

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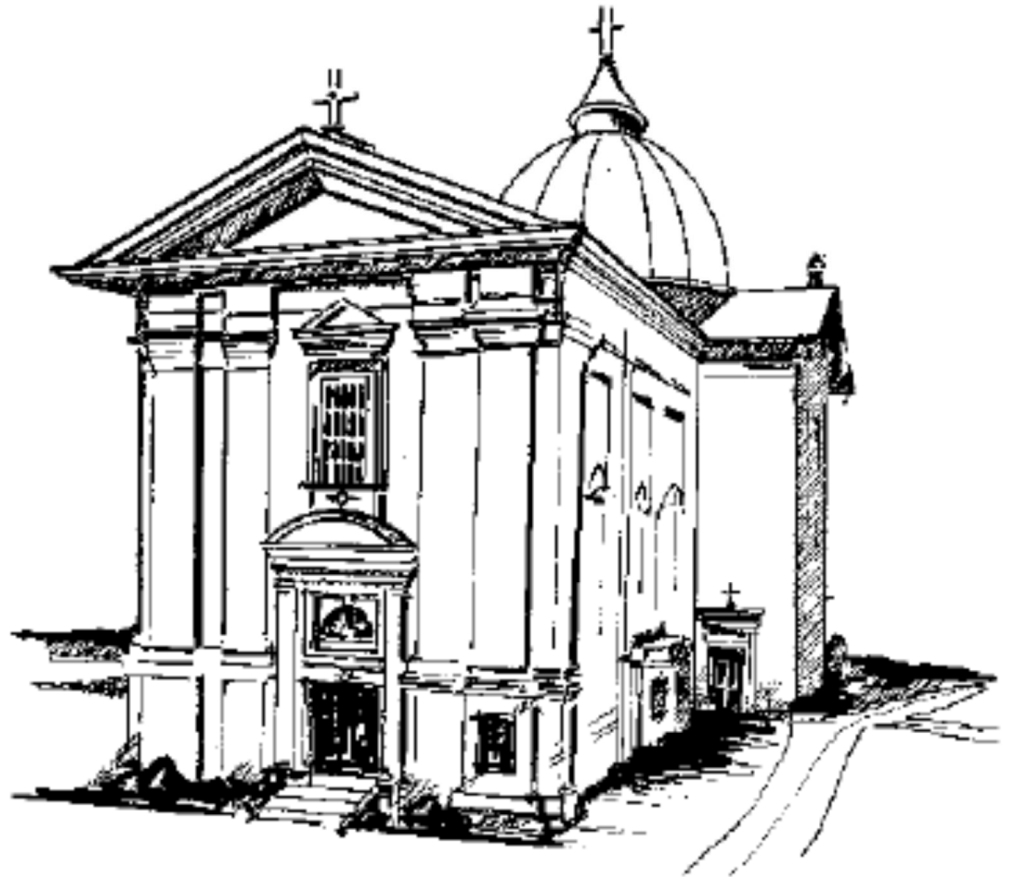
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

June 24, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	06/24 Mary Campellone	9:00 am
	Lynn Lewis	11:00 am
MON	06/25 NO MASS	
TUE	06/26 Marianne Buczek Szucs	7:00 am
WED	06/27 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	06/28 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	06/29 Miraculous medal	7:00 am
SAT	06/30 Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

SUN	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
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, 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.

Friends of St. Vincent's

Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Aron & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Ann Rainsford & Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Vincent Owens, Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Siobhan Barrett, Mary Corini, Alysa Smith, Diane Dugan, Mary Hunter Gibbs, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghest, John Schmitt, Sister Margaret McDevitt, John Michalski, Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Mugan, Claire Wesolowski, Wanda Johnson, Robert Myers, Carol Holloway, Lillian Elliott, Jeanette Ingersoll, Don Larsen, Minerva Ortiz, Karen Johnson, Cathy Schofield, Dara Hefton, Shirley Smith.
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	2,604.25
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	5,854.25
Tithe	292.71

