

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.

August 12, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	08/12	Mary Partinoble	9:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
MON	08/13	NO MASS	
TUE	08/14	Joan Bretschneider	7:00 am
WED	08/15	Natalina Giannetti	7:00 am
THU	08/16	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	08/17	Dorothy McGoldrick	7:00 am
SAT	08/18	Katherine Lillian Elliott	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

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

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Ansoh 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 Delaplane, 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: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm: Psalm 34
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 34
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

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 12-18, 2018

CONFIRMATION

We will be having a mandatory retreat to begin the confirmation journey on **Friday, August 24 from 5-10**. More information: 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

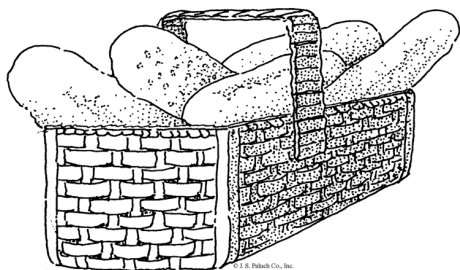
Father Joe continues to needs our healing prayers.

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.



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? Call 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.

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.

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we examine the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51

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:

Prayers of the Faithful
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 11-12, 2018

We pray for the Church that it will be an influential voice for all of life. We pray that legislators and the American people will embrace the pronouncement of Pope Francis to abolish the death penalty.

We pray for the hungry of the world

For children whose growth is stunted by malnutrition,
For adults who cannot provide for themselves and their families,
For the infirm who must rely on the kindness of neighbors and food programs.
May they be fed!

We pray for world leaders that they may boldly advocate for peace, be sensitive to the atrocity that war is, and be open to the ways of non-violence and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

We pray for the world's refugees who are fleeing from repression, violence and natural disasters. May they be treated with dignity and find welcome and refuge.

We pray for the sick, especially those who suffer from chronic conditions and those undergoing challenging procedures. May they find healing and relief from their pain.

We pray for those whose lives have been shaken by tragic accidents and sudden death, especially the family of Sharon Browning. Hold them in your heart and surround them with compassion and peace. Welcome Brendon and all our departed loved ones to eternal life.

Mary Ellen Graham
Peg McFadden

Prayers of the Faithful
Assumption of Mary
August 15, 2018

We pray for the Church, that as followers of Christ we may be open to whatever God presents: to the least expected - to the most extraordinary, trusting in God's infinite love and wisdom.

We pray that the Church in honoring Mary will welcome women and their gifts into the full life of the Church.

We pray for all whose lives and livelihood are threatened by fire and other natural disasters. May they find the strength to rebuild their lives.

We pray for all who put themselves in harm's way as they work to extinguish fires and protect lives and property. May they have the strength to endure the many hardships they face.

We pray for the sick, the discouraged, the doubting. May they find strength, consolation, and healing through the intercession of Mary.

Trusting in God's promises, may our faith be deepened as we celebrate Mary's assumption into everlasting life. May we entrust into God's hands our beloved departed.

Mary Ellen Graham
Peg McFadden

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 11TH AND 12TH, 2018

Brother Al is in Einstein Hospital ICU. He is having difficulty breathing and a blood infection. Please keep him in your prayers. No visitors until he moves to a regular room. Thanks.

Please pray for Sharon Browning and her family. Her son Brendan passed away last Saturday.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary is this Wednesday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass in the church at 7am and 7pm.

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 wlredding21@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:

- **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!

