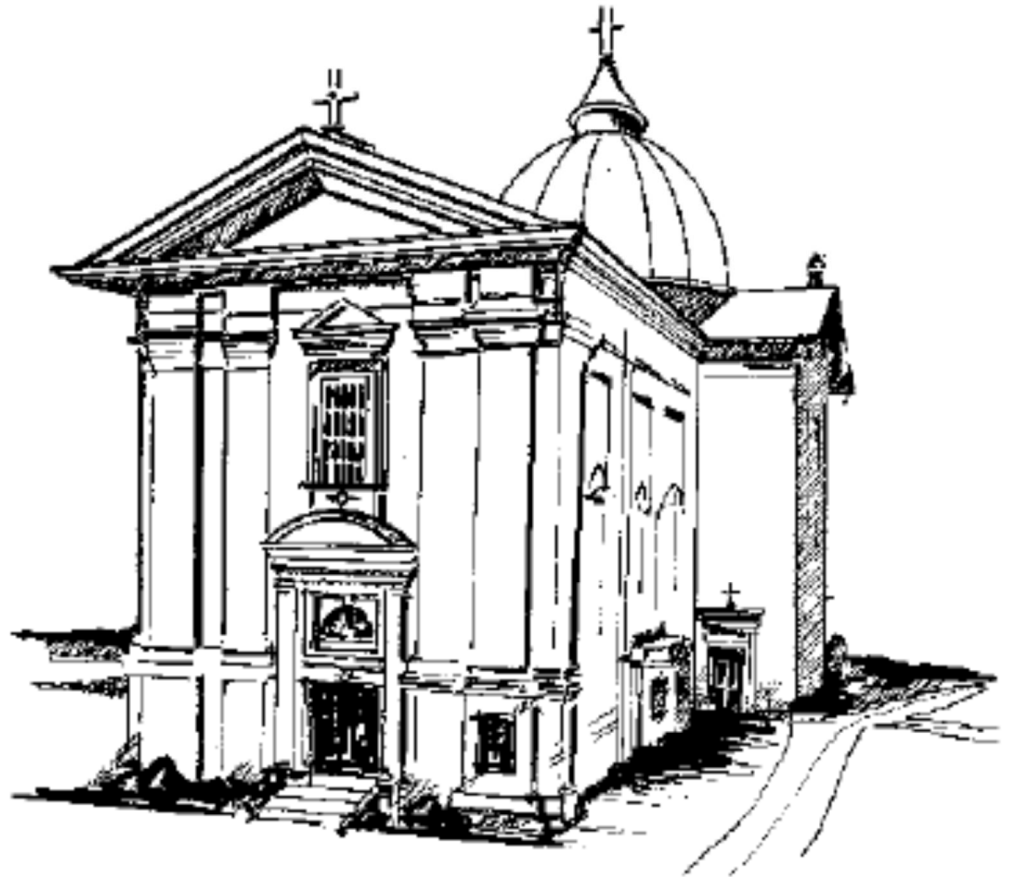
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

July 9, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	07/09	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	07/10	Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
TUE	07/11	Frank Coralluzzo	7:00 am
WED	07/12	Mary Smith	7:00 am
THU	07/13	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	07/14	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	07/15	Joan Bretschneider	4:00pm
		Mary Smith	

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

SUN	Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
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, 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, Mary Ellen Graham, Mary Ann Delaplane, Linda Zappacosta, Joey Gavin.

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

Last Week's Collection	3,229.50
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,479.50
Tithe	323.98

Today's Readings

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm: Psalm 145
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm: Psalm 65
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

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 - July 9-15, 2017

CELEBRATION FOR GRACE AND CORBIN:

On **July 30**, there will be **one Mass at 10am** to celebrate and say goodbye to Grace and Corbin, Ann Marie and Claire and Gabriela Fore, Tonya Harris, and Jackie Lynch. There will be a picnic type party afterwards.

LECTORS

Lectors, please sign up now for June and July (and through September!).

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.

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.

- 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.

GOSPEL CHOIR

If you are interested in joining the 11 o'clock choir, please give Dennis Rivera a call, at (267) 356-8665.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

It's easy. It helps the church. Please prayerfully consider signing up, if you do not already give electronically. There is a simple form in your bulletin.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Again, thank you for all who pledged, all who gave. If you would like to make a pledge, please see Father Sy, for a form and more information.

FINANCIAL REPORTS These will be mailed to all registered parishioners in August, after the fiscal year ends.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for Fr. Joe as he deals with issues related to cancer. He is in the infirmary. Visitors are welcome.

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 immigrant issues. Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) for more info:

***LIVE STOP:** Have you or a friend/ family member ever experienced a "Live Stop" where a car was towed on the spot because of the lack of proper paperwork (license, registration, insurance)? If so, please contact Mary Laver or Fr Sy. POWER is assisting New Sanctuary Movement in gathering stories about the devastating financial impact of this practice, in an effort to convince city officials that it is just as safe—and far less costly—to grant drivers 30 minutes to get a licensed friend to drive the car to a home location rather than to a PPA lot. This impacts thousands of Philadelphians every year, many of whom forfeit their vehicle if they can't cover fees within a few weeks. Thank you for your help as we organize to change this!

