

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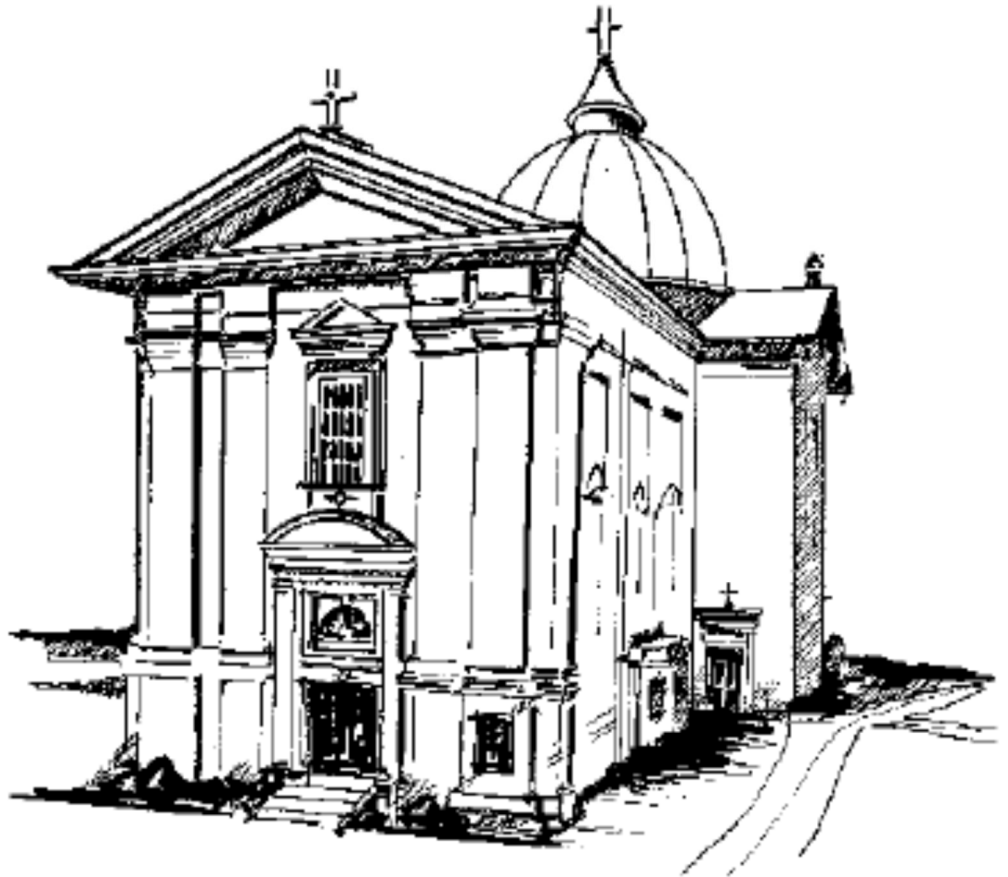
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/26</b>	Edward Mulhern	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>11/27</b>	NO MASS	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>11/28</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>11/29</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>11/30</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/01</b>	Frank & Maria Meloni	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/02</b>	Joan & Jack McGowan	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Feast of Christ the King</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm</b>

**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.

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Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Arone & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofner, Ana Esquilin Santos, Ann Rainsford & Family, Rayan 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 Penderghast, John Schmitt, Sister Margaret McDevitt, John Michalski, Caitlyn Graham.

***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	3,715.50
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,965.50
Tithe	348.28

***Today's Readings***

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
Psalm: Psalm 23  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:21-26, 28  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

***Readings for Next Week***

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7  
Psalm: Psalm 80  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

**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 - November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

We will hold a parent meeting for those interested in First Reconciliation and First communion on **November 19** after the 9 and the 11am Masses for about 30 minutes.

### CLOW

Please note: There will be no CLOW on November 26.

### LECTOR UPDATES

\*The new liturgical year begins the first weekend of December." We quickly ran out of lector books for this new year, but if you ordered one, watch for availability after all Masses this weekend and next ("while supplies last"! ). For an on-line lectionary source, see the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (click on "Bible").

### 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.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study resumes this week. Join us, on Wednesday, at 7 pm, as we study the prophet Isaiah.

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### SENIOR MINISTRY

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.

### 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.

### YOGA AT ST. VINCENTS

Come participate in a gentle, yet challenging, chair yoga class practiced sitting in a chair, or standing using a chair for support. Contact the teacher, Janeen Chavis, at 646-763-7134 if you have any questions. 11/30, 12/14. Time: 6:30-7:30pm. Cost: \$3 per class. Location: First floor of the Hospitality Building.

### FATHER JOE

Please pray for Fr. Joe. He did not have surgery yet.

### POWER UPDATES

Thanks to all who came to our kickoff Potluck-and-Discussion on Nov 13. Mark your calendars for the next one: **Mon Jan 22, 2018** in the rectory. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr's faith-based organizing around jobs, our theme will be POWER's ground-breaking "Black" Work Matters" report. All are welcome!

**Education:** POWER is proud to have been asked to play a pivotal role in the transition of our Philadelphia school governance from the SRC to a school board. Your input and presence at public meetings will be important in coming days. Watch for updates.

**Wages:** On Thursday morning, **November 30**, join POWER at City Hall for a press conference on the status of the campaign to boost wages for city-sub-contracted workers to \$15/ hour. For details about time and location, see POWER's website under "campaigns": [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org) Questions? Comments? Want to stay in the loop or get involved? Contact Terri Burgin ([tburgin84@aol.com](mailto:tburgin84@aol.com)) or Mary Laver ([mlaver14@comcast.net](mailto:mlaver14@comcast.net))

### REFLECTIONS ON CLIMATE JUSTICE from THE PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

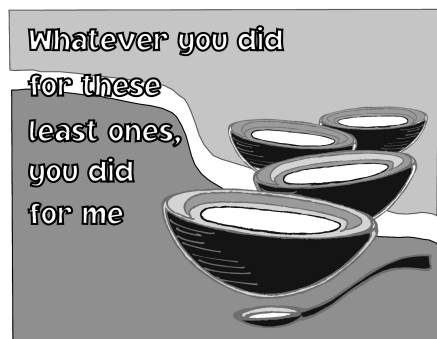
We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated: "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation". All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.