Today's Readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm:	Psalm 139
Second Reading:	Acts 13:22-26
Gospel:	Luke 1:57-66, 80

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Wisdom 1:13-15, 23-24
Psalm:	Psalm 30
Second Reading:	II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel:	Mark 5:21-43

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

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 24-30, 2018

PLEASE NOTE:

Father Sy will be in Africa from July 9th until July 30th to be at the ordination of the two Nigerian priests, who will be coming to St. Vincent. He will meet with them and their families to answer any questions they may have.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES PRESENTATION

"Understanding Pregnancy" is a six week interactive one hour class designed to prepare participants for the wonderful challenges of pregnancy. Dates are: July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 and 10 from 10-11am at Catholic Social Services at 7340 Jackson Street. Participants can earn a free pack of diapers every class and a chance to win a free crib at the end of the 6 week cycle. To register: call Janelle Seymour 215-624-5920.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

POTLUCK WITH AFRICAN COMMUNITY

On Sunday July 1, 1-2:30pm, 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.

POWER

EDUCATION EQUITY: Thank you to over 30 St Vincent's parishioners for joining the hundreds of families, teachers, and clergy who gathered at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on June 20 to press for full and fair state funding for ALL our children's public schools! More details to come, as we follow up, through POWER, with legislators on behalf of our children!

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.

APPEAL FOR HAITI

My name is Jeanna Murat, a member of the Liturgy and Pastoral Council. I am now on a service trip to Haiti for two months to help my community aboard and to learn how I can be a small part in creating a change in Haiti. I will be serving at two non-profit organizations: Na Sonje and the Foundation for Peace & Justice which provide for access and resources for women and children and the local community, especially for restaveks, a modern form of child slavery in Haiti. First, I ask that you pray for me. Two, if your heart calls you to, please provide a contribution to the cause at gf.me/u/i5wkdm. Thank you St. Vincent Family.

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: 6/26, 7/10, 7/17 Time: 6:15-7:15pm, Hospitality Building 1st Floor, \$3 per class.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John.

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 _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

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

Date _____ Envelope Number _____

Electronic Type: New _____ Change _____

Name _____ last _____ first _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

Please debit my checking account per **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:

PETITIONS FOR JUNE 23-24, 2018 – ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Note: At the 11 a.m. Mass, add “Let us pray to the Lord” to the end of each petition.

For clarity of heart and mind that we may identify error and promote truth in our personal and community dealings. For courage like John the Baptist’s . . .

For all who find themselves confronting difficulties, that we may know that God is the God of the impossible. For faith like Elizabeth’s and Zechariah’s . . .

For those recovering from violence, illness, addiction or natural disasters—that God will heal them, give them strength of mind and heart, while they find the assistance they need. For perseverance like Saint Paul’s . . .

For parents and parents-to-be, and all seeking to protect and promote God’s gift of human life, that we apply our talents for the benefit of children and the developmentally disabled. For faithfulness like Abraham’s . . .

For compassionate justice, that immigrant children and their parents seeking asylum be welcomed after a long and grueling journey and that truly just immigration legislation be achieved. For the dignity of all God’s children . . .

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 23RD AND 24TH, 2018

JUNETEENTH (the abbreviation of June 19th): This is the annual celebration that commemorates the day enslaved Africans in Texas received the news, in 1865, that they were free and that the Emancipation proclamation had been signed, two and a half years earlier. In African American communities throughout the country, this day is now celebrated as a day of thanksgiving to God for the blessing of freedom and for the continuing progress of the descendants of the enslaved. Juneteenth is a day that many communities honor with prayer and song, dances, parades, pageants and rodeos and feasting on traditional African American foods. Today, St. Vincent's Catholic community is remembering Juneteenth in our Eucharistic Liturgy, with special prayer and libation pouring, as we proclaim God's gift of freedom and the victory of good over evil. For more info see this website: <http://juneteenth.com/history.htm>.

NOTE FROM BROTHER AL: All of us at Inn Dwelling want to thank all who voted for Inn Dwelling in the Wawa Foundation's Hero Award contest, to win \$50,000. We are grateful for all your support. The results will be publicly announced on July 4th.

