

# 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**  
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## Parish Staff

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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>06/10</b> Jim Allen	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Rada King	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>06/11</b> NO MASS	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>06/12</b> Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>06/13</b> Frank Coralluzzo	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>06/14</b> Joan Bretschneider	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>06/15</b> Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>06/16</b> Miraculous Medal	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday Ordinary Time</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, Anoaah 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, 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, Bertha Allen, Estelle Duncan, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Margaret Weber.

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*Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.*

**PASTORAL CARE**

We bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly due to sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory.

Last Week's Collection	4,590.25
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	<u>7,840.25</u>
Tithe	392.01

**Today's Readings**

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15  
 Psalm: Psalm 130  
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

**Readings for Next Week**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24  
 Psalm: Psalm 92  
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

**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 - June 10-16, 2018

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$435 to the DePaul Catholic Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon.

### PEW CONVERSATIONS

On the last Sunday of every month, during the homily time, we are all invited to share our thoughts on the day's readings. This is a way of getting to know each other better through talking about our faith and our lives. The Pew Conversations Team will reflect on the readings and provide feedback on suggested faith sharing questions and will rotate responsibility for writing a faith sharing question based on the reading and getting it publicized in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Sharon Browning at 215-840-4772, or sbrowning@justlistening.net.

### LECTOR NOTES

Do you feel called to share your love of God's Word and your gift of proclaiming it with the parish community? In this season of new life - and year-round! - we are always open to prospective lectors emerging in our midst. We are especially eager to invite more men, and more young people who have been confirmed, to consider this ministry. We will plan a 1-hour training on a Saturday in June. Watch the bulletin for details!

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE

After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or to pray for those with special needs can join our prayer circle which lasts 5 to 10 minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

### HOSPITALITY

Join us for hospitality 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.

### ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

We are seeking someone to be responsible for preparing the altar cloths for the liturgical seasons throughout the year, coordinating cloths with other elements of the environment and ensuring they are clean and presentable for use. Contact Julie Kring if interested juliekring56@gmail.com. Our deep gratitude to Emilie Nichols who has enhanced prayer in our community through this ministry.

### FATHER JOE

Father Joe is back! He does continue to needs our healing prayers.

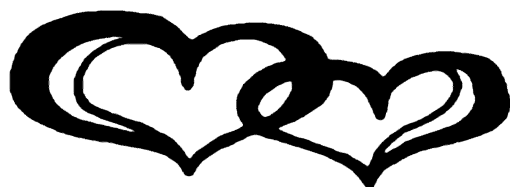
**FATHER SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE** Information is available in the back of the church.

### DEPAUL CATHOLIC TEACHERS APPRECIATION

On June 14, we will host the teachers and staff of our school, DePaul Catholic. A collection will be taken.

### ART SHOW

Parishioner Lynne Horoschak invites you to view her art at Cellini Gallery, 13 Poplar St. 2nd Floor, Ambler, 19002 on **June 9**, 10-6 and **June 10**, 11- 5.



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### POWER

#### Family-Friendly POWER HARRISBURG TRIP!

Please sign up NOW to join hundreds of people of faith from St Vincent's and many other congregations as we speak up to lawmakers to insist that 100% of our schools be funded fairly! The trip is **Wed June 20** (8:30 AM to 6 PM). Buses, snacks and pizza are provided free by POWER, but all must register ASAP to reserve your seats! This is an energizing and educational experience in putting our faith into action, and is very family friendly! Please contact Delia Landers (215-431-8542) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388) ASAP to reserve your seats!

#### POWER Parish Meeting:

St Vincent's next POWER "local organizing committee" meeting is **Mon June 11**, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the rectory. All are welcome —whether you are a long-time parishioner or a brand-new one checking out our various ministries! Major topic: Planning for voter registration, turnout and follow-up in Germantown in the critical election-season ahead. Questions? Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100( or Mary Laver (610-324-9388).

#### ENDING MASS INCARCERATION

On **Wednesday June 13**, there will be a rally in the Main Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg and the issue of granting parole review to elderly Lifers will be placed before the Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Buses leave from West Philadelphia. We have 10 tickets available for a free will offering and lunch at the Capitol. Parishioner Sharon Browning will be testifying before the Commission. If interested, contact Sharon at 215-840-4772, sbrowning@justlistening.net.

#### THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The campaign is launching 40 Days of Moral Action examining systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation and the war economy while connecting grass roots leadership in every state. Themes and dates *Everybody's Got the Right to Live (June 10-16)*, *A New and Unsettling Force (June 17-22)* and a Mass Rally and Global Day of Solidarity in Washington, D. C. on **June 23**. **For more information and to become involved:** [PennsylvaniaPoorPeoplesCampaign.org](http://PennsylvaniaPoorPeoplesCampaign.org). Also, please pick up a pie chart in the back of the church which corrects a distortion of how the government accounts for its spending. The percent dedicated to the military is **twice** as large as the government contends. War spending takes a heavy toll on the poor and is an evil which must be confronted and defeated. Questions: Contact Gerry Givnish 267-975-5765.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you or someone you know have need of nutritious home-delivered meals? Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels is here to help with volunteers delivering two fresh meals a day, up to five days a week. The cost is \$9/day for two meals, \$4.50/day for one meal. Limited subsidies are available. No need for meals, but interested in volunteering? We always need volunteer drivers, packers, and bakers! Call 215-233-5555 for information.

#### CHAIR YOGA

Please join us for gentle, yet challenging, chair yoga, ideal for those seeking the physical and mental benefits of yoga, stress reduction, increased flexibility and strength, and developing the mind-body connection. Contact Janeen Chavis, at 646-763-7134 with any questions. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a bottle of water! New Dates: 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17 Time: 6:15-7:15pm, Hospitality Building 1st Floor, \$3 per class.



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

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

**Frequency:**

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

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

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

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

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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 June 9-10, 2018

Lord Jesus, we promote this Global Day of Prayer to End Famine. Help us to bring awareness regarding famine's impact on our most vulnerable, as we address its root causes through our ministries of Face to Face, Inn Dwelling and My Place Germantown.

Oh Compassionate One, many children throughout the world work as slaves and many elders are subjected to abuse. May these fellow human beings be protected from unjust exploitation and cruelty.

Oh Faithful One, there are many leaders of the world in need of guidance. Lead them to choose cooperation over conflict and the good of humanity over national self-interest.

Oh Loving God, members of our community have absented themselves from our family of faith. Bring us a renewed zeal in seeking out our sisters and brothers and bringing them home with us to the Father.

Merciful God, there are many poor, unemployed, lonely and abandoned people who feel swamped by the storms of life. Help us to sustain their faith through their troubles, and work in us so that we can provide your love and care.

Oh Holy One, your people cry out of the depths of their sorrow for their loved ones who have died. Bring them comfort and healing as they struggle with their losses.

Jack DiFeo

June 4, 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**FATHER'S DAY:** Next Sunday, start the celebration in church.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>:** There will be a discussion on the letter that was mailed to the church, from 10 am to noon, in the Hospitality Room.

**OLD CHAPEL AND SACRISTY:** If anyone wants to save any pieces from the old chapel, please take them this week.

**POWER ALERT:** PECO is looking to raise monthly bills by more than 3.2%. You are invited to share your thoughts about the impact of the rate hike at a Pennsylvania Public Utility hearing, on June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, at 801 Market Street, on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, in the Betsy Ross conference room. If you want to bring written statements to be read at the hearing or for more information, call Heather Yoder, from the Office of the Consumer Advocate, at (800) 684-6560; or email Camille Turner, of POWER, at [cttownsend@powerinterfaith.org](mailto:cttownsend@powerinterfaith.org).

**DEPAUL CATHOLIC TEACHERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON:** Today's second collection is for the luncheon. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will host the teachers and staff of our wonderful school.

**POTLUCK WITH AFRICAN COMMUNITY:** On Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm, let's come together to listen to your ideas and see how St. Vincent's can better serve our African families. We will also make definitive plans for an "African barbeque" open to the whole parish.

African Catholic Young Adults of Philadelphia (ACYAP) is hosting a Game Night on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00pm until 9:00pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, in West Philadelphia. Flyers will be in the back of the church next week.

This weekend, Lynne Horoschak invites you to view her art during the Montgomery County Studio Tour, at Cellini Gallery, 113 Poplar Street, 2nd Floor, Ambler, 19002; on Saturday, from 10 am until 6 pm and on Sunday, from 11 am until 5 pm.