### SIMPLE WAY TO HELP A WORTHY CAUSE

Joy Wuenschel is collecting flip tops from soda and other cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald house at Children's and other hospitals. See Joy with your donations or leave them at the rectory for Joy.

### KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver is having its Annual Biblical Tea, on **November 26** at 1 pm, at St. Martin De Porres Church, 2340 W. Lehigh Avenue. Tickets are \$10. For information or for tickets, see Frances Williams or call Delores Ford (215) 236-7645.



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Full name and relationship of all resident family members

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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 JoAnn at [business@saint-vincent-church.org](mailto:business@saint-vincent-church.org).

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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.**  
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## Petitions for November 25-26

Christ, King of Endless Glory, we pray for the Holy people we have honored during Black Catholic History Month as they travel the road to Sainthood: Pierre Toussaint, Henriette DeLille, Mother Mary Lange, Julia Greeley, and Fr Augustus Tolton. *Let us pray to the Lord*

Christ, King of Endless Glory, we pray in thanksgiving for Daniel Rudd, who preached to Black Catholics in 1889 which lead to the first National Black Catholic Congress held in Washington DC. May the work he began continue to enrich our Church.

Christ, King of Endless Glory, may we embrace the healing power of the Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Christ, King of Endless Glory, we pray that your guidance will enter the hearts and minds of those who are pained by the hunger for violence, and all who have lost the capacity for compassion.

Christ, King of Endless Glory, we pray for Adonis Michael Anthony and \_\_\_\_\_, baptized today. May they always live as faithful citizens of your Kingdom here on earth, until they come to share the joy of your heavenly reign.

Christ, King of Endless Glory, we pray for those who have entered your eternal rest, especially those we have remembered throughout this month. May their families be consoled.

Sheila Sharpe  
Rickie Sanders

**General Intercessions**  
**November 23, 2017 ~ Thanksgiving Day**

God of steadfast kindness, we thank you for the gift of faith.  
Help us to express our gratitude by letting that faith shape our everyday decisions.

We lift up those who have not yet found their way to belief.  
May they experience your powerful grace.

*Sung response*

God of endless bounty, every good gift comes from you.  
Help us to express our gratitude by the way we practice generosity.

We lift up those who lack food, shelter, health, safety, or belonging.  
May they find true relief through the goodness of others.

*Sung response*

God of loving mercy, you know the length of our days.  
Help us to express our gratitude by living each day to the full.

We lift up those who are bowed down with grief during the holidays.  
May they encounter you in the depths of their sorrow,  
and hold fast to the promise of new life.

*Sung response*

Christine Eberle

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

November is Black Catholic History Month. Each week, we will highlight an African American who is being considered for sainthood. This week, we are highlighting Father Augustus Tolton.

Our Advent theme is "Journey toward Intimacy with Jesus, Source of our Hope".

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have Mass in the Church at 7am and 7pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**CONFIRMATION FORMATION:** Anyone who will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher who has not received confirmation is asked to sign up. We will have sign ups in January. The Legion of Mary requests that everyone, if possible, try to say a rosary on that day. The Blessed Mother will send you and St. Vincent's many graces.

**ROOF UPDATE:** We are about two weeks behind schedule in the completion of our roofs (everything but the dome). We are hoping to be done by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:** As winter approaches with its unpredictable weather, please consider DIRECT DEPOSIT. A sign up form is on the inside of your bulletin. Fill it out and place in the drop box on the office door or mail it to the church. For more information, please contact our bookkeeper, JoAnn, at 215-438-2925, ext. 229.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** We will begin work on a second bathroom, hopefully very soon, once we get all the permits. It will probably be ready right after New Year. Also if you made a pledge, thank you! If you need information on where you are in regards to your Capital Campaign pledge, please call JoAnn.

**PARKING ON LENA STREET:** If you park on Lena Street. Please do not pull your car onto the sidewalk. Lately, people are ticketed for that kind of parking.

**GIVING TREE:** Our Giving Tree will be up the first weekend in Advent (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>). Our Social Ministries depend on your generosity to help make Christmas brighter for their clients/guests. Please take a tag and buy a gift. Some tags will have several gifts on it - you only need to buy one! If gift cards are requested, \$25 is the standard, however, feel free to give what you can - any amount is greatly appreciated. **IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOUR GIFTS ARE CLEARLY LABELED** with the ministry! You can tape your tag to the gift or write your own tag for the gift. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT!** Gift cards may be placed in the collection baskets - again, clearly marked with the ministry. Other gifts can be placed in the food baskets and brought up with our gifts at Offertory. Thank you for your gracious generosity during this Advent season. Ministries represented: Inn Dwelling, Face to Face, My Place Germantown, Parish Social Ministry, Par Recycle Works, & DePaul Catholic School.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** All young adults, ages 18 to 45, are invited to a holiday potluck gathering, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please bring canned or nonperishable goods for a holiday donation to the Face to Face Pantry. Please contact Elyse Zeidler, EKS722@hotmail.com or Ashley Waters, awaters65@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

**NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT:** There will be a General Assembly of the New Sanctuary Movement from 3pm to 5pm, on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Visitation BVM School cafeteria, 300 E. Lehigh Avenue (near Kensington Ave.). To enter you have to negotiate seven steps. We need the vital input of our allied congregations. Also, this gathering is a great time to forge unity. Thanks for your support in these troubled times for immigrants. For more information, call 267-237-6683 (parish contact) or call the NSM office, 215-279-7060.



