# St. Vincent De Paul Church

#### **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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#### 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
- ♦ Bookkeeper

business@saint-vincent-church.org

**♦ Evelyn Rogers**Parish Social Ministry,

215-438-1514

◆Delia Landers & Katie Crump

Directors of Youth & Young Adult Ministry



#### Partners in Ministry

**♦***PAR-Recycle Works Prison Ministry*Timothy Lyons,C.M. &

Laura Ford

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215-763-6387

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

	MASS IN	TENTIONS FOR THI	S WEEK
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI	09/24 09/25 09/26 09/27 09/28	Miraculous Medal  NO MASS Elizabeth Johnson James Ward Adelina Diane Joanne Albright	9:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am 7:00 am
SAT	0930	Shirley Jean McNair	4:00pm
		THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR	
SUN SAT		ty Fifth Sunday Ordina acrament of Penance 3-3:	•

#### FOR THIS WE PRAY

#### **Parishioners**

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Anoah 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, Joey Gavin.

#### Friends of St. Vincent's

Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Aron & 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 Unterfofler, 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, Alysa Smith, Joanne Gerney, Diane Dugan, Mary Hunter Gibbs, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghest, John Schmitt.

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	3,024.20
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	6,274.20
Tithe	313.71

#### Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading: Philippians I:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a

#### Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk

8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps

122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2,

3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv

12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn

1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer

31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

#### 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 & Min-istry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

#### ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PET BLESSING MASS

We will be blessing our pets at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, **September 30th** in the church. Please bring your pet or if they animal family members.

#### LAY/INTERCESSORY LEADER OF PRAYER

Anyone interested in being a Lay Leader of Prayer is invited to a retreat/workshop on Saturday, September 30; 2-3:30pm. Contact Sheila Sharpe (215-868-2052) or Joan McGowan (215-624-3695) with any questions.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

CLOW will return on Sunday, October 1. Sign up is in the back of the church. Again, welcome to our new DRE's, Kevin Gomez and Suzanne Garnett.

#### LECTOR UPDATES

Save the date for our pre-Advent Lector Gathering: Saturday, November 18, 1:00 to 3:45 (ends in time to attend the 4pm Mass). Planning session coming up. The new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent on the weekend of December 2-3. To preparet, we've ordered lector books and "At Home with the Word" books to be sold after Masses starting in mid-October.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE

After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or 214-438-2195 for ticket information and reservations. 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 YOGA AT ST. VINCENT'S minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

#### SENIOR MINISTRY

Please note: Our Senior Ministry will NOT be meeting during the month of October. Call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427 for more information.

#### **RCIA**

If anyone wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic, please see either Diane Zieg or Father Sy.

#### ST. VINCENT TEE-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Prices are from \$15 to \$18. Profits go to the Capital Campaign. Orders will be taken before and/or after Masses (until October 1). Contact Joan McGowan (215-624-3695), for more information. SEE ORDER FORM FOR DETAILS.

#### 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.

#### PHILADELPHIA BLACK CATHOLIC REVIVAL SAVE

THE DATE: Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26. All are invited to the Annual Philadelphia Black Catholic Revival at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, 18th & the Parkway. Choir Prelude starts at 6:30pm, REVIVAL will be from 7-8:30pm. Join us for spirit filled music, song and preaching. More information at the Office for Black Catholics 215-587-3541.

#### **DEPAUL CATHOLIC NEWS AND EVENTS**

Save the date: Friday November 17, at the Commodore Barry Club will be our annual St. Vincent De Paul Catholic School's Beef and don't like to travel, a picture of them to our special mass for our Beer Fundraiser. Start time is 7pm. More information is coming soon.

#### **POWER UPDATES**

Never heard of POWER? Heard of it but not sure what it is or why St Vincent's belongs to it? (Hint: Community organizing is another way to follow up on Matthew 25..."When did I see you hungry...?") Watch for the upcoming mini-series on "What is Community Organizing & What's Catholic About it?" Open to all parishioners over 16. Free of charge! Save the Date: Come out to represent St Vincent's at POWER's fall Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, October 10 (location TBD).

