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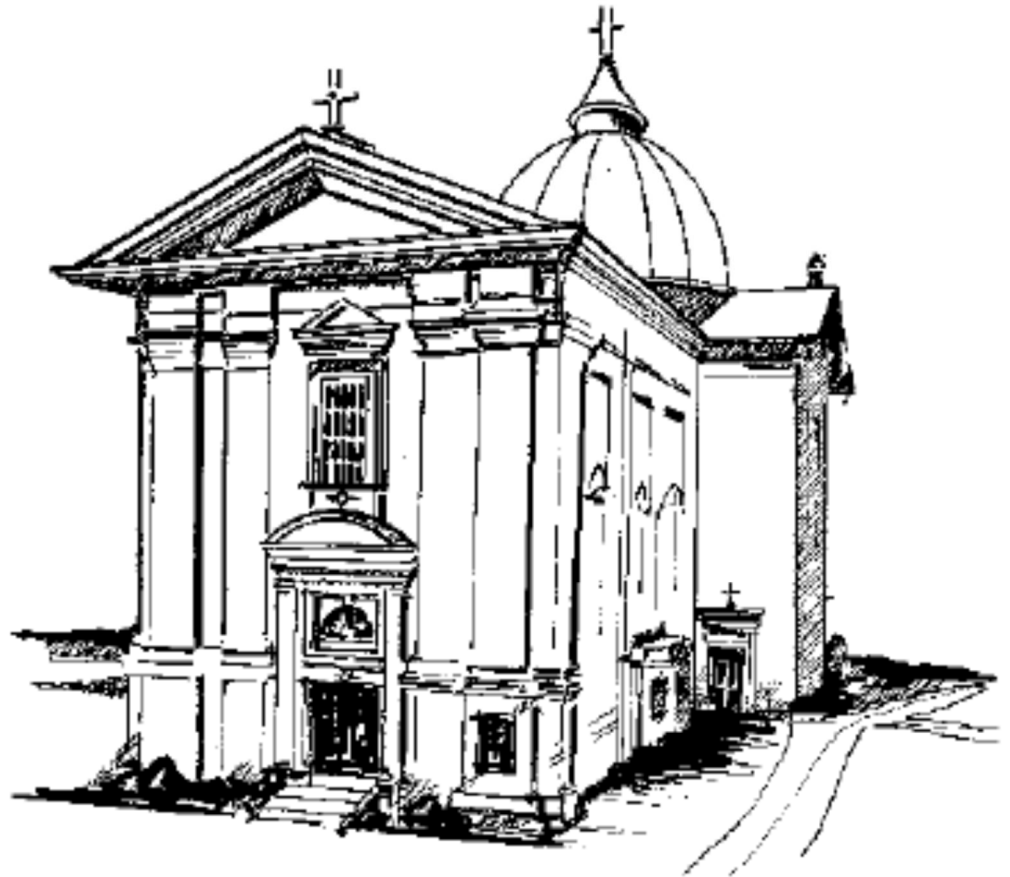
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

August 5, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	08/05	Mary Lee	9:00 am
		Grace Tilley	11:00 am
MON	08/06	NO MASS	
TUE	08/07	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	08/08	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	08/09	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	08/10	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	08/11	Margo's Parents	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

SUN	Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
SAT	Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Anoa Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Mary Ellen Graham, Mary Ann Delaplaine, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen, Estelle Duncan, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Margaret Weber.

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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	3,080.00
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,330.00
Tithe	316.50

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
 Psalm: Psalm 78
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
 Gospel: John 6:24-35

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm: Psalm 34
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 Gospel: John 6:41-51

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 - 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

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 - August 5-11, 2018

CONFIRMATION

We will be having a mandatory retreat to begin the confirmation journey in August. There are two dates for the retreat, **Saturday, August 11, from 11-4 and Friday, August 24 from 5-10**. Please RSVP with which retreat works better for you and with any dietary restrictions by August 5th to Delia Landers dlanders@brynmawr.edu or 215-431-8542.