**VINCENTIANS from the EASTERN PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Headquarters at ST. VINCENT SEMINARY IN GERMANTOWN, PA**

**Priests who have worked in our Vicariate of Ganzhou,
Jiangxi Province, China from 1921 to 1952:**

BISHOP JOHN O'SHEA, C.M. (1921 to 1952)

Rev. Thomas BROWNE, C.M.	(1946 to 1951)
Rev. Leon CAHILL, C.M.	(1921 to 1932)
Rev. Arthur COLBY, C.M.	(1946 to 1949)
Rev. James CORBETT, C.M.	(1924 to 1930)
Rev. Robert CRAWFORD, C.M.	(1948 to 1950)
Rev. Thomas CROSSLEY, C.M.	(1921 to 1928)
Rev. James CULBERT, C.M.	(1935 to 1945)
Rev. Lawrence CURTIS, C.M.	(1928 to 1951)
Rev. Eugene DAVIS, C.M.	(1936 to 1950)
Rev. Vincent DOUGHERTY, C.M.	(1925 to 1929)
Rev. George ERBE, C.M.	(1921 to 1934)
Rev. Francis FLAHERTY, C.M.	(1926 to 1939)
Rev. Joseph GATELY, C.M.	(1926 to 1946)
Rev. Frederick, GEHRING, C.M.	(1930 to 1939)
Rev. John HENRY, C.M.	(1946 to 1950)
Rev. Joseph HILL, C.M.	(1946 to 1951)
Rev. Joseph KENNEDY, C.M.	(1934 to 1951)
Rev. Donald KINNEY, C.M.	(1948 to 1951)
Rev. Joseph KONEN, C.M.	(1939 to 1944.)
Rev. John LAWLOR, C.M.	(1944 to 1951.)
Rev. Paul LOEFFLER, C.M.	(1944 to 1951)
Rev. Vincent LOEFFLER, C.M.	(1936 to 1945)
Rev. Daniel MC GILLICUDDY, C.M.	(1921 to 1944)
Rev. William MASON, C.M.	(1936 to 1951)
Rev. William MC CLIMONT, C.M.	(1925 to 1933)
Rev. Frederick MC GUIRE, C.M.	(1930 to 1941.)
Rev. John MC LAUGHLIN, C.M.	(1924 to 1927.)
Rev. Francis MEADE, C.M.	(1921 to 1922)
Rev. Francis MELVIN, C.M.	(1933 to 1944)
Rev. Walter MENIG, C.M.	(1947 to 1951)
Rev. Francis MOEHRINGER, C.M.	(1922 to 1938)
Rev. Paul MOTTEY, C.M.	(1937 to 1949.)
Rev. John MUNDAY, C.M.	(1929 to 1941)
Rev. Edward MURRAY, C.M.	(1935 to 1941)
Rev. Charles O'CONNOR, C.M.	(1934 to 1940.)
Rev. John O'DONNELL, C.M.	(1929 to 1939)
Rev. Barthelemy RANDOLPH, C.M.	(1922 .)
Rev. Francis STAUBLE, C.M.	(1921 to 1943)
Rev. William THOMAS, C.M.	(1948 .)
Rev. Joseph WATSON, C.M.	(1933 to 1934)
Rev. Kenneth WILLIAMS, C.M.	(1931 to 1951-)
Rev. Edward YOUNG, C.M.	(1925 to 1933)

U. S. MALE RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS: CHINA MISSIONARIES

Vincentian Fathers, Eastern Province, St. Vincent Seminary, Germantown, PA
Vincentian Fathers, Western Province, Chicago, IL
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll, NY
Passionists, St. Paul of Cross, Rye Brook, NY
Passionists, Holy Cross Province, Chicago, IL
Columban Fathers, St. Columbans, NE
Province of the Immaculate Conception, Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Rensselaer, NY
Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA
St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo, CA
Province of St. Augustine, Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Pittsburgh, PA
Benedictines, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL
Society of Divine Word, Techny, IL
Dominican Friars, Washington, DC 20017
Jesuits, California Province, Los Gatos, CA
Marianist Community, Dayton, OH 45469,
Franciscans OFM Minor, Holy Name Province, NY, NY
Franciscans OFM Minor, St. John Baptist Province, Cincinnati, OH
Franciscans OFM Minor, Santa Barbara Province, Santa Barbara, CA
Franciscans OFM Minor, Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, MO