#### **NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT**

Sanctuary in the Street Vigil: What a great show of support for immigrants and all who are oppressed by unjust power in the Street Vigil at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill. Look for further actions of the New Sanctuary Movement in September and October. There will be a vigil at City Hall on October 22. We will organize and demonstrate for justice until we gain victory. Si, se puede!

#### INN DWELLING FALL CELEBRATION

You are invited to Inn Dwelling's annual silent auction, dinner, and celebration of scholars noon - 4pm on October 15 at the Bossman Center, 7301 Germantown Avenue. Watch for flyers or call Br. Al at

Come participate in a gentle, yet challenging, chair yoga class. Chair yoga is practiced sitting in a chair, or standing using a chair for support. It's ideal for those seeking the physical and mental benefits of yoga- stress reduction, increased flexibility and strength, and developing the mind-body connection. Contact the teacher, Janeen Chavis, at 646-763-7134 if you have any questions. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a bottle of water! Dates: 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14. Time: 6:30-7:30pm. Cost: \$3 per class. Location: First floor of the Hospitality Building.



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#### 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	Envelop	e number
Name		
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City	State	Zip
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	line: Mondays by	

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, contact Joanne at business@saint-vincent-church.org.

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Address
City State Zip
Telephone #
Cell #
Email
Date of 1st Donation
Amount of Donation
Frequency:
Monthly on the 1st
Monthly on the 15th Weekly (every Monday)
Weekly (every other Monday)
Bank Routing Number
Account Number
Please debit my checking account per <u>attached</u> <u>voided check</u> . (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:** 

Prayers of the Faithful Feast of St. Vincent September 23-24, 2017

God of all people, you have gifted this community abundantly. May we remember with gratitude all the people who have made this parish grow over the years and may we continue to walk in the footsteps of St. Vincent in service to the poor.

We pray for the leaders and participants in our RCIA ministry. May they both be blessed abundantly as they respond to God's grace-filled and generous invitation.

God of all people, restrain world leaders from acting rashly, yielding to demands for retaliation and revenge. May they work together to protect human life and find the way to peace.

In a world drawn to nuclear proliferation, we pray for those working for nuclear disarmament. May they be supported, strengthened---and successful in their efforts.

God of all people, we pray for all those devastated by hurricanes and earthquakes. May they receive life's basic necessities: water, food, shelter, medicine. May the world's response be generous, untiring, and sustainable.

We pray for all who are suffering from illness, especially those in our families and parish. Strengthen them in their struggle, and bring them healing.

Mary Ellen Graham Peg McFadden

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 23RD AND 24TH, 2017

<u>CAUTION!</u> As you go into the Chapel, please be careful of not only the scaffolding, but especially of the lumber on the floor that **YOU MUST STEP OVER**. Please be careful.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS: The Young Adults Ministry is hosting a bowling night for anyone ages 18 to 45, this Sunday. We are meeting at 6:30 PM at Hi Spot Bowling Lanes, 3857 Pechin Street, in Manayunk. If anyone needs a ride please meet Mike Shackleford Taylor at 6 PM, at St. Vincent's.

**SENIOR MINISTRY:** The Senior Ministry will not meet the month of October. Please call the Rectory, if you have any questions.

<u>CLOW</u>: Children's Liturgy of the Word begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

ANNUAL BLACK CATHOLIC REVIVAL: Monday and Tuesday, all are invited to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, 18<sup>th</sup> & the Parkway in Philadelphia. The Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM and the REVIVAL will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us for two evenings of *spirit-filled* music, song and preaching. For information, contact the Archdiocesan Office for Black Catholics at 215-587-3541 or email Fr. Richard Owens at <a href="mailto:fr.rowens@archphila.org">fr.rowens@archphila.org</a>. We are renting a bus for both nights, to take us to the Cathedral. Signup sheets are in the back of the church. If you signed up already, there is no need to sign up again. We are meeting in front of the church, at 5:30 PM.

