

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	12/17	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	12/18	NO MASS	11:00 am
TUE	12/19	Maria Meloni	7:00 am
WED	12/20	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	12/21	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	12/22	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	12/23	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

SUN	Third Sunday of Advent
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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

Last Week's Collection	2,000.05
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	5,253.05
Tithe	262.65

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Psalm
Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm: Psalm 89
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

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 - December 17-23, 2017

OUR ADVENT THEME

"Journey toward Intimacy with Jesus, Source of our Hope"

ADVENT CALL TO PRAYER

Think about coming to our morning Mass, in the Rectory, Tuesday through Friday, at 7am. Think about calling into the Catholic Call to Prayer, every weekday morning, at 6:30. Call from your cell phone, (712) 775-8972 and when prompted put in code 336656. The call is about five to seven minutes.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON

Please start inviting family, friends and neighbors to our beautiful Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve we will have Masses at 4pm, 7pm and 11:30pm. Christmas Day Mass will be at 10am. On Christmas Eve, we will start with a half hour of Christmas music.

LECTOR NOTES

All lectors, please sign up on the Jan/Feb/ March sign-up sheets the next time you are in church!

Just as Mary carried Jesus in her womb all the way to his birth in Bethlehem, we carry God's Word in us as we read and reflect on it in this holy season. Whether you are a lector or not, why not make time with the daily or Sunday readings during these dark but hopeful days of Advent? You can find them at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/> (USCCB is the site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). Click on the date you're seeking. And share with a friend!

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.

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.

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, 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. 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.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is in place! 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.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Calling all young folk in need of Confirmation. There will be sign up in the month of January. We will start our Confirmation journey in February.

POWER UPDATES

Potluck & Discussion Series: Whether you've been to 10 POWER meetings or none, you're welcome to join us for dinner and discussion on **Monday evening January 22, 2018**. In honor of the work Martin Luther King Jr did to promote decent, life-sustaining jobs, our theme will be POWER's ground-breaking "Black Work Matters" report.

In this season of giving, many of us donate to organizations that provide charity for those in need. Why not include support for organizations that work to change policies that keep people in need of charity, by being underpaid, poorly educated, or unfairly treated? Consider a tax-deductible gift to POWER Interfaith! Send to POWER, 1429 N. 11th St, Philadelphia 19122.

Questions? Comments? Want to stay in the loop or get involved? Contact Terri Burgin (tburgin84@aol.com) or Mary Laver (mlaver14@comcast.net)

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

We continue to lift up messages from Pope Francis' Laudato Si. This week the focus is on REDEFINING PROGRESS according to Pope Francis: There is a tendency to believe that every increase in power means an increase in progress itself; an advance in security, usefulness, welfare and vigor as if reality, goodness and truth automatically flow from technological and economic power as such. The fact is that our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience...but human beings are not autonomous. Our freedom fades when it is handed over to the blind forces of the subconscious, of immediate needs, of self-interest, and of violence. In this sense, we stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever increasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it...Put simply, it is a matter of redefining progress. A technological and economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world and an integrally higher quality of life cannot be considered progress. Laudato Si, 105, 194.

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. **Note:** Cars parked on sidewalks on Lena St. are being ticketed.

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.**

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first

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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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secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
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Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at business@saint-vincent-church.org.

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Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of advent, December 17, 2017

Prayers of the faithful (at 11:00 liturgy add "let us pray to the lord")

On this Sunday of joy, may the church manifest the zeal needed to proclaim liberty to all those bound by the oppression of war, displacement and discrimination (let us.....)

For those who hold public office, may they seek the mantle of justice as they strive to serve the needs of all, especially the poor and marginalized (let ..)

In reflecting on the feast of our lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and protector of the unborn, may she intercede for all who seek to deepen love among the peoples of all the Americas, and to value all of life (let us...)

As we await in many darkness for god's coming kingdom, may this faith community echo her words of rejoicing in the awe inspiring humility of the god who walked among us, and take delight in being called to proclaim his presence through our works for justice and peace (let us pray.....)

Today, as the church begins the invocation of the o antiphons, may we join in calling out "o come wisdom...o come lord...o come root of Jesse" on behalf of our sick, recently deceased and those whose needs are written in our book of intentions (let us pray....)

Bernadette Cronin-geller

Christmas SHINES ITS *miracle* IN OUR *hearts.*

December 8, 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

Have a Blessed Christmas and a New Year (2018) filled with God's Choicest Blessings!

I usually write about five different Christmas letters, but this year I decided to write one for everyone. First, let me thank you for your prayers, love and friendship. I really believe that this is a time of prayer for us and the entire world. It is a time that hopefully, we will all turn to God for guidance. As I look at our country, I see divisiveness and hate, when we need healing and unity and respect for each other and our differences. We need the love that God brought into the world.

Once again, 2017 filled my life with wonderful faithful people who care about God, family and others. Let me take this time to thank all of you who helped with the AFRICAN APPEAL either by your prayers or financial support. So much good was done. You are awesome. I will fill you in later, when I write on that subject.