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.

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.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Camp is at St. Ephrem's air-conditioned facility for one or two weeks July 24-28 and July 31-August 4 under direction of former college coach, Dan Williams. More information at DANW1001@aol.com.

LEGION OF MARY DAY

Save the date: Saturday, July 29 for a day of worship, prayer and fellowship beginning at 10am at The National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, N.J. Contact Michael White 732-910-2070 or queenshipofmary.michael@gmail.com.

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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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
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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

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PETITIONS FOR JULY 8-9, 2017

St. Vincent de Paul Church

- Jesus revealed God as meek. Help us understand that littleness is God-likeness, that no power, control or possession will save us.
- We pray for those in positions of authority that they might learn from Jesus, the meek king, that humility is an asset to good government. May the members of Congress be in solidarity with the poor as they develop healthcare policies.
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- You call us to serve one another yet our service is limited unless we trust God to be renewed in body, mind and spirit. Give us the humility, Lord, to trust you and to rest in you.
- Many are burdened by life—the sick and those who care for them; those who struggle to feed their families; and those recovering from floods, tornadoes, and wildfires—may they all find rest in Christ, renewal of their spirits, and the assistance they need.
- We pray for our church hierarchy, our pastors and religious, for our lay leaders and ministers that they daily follow the Scriptural injunction to rest in the strength of God.
- For all who are traveling: that God will guide them safely to their destinations and protect them from all harm. And may all who are suffering loss and diminishment sense the loving embrace of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 8TH AND 9TH, 2017

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER: Join us for bible study on Wednesdays, from 6:30 until 8 pm, in the rectory.

UPDATE ON MARCO: Recently we asked for your prayer as Marco, the man whom we have been accompanying for over a year, was to appear in court for a deportation hearing. The hearing did not happen and his situation remains the same until further notice. Thank you for praying. Let us continue to be aware of the suffering of many decent people who fear the breakup of family that comes from deportation. The idea that was recently expressed by the head of I.C.E. that undocumented immigrants should be deported before they have a chance of committing a crime is odious. Let our voice be heard to thwart the inhumane governmental actions being taken.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE: After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or to pray for those with special needs can come and pray or become a part of the prayer circle. This should last about 5 to 10 minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

MINISTRY ROOMS: If a ministry is interested in having a room or sharing a room with another ministry, let someone on the Pastoral Council know. We have a sub-committee trying to use our space and not leave rooms empty.

FATHER HUGO: On September 1st, Fr. Hugo will be assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Charlotte, N.C. We thank him for his presence and sharing.

OFFICE COMPUTERS: The office computers are not to be used by anyone except my secretary and the bulletin editor. Soon, we will have a computer in the kitchen for less formal use. We are looking to protect our church database.

ANTHONY CARR: Anthony died this past Sunday. His funeral is Monday at 10:30, here at St. Vincent's. Please pray for Anthony, his family, and Father Tim Lyons, who loved him like a son.

PARISH COLLECTION:

Last week's collection- \$3594.05

Electronic- \$3250.00

Total- \$6844.05

Tithe- \$342.20

Week before last's collection- \$2880.04

Electronic- \$3250.00

Total- \$6130.04

Tithe- \$306.50

Save The Date!



Saturday
July 29, 2017



Join the Metuchen Comitium for
LEGION OF MARY DAY

at

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10:00 am: Welcome, Legion Prayers and Rosary

10:30 am to 11:30am: Confessions

11:00 am: Conference

12:00 pm: The Holy Mass and Catena

1:30 pm: Lunch (Snack Bar will be open)

Bring Food for yourself and to share.

3:00 pm: Conference, Exposition and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament, Benediction

{ More Details To Follow }

Contact: Michael White

Phone: 732-910-2070

Email: queenshipofmary.michael@gmail.com

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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

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

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

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

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

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE!

To send us your intentions or watch the live broadcast or recording, visit

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DATES IN JULY

MONDAY, JULY 3

"The New Evangelization and Blessed Paul VI"

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 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Monday - 7:30am to 7:30pm

CONFESSION

Every Monday - Starts 15 minutes before all Services

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

will be served July 31, following the 9am and 12:05pm Masses



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O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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



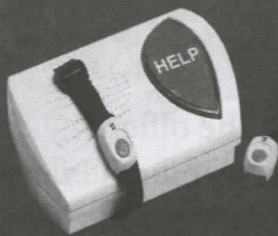
LET US PRAY...

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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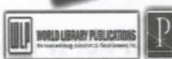
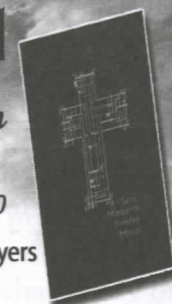
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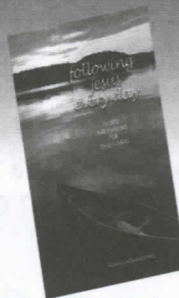
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