African bags and wood carvings are still available. If you are interested in a fan, Father Sy will bring some back when he goes to Africa.

We have compact discs and cassette tapes of St. Vincent's choir, in the back of the church. Feel free to take one or two home.

Father Judge High School  
3301 Solly Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
215-338-9494 (Ext. 1103)

TO: Pastors  
FROM: Brian King  
RE: Parish Bulletins  
DATE: June 4, 2018

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I would appreciate it very much if you would please post the following notice in your Parish Bulletin:

**The 11th Annual Jaguar St. Ephrem Basketball Camp** for Boys and Girls in St. Ephrem's Air Conditioned Facility. **2 great weeks for only \$200 or 1 week \$125. July 23-27 & July 30-Aug 3.** Basketball & T-shirt included. Under the direction of former College Coach, Dan Williams. Information [DANW1001@aol.com](mailto:DANW1001@aol.com).

Thank you.





May 21, 2018—The Wawa Foundation announced Inn Dwelling as one of four finalists (out of over 250 applicants!) for their annual Hero Award! The winner of the Award, chosen by a community vote (that's YOU!), receives a \$50,000 grant to further their mission!

**To vote for Inn Dwelling, follow this**

**link: <https://www.thewawafoundation.org/hero-award/>**

Ready to help us win?

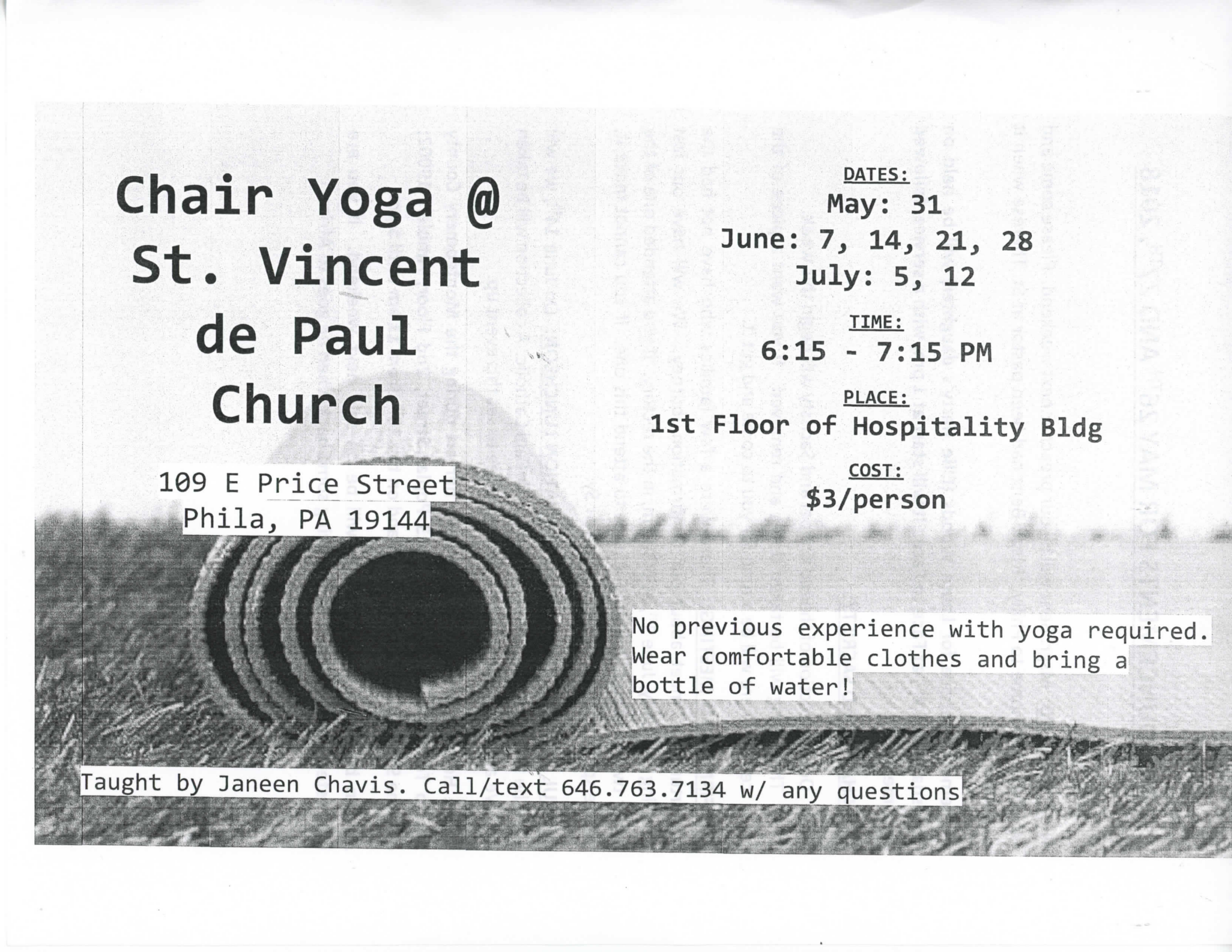
- You can vote multiple times, as long as you have more than one email address (and be sure to clear out your browser history before voting again)!
- You don't have to be a resident of Philadelphia or Pennsylvania to vote!
- Share this with your network! You can help us spread the word and gain more votes by sharing our posts on social media and/or sending the above link to your friends, family, and coworkers!
- When you share our post on all your social media accounts, tag us (Facebook: Inn Dwelling; Twitter: @InnDwelling, Instagram: Inn Dwelling)!
- Keep an eye on NBC10! We'll be doing a full interview with them, which is scheduled to air the last week of voting!