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FATHER SY: From July 9th until July 30th, Father Sy will be in Africa at the ordination of the two Nigerian priests, who will be coming to St. Vincent.

BROTHER AL: Brother Al will be on vacation for the month of July.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Over the past 15 years, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) has put into practice a wide range of reforms to protect young people. In fulfilling our duty to protect children, our efforts are comprehensive:

- All people working with children, including volunteers, undergo criminal background checks and child-abuse clearances.
- All AOP clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children complete Safe Environment training programs and Mandatory Reporter training programs. More than 110,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond to, and report abuse since 2003.
- All young people in grades K-12 receive age-appropriate abuse-prevention education.
- All employees and volunteers who have contact with children are required to report suspicions of child abuse.
- AOP Office of Child and Youth Protection staffers develop policies and training programs based on the law, best practices and the AOP's "Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries" to clearly define acceptable and unacceptable conduct. These policies apply to all Archdiocesan clergy, staff, volunteers, parents, and members of parish communities.
- An active "Safe Environment program" is mandated within all of our parishes, schools, and youth programs for compliance audits and disseminating information and resources on child abuse prevention. There are 280 designated "Safe Environment Coordinators" diocese-wide serving parishes, schools and youth ministries.
- We encourage the general public to report *all* suspected child abuse by clergy or anyone associated with an AOP program to the Commonwealth's statewide Childline system (800.932.0313, toll free), to local police, and to the AOP Office of Investigations (888.930.9010, toll free).
- We require that our Office of Investigations (led by a former Philadelphia First Assistant District Attorney) handle allegations of misconduct and that every allegation involving minors be reported to law enforcement, logged, and reviewed to determine whether interim restrictions on ministry or employment are required.
- We refer all allegations against clergy members involving minors -- even those not related to abuse but solely involving violations of the AOP's "Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries" -- to the Archdiocesan Review Board (comprised of medical, former law enforcement, and other professionals in the field of addressing child abuse), which functions as an independent consultative body to the Archbishop.
- We submit to regular audits and the USCCB's annual report process, which allows independent auditors to evaluate the Archdiocese's youth protection efforts and response.

In addition to our efforts at abuse prevention, the Archdiocese also provides significant support for survivors of abuse and their families. This program encourages victims to come forward, no matter when the abuse may have occurred, and provides for independent counseling and other services. The Archdiocese has a permanent commitment to help abuse survivors heal. Relevant information can be found online through our Office for Child and Youth Protection at <https://childyouthprotection.org>, or by calling 1-888-800-8780.

Thank you!
- Najwa Smith

Your kindness
and support is most
appreciated. Make that
is an awe! Ouch!
Chad Leonard

Thanks for
everything!
June 14, 2018
Love

Dear Parish Family:

Miss
Joyline

Thank you for your continued support of
the teachers and staff of DePaul Catholic.
Your generosity throughout this school
year continues to be appreciated by both
the students and staff. Please come see
your "love in action."

Your
unconditional
love and
support is
very appreciated
Love,
Cecilia
Mcken

Thank
you for
thinking
of
us!

Daveed
Bell

Thank you
- Leah Brown

William Markowski

Thank you!
Jennifer Kiers
Thank you
so much. I love
you!

Thank you
- Larissa
Wms

Thank you
- Brian Herring

Thank
you!
Katharina

Thank you
- Jackie & Miguel
Thanks for
your support!

