

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| SUN | 09/09 | Miraculous Medal | 9:00 am |
| | | Miraculous Medal | 11:00 am |
| MON | 09/10 | NO MASS | |
| TUE | 09/11 | Marianne Buczek Szucs | 7:00 am |
| WB | 09/12 | Miraculous Medal | 7:00 am |
| THU | 09/13 | Bernard J. Bonner | 7:00 am |
| FRI | 09/14 | Joan Bretschneider | 7:00 am |
| SAT | 09/15 | Miraculous Medal | 4:00pm |

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

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| SUN | Twenty Third 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 Delaplane, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen, Estelle Duncan, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Margaret Weber, Evelyn Rogers, Br. Al Smith, Ronald Rigler.

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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.

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| Last Week's Collection | 3,931.01 |
| Electronic | <u>3,250.00.</u> |
| Total | 7,181.01 |
| Tithe | 359.00 |

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm: Psalm 146
Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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 - September 9-15, 2018

LECTOR NOTES

If you feel called to proclaim God's Word during Mass, consider becoming a lector! Call Mary Laver for more information about what this ministry requires of us.

CLOW - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW is returning on **September 16**. We will have a Parent Meeting on September 9 after the 9 and 11am Masses. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

We will journey through the Gospel of Matthew each **Wednesday from 7-8:30pm**. Please join us.

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.

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 Ministers: We are looking for people to minister to families when someone dies by counseling them and helping them plan the funeral service.

LAY/INTERCESSORY OF PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED

A wonderful ministry to assist our community in reflection and prayer at Mass & to fully participate as Leaders in this spiritual experience! PLEASE consider joining this ministry. Contact Joan McGowan (267-879-7664/joaniemc223@comcast.net) if you want to know more!

ST. VINCENT SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are available to all active members who are sending children to Catholic schools (from Kindergarten to 12th).

FATHER JOE, BROTHER AL, AND EVELYN ROGERS

All continue to need our healing prayers.

PAR RECYCLE WORKS

If you have old equipment to donate, please deliver it to PAR RECYCLE WORKS, at 342 East Walnut Lane (267-335-5455). Please do not drop the items off at the church.

"FINDING GOD IN ORDINARY TIME" by Christine Eberle
Parishioner, cantor, and petition-writer Christine Eberle's first book, Finding God in Ordinary Time, is being published on September 17 by Green Writers Press. Come celebrate with a reading and book signing after the vigil Mass on **Saturday, October 6!** Starting at 5:30, Christine will give a brief talk in church, read an excerpt from her book, and answer questions; then we will adjourn to the rectory for wine & cheese, dessert, and book signing. Christine will also sell and sign books at hospitality and following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 7. You can learn more about Finding God in Ordinary Time at christine-marie-eberle.com/book.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY

Sunday, September 23, 2018 - ONE MASS 10 AM.

2018 Recipients of the St. Vincent de Paul Service Awards will be honored. Congratulations: Lynne Horoschak Julie Kring Robin & Jerry Smith.

NOVEMBER 2019 RETREAT

Good news! St. Vincent's is planning a weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, November 8-10, 2019. 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 wlrdding21@gmail.com or Christine at christine0707@me.com with your name, phone number, and area(s) of interest.

PRE-NEED FINAL RESTING PLACE INFORMATION

Looking for a permanent final resting site? Take the stress off your loved ones by securing your final resting place now. Trent Tolbert of Holy Sepulchre Cemeteries will be available after each Mass on **September 15 and 16** with information on "pre-need" arrangements. Questions? Call Robin Smith 215-508-0427

The POWER of Voting!

Please consider joining a growing team of St Vincent's parishioners and members of other local congregations as we reach out in person and by phone to prospective voters to push for VOTER REGISTRATION by the Oct 9 deadline and to show up at the polls on Nov 6! This is a non-partisan campaign, supported by the POWER Interfaith congregations St Vincent's is a member of (www.powerinterfaith.org). How to help?

1- Contact one of the 3 people listed at the end of this notice.

We'll plug you into a training!

2- Save these dates (more dates will be added):

SAT OCT 6: Germantown canvassing day (door-to-door, some at stationary tables)

TUES OCT 9: Deadline to Register

SAT OCT 27: Germantown "Get out the vote" canvassing day

SAT NOV 3: ditto

TUES NOV 6: Election Day

Call Mary Laver (610-324-9388), Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Delia Landers (215-431-8542).

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT BENEFIT: MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

September 29 6pm at Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill. \$50 admission for fun game playing, dessert buffet, chances for gift certificates to local restaurants, theatres, golf courses, etc. Go to myplacegermantown.org to register or fill out form in back of church before September 15.

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, Twenty Third Sunday, Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018 (at 11:00 Liturgy add: Let us pray to the Lord)

Loving God, Who tells us that “with Divine recompense” You come to save us, have mercy on the sinfulness of the abusive priests and Bishops, and give peace and reparations to victims of their misuse of power(let us pray...)