**Voting is open now through June 15<sup>th</sup>! Make a difference with us!**

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*Founded in 1981, Inn Dwelling has consistently worked to enable our community members to achieve self-sufficiency and upward mobility. Today, we serve gifted, underprivileged, at-risk Philadelphia youth ages 11 to 18 through our Comprehensive Youth Initiative (CYI), a unique transformative education program that weaves together after-school tutoring, standardized test prep, STREAM skills, community service, leadership development, scholarships, and more with mentoring and advocacy to give our students the best chance at success. We aim to break the cycle of poverty by providing our next generation with the right tools to inspire, thrive, and lead—and ultimately shatter the systems that create the inequity they face for themselves, their family, and their community.*

*The Wawa Foundation is an extension of Wawa's commitment to fulfilling lives every day. The Wawa Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded by Wawa, Inc. to support the company's charitable giving and philanthropic activities – and ultimately to help build happier, stronger communities. The Wawa Foundation focuses its support on organizations committed to health, hunger and everyday heroes through local, regional and national grants. Since its inception in 2014, The Wawa Foundation and Wawa have contributed more than \$50 million to non-profit community organizations.*



# Chair Yoga @ St. Vincent de Paul Church

109 E Price Street  
Phila, PA 19144

DATES:

May: 31

June: 7, 14, 21, 28

July: 5, 12

TIME:

6:15 - 7:15 PM

PLACE:

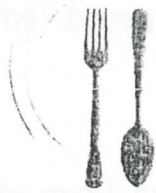
1st Floor of Hospitality Bldg

COST:

\$3/person

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

Taught by Janeen Chavis. Call/text 646.763.7134 w/ any questions



## Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels

### **COULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BENEFIT FROM DAILY HOME DELIVERED MEALS?**

*Who is eligible to receive meals from Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels?*

Any person residing in the following zip codes - 19031, 19038, 19075, 19118, 19119, 19150, 19444, and a portion of 19144.

- A senior (62 or older) - no matter what their physical health
- Any person of any age whose disability makes it difficult to shop for food and prepare meals without assistance.

*What comprises a daily delivery?*

Each daily delivery consists of

- cold lunch – sandwich (choice of bread), salad, fruit, juice or milk, homemade dessert
- hot dinner – soup, dinner (vegetable, starch, protein or pasta/meat), milk or juice, homemade dessert. Soups and entrées are in microwavable containers.

*How much does it cost? How do I pay?*

These 2 meals cost \$9.00/day. One meal costs \$4.50 a day.

Clients are asked to pay a \$90 **fully refundable** deposit at the start of service. This deposit will be applied to your final invoice. If there is no balance at the time you suspend service, the full amount will be refunded to you.

Clients receive invoices during the first week of each month covering payment for all meals received during the prior month. They may give payment directly to volunteers at a future delivery or may mail payment in self-addressed envelope accompanying the invoice. Cash, checks or money orders are acceptable methods of payment. We do not accept credit card payments.