I was also blessed to go to Rome for the first ever Vincentian Family Symposium. We had 11,000 people attend from 99 countries. What a Blessing! Vincentian Family is any lay or religious group that seeks to help the poor and needy in the Spirit of St. Vincent De Paul.

My parish seems to get busier each year. We are known in Philly as the "Social Justice" parish. Oh, what an honor to work with so many loving people like yourselves. We are still working on replacing our roof; first time in 167 years. Hopefully by next Christmas it will be finished. Pray for Father Joe Cummins, my associate. He has been struggling with cancer and a variety of health issues for many years.

I hope that life is going well for each of you. At Christmas, give the gift of love. Tell Jesus you love Him and tell all those around you that you love them.

Be assured of my prayers for you during Advent and the Christmas Season. Please keep me in yours. Thank you in advance for your support of my African Appeal.

Merry Christmas,

Father Sy Peterka

*When they saw him,
they worshipped him.*

MATTHEW 28:17

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-Catechism of the Catholic Church #989

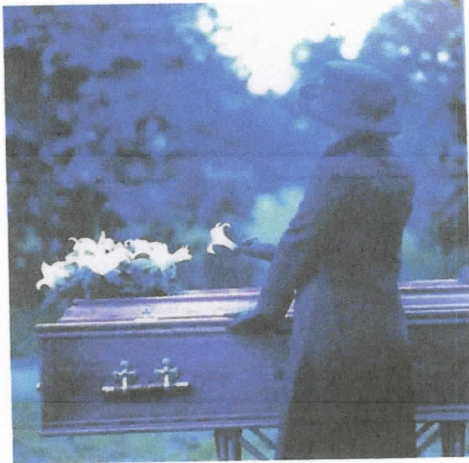
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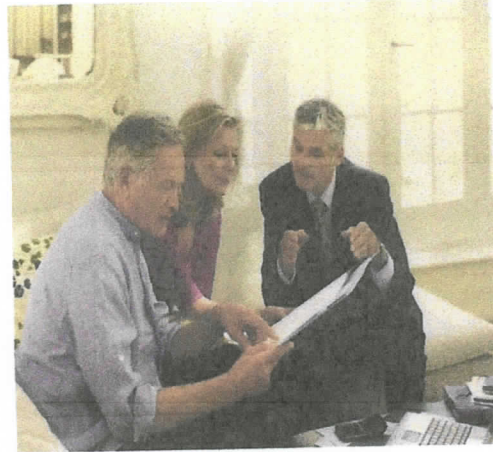
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BEING
UNPREPARED



- All Alone
- Confused
- Grief Stricken
- Emotional
- Overspending
- Payment in Full
- Uncertainty

BEING
PREPARED



- Both Together
- Ability to Reason
- Pleasant Conditions
- Good Judgement
- Comfortable,
Affordable Terms
- **PEACE OF MIND**

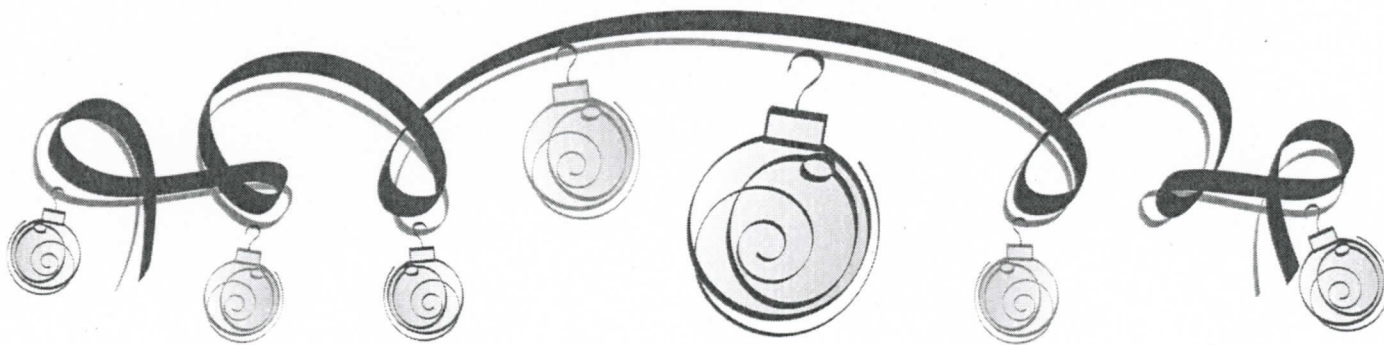
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Please give me a call if you have any questions.*

Trent Tolbert, FSC

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24th

There are three Masses.

4 pm, 7 pm & 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

There is one Mass.