## **Celebrate Black Catholic Saints and Ancestors**



### **Father Augustus Tolton**

Augustus Tolton was born to enslaved Catholic parents in Missouri in 1853. During the Civil War, Tolton and his mother, brother and sister escaped across the Mississippi River to Illinois. They settled in Quincy, where there was a community of escaped slaves and a Black Catholic church, St. Joseph's. Tolton wanted to become a priest, but no American seminary would accept a Black candidate. He traveled to Rome; he was ordained in 1886 and returned to the United States. Now Father Tolton was assigned to St. Joseph's in Quincy.

Father Tolton was a gifted preacher; his dynamic preaching even attracted white Catholics to his church, many of whom gave generously. The bishop, upon learning of Father Tolton's preaching to mixed crowds, ordered Father Tolton to minister only to Black Catholics. Father Tolton was stung. He had encountered discrimination before, but never from a brother priest, and never from a religious superior.

To escape the harassment, Father Tolton wrote to the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome and asked to be reassigned to Chicago. He received his new assignment in 1889. In Chicago, Father Tolton was responsible for all black Catholics in the city. Father Tolton's case is currently being reviewed for sainthood and we pray that he is quickly raised to the altars.

# Father Augustus Tolton



1854 - 1897

*"The Catholic Church deplores double slavery — that of the mind and that of the body. She endeavors to free us of both. I was a poor slave boy but the priests of the Church did not disdain me. It was through the influence of one of them that I became what I am tonight."*



FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON,

*from a speech given at the First Black Catholic Congress,  
1889 at Washington DC*



Father Augustus Tolton carries the reputation of being the first identified priest of African descent in the United States by reason of his mother and father being direct descendants of Africans who were brought here as slaves. Tolton's ordination was taken simultaneously as an anomaly and a news sensation in 19th century America. An ordination of a Negro was generally thought to be unimaginable. Others took it as an extraordinary achievement. A priest of black skin vested in the priestly vestments was a novel sight for American eyes, white or black, and equally an exhilarating experience for black Catholics to receive Holy Communion from a priest of their own race. Tolton was viewed as an eloquent and religious man, an innocent soul, given admiration and respect on the one hand, and on the other hand, contempt and scorn arising from the climate of racial separation ordered for that time.

His story begins with the death of the slave owner, Stephen Elliott, who left no Will behind. His wife was obliged to have their farm and its holdings at Brush Creek, Missouri, including the slaves appraised in order to pay off indebtedness. The preserved appraisal document testifying to this fact listing the slaves and their monetary value more than likely injected fear in Augustus' parents who decided to flee sometime between July and September of 1863. Research has yet to clarify the details of this harrowing escape of Martha, her husband Peter and the children—whether Peter joined the Union Army in trade for freedom of his wife and children who crossed the Mississippi River to get to Illinois, her husband meaning to meet up with his family sometime later after inscription or whether this was a dream of Peter in concert with other black men who desired to be considered men by being allowed to fight alongside Union troops for the cause of black freedom. It is doubtful that Peter ever participated in the war's skirmishes. Some years later, Martha found his name on a list of Civil War casualties, and the death certificate indicates that Peter died in a hospital in Arkansas of dysentery. In any event, it appears Martha Jane parted her husband at Hannibal, Missouri and then made it to safety at Quincy, Illinois that harbored a station of the secret Underground Railroad. There, she settled with her children and attempted to educate them in the

town's parochial and public schools. Martha Jane and her husband Peter had been baptized Catholic by direction of their respective owners. Augustus was baptized at the Brush Creek Church. But at every school attended, Augustus met with askance looks and threats from fellow pupils and parents of the pupils. He was expelled or removed successively from several schools till one Father Peter McGirr had compassion on the family and took them in to St. Peter Parish and School in Quincy where Augustus made his first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

As Augustus grew in his youth, he worked several jobs to help support the family. In between, several priests of Quincy, along with the Notre Dame Sisters, noticed his giftedness and innocence. They tutored him in the catechism, the classics and in languages. The Franciscan Fathers, later on, arranged for him to go to Quincy College under scholarship. Through it all, Augustus was subjected to subtle insults and derisive remarks because of his race. But with the help of priests and sisters who befriended him he was able to endure unjust treatment without retaliating, but not without tears. Father McGirr and the sisters stood firm in maintaining the right of blacks to a Catholic education. Augustus excelled in school ranking in the top percentile of his class. He was also a daily communicant and helped with the religious education of the town's Negro children.

Impressed by Augustus' intelligence and piety, several priests tried to get Augustus into a seminary but that proved impossible. After a number of attempts applying to diocesan and religious seminaries for which no response was received from some or a polite decline was delivered from others indicating the seminary was not ready to take in a Negro student, the Franciscan Fathers through their Minister General managed, after months and months of waiting, to get Augustus accepted into the college operated by the Propaganda Fide in Rome which trained seminarians to be missionaries in far-away lands. There, Augustus met other African seminarians and seminarians from all over the world anxious to serve the church as priests some day. At the age of 26, Augustus traveled to Rome in 1880 to pursue studies toward the priesthood. Six years later, April 24, 1886, he was ordained a priest at St John Lateran Basilica in Rome.

Those who guided him in the seminary felt he could not be a success given the climate of race relations and the anti-Catholicism prevalent in the US at that time. Thinking he would be sent to Africa, the Cardinal prefect, Giovanni Simeoni, surprised Tolton by insisting that he return to the United States. *"America has been called the most enlightened nation; we will see if it deserves that honor. If America has never seen a black priest, it has to see one now"* said the Cardinal.

Tolton was indeed the first and would carry the cross of that fact throughout his priesthood. On July 18, 1886, Father Tolton arrived in Quincy and celebrated his first mass before a large crowd of whites and blacks at Quincy's St. Boniface Church. He was assigned the next day to pastor St. Joseph Church, a small poor black parish in the same city. The parish had grown out of the catechism classes that he had tutored earlier. Whites sought him out for counsel and attended his masses attracted as they were to his sermons and his goodness. In time this aroused the jealousy of some fellow priests in the community and even certain Protestant clergyman who feared Tolton was making "inroads" and otherwise spreading "Romanism."

