

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

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

**The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School**  
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

## Parish Staff

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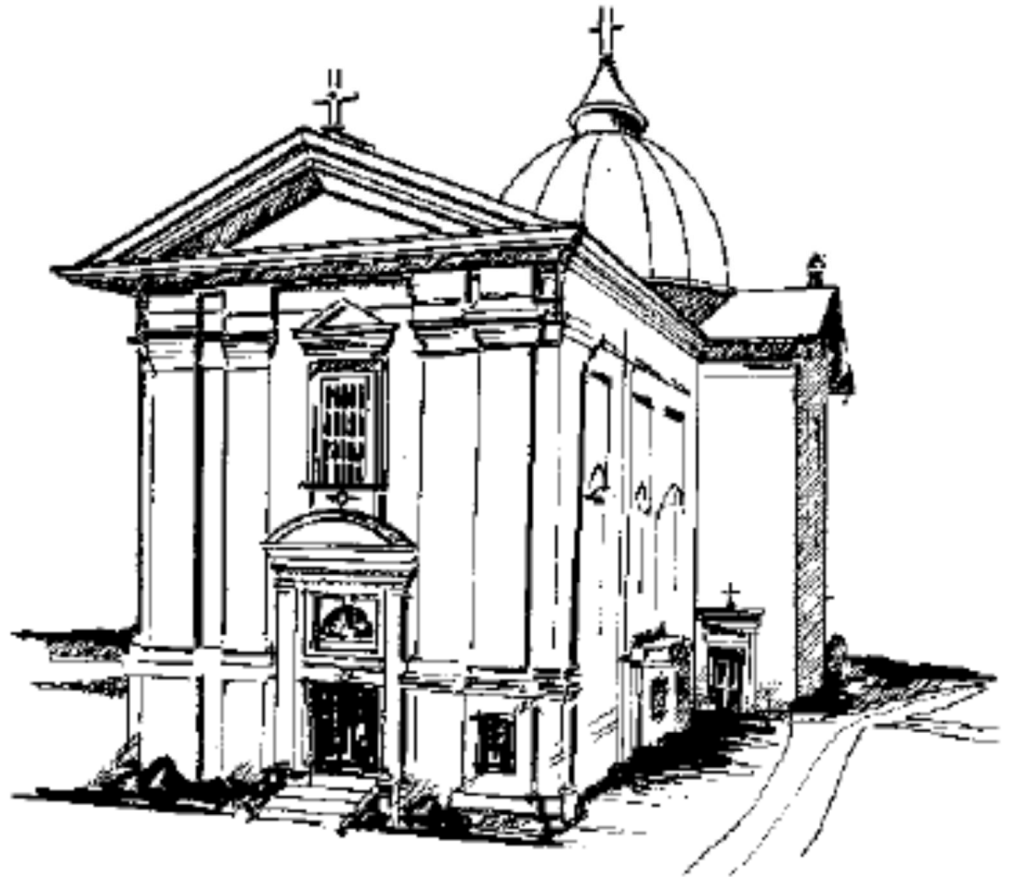
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

October 1, 2017

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

SUN	10/01	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	10/02	NO MASS	11:00 am
TUE	10/03	Frank & Maria Meloni	7:00 am
WED	10/04	Robert Glasgow	7:00 am
THU	10/05	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	10/06	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	10/07	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

SUN	Twenty Sixth 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, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams.

**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 Margetch, 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 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, Alys 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	3,768.62
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	7,018.62
Tithe	350.93

**Today's Readings**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm: Psalm 25  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**Readings for Next Week**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm: Psalm 80  
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

**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 - October 1-7, 2017

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON SEPTEMBER 23/24**  
We received \$1,290.24 for the Vincent de Paul Society.

### 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 4 PM Mass). Planning session coming up. If you would like to be trained as a new lector, come an hour early (12 noon) and we will train you! The new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent on the weekend of Dec. 2-3. To prepare for that, we've ordered lector books and "At Home with the Word" books. These will be sold after Masses starting in mid-October.

### 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.

### 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 215-387-5182

### 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 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!

### FOOD CUPBOARD

Supplies are getting low. Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items on Saturday and Sunday Masses. Thank you.

### 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 214-438-2195 for ticket information and reservations.

### YOGA AT ST. VINCENT'S

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.

### GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of God. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

*The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.*  
- G.K. Chesterton



**Saint Vincent de Paul Parish**  
**Registration Form**

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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, contact Joanne at [business@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:business@saint-vincent-church.org).

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**Date of 1st Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Frequency:**

Monthly on the **1st** \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly on the **15th** \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly (**every Monday**) \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly (**every other Monday**) \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**

**Authorized signature and Date:**

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Prayer Petitions for September 30- October 1, 2017

Lord of All, Francis of Assisi took care of creation and the ministered to the animals. Inspire us to care for your creatures with kindness and care.