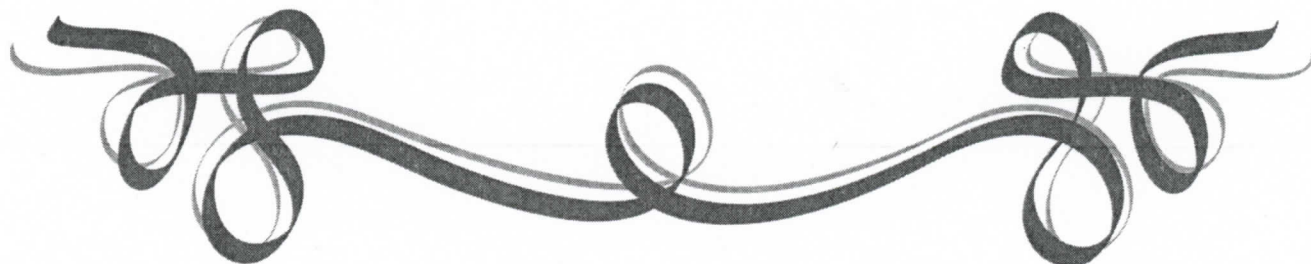
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ALL ARE WELCOME!



SALE

Christmas Coffee



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Looking for a gift this Christmas? Or just want to make your Christmas cookie exchange special? This month, coffee from our **Sister Parish Ministry** is on sale.

Your purchase supports the work of the Romero Interfaith Center with our sister parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.



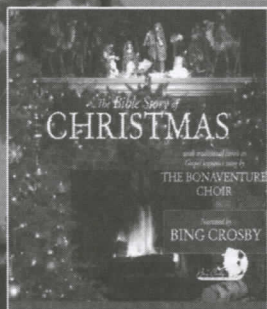
See Joan McGowan or Mary Durkin at the back of church after all Masses next week December 9 and 10.



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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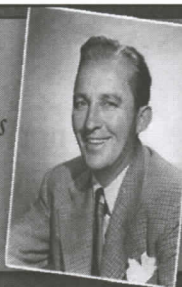


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Homegoing Celebration For



Cindy M. Best

Sunrise
July 31, 1964

Sunset
December 4, 2017

Monday, December 11, 2017

Visitation: 10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Service: 10:30 A.M.

St. Vincent's Catholic Church

109 East Price Street - Philadelphia, PA 19144
Reverend Sylvester J. Peterka, C.M., Pastor

Her Life Story

CINDY MONIQUE HARRIS was born on July 31, 1964 to her late parents Donna Carter and Joseph Harris in Philadelphia, Pa. Cindy was the oldest sibling of 3 sisters, Desiree Harris who preceded her in death and Renae Harris. Cindy was baptized at the church of St. Therese of our Child Jesus at an early age. She attended church almost every Sunday in her younger years. In the Carter family, it was a must that everyone attend church on Sunday.

Cindy was raised by her Aunt Connie, the first 10 years of her life. In 1974 when Connie passed, Cindy went on to live with her mother and two younger sisters, Desi and Renae. Cindy, Desi and Renae were closer than close. They loved doing everything together: taking long walks together, going to lots of house and block parties, swimming at the pool in Awbury Park but most of all hanging out at Pleasant Playground everyday. They had a very close bond and shared a very special secret together **"Never Tell On Each Other"**.

Cindy was a fun loving person who loved spending time with her family, going to the beach, attending family barbeques and pool parties in New Jersey. To her family and friends she was affectionately known as **"Fifth, Lucy Wong and Cooley"**. Often, she was the life of the party. Cindy enjoyed going to concerts especially to see Tina Marie and Frankie Beverly and Maze with her best friend Sondra whom Cindy warmheartedly named Suzy.



Cindy was educated in the School District of Philadelphia. In her early years, she attended Catholic School, St. Therese of our Child Jesus and later went on to graduate from Martin Luther King Public School, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On February 22, 1984, she gave birth to her son, Kevin, whom she adored and loved spending time with him. **Cindy** and Kevin were so close, she often referred to him as her Rock.

Cindy met the love of her life William Best in Philadelphia, Pa. They were married on October 1, 1994. Out of this union, they had a son Anthony Best, who preceded Cindy in death.

Cindy worked at the Philadelphia Nursing Home as a Front Desk Operator until she retired due to an injury. In 2015, Cindy and Kevin moved back to Roanoke, Virginia where she worked as a Home Health Care Aide.

Quietly and ever so gently, God in His infinite wisdom called "**Cindy**" home to eternal rest on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Cindy leaves to cherish her memories: her loving son Kevin Knight, her grandchildren: Tahani Jones, Taneaja Jones and Keyden Knight, her loving sister Renae Harris, nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Submitted With Love, The Family

Order of Service

Opening Song	"O Happy Day"
Opening Prayer	
Entrance Rites	
Greeting	
Signing/Sprinkling with Water	
Placing of the Pall	
	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
First Reading - Wisdom 3:1-9	Shannon Carter
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23	
Second Reading - Romans 14:7-12	Gary Carter
Gospel Reading - John 14:1-6	Rev. Sylvester Peterka
Homily	Rev. Sylvester Peterka
Intercessions	Bereavement Committee
	<i>Liturgy of the Eucharist</i>
Preparation and Presenting of Gifts	
Song	Soloist
The Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	Soloist
Closing Prayer	
Final Commendation	
Recessional Hymn	"Going Over Yonder"

Interment

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Repast

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If Roses Grow In Heaven



If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

Love eternally, *Kevin*

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Never thought I'd lose you, but here I am standing.

Love always, your sister, *Renae*

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May God continue to bless you.

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