LECTOR NOTES

If you feel called to proclaim God's Word during Mass, consider becoming a lector! We will have a training in September. Meanwhile, pray on this. And call Mary Laver for more information about what this ministry requires of us. We are especially eager to welcome new parishioners, youth (post-confirmation) and men.

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 continues to needs our healing prayers.

FATHER SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

Information is available in the back of the church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & ROOF PROGRESS

While the roof is being done, they are working on the interior of the church and handicap accessibility. Thanks for all who gave so generously to the capital campaign. If you have not given, but would like to help, please feel free to make a pledge for a year or a onetime donation. See Kevin and Mary Murray or John and Terry Trudeau, for more information. You may notice that there are lots of flakes from the ceiling on the pews and church floor. This flaking is a good sign. It means the roof is working and our church ceiling is drying out, causing the flaking. We will begin the final phase of our roofing project...the dome, apse and back roofs. Actual work on this has begun, and we are hopeful that all will be finished by the end of October.

GOD'S WORK

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

POWER

Wondering how you can "put your faith into action" in the upcoming election season? To push candidates to stand up for policies that support our communities? POWER is launching a non-partisan campaign to get everyone REGISTERED before the Oct 9 deadline, and TO THE POLLS on Nov 6! Whatever your time or skills, you can be a part of our St Vincent's team!

Want to volunteer? Come to the Rectory on **Monday, August 6, 6:30 to 8:00pm** and we'll train you! RSVP first please: Mary Laver (610-324-9388), Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Delia Landers (215-431-8542).

Meanwhile, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Voter Outreach Kick-off: **Sunday, August 26, 3 to 5pm** at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansdale. Watch for sign-ups & carpool options!

POWER continues to push forward with our campaigns to support Economic Dignity (raise the minimum wage!), to end Education inequity, and end Mass Incarceration - but we know that elections are a "make-or-break" chance to get decision-makers to listen to us.

THE NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

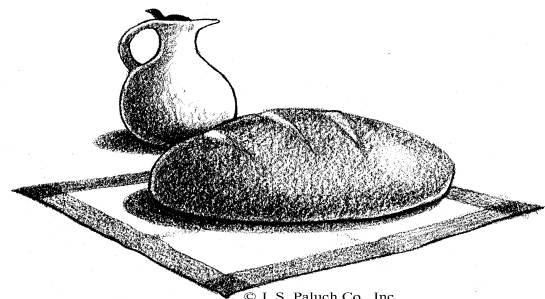
We will meet at Saint Peter's Conference Center (Fifth St and Girard), on **August 5 from 3 to 5 pm**; to discuss actions coming up about PARS (that is the city's agreement with ICE to provide arrest information), driver's license campaign, building a community fund and expanding our accompaniment program. We are analyzing the internal and external workings of the New Sanctuary Movement, in order to do visioning, work on our strategic plan and put new internal policies in place, etc.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

A PLAY ON THE LIFE OF FATHER TOLTON: Tolton: From Slave to Priest, will take place on **Tuesday, September 25** at La Salle University's Dan Rodden Theater, at 7 pm. Admission is \$10. For tickets and more information, call (215) 587-3541.



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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Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

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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
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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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Petitions for August 4 and 5, 2018

1. God of Everlasting Life, like the people of Israel, we sometimes grumble and complain about our struggles. Lead us and teach us to trust in you and to follow the path you put before us. We hunger for the bread from Heaven and ask that we may have eternal life. (Response: We pray to the Lord).
2. God of all Creation, You know that most of the people of the United States are descendants of immigrants. Grant us and our elected leaders an open heart to welcome and assist new immigrants as they start their new lives here with safety, respect and opportunity for a peaceful and productive family life. (Response)
3. God of Mercy, You have witnessed the devastation caused by fire and flood over the centuries. Shower your comfort and love for those living in the Western states being struck by wildfires and give them confidence that they can rebuild their communities and their lives (Response)
4. God, our Teacher and Guide, bestow on those who are in authority today, your wisdom, as they assume the responsibility to reveal the truths of your Divine Word. Move those members of the clergy who have abused their position to true repentance and turn to a life of dedication and service to the people of God. (Response)
5. God, our Father, during this season when families are celebrating reunions and vacations, bless all those travelling to these shores and especially shower upon the Gavin and Campbell families gathered in Philadelphia your special grace of love and support for one another. (Response)
6. God of Compassion, look upon those in the Saint Vincent de Paul community who have lost a dear family member or friend in this past year with love, and grant them comfort and peace as they grieve their loved ones. (Response)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 4TH AND 5TH, 2018