Father Augustus was reprimanded in light of these suspicions by the local priest-Dean of the clergy, an issue eventually the Dean took to the bishop for resolution. Derogatory remarks were made about Father Tolton around town as some people saw him attempting to create a situation of an unacceptable mingling of the races. Actually, most whites came voluntarily to Tolton for mass and the sacraments.

Father Tolton grew accustomed to adversity during his short life. Apart from many speaking engagements, even to white audiences, he lived in an enclosed world mired in poverty and neglect, a separate world where blacks were condemned to live. At the same time as a priest he was wedged between two communities, one white and one black and the disparate emotions between those two communities.

Slaves and former slaves of the 19th century were allowed only a haphazard participation in American life. There were no laws that would guarantee their movement in society without harassment. Civil Rights were not yet

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coined in the popular social consciousness. Any rights at all were conceived to be the privilege of white persons in America alone. Much of this apartheid was co-opted in praxis but not in theory, unfortunately, by the various churches, Catholic and Protestant.

Tolton's priesthood was hampered by isolation and economic hardship. His letters to Mother Katherine Drexel betray much of this pathos in a socially intolerant era. It proved to be enormous pressure that may well have taken its toll on him physically and emotionally. Through it all Father Tolton remained steadfast to his priestly vows and remained a symbol of fidelity, priestly dignity and constancy in midst of suffering. Having stood impiously alone for so many years and having scattered the seeds of truth about his race he sought to explain that the Catholic Church had the means and resources to improve the poor lot of blacks in America during the period of post-war Reconstruction. Tolton also sought to impress upon the black community a sense of hope and belief in themselves through education and a practiced faith.

*I shall work and pull at it as long as God gives  
me life for I am beginning to see that I have  
powers and principalities to resist anywhere  
and everywhere I go.*

Father Tolton's Letter to  
Mother Katherine Drexel, June 5, 1891

Feeling his work was severely curtailed in Quincy, he decided to accept, with permission of his superiors at the Propaganda Fide in Rome, an invitation from Archbishop Patrick Feehan of Chicago to come work with the fledgling community of black Catholics in December 1889. On Chicago's south side, Father Tolton started in the basement of downtown St. Mary's Church picking up a ministry among blacks begun by Father Joseph Rowles under the title of St. Augustine. There was the push for a church for black Catholics they could call their own. Father Tolton oversaw the construction of a stone church at 36th & Dearborn Streets with donations from sympathetic whites. The Church with starts and stops in its construction was given the title of St. Monica. But the Church never succeeded beyond completion of its basement where the community worshipped along with a temporary roof.

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Father Gus, as he was called affectionately, was a familiar figure in the streets and alleys of the black ghetto. He brought hope and comfort to the dying and promises of better days to the living. Father Tolton was well accepted in Chicago by priests and people, nevertheless, he was alone in shaping some semblance of a Catholic community in the poverty laden terrain of the south side slums. Unfortunately, his ministry would be relatively short lived.

During the first week of July 1897, Chicago was hit by a heat-wave where a number of people lost their lives overcome by the sustained heat of days. Newspapers were listing on a daily basis the names of the dead. Returning from a priests' retreat in Bourbonnais, Illinois, on July 9th, Father Tolton got off the train to 105 degree heat that was scorching the city. According to the Chicago Daily News, "*the Reverend August Tolton, pastor of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, 36th & Dearborn Streets, died at Mercy Hospital at 8.30pm, a victim of heatstroke.* He was about to make several sick calls in his parish before noon. He was 43 years of age.

Newspapers recounted thousands of people paid tribute to the deceased priest, along with his mother and sister, both at St. Monica's where he lay in state, and at Quincy, where, at his own earlier request he wanted to be buried. An imposing cruciform tombstone, years later, was erected over his grave at Quincy's St. Peter Cemetery.

Father Augustus Tolton proved what the human spirit can accomplish despite insurmountable odds, in this instance, the evil of racism and discrimination. It remains the task of the Church now to raise up his holiness for the edification of the Church.

Ministry to blacks continued on at St. Monica Church until 1945 when the still unfinished church was razed. The parish was merged with St. Elizabeth Church where Mother Katherine Drexel's Blessed Sacrament sisters continued to carry on the ministry of education at the parish school.

APRIL 1, 1854

*Augustus born a slave*

JUNE 12, 1870

*Tolton's First Communion & Confirmation at St. Peter Church, Quincy*

FEBRUARY 21, 1880

*Tolton leaves for Rome for seminary*

APRIL 24, 1886

*Tolton ordained Priest, St. John Lateran Basilica, Rome*

APRIL 25, 1886

*First Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome*

JULY 18, 1886

*First Mass at St. Boniface Church, Quincy*

JULY 25, 1886

*Appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church, Quincy*

DECEMBER 19, 1889

*Began priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago*

JULY 9, 1897

*Died at Mercy Hospital, Chicago*

JULY 12, 1897

*Funeral at St. Monica Church, 36th Dearborn St., Chicago*

JULY 13, 1897

*Funeral at St. Peter Church, Quincy*

## PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now ask through his intercession, (*mention your request*), so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen

*Bishop Joseph N. Perry  
Imprimatur: Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
2010*



*To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Augustus Tolton's name, please write:*

THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL,  
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**Reserve tickets or tables**

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# The DePaul Catholic School

An Independence Mission School

Fall 2017 Newsletter

## Principal's Corner



Dear Friends of DePaul:

Each morning, our 440 young scholars recite our mission. With a new school year upon us, let us recommit to the mission of the DePaul Catholic School:

**We are the scholars of DePaul Catholic School.** As the only Catholic school in Germantown, we proudly continue the legacy of the educators and alumni of those schools who will always be part of us: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Madeleine Sophie, Immaculate Conception, and St. Martin de Porres.