Tender God, who opens the ears of those who can not hear, render Your saving power on leaders of the world that they may hear the cries of their people, especially in the Middle East and the Sudans (let us pray...)

For our ancestors in the belief in One God, may the Jewish people be blessed in their New Year, and may Israel find its way to peaceful accord with the Palestinian people, so justice may reign in the Holy Land. (let us pray...)

As Jesus treated each person with dignity, may we of the St Vincent Faith Community treat each other as God’s beloved and extend that love to all whom we encounter (let us pray...)

May all who are ill, jobless or suffering in any way, and for those who grieve, may they know the ever present compassion of Jesus and his mother (let us pray...)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH AND 9TH, 2018

Evelyn Rogers was transferred to University of Pennsylvania/Presbyterian Hospital and is in the ICU. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Sister Rosemarie Jefferson fell and broke several bones. She is at the University of Pennsylvania/Presbyterian Hospital and is in the ICU. Please keep her in your prayers.

Marian Hood, mother of Maceo Hood, passed away. Her funeral is Thursday, September 13th, at 10 am. The wake will begin at 9:30. Please pray for her and her family.

The Food Pantry will be closed until October 1st.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT AND ST. LOUISE: On Sunday, September 23rd, there will be **ONE MASS**, at 10 am.

THE BIRTHDAY OF MARY: This weekend is the Catholic Church's commemoration of the birthday of Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus. This celebration is ancient. Celebrated in the Eastern Church since at least the 6th century and in our Roman Rite since the 7th century. As a parish, we will honor the birthday of our Blessed Mother by praying the *Magnificat*; her powerful prayer from the gospel of Luke (1:46-55), for justice and an end to all oppression, as she welcomed God's arrival in the most powerful way.

CLOW (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD): CLOW begins Sunday, September 16th. This weekend, there is a parents meeting after the 9 and 11 am Masses.

CALLING ALL SENIORS: It's that time again! The Senior Ministry will resume meeting on Wednesdays, beginning September 12, 2018. For more information or questions, please contact Jerry Smith, at 215-508-0427.

PRE-NEED ARRANGEMENTS: Looking for a permanent resting home? Take the stress off your loved ones, by securing your resting place now? Trent Tolbert, from Holy Sepulcher Cemeteries, will be available after each Mass, on September 15th and 16th, with information on "Pre-Need Arrangements." Stop by and talk with him!

ST. VINCENT SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarships are available to all active members, who are sending children to Catholic schools (from Kindergarten to 12th).

BEN MELAKU, C.M.: Ben, who was part of our Gospel Choir, our Black Lives Matter and POWER, when he was here as a novice, will be ordained a deacon, on Saturday, October 20th, at 10 am, at St. Vincent De Paul Church, in Chicago. Ben asked that I invite everyone. After the Mass, there is a reception. If you plan to go to Chicago that weekend, please call Scott, at (623) 202-2445 or email scottdjakub80@gmail.com.

FINDING GOD IN ORDINARY TIME: Parishioner, cantor, and petition-writer Christine Eberle's first book, *Finding God in Ordinary Time*, is being published on September 17 by Green Writers Press. Come celebrate with a reading and book signing after the vigil Mass on Saturday, October 6! Starting at 5:30, Christine will give a brief talk in church, read an excerpt from her book, and answer questions; then we will adjourn to the rectory for wine & cheese, dessert, and book signing. Christine will also sell and sign books at hospitality and following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 7. You can learn more about *Finding God in Ordinary Time* at christine-marie-eberle.com/book.

CHURCH VAN: We are looking to sell our fifteen passenger van. It's a 2001 Chevrolet Express, with only 35,000 miles on it. Comparable vans with 60,000 to 70,000 miles are selling for \$6000. If anyone is interested, please see Father Sy (price is negotiable). Soon we will put it on the market.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Liturgy, Monday, September 10th, at 7 pm.
- Pastoral Council, September 13th, at 7 pm.

PAR RECYCLE WORKS: If you have old equipment to donate, please deliver it to PAR RECYCLE WORKS, at 342 East Walnut Lane (267-335-5455). Please do not drop the items off at the church.

"Magnificat Anima Mea!"

Luke 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden,

For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm:

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away.

He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy;

As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

I Love This Church

*In the course of a half century,
I have seen more Christian corruption
than you have ever read of.*

*I have tasted it.
I have been reasonably corrupt myself.*

*And yet, I love this church,
this living, pulsing, sinning people of God
with a crucifying passion.*

Why?