God of Mercy, you were with your people on their migration out of Egypt. Be with the migrant people of today, especially those forced to flee ecological collapse in their homelands.

Creator God, the earth and its people weep as we suffer from the storms beating down on us. Guide us to properly care for our planet and support and heal all who suffer from the devastating agony that our world has endured.

Oh God of Peace, many of our earthly leaders oppress their people who live amid violence and suffering. We pray that all world leaders recognize their power as your gift, and that they turn to you and become instruments of peace.

Francis was the son of a wealthy merchant, yet gave his life to service and sharing. May we as people of God emulate the life of Francis and share our blessings with the poor.

Our loving God has formed us from the Earth. As we mourn our deceased may we remember that we are dust as we return to our common home and be thankful for Earth's gift of resources to us all.

Jack DiFeo  
September 27, 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

Second collection this weekend is for Puerto Rico.

**CAUTION! CAUTION!** 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.

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

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

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Discussion of James Martin's book, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity, will take place on Saturday, October 28, following the 4 p.m. liturgy. Books are available for purchase in the back of the church. Please see Margie Winters or Theresa Ta if you have any questions.

**UNDER THE SAME MOON ARTISAN SALE:** October 28-29 before & after ALL Masses. Beautiful jewelry, scarves, ornaments, keychains, purses and more, handcrafted by Guatemalan artisans. Proceeds will go to UTSM & St. Vincent's Capital Campaign. Cash, credit, debit and checks accepted. Shop for the holidays...for yourself, or a special someone!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>-NEW SANCTUARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (3PM to 5PM):** Every two months members of those congregations that support the New Sanctuary Movement meet with immigrants in a General Assembly. This is our opportunity to "relate, create and cogitate". Come on out and join us at Holy Innocents Church, 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, in Juniata. Questions: 267-237-6683.

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

**Mass count is this month for the Archdiocese. Please bring family and friends.**

**Discovering Christ** bible study begins Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. Please join us for this life changing teaching.

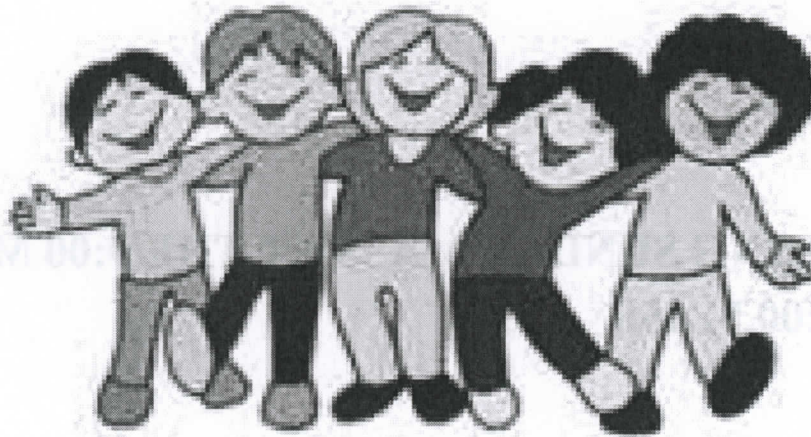
**Thanks for all who helped with St. Vincent's Feast.**

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

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

**WILL BE BACK ON OCTOBER 1ST, 2017**

# Welcome to Children's Liturgy



**Co-Directors of Religious Education: Kevin  
Gomez & Suzanne Garnett**



## **WHAT IS CLOW?**

**CLOW (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD) refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.**

**MOTTO: LOVE GOD, LOVE YOURSELF, LOVE OTHERS**

**Grades: Pre-K through 7th**

**WHEN: DURING SUNDAY MASS AT THE 9:00 MASS OR THE 11:00 MASS**

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

**EMAIL US: [DRE@SAINT-VINCENT-CHURCH.ORG](mailto:DRE@SAINT-VINCENT-CHURCH.ORG)**

## 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 clear-eyed 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. <http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-sml.pdf> 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 <http://www.bordermigrant.org/assets/pastoral-letter-eng-sml.pdf> 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."