*What if I don't need meals everyday?*

Meals are available for delivery every weekday and you may choose to get delivery on any or all of those days. We do not currently deliver on weekends.

*Do I have to sign up for a specific period of time?*

We ask that you sign up for a minimum of a two-week period. Emergency, shorter-term deliveries will be accommodated.

*What time is the delivery?*

Volunteers will deliver your food between 10 am and Noon on the days you have scheduled.

*What if I'm not home when the meal is delivered?*

If you will not be home at the time of delivery, you may place a small, sealed cooler with an ice pack outside your door and our volunteers will leave your meal in that container. We ask that you put your name on the cooler if you live in an apartment. If it's possible to notify us beforehand, we will be able to advise your volunteer driver that you will not be home.

*What if I go on vacation or am away from home for other reasons?*

You are always able to suspend delivery for any period of time you wish and for any reason. If you provide us with a 24-hour notice, you will not be charged for that day's meals. Simply call our office (215.233.5555) to notify us as to the dates you do not want/need delivery.

*Can I order from a menu?*

While we attempt to accommodate food allergies, we cannot provide for every individual food preference. So, typically there is one lunch item and one dinner item featured each day. Menus rotate over a 2-3 week period. Our menus are planned with popular items in mind so we are confident that clients will always enjoy the meals.

*Do you deliver on holidays? In bad weather?*

If a holiday falls on a weekday, you can expect delivery on that day or the day prior.

We make every attempt to deliver in bad weather but if the Springfield schools are closed, we will likely suspend delivery. However, if we are aware a storm is approaching, we may deliver meals on the day prior to the storm.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call 215.233.5555 or email us at [info@chestnuthillmow.org](mailto:info@chestnuthillmow.org).

#### **Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels Mission Statement**

*Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels is a community based, non profit organization devoted to meeting the daily nutritional needs of any of our neighbors challenged by illness, disability or age. Respecting our clients' desire to live independently, our dedicated corps of caring volunteers home deliver two fresh meals each day, five days a week. Forced isolation is avoided; interpersonal relations between client and volunteer develop and individual freedom is supported.*

1710 Bethlehem Pike  
Flourtown PA 19031

[info@chestnuthillmow.org](mailto:info@chestnuthillmow.org)  
215.233.5555

## St. Vincent Family Dinners



*Saint Vincent and the Poor*, Kurt Welther (Austria, 1957-)

"I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)

Experiencing the presence of the risen Jesus at a meal, Eucharistic or not, is the takeaway message for today. How well do we prepare and enjoy our meals—Eucharistic or not? Fast food service is not the experience we want to bring to our table of fellowship. Slow food is better: planning, shopping, preparing, arranging, gathering with family and friends, telling stories, bonding, looking forward to life together away from the table. Meals, whether religious or social, signify acceptance and commitment. Sharing a meal says, "I want to be more a part of your life, and I want you to be part of mine." That's communion.

Jesus invites us to feed on him, that is, to draw his life into our own. If it is true that we are what we eat, then whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood must in turn become a source of the grace received—a community grounded in love, service, nonviolence, and mutual emancipation. Meals give way to mission. The Eucharist is not complete until we bond with one another, fulfilling the commandment to love one another, one neighbor at a time. *Bon appétit*.

Fr. Richard M. Gula, PSS  
*Give Us this Day* 8.4 (April 2018), 186-187

One neighbor at a time, or maybe four, six, or eight! We want to have dinners together because we really want to become a community of friends. We want to get to know each other better, and the best way to do that is to sit at the table just to enjoy each other's company around good food and conversation. We propose to have dinners where members of the parish sign up for a meal without knowing who their hosts are, or even who the other guests will be, except for one other person if you want to go as a pair. We will start in June, and we hope by the fall everybody will be signing up enthusiastically as hosts or guests. The mechanics of how this will work will be explained next week. Meanwhile, if you are willing to host a blind dinner, please place a card with your name, some possible dates, and how many people you can host, but do it secretly! You will call your mystery guests and give them details. Perhaps ask them to contribute a simple dish, bread, or an appetizer for the meal. Perhaps just bring their appetites and their good will. It is very likely that we will all make new friends, and that our Parish will become stronger, a true people in communion.