<u>T-SHIRTS FOR SALE</u>: Prices are from \$15 to \$18. Profits go to the Capital Campaign. Orders will be taken before and/or after masses until **October 1st**. Contact Joan McGowan (215-624-3695) for more information.

<u>RCIA</u>: If anyone wishes to <u>learn more</u> about the Catholic faith or <u>become Catholic</u>, please see either Diane Zieg or Father Sy. Signup sheets are in the back of the church.

Wish Father Sy a Happy Birthday! It's on Wednesday!

<sup>\*</sup>ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN MUST BE SENT TO SECRETARY@SAINT-VINCENT-CHURCH.ORG BY 8 AM MONDAY.\*

#### A Pledge to Live the Virtues of St. Vincent de Paul

I commit myself to living the virtues of St. Vincent more deeply:

I pledge my heart to the virtue of **SIMPLICITY**. I will speak plainly, converse honestly, and conduct my affairs with straightforward goodness. I will strive to free my heart of attachments to the possessions, pursuits, and concerns that distract me from serving my God.

I pledge my heart to the virtue of **HUMILITY**. I will remember my own dependence on God, and consider others' virtues ahead of their flaws. I will strive to cast aside pride, and to approach each day as a lowly servant of our good and loving God.

I pledge my heart to the virtue of **MEEKNESS**. I will be warm, approachable, respectful, and open to those I encounter. I will strive against any natural irritability, praying instead for a kindly spirit with which to serve God's people.

I pledge my heart to the virtue of **MORTIFICATION**. I will be cleareyed about my faults, resolving to die to sin daily. I will strive to be a faithful servant to people who are experiencing any form of poverty, placing their needs above my passing pleasures.

I pledge my heart to the virtue of **ZEAL**. I will live the life of faith joyfully, my heart burning within me as I respond to God's call. I will strive to live a balanced life, so that my service of God's people may long endure.

As members of a faith community modeled on the example of St. Vincent DePaul, we pledge ourselves to the virtues that St. Vincent held most dear: Simplicity, Humility, Meekness, Mortification, and Zeal. May our embrace of these virtues continue our conversion — as individuals and as a parish—into all that God longs for us to be in this world.

#### SOME GUIDANCE FROM OUR BISHOPS REGARDING IMMIGRATION

THE U. S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE has long held a strong position in favor of the reform of the U.S. immigration code. We are a catholic, or universal, church. We cannot rightly exclude anyone for any reason, certainly not for reasons of race, color or national origin.

Recently our own pastor, Archbishop Charles Chaput, stated that ending the DACA program (Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrivals) would be wrong. He said:

It's one thing to tighten the security of our borders and to deport violent criminals here illegally. It's a different and much uglier thing to punish young people who've grown up in the United States as their home, but whose parents entered the country with them illegally.

He went on to caution the White House that failing to protect the 800,000 non-citizens from deportation was

unacceptable:

This would be a drastic mistake. It can only make our complicated immigration issues worse. It will poison our national debates and damage the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people who pose no threat to anyone." He urges all of us of the Archdiocese "to press [our] federal lawmakers to find a positive legislative replacement for DACA, and to prevent the deportation of these young people.

We of St. Vincent de Paul parish are heartened by his firm words in defense of undocumented

immigrants.

In July, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, Texas promulgated a much heralded pastoral letter to his flock. <a href="http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-smll.pdf">http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-smll.pdf</a> It is a prophetic document, worth reflecting on. He may not be our immediate pastor, but his words of pastoral concern have a universal ring. We may not live near the

southern border here in Philadelphia, but his words apply to us.

As God's people here on the border, we are called to transform this desert, making refreshing pools of the burning sands of injustice and quenching the thirst of the oppressed. In this letter to you, the People of God in El Paso, (read Philadelphia) I invite you to consider the challenges of a system which is breaking apart our community and to reflect upon how God is asking us to respond. In bold and specific ways, I wish to grow in our commitment to charity and justice on our border and towards our migrant brothers and sisters.