A NOTE FROM FATHER GENE: “My 50th anniversary has ended and I have returned to my two parishes in Baltimore. I thank you for the reunion, your hospitality, well-wishes and happy memories. May the Lord bless you all.”

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 2019 RETREAT: Good news! St. Vincent's is planning a weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, November 8-10, 2019. Those who were able to attend our 2016 retreat in Harvey Cedars remember what wonderful opportunities for faith sharing and community building a parish retreat provides. We will share more news in the coming months; right now, retreat co-chairs Wiley Redding and Christine Eberle are seeking dedicated volunteers to form the Cor Team. (Cor = Heart!) This is a fifteen-month commitment to the planning process, including monthly meetings (generally on Saturdays) and committee work. We are seeking volunteers with passion & skill in the areas of Publicity, Logistics, Art, Hospitality, Program Design and Fundraising. Intrigued? Contact Wiley at wredding21@gmail.com or Christine at christine0707@me.com with your name, phone number, and area(s) of interest. Please note: the Cor Team will kick-off our work together with a half-day retreat on Saturday, September 8 from Noon – 4:00!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN SEVERAL MINISTRIES:

1. **Altar Servers:** Young people please sign up. We will have a practice in early September.
2. **Liturgy Coordinators:** To help set up and make sure all ministers for the Liturgy are in place.
3. **Bereavement Ministry:** We are looking for people to minister to families when someone dies by counseling them and helping them plan the funeral service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Pastoral Council**, Thursday, August 9th, at 7 pm.
- **Liturgy Council**, Monday, August 13th, at 7 pm.
- **Finance Council**, Tuesday, August 14th, at 7 pm.

YOUNG ADULTS: Are you 18-21 and headed off to a trade school or apprenticeship or college? Saint Vincent's wants to send you off with a little something. Please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets by the door (there are two in the back and one by the side door). So we can be sure to have something for you!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB OR CAREER CHANGE: Ascension Press, an Exton-based Catholic media company, has a need for a full-time accounting clerk with AP/AR experience to assist in day-to-day accounting tasks. Excellent organizational and accuracy skills required. Prior experience preferred. Must have Excel experience. Go to https://ascensionpress.com/pages/about_us/careers, to apply or for more information.



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Rally on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 | 4:00pm | Philadelphia, PA

Thousands of union members and faith and community allies will hold a demonstration to call for an end to family separation and detention.

- "Zero-tolerance" immigration policy has ripped children away from their parents and forced them into cages. Caging children and their families who come to the U.S. seeking asylum is cruel and ineffective.
- Over 3,000 immigrant children separated from their families at the border have yet to be reunited with their parents.
- In addition to children taken from their parents in Texas, Arizona, and California, immigrant families are being broken apart in other ways. 273,000 American-born children of Haitians, Africans, and Central Americans with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) will be separated from their families unless Congress acts to stop TPS deportations for expired countries.

In recent months the Philadelphia ICE office has rejected nearly 100% of requests from asylum seekers to be released from detention while their cases are being heard.

- Last year the Philadelphia ICE office arrested more immigrants without criminal convictions than any other ICE region (64% compared to a national average of 38%).
- Aggressive ICE tactics like these also tear apart families. ICE raids in our workplaces and in our communities rip parents from their children.
- Pennsylvania and Texas are the only states with ICE family detention facilities.

This will be the largest labor-led demonstration on immigration in the nation.

- The labor movement is committed to liberty and justice for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or income. All working people have the right to be safe and live with dignity.
- Attacks on immigrant families are part of the broader attack on unions. When one group of workers is attacked, we are all weaker.
- We must fight back by standing together for our families and our rights on the job.