Thank You!
so much
no more
no less
Amy Ferrante

Thank you
for your
support - today
and every day!
- Fatima
Thank you for your support!
- Jessica Belluscio

Thank You
- Marcus
Thank You!
Joelle Herbert

Thank You
- Amanda
Thank You
Mr. Parnish
You're the best!
Victoria White

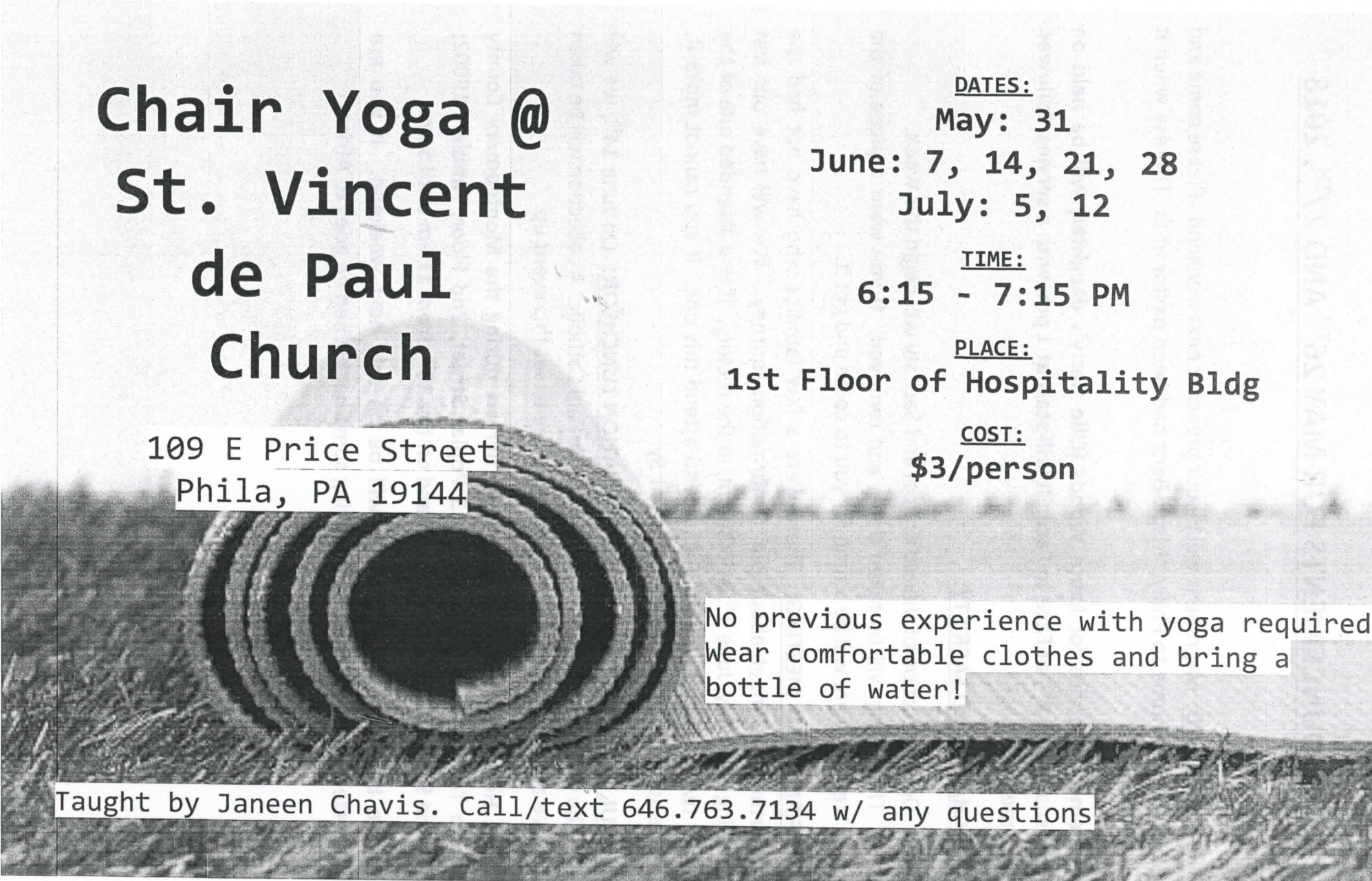
- Gerald Visco

Kathie Flucker

Thank you
for your prayers!
- Kate Metall

Megan

Thank you
for all
you do!
Margarita



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:

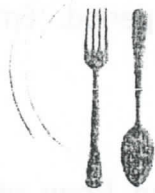
1st Floor of Hospitality Bldg

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 microwaveable 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.

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
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.