He spoke of his involvement

... in the cause of those who have come to our country without documents. There is really nothing complicated about it. I have heard the Lord's call. I have also had the opportunity to know many of these immigrants personally and to hear their stories <a href="http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-smll.pdf">http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-smll.pdf</a>

to know their human dignity and their goodness...and to love them.

Even though we in Philadelphia do not experience the intensity of the immigrant situation that exists on the border, we can still relate to much of what Bishop Seitz says. He says, "I am a citizen of a community where children worry whether mom or dad will be there when they return from school. In this situation, daily I ask the Lord to give me the right words to console, to denounce injustice and announce redemption."

Paragraph 11 of his pastoral letter is worth quoting entirely.

Pope Francis expressed the Church's entire teaching on migration in that moment on the Rio Grande: encounter, conversion and compassion. This teaching rests on ancient foundations. The Old Testament is clear: You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt' (Lev. 19:34). Jesus himself was a refugee on the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt. 2:13-23). We know that God stands on the side of migrants, and 'is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them' (Heb. 11:16). Every human being bears within him or her the image of God, which confers upon us a dignity higher than any passport or immigration status. On account of this dignity, the Church has long recognized the first right of persons not to migrate, but to stay in their community of origin. But when that has become impossible, the Church also recognizes the right to migrate. While countries have a duty to ensure that immigration is orderly and safe, this responsibility can never serve as a pretext to build walls and shut the door to migrants and refugees.

Finally, his closing prayer. Let it be ours:

May these bonds of charity continue to grow and inflame our hearts. May we take up new and prophetic actions to bring about the Kingdom of justice, truth and reconciliation in order to transform this desert, so that the burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

# Chair Yoga @ St. Vincent de Paul Church

109 E Price Street, Phila, PA 19144

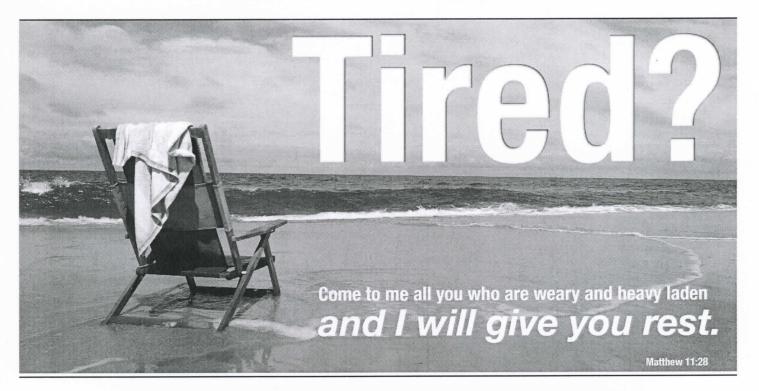
Oct 5 // Oct 19 //
Nov 2 // Nov 16 // Nov 30 //
Dec 14 //

6:30 - 7:30PM

1st Floor of Hospitality Bldg \$3/person

Taught by Janeen Chavis
Call/text 646.763.7134 with any questions

No previous experience with yoga required.
Wear comfortable clothes and bring a
bottle of water!



# COME AND BE REFRESHED

## DISCOVERING CHRIST

SATURDAYS 10:00 TO NOON - OCTOBER 7 TO DECEMBER 2

Please join us at St. Vincent De Paul for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a meal, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin October 7, 2017 and includes a life-changing retreat on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

We invite you to watch a Discovering Christ youtube video to learn more about the course: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2 3n2k or find us on www.facebook.com/StVincentDePaulCatholicCommunity or www.saint-vincent-church.org

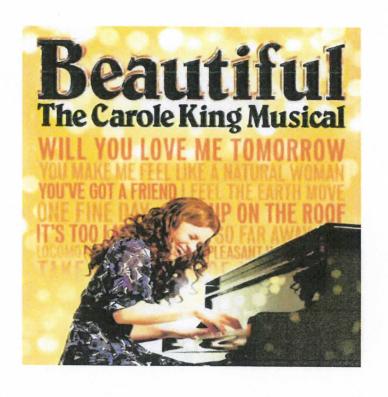
This course is designed to revitalize your faith or to bring back your family and friends who have been away from the church.