**We are innovative and empowered.** Our students, through their brilliance, creativity and goodness, will bring positive change to our world. We work to instill the skills and confidence they need to achieve their dreams.

**We learn, we lead and we serve.** We ask students to take ownership of their learning. We teach them the importance of gratitude and generosity.

By doing so, we honor St. Vincent DePaul and build God's loving family. This year marks the 400th year since our patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul, began his mission to love and serve others, and in doing so, to love and serve God. We will continue to strengthen relationships among our teachers, students, staff, families, supporters and alumni.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for the confidence you place in us. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead to continue to build God's loving family.

With pride and affection,

*Katie Reilly Wardlow*

Mrs. Katie Reilly Wardlow  
Principal



## Where Did Everybody Go? High School Designations for De Paul Catholic's Class of '17

Education is the key to a productive life. The first step to academic success is a good elementary school education. With a solid grounding in Pre-K through 8th grade, a student has a better chance of attending a good high school—and then, attending college and beyond.

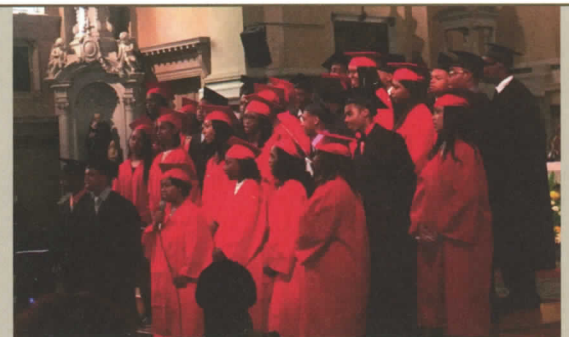
Philadelphia public schools present many challenges. Germantown's private schools are good but costly. But The DePaul Catholic School is the perfect combination of academic excellence and affordability. That's why our parents refer to us as "elite and accessible."

Parents choose DePaul Catholic because they know their students will be held to high academic standards, that our school supports the values of hard work, respect for self and others, and setting goals, and that their students will be safe here.

DePaul Catholic students are on the road to success! We are pleased to report on the high school destinations of the Class of '17, which graduated in June.

Congratulations, Class of '17!

Remember that DePaul Catholic will always be your home.



### Catholic High Schools:

Cristo Rey (4)  
Bishop McDevitt (5)  
Father Judge  
Little Flower (2)  
Mercy Vocational (2)  
Archbishop Wood  
Roman Catholic  
St. Joseph's  
Preparatory School  
Hallahan (2)  
West Catholic

### Public/Magnet/Charter High Schools:

CAPA  
Boys' Latin  
Academy of Palumbo  
Multi-Cultural HS  
Northeast Magnet  
Saul (2)  
The University School



## Rosemary McDonough – New Development Director



Rosemary McDonough, of St. Margaret's Parish, Narberth, PA, joined The DePaul Catholic School as Development Director in April 2017.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and

an alumna of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, she brings over 30 years of development experience to her position.

Her responsibilities include raising annual funds for the School's operating expenses, (such as scholarships,) and raising capital funds to transform the former St. Francis Assisi Church and rectory into additional space for DePaul students.

Ms. McDonough has worked as a development consultant, serving such Catholic institutions as Cabrini, Immaculata and Holy

Child Rosemont. She was also Director of Development at Friends' Central School, and Annual Giving Director at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

She was an inner city classroom volunteer at the Gesu School, and at fellow IMS school, St. Malachy's. There she gained firsthand experience with the Blended Learning Program that is DePaul's trademark.

Ms. McDonough sees tremendous potential at both DePaul Catholic and in Germantown. "Germantown is on the verge of a renaissance, and DePaul Catholic will play a major role. Our neighborhood has all the tools we need: vibrant houses of worship, an active Historical Society (George Washington really *did* sleep here!) large, affordable homes; excellent public transportation, and busy corner grocers. Developer

Ken Weinstein is investing \$12 million in properties around Wayne Junction Station.

"Add DePaul Catholic to the mix, and we have a welcoming, family-oriented community. Our school can make our neighborhood stronger for residents of both today and tomorrow.

"As we develop the adjacent St. Francis Assisi Church and rectory—which we own outright, thanks to some generous donors—we can truly expand and transform DePaul. We can continue to position ourselves as a neighborhood school serving Germantown's children. Our children deserve an outstanding education to prepare them for successful lives. It's what the Vincentian tradition requires of us, and it's what our times demand."

Ms. McDonough can be reached at [rmcdonough@thedePaulcatholicSchool.org](mailto:rmcdonough@thedePaulcatholicSchool.org).

## De Paul Catholic Students: What Do They Think of School?

They come from Germantown and North Philly, West Oak Lane and the Northeast. They've been here for two years or six years or so long that they don't remember any other school. They arrive by car or by school bus or by SEPTA. But by the end of September, there's one thing our students have in common:

### They love DePaul Catholic!

The DePaul Catholic School has a great relationship with Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School. We send several of our graduates there each year, and Cristo Rey sends some of their students to DePaul to work. It's part of their high school graduation requirement, and they put their time to good use. Three weeks after school started, we asked Cristo Rey workers to interview DePaul Catholic students. Thirty-six students from Grades 1 to 8 willingly volunteered.

What do our students like to study best? Reading, math, science, art, computer lab and writing. One first grader, Sean, loves to play with toys, and another, Jahmal, loves seat sacks.

(If you haven't been to first grade in a while, seat sacks are big folders that attach to the back of a student's chair. They make it easy for the teacher to put all the student's work in one place, and easy for the student to bring the work home for their families to review.)

What do our students like to do after school? Their interests are as varied as they are: dance, soccer, basketball, track, cheerleading, football and baseball. Some students are in Reading Olympics. Gloria, Grade 1, likes to "play with Dad." (And yes, two growing teenagers admit that they like to catch up on their sleep!)