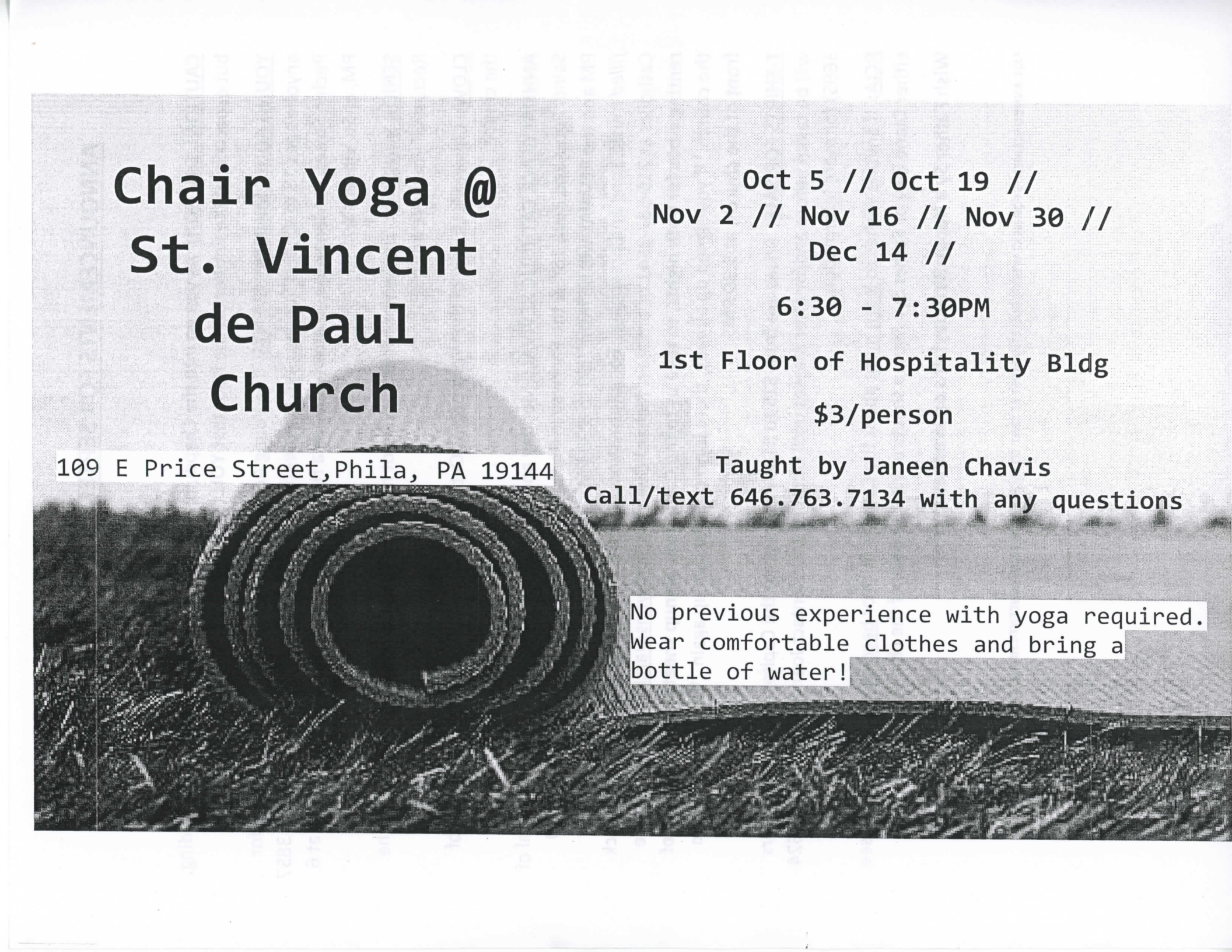
Paragraph 11 of his pastoral letter is worth quoting entirely.

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.

*The New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia – St. Vincent de Paul Committee*



# 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!



# Tired?

Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden  
*and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

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## COME AND BE REFRESHED

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### DISCOVERING CHRIST

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

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**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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2_3n2k)

or find us on [www.facebook.com/StVincentDePaulCatholicCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/StVincentDePaulCatholicCommunity) or [www.saint-vincent-church.org](http://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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*Discovering Christ was developed by ChristLife, a Catholic ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.*

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**REGISTRATION FORM / DISCOVERING CHRIST COURSE- October 7 – December 2 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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



**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, well-  
crafted, 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

Lally Redding 610-733-6812



# 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**

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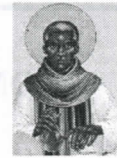
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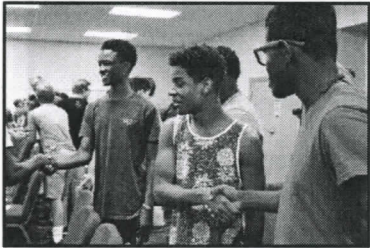
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**The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation:** The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in 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 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

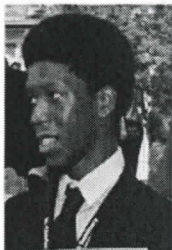
The Quo Vadis Retreat is sponsored annually by the Philadelphia Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, with the support of the Martin de Porres Foundation and the local Serra Club. Quo Vadis is a Latin phrase meaning "Where are you going?" and has been attributed to what

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



Terrance Fulton

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.