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REGISTRATION FORM / DISCOVERING CI	IRIST COURSE- October 7 – December 2 - ST. VINCENT DE PA	٩UL
Discovering Christ was developed by ChristLife, a	Catholic ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.	

Please put this form in the basket at rear of church or collection basket.

# The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Jude Council, Knights of Columbus Sponsors a New York Trip to see

# Beautiful: The Carole King Musical



Lally Redding

610-733-6812

# Join us on October 7, 2017

for a wonderful day trip to see the true story of how Carole King became the soundtrack of a generation.

'Beautiful' is a joyous celebration! Douglas McGrath's smart, wellcrafted, and funny book cleverly threads together a memorable catalog of early rock hits.

Review by Thom Geier from Entertainment Weekly

Included are transportation, continental breakfast on the bus, opportunity to shop and lunch, orchestra seats at the play, and a fabulous 5 course dinner at the Town and Country diner on the way home.

Cost is still \$200 per person. Checks may be made payable to St. Jude Ladies Auxiliary. To reserve your place, or for more information, contact:

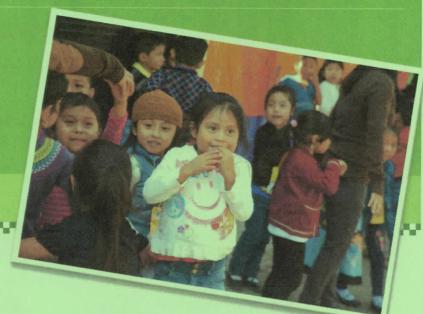
Pauline Johnson	215-438-2590	Jean Conner	215-205-7690
Elizabeth Walker	215-224-8285	Minnie Woody	215-849-2638
Barbara Purnell	215-605-9398	Harriet Sistrunk	267-278-3878



# You Can Make A Difference!

Saturday October 28 Sunday, October 29

**BEFORE & AFTER MASSES** 



# Who are we?

Under the Same Moon (UTSM) is a non-profit organization that helps support a primary school, Bendición de Dios, in San Juan Alotenango, Guatemala. Bendición de Dios educates about 500 children, most of whom cannot afford the \$250 in annual costs needed to attend the "public" schools there.

We raise money by collecting donations & selling handcrafted items made by Guatemalan indigenous artisans and locally sourced Guatemalan coffee, Dean's Beans.





UTSM works directly with artisans & artisan cooperatives to follow fair trade practices. Thus, our purchases also provide opportunities for greatly improved earnings for the artisans.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/GERMANTOWN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 &

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

BEFORE & AFTER ALL MASSES

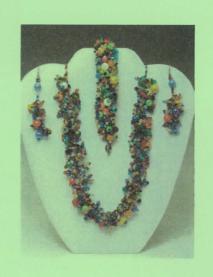
Cash, Credit, Debit, Checks accepted

#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SHOP FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

SHOP FOR A SPECIAL SOMEONE





#### **PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT:**

•UNDER THE SAME MOON (UTSM)

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL & ARTISANS

•ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# St Francis blessing of animals

St Francis' feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate on Saturday September 30 at the 4:00 mass with a blessing of our pets. Bring them to church. If they do not travel well, bring a picture.



What: Inn Dwelling is having a fun(d)raiser!!!!

Who: You and your friends

Where: The Brossman Center located at 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA When: Sunday, October 15, 2017 (Don't worry! The Eagles play on Thursday of that week)

Time: Noon to 4 PM

Cost: \$45 a person; \$90 a couple; \$360 for a table; \$25 for high school and college students

What Can I expect: Dinner, Drinks, A Silent Auction with some pretty remarkable gifts:

Trips, Theatre, Crafts, Sports Tickets, a Tent, Wine, Craft beers, Children's Gifts That include an Xbox, scooters, kindle, etc., jewelry, spa basket, dinners, flower Show, wedding gifts, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts, etc. etc.

If you are interested, detach the form below and return it to Br. Al. We really look forward to seeing you.