Many of our students have older or younger brothers, sisters or cousins at DePaul. This school is an extension of their family. Nearly all go to church. At least one student, Chisom, whose family emigrated here from Nigeria, attends St. Vincent de Paul, Germantown's last remaining Catholic church.



The highest praise, of course, goes to DePaul Catholic's teachers, whom many students consider "the best thing about school." Says Natalie, Grade 8, "I love the sense of community and friendliness, and how engaged teachers are with the students."

Her classmate, Erin, concurs: "Our teachers care about their students' education and well being."

Cydney, Grade 2, declares that her "teachers are funny and nice." Her classmate, Kaylin, calls DePaul Catholic "cool and fun." This budding scholar lists her favorite after school activity as "homework."

Many DePaul students consider learning their favorite part of school. Andrew, Grade 8, declares that DePaul "is a good resource to get into a good high school."

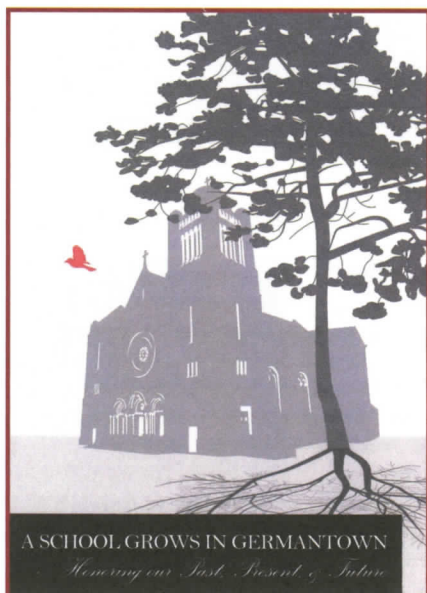
Graduates from an earlier time may be puzzled by today's students' frequent use of technology: from Xbox to texting to Facebook. This may be the biggest change in how they spend their time.

But some things never change. When we asked Maya, Grade 8, how she got to school, she replied: "I walk. Or run—depending on how late I am!"

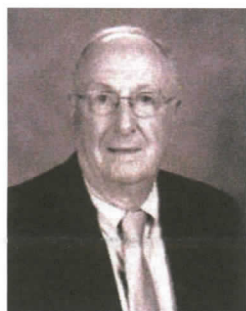
The DePaul Catholic School is thankful to Cristo Rey students, Cameron, Nadiya and Miyana, for interviewing our young scholars.



## 2017 Hall of Fame Honorees



On April 20, 2017, 135 guests attended DePaul Catholic's annual Hall of Fame dinner, held at the LaSalle University Ballroom. The event netted over \$43,000 to support DePaul's educational programs. Honored this year were John and Maureen Fries, and David Diehl.



### David Diehl

David Diehl has been a faculty member, administrator and coach at LaSalle College High School since 1961.

A member of the Class of '55, Mr. Diehl has served LaSalle in many capacities in the last 47 years: teacher, coach, disciplinarian and principal. His leadership skills led LaSalle into the 21st century, overseeing the School's advancement

in technology, and the building of LaSalle's St. Michael's Hall, as well as the West Wing.

The David Program at LaSalle College High School is named in honor of Mr. Diehl and Brother David Albert. This academic support service is for college bound students with mild learning disabilities. Participating students spend one period each day developing strategies for academic success. With a student-educator ratio of 2:1, the program focuses on problem solving, organizational and self-advocacy skills.

We are pleased to honor David Diehl with the 2017 Hall of Fame award.



### John and Maureen Fries

John and Maureen Fries live in Moorestown, New Jersey, and grew up in Germantown. They graduated in 1957 and 1960, respectively, from St. Francis Assisi School, now The DePaul Catholic School. John and Maureen received all their sacraments at St. Francis Assisi, from baptism to their marriage in 1969. John was also an altar server there.

John graduated from North Catholic High School and LaSalle College; Maureen is an alumna of Little Flower High School.

While Maureen raised their daughters, Nicole and Jeannine, John began a career in computer sales and marketing. He then founded a health care consulting company which managed distressed HMO's. One HMO he purchased in Miami grew to become the largest in that city. Now a venture capitalist, John is active on several non-profit boards.

The Fries were instrumental in helping DePaul Catholic purchase the former St. Francis Assisi Church and rectory.

Below are excerpts from John Fries' Hall of Fame honoree acceptance speech, made on behalf of himself and his wife.

*"Maureen and I are truly humbled by this honor. It's a real thrill to be sharing this Hall of Fame Induction with Mr. David Diehl. He is a true friend of DePaul Catholic and the IMS mission."*

*I want to recognize the contributions of Ann and Mark Baiada, (Ann is a graduate of Immaculate,) as well as Mrs. Eileen Flynn, (Sean Flynn's mother,) and John Hocker, who became very impressed with the great work being done by IMS.*

*We all partnered to buy the school, the church, the rectory and the school yard. We see DePaul Catholic as a good place for a great education.*

*Tonight's theme, "A School Grows in Germantown," embodies our common goal: to give the kids at DePaul Catholic something like the experience we enjoyed here. This goal also reflects the DePaul Catholic mission: "empowering students to become life-long learners, leaders and servants who build the kingdom of God."*

*Our journey began here 50 or 60 years ago. We became life-long learners, some of us became leaders, and others, servants, but all have endeavored to build the kingdom of God. This is thanks in large measure to the hard work and dedication of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who instilled in us a sense of self-discipline, strong moral values, and the confidence to believe in ourselves.*

*With the advantage of hindsight, we can reflect upon our success and trace it to the education we received at a parochial school, where it was about more than classroom learning; it was about what kind of person you were to become.*