U.S. Women Religious Congregations: China Missionaries

Adorers of the Precious Blood of Christ, Ruma Center, Red Bud, IL
Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, PA
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Emmitsburg, MD
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Albany, NY
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louis, MO
Sisters of Charity Mount Saint Joseph, OH
Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ
Dominican Sisters, Columbus, OH
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, North Providence, RI
Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, St. Francis, WI
Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Family, Dubuque, IA
Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield, IL
Sisters of Loretto, Nerinx, KY
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, NY
School Sisters of St. Francis, Milwaukee, WI
Sisters of the Precious Blood, Manchester, NH
Franciscan Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse, WI
Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN
Society of the Sacred Heart, Louis, MO
Sisters of Social Service, Encino, CA
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Cincinnati, OH
Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN.
Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, MN



LIBERTY



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FOR ALL

LABOR UNITED TO FREE THE CHILDREN

*labor & community rally to stop
family separation & detention*

Wednesday 8/15 | 4pm
Penn's Landing, Philadelphia



LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL

LABOR UNITED TO FREE THE CHILDREN

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!**

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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Brendan Browning Lafferty



May 24, 1985-

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*Memorial Service for
Brendan Browning Lafferty
August 11, 2018*

Welcome	Laura Ford
Processional	
Bodhran	Bill Whitman
Eulogy from a Physicist	
-Aaron Freeman	Sean Smith
His Eye is on the Sparrow	
	Justin Hopkins
Piano	Jim Primosch
Reflection	Geoff Browning
I Will Follow You Into The Dark	
-Death Cab for Cutie	Matt Duke

Reflection	Christian Barlow
Interlude	Bill Whitman
	Jim Primosch
Do Not Go Gently Into The Good Night	
-Dylan Thomas	Frank Torrisi
Thoughts	Seán Ferry
Sign of Peace	A Sort of Homecoming
Laudate Dominum	Justin Hopkins
-Mozart	
Reflection	Sharon, Kate and Ellen
Recessional	The Treme Song
- John Boutté	
The Brendan Band includes musicians who have played with Brendan in various bands over the years.	

A Sort of Homecoming

And you know it's time to go
Through the sleet and driving snow
Across the fields of mourning
Light in the distance
And you hunger for the time
Time to heal, desire, time
And your earth moves beneath
Your own dream landscape
Oh, oh, oh
On borderland we run
I'll be there
I'll be there
Tonight
A high road
A high road out from here
The city walls are all come down
The dust, a smoke screen all around
See faces ploughed like fields that
once
Gave no resistance
And we live by the side of the road
On the side of a hill
As the valley explode
Dislocated, suffocated
The land grows weary of its own
Oh come away, oh come away, oh
come away, I say I
Oh come away, come away, oh
come, oh come away, I say I
Oh, oh, oh


On borderland we run
And still we run
We run and don't look back
I'll be there
I'll be there
Tonight
Tonight
I'll be there tonight, I believe
I'll be there so high
I'll be there tonight, tonight
Oh come away, I say, I say oh
Oh come away, I say
The wind will crack in winter time
This bomb-blast lightning waltz
No spoken words, just a scream
Oh
Oh
Tonight we'll build a bridge
Across the sea and land
See the sky, the burning rain
She will die and live again
Tonight
And your heart beats so slow
Through the rain and fallen snow
Across the fields of mourning
Lights in the distance
Oh don't sorrow, no don't weep
For tonight, at last
I am coming home
I am coming home

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*Love is generative; always creating more of itself.
Love is eternal, and expands when someone dies if we
let it. Love heals, fills us, and touches other people.
Please take all the love you have for Brendan, let it
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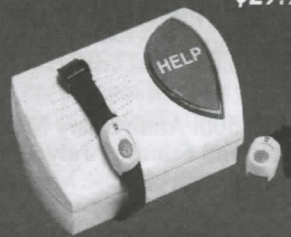
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