I want to attend your fundraiser.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Names of Guests:

Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

# Martin de Porres Foundation

The UPDATE

September 2017

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

#### Young Men and Seminarians Set the World Ablaze!

By Deacon William Bradley, St. Raymond of Penafort



On June 26th through June 29th, 2017, 116 young men, from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined 48 Seminarians from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 12 Priests, 2 Permanent Deacons and 4 lay volunteers, all from local parishes, to find out how to set the World Ablaze! If the radiant smiles, the joy and laughter and the new and renewed friendships were an indication of a fire burning, then Quo Vadis 2017 was a roaring success.

The Ouo Vadis Retreat is sponsored annually by the Philadelphia Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, with the support of the Martin de Porres Foundation and the local Serra Club. Quo Vadis is a Latin phrase meaning "Where are you going?" and has been attributed to what

was said by Peter to the risen Jesus when he encountered Him as Peter was leaving Rome.

Where are you Going? The young men, all current 8th-12th grade students, met at Blackrock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa, in Lancaster County, for a 4 day and 3-night retreat where the focus was Faith, Fun and Fellowship. The Quo Vadis retreat, this year, represented the most diverse group of young men ever. They were joined by an outstanding, energetic and enthusiastic group of Seminarians, who served as Team Leaders. Read More

#### St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Enrollment to Highest in Fourteen Years!

By Lou Baldwin • Posted August 28, 2017. CatholicPhilly.com



The Martin de Porres Foundation would like to congratulate St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and the Vocations Office for their increased enrollment this year.

Tuesday, Aug. 22 marked what is easily one of the most important days on the calendar for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and the Church of Philadelphia as a whole. It was Move-In Day for 43 young men who are formally entering their journey that, hopefully after a period of years of formation and further discernment, will culminate in their ordination to the priesthood. Terrance Fulton is a member of St. Vincent Parish in Germantown but he usually worshiped at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. He is a graduate of Philadelphia's Central High School.

Terrance Fulton

"What would it be like to be that person on the altar?" he often asked himself, but did not immediately answer the call. Last year he was studying international affairs at De Paul University in Chicago when his vocation hit home

just about Christmastime. Because Terrance received his faith through his father, and the rest of the family is not Catholic, they were

accepting of his decision...Read More

#### Commissioning: Father Augustus Tolton Ambassadors

During a recent visit to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry



commissioned thirteen members of the laity as Ambassadors for the cause of sainthood for Father Augustus Tolton. The cause is being led by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry. Father Tolton is the first recognized African American Priest in the United States. Among those who were commissioned, several Ambassadors are recipients of scholarships funded

by the Martin de Porres Foundation: Madeline Tymes received the Certificate in Ministry for African-American Catholic (MAAC), Religious Studies Certificate and the Roman Catechetical Diploma; Floretta Caudle completed the Certificate in Ministry for African-American Catholics (MAAC); Tonya Banks completed the Certificate in Ministry for Black Cath-

olic (MBC); Beverly Harper and Stephen Mathis are currently enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry for Black Catholics (MBC) Program. Cynthia Brown completed the 2016 Summer Certificate Program at Xavier University, LA - Institute for Black Catholic Studies.

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#### SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS IN THE

TRADITIONAL Latin Rite for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Summorum Pontificum
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia
Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Chicago
ALL are welcome to attend!



#### Pilgrimage to Washington DC 20th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Mother of Africa Chapel

Sunday, September 17. 2017 1:30PM Rosary & 2:00PM
Mass Celebrant: Bishop John Ricard SSJ
The bus will depart the Archdiocese Pastoral Center at
10:00AM Transportation Cost is \$31.00 (Motor coach)
To purchase a ticket for the bus contact the Office for
Black Catholics at 215.587.3541 or via email:
fr.rowens@archphila.org



#### "Revival" Time

Monday & Tuesday, September 25 & 26, 2017 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 18<sup>th</sup> & Benjamin Franklin Parkway Philadelphia, PA Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM

Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM Revival at 7:00 PM sharp!