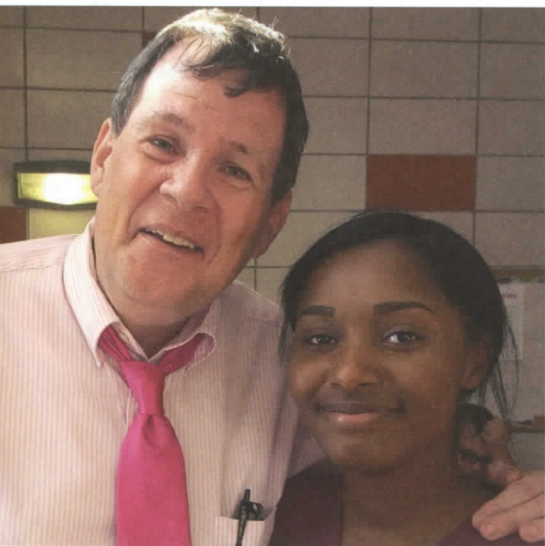
*Today things are different. Our city is coping with new realities, our neighborhoods are adjusting to more diverse populations, and the parochial school system we knew as children is no longer relevant. But that doesn't mean that a Catholic education is irrelevant. Those core values which were ingrained in us back in the 1950's and 1960's are more important now than ever before.*

*So in 2013, with the founding of Independence Mission Schools, (IMS,) Catholic education got a new lease on life. IMS is a non-profit organization which assumed control of fifteen (15) inner-city parish schools from the Archdiocese. Schools feature separate boards to support governance, offer modern operating infrastructures, and are dedicated to a faith-driven academic success model.*

*IMS schools are led by faculty and staff committed to core values. These values will assure a promising future in and out of the classroom, and will continue to produce outstanding young men and women.*

*And this is why we invested in IMS and DePaul Catholic. As the IMS mission reads: "Help us help them transform their lives and communities. Thank you."*

## Alumni Profile: Bryanna Moss '10



Bryanna Moss graduated from DePaul Catholic in 2010, but she still feels at home here. On a recent fall afternoon, she dropped by to say hello to her former eighth grade teacher, Mr. Chris Leonard.

"I still remember when we read 'Milkweed' (by Jerry Spinelli) in your class," she reminisced. "It was the first book I really liked reading."

Bryanna's family are not strangers to DePaul. Her mother attended the school when it was called St. Martin de Porres, and her little brother is a student here now. Her grandmother lives around the corner, so Bryanna has never been far away.

In addition to enjoying Literature with Mr. Leonard, Bryanna was active in track and field and cross country. She was also President of the Student Council in 2010, the year that De Paul Catholic changed its name. In fact, her picture appeared

at the Wayne Junction train station on a billboard that celebrated the school's new name.

After graduating from DePaul, Bryanna went on to Little Flower High School. Then came Community College of Philadelphia. Now Bryanna is a second year nursing student at Gwynedd Mercy University, with an eye on becoming a travelling nurse. This career path would allow her to travel internationally.

Even before she decided to become a nurse, Bryanna was on a good path. Her Kindergarten teacher's aide, Mrs. Elaine Diaz, recalls with a smile, "She was the sweetest child, always respectful."

What a gift this DePaul Catholic graduate will be to her future patients.

**Good luck, Bryanna—and come back soon!**



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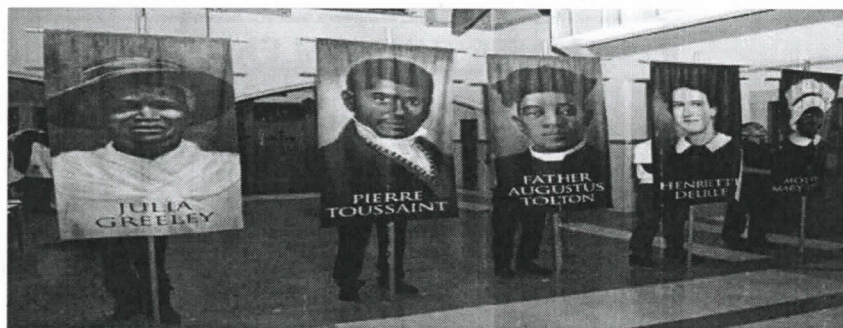
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**The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation:** The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in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



## November Black Catholic History Month

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### On Being Black, Catholic and Philadelphian

Thernell Oakman

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church



Black Catholic History Month has emerged at a time in Philadelphia history that appears to challenge our sensibilities. Black Catholics have migrated to Philadelphia from the American South, the Caribbean, and Africa to create a kettle of cultures. Many of these cultures bring with them a Black perspective on Catholicism firstly, embodies their rich traditions in Philadelphia traditions. [Read more](#)

### Raised Catholic Then Lapsed, She Now Has 'A Love Affair with God'

By Lou Baldwin • Posted November 7, 2017 • CatholicPhilly.com



Black Catholic History Month opened in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this year at the Annual St. Martin de Porres Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput at St. Athanasius Church on Friday, Nov. 3. As part of the celebration, the St. Martin de Porres Medal was presented to Cynthia Brown of Our Lady of Hope Parish as a "Catholic leader who advances Catholic values and community engagement." Her accomplishments are many. At Our Lady of Hope, she is the Finance Council chair, served as co-chair of the parish Heritage of Faith Capital Campaign and served twice as chair of the Our Lady of Hope Gospel Revivals. [Read more](#)

### Drawn by Love, Sent on Fire

Janice Paige

St. Athanasius Catholic Church



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (1,250) women attended the 2017 Catholic Women's Conference at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Women from across the country were present for this national event with the goal to be inspired and to be lit on fire for their faith. We were blessed to have a wonderful full day conference, starting with a welcome greeting from Archbishop Chaput. This was followed by beautiful praise and worship music led by recording artist, Amanda Vernon. [Read more](#)



## How Might our Church Better Celebrate the Diversity Within It?

Kerry Weber November 13, 2015 <https://www.americamagazine.org/voices/kerry-weber>

In the midst of the many national conversations about race and freedom now taking place in the public square, it is valuable to note one opportunity for continued conversations about diversity within the Catholic Church. November marks Black Catholic History Month, which was founded by the National Black Catholic Congress in 1990. The month was chosen because it includes both the birthday of St. Augustine (Nov. 13) and feast day of St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), and it is dedicated to celebrating "the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics."