**UNITE
HERE!**

OBITUARIE

Brendan Lafferty, 33, uncle, drummer



Brendan Lafferty

By Bonnie L. Cook
STAFF WRITER

Brendan Lafferty was an uncle. His niece, Alma, and nephew, Pablo, would jump into his arms the instant they saw him, eager for hours of attention.

He was a friend. "I felt like we always had this bond," said Christian Barlow, who met Brendan at St. Joseph's Prep and remained his close friend. "He had that effect on a lot of people."

He was a drummer with a rock band, which his sister Ellen Browning-Lafferty observed was a metaphor for his life. "He could help keep the beat that everyone else could sync up to," she said.

It was not a simple rhythm, but full of syn-copations and complexities. His friends called him the glue that held them together.

"From the time I met him, I felt he was a brother," Barlow said. "You could talk about anything, laugh about anything, and know he wasn't judging me."

Barlow went off to college and medical school. In between, he lived with Brendan for two years. "He always felt like home," Barlow said. "Even when my parents moved away, I'd come back and stay with him."

Brendan Browning Lafferty, 33, a musician, uncle, and steadfast friend, died on the sidewalk Saturday, Aug. 4, outside his South Philadelphia apartment house as he was about to step into an Uber car. He was going to spend the night with his niece and nephew at his mother's home in West Mount Airy.

His family said they believed Brendan died of a heart attack, but the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office said it was too soon to know the cause of death.

"The Medical Examiner's Office has not made a ruling, and it's listed as pending investigation," emailed James Garrow, spokesperson for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, which includes the coroner's office.

Brendan's father, James M. Lafferty, a lawyer for Community Legal Services, also died young. Just 49, he collapsed in 1999 while riding his bike in Chestnut Hill. The cause of death was a heart attack.

Brendan was born in Philadelphia to Jim Lafferty and Sharon Browning. He graduated from St. Joe's Prep in 2003.

He was serious about many things but also the wittiest person in the room, his family said. In 2001, at 16, he joined an 18-person peace delegation to El Salvador from St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Germantown, where his family worshipped. That year the country's currency, known as colóns, had been devalued to practically nothing.

One morning, he woke up covered with tropical bugs that had fallen on him during the night. He jumped up. "I feel like a million colóns," he said.

He was equally quick with a reaction in sad situations, said his sister Kate Browning-Lafferty. "He's the one who always made it bearable with his humor."

The traditional path of college in four years after high school didn't fit Brendan, and after returning to the city from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., he worked his way through the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 2012 with a degree in political science.

"It took a lot of guts to know it was not the right time to stay in college, to get out and find his way," said Steve Oldham, who taught him at St. Joseph's Prep. Oldham would talk about Brendan, anonymously, every year in his ethics class.

"I use him as an example of taking 'the road less traveled,' learning to use his hands in the carpentry trade, playing music with a band, living with other ex-Prepsters, and eventually deciding to return to school with a more mature, empowering vision," Oldham said. "He went back when it was right."

His circle of friends looked upon Brendan as a brother.

"If I had anything momentous happening in my life, anything important I needed to share, he was the first person I'd call," said Matt Duke, who played with Brendan in the Philadelphia rock group Seamus Browning. "I wanted to sit with him and talk with him about everything going on with me," Duke said.

Mostly, his friends and family remembered his gentleness, much like his father, who died when Brendan was 14.

"He had a degree of empathy developed at a young age, some people don't get until later or they never get," said his sister Ellen. "He was so smart. He used his intelligence for good."

Besides his mother, Sharon, sisters Ellen and Kate, niece Alma, and nephew Pablo, he is survived by an extended family.

There will be a wake from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, at the Irish Center at 6815 Emlen St. in Mount Airy, and a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church, 109 E. Price St. in Germantown. Interment is at Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken.

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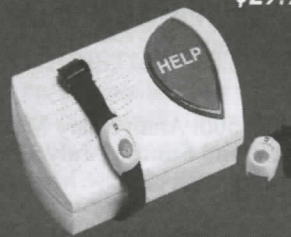
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