#### **Featuring**

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#### Countdown to Man Up Philly

March 3, 2018

Men on a Mission 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Spirituality Conference in Philadelphia!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## CHRISTIAN INITATION (RCIA) COORDINATORS FALL MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10:00 AM—Noon Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North

17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

Topic: Crafting the Syllabus for the Catechetical

Sessions for Adults and Children

Presenter: Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office

for Divine Worship

More info: Email the Office for Divine Worship,

worship@archphila.org

#### MANLY DAD BREAKFAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, 8-11:30 AM

For fathers and men who plan to be fathers this breakfast will discuss manliness and its life changing effects in children's lives. Cost: \$15

Location: Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Speaker: Mark Houck, President – The King's Men More Info: Call Steve Bozza at 215-587-5661 or www.phillycatholiclife.org

#### WINE National Catholic Women's Conference



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is proud to be the host diocese for the first annual

WINE: Women in the New Evangelization National Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 21, 2017 – 8:30am-4pm National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Doylestown, PA

Registration is open! **REGISTER NOW!!**Visit the WINE Conference website by clicking the purple button below:

#### Go to: wineconference.org

Contact your Pastor/DRE regarding Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

# You are an Artist!

Artful Devotion sessions are open to all! We believe that each of us is an artist - creating in one or a variety of ways. Our innate capacity to create draws us closer to God, the ultimate Creator, and the process of creating opens us to hear from God in new ways.

Activities are designed for people of all experience levels. Process is as important as (or perhaps more important than) product! Our hope is that you will enjoy your time with God and others, and take home with you new forms of prayer to enrich your personal devotional life.



# An invitation to pray artfully through the seasons



Artful Intersessions October 7, 2017
How do we begin to pray for the deepest needs of our family or friends. How do we approach God with the overwhelming complexities of our world? Using mixed media collage, we will explore intercession, both individually and as a group.

Contemplative Creations December 2, 2017 We enter the season of Advent as Mary did: desiring to open her heart to God's wonder and longing for a more just world. As we create simple prayer altars, we will examine the longings of our own hearts in preparation for the coming of the Holy One.

Colorful Confessions February 3, 2018
Reflecting upon our brokenness is a
daunting yet necessary part of the life
of faith. In preparation for the season
of Lent, we gather in an atmosphere of
creative introspection, to sculpturally
form our shadow side in living color.

Glimpses of Gratitude April 28, 2018

From the ancient words of the Psalms to the latest studies on wellness, we know that gratitude is good for us. What's more, grateful hearts bring great joy to God! With nature's springtime beauty and the words of the poets as our guides, let's paint our way into an attitude of gratitude!

All events are held from **9:30 am to 1:30 pm** at ThePorch@36W 36 W. Phil Ellena Street, Philadelphia PA, 19119 A light lunch is provided. Cost is \$35 per session. Space is limited to 15 participants.

#### About the Facilitators:

Julie Ann Kring, M.Ed., has been an art educator for 25 years, teaching in public and private school settings. As a painter and printmaker, she draws upon her love of the natural world and inspiration from her dream life for deeper insights into evolving spiritual understandings.

Carey Davis, MDiv, DMin, has facilitated community and congregational gatherings for over two decades, encouraging growth and change through group interaction. She is currently exploring the impact of trauma on urban neighborhoods.



# Praying through Art

Whether you find it difficult to sit still as you pray, or you simply want to try new ways to enliven your prayer life, we invite you to an experience of connection with God through creativity.

Each session offers opportunities to explore a form of prayer using various artistic methods.

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#### ThePorch@36W

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For more information or to register: 267-766-5613
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We Were Made for this Moment is an online course designed to help people who feel called to work for a more just, sustainable, and loving world to do so in ways that are both strategic and spiritually grounded.

# Four Mondays beginning September 11 from 7:30 until 9:00pm EST.

Led by Eileen Flanagan, board chair of Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT). Read more and register at <a href="http://eileenflanagan.com/we-were-made-for-this-moment/">http://eileenflanagan.com/we-were-made-for-this-moment/</a>

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