"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 Catholic (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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**SAVE THE DATE**

**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](mailto:fr.rowens@archphila.org)



**"Revival" Time**  
Monday & Tuesday, September 25 & 26, 2017  
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**Countdown to Man Up Philly**  
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Men on a Mission  
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Conference in Philadelphia!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION (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](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

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

For fathers and men who plan to be fathers this break-  
fast 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  
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**WINE National Catholic  
Women's Conference**



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is proud to be the  
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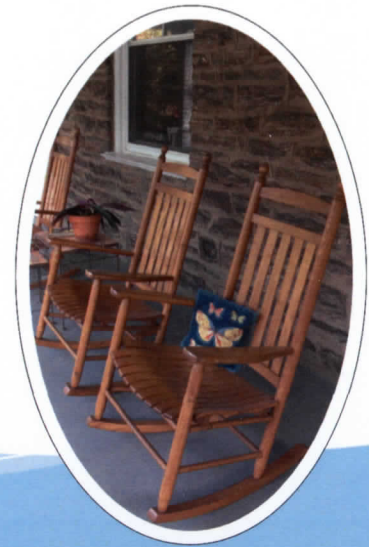
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Contact your Pastor/DRE regarding Martin de Porres  
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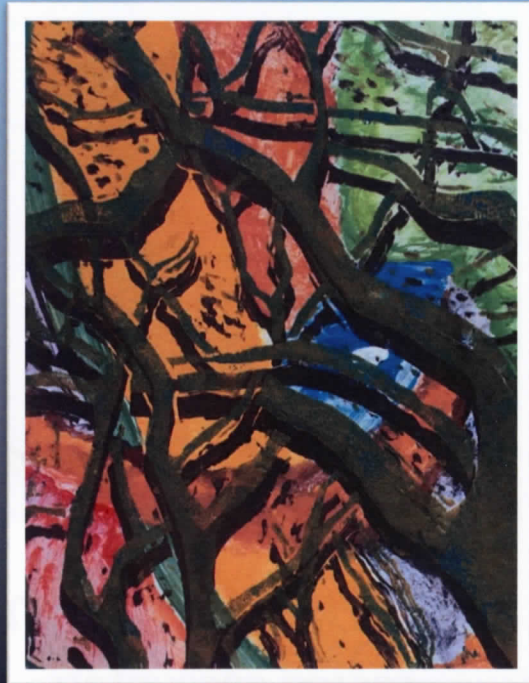
# You are an Artist!

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.

Good company, a nice lunch, and a beautiful atmosphere included!

## ThePorch@36W

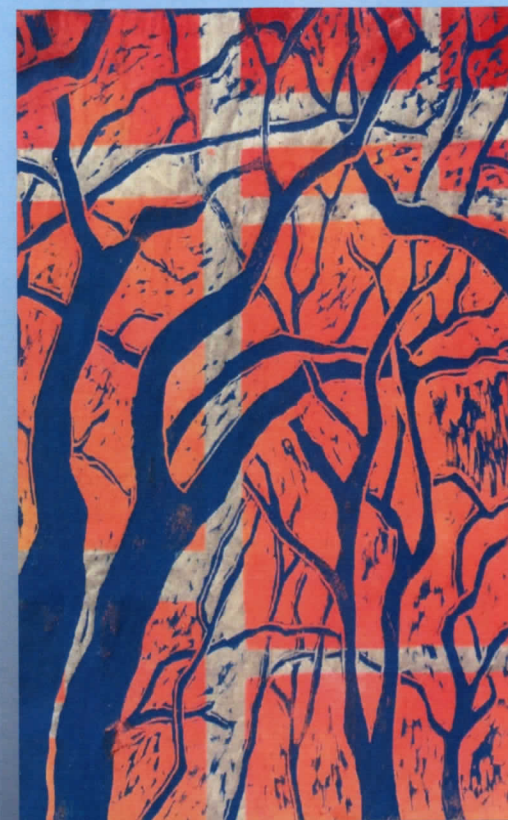
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**Four Mondays beginning September 11  
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Led by Eileen Flanagan, board chair of Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT). Read more and register at <http://eileenflanigan.com/we-were-made-for-this-moment/>



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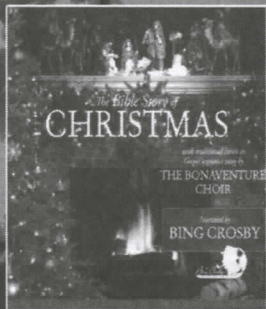
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## **LET US PRAY...**

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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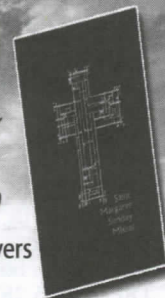
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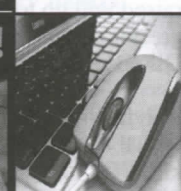
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