National Black Catholic History Month serves as a reminder of something we should keep in mind throughout the year: at its best, ours is a diverse and welcoming church, and there is much to be learned from one another, if only we would make the effort. Read more

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Saints for Today Essay Contest Month of November**

*Open to High School Students*

For more information, Fr. Richard Owens, OFM Cap  
Office for Black Catholics  
215.587.3541  
[fr.rowens@archphila.org](mailto:fr.rowens@archphila.org)

#### **OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SAINT CHARLES  
BORROMEIO SEMINARY**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**1:00 pm—6:00 pm**

**This year, the annual event features:**

- Campus tours
- Christmas concert featuring Seminary Choir and Musicians
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**THE EVENT IS FREE AND  
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**Time:** 9:30AM – 2:30PM (Snow Date) Feb.16<sup>th</sup>)

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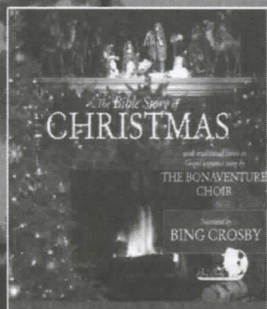


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# Luther Wright



Luther Wright was born June 17, 1986, the youngest of three children of Jan Lisa Wright. The family resides in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. He attended city public schools, mostly in the Northeast, but finished high school in Western Pennsylvania. He attended St Francis of Assisi Church at Greene and Logan Streets where he received the sacraments. He was in the Cub Scouts at Grace Baptist Church and even took one year of tap dancing. Luther was a fun-loving child, always ready to play with other kids. He was always ready to help anyone out, as a child and growing up. If he saw a neighbour, especially an elderly person, carrying bags or trash to the curb, he would just go up and take them himself. In his early twenties, he met Myesha Belton of New Jersey, by whom he had 2 boys – Luke, who will be 12 in December, and Anthony, who just

turned 8 recently. He was especially proud of his boys and was an excellent father to them. He loved his family and his children, and was very friendly to everyone, calling women 'auntie' and men 'unk' whom he knew. He even called Rosie Abney his 'other mother'. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his mother, his sister, Melanie (her fiancé, Brad), his brother, Darnell, his sons, Luke and Anthony, two aunts, many cousins, aunties, unks, and extended family, as well as his 'boys' – old friends from childhood and growing up, and new friends – Peter and Patti – from our block, neighbors from Pomona Street, and many many more.

Sorrowfully Submitted





# Order Of Service

## Entrance Rites

Greeting

Song: Amazing Grace

Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

Gloria Benton

Psalm (sung): 23rd

Second reading: Thessalonica 4:13-18

Lynn Lewis

Acclamation (sung)

Gospel: Matthews 5:1-12A

Father Sy

Homily

Intercessions H-7

Barbara Adams

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation & Presentation of Gifts

Song: Closer Walk With Thee

Eucharistic Acclamations (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God (sung)

Communion Song(s): *Eye On The Sparrow* and *Taste And See*

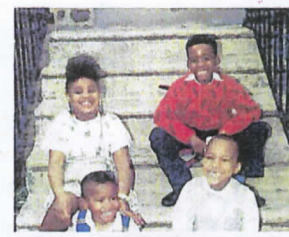
Post-communion Prayer

## Final Commendation

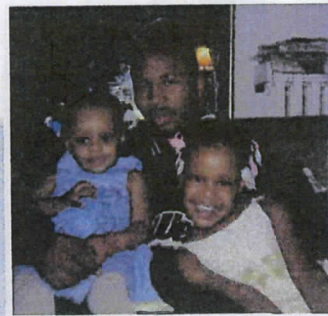
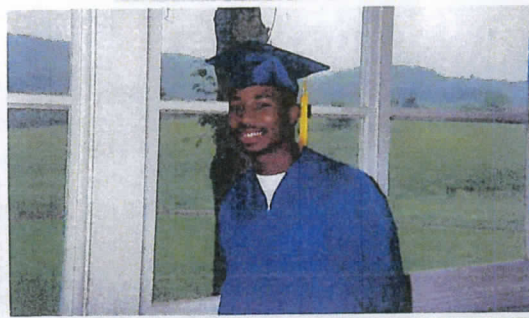
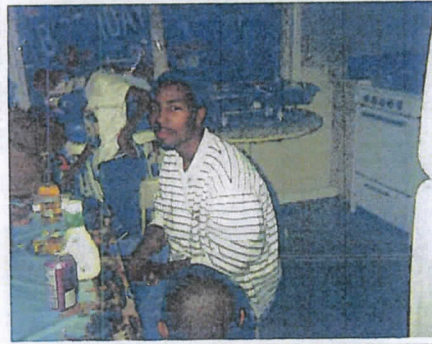
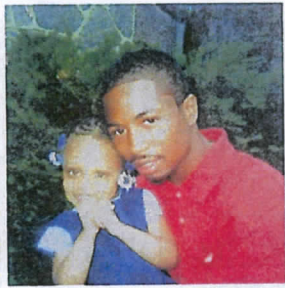
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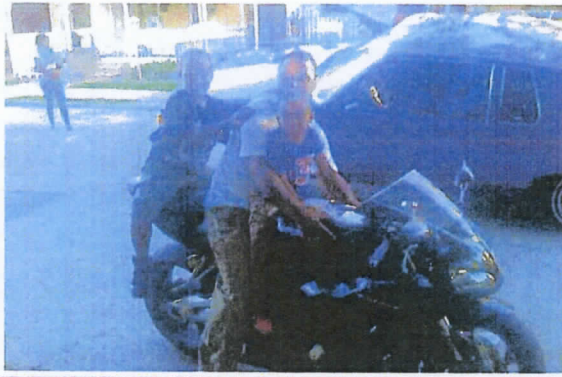
Song of Farewell: *Going Up Yonder*

Final prayer and dismissal













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