*For all the Christian hate,
I experience here a community of love.*

*For all the institutional idiocy,
I find here a tradition of reason.*

*For all the individual repressions,
I breathe here an air of freedom.*

*For all the fear of sex,
I discover here the redemption of my body.*

*In an age so inhuman,
I touch here tears of compassion.*

*In a world so grim and humorless,
I share here rich joy and earthy laughter.*

*In the midst of death,
I hear an incomparable stress on life.*

*For all the apparent absence of God,
I sense here the real presence of Christ.*

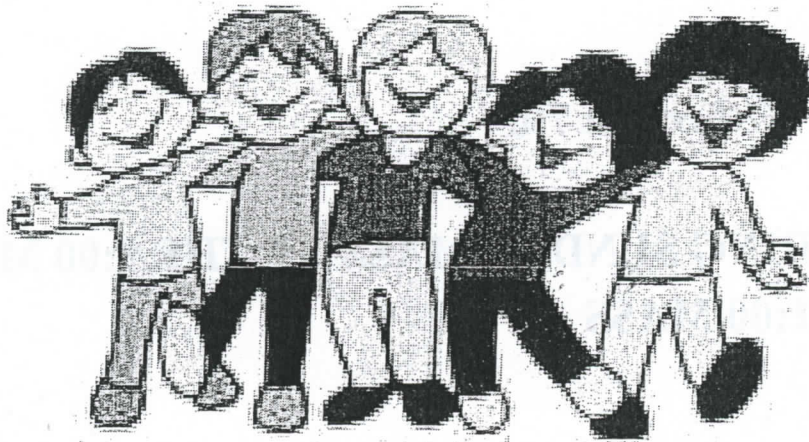
Walter Burghardt, S.J.

CLOW (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD)

WILL BE BACK ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2018

PARENT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



**Co-Directors of Religious Education:
Kevin Gomez & Suzanne Garnett**

WHAT IS CLOW?

CLOW (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD) refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.

MOTTO: LOVE GOD, LOVE YOURSELF, LOVE OTHERS

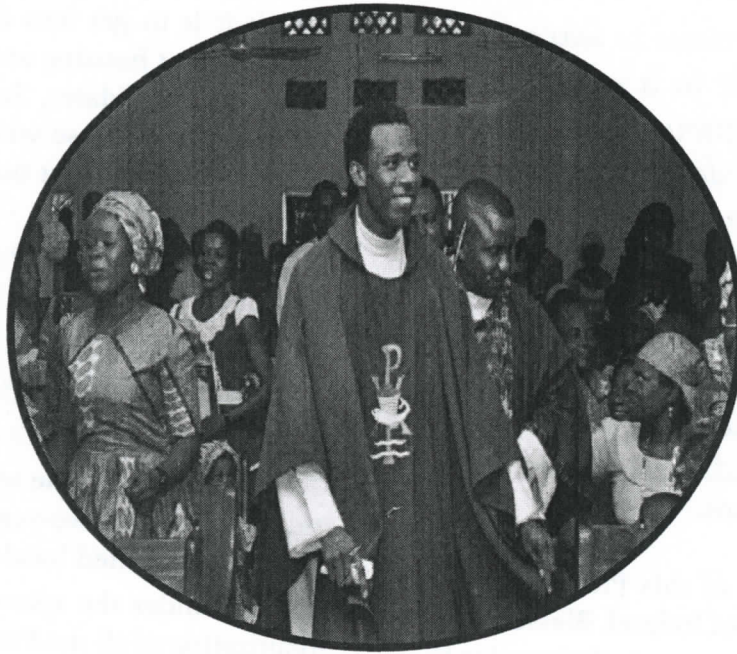
Grades: Pre-K through 7th

WHEN: DURING SUNDAY MASS AT THE 9:00 MASS AND THE 11:00 MASS

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

EMAIL US: DRE@SAINT-VINCENT-CHURCH.ORG

Joseph Ita-Sam, CM



Joseph Ita-Sam, CM had no idea as a teenager that drumming would lead to a life of service. I am sure neither did his parents when he banged on whatever was available. Fast forward... This talented newly ordained priest has just arrived in the United States to serve as a pastoral assistant to Fr. Sy Peterka, CM in St. Vincent's Parish, Philadelphia.

This is the story of a young Nigerian who grew up in Lagos, a city of 15 million (fourth largest city in the world, twice the size of New York City). He is no stranger to large cities. *As a teenager, he sang and drummed in a Gospel band in his local parish St. Benjamin Catholic Church.* His life changed when at 20 he and his companions went to serve in music ministry at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Retreat Center. There he met Vincentians and Daughters of Charity for the first time.

He speaks simply about being part of the monthly all-night adoration at the shrine. He often asked Mary to help him discern if he was called to spend his life serving the poor. (Thank you Mary!) He felt very much at home today with his first experience of the Monday Miraculous Medal Novena.

Already a skilled drummer, he was judged by his peers as one of the best Instrumentalists at the Vincentian Retreat Centre Ojodu, Archdiocese of Lagos. There he experienced the Vincentian Fathers working with the poor. As he describes it, in expressing his God-given talent he fell in love with caring for the poor. The rest is, as they say, history. He was drawn by Vincentian simplicity, joy, and service of the poor.

Over the next 10 years, he absorbed Vincentian spirituality in a variety of formation programs. (Ironically, Fr. Sy had served as our Superior General's Special Advisor developing many of these programs.) *During these years he also earned a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy from Urban University Rome and Bachelors in Art from the University of Uyo. He has completed requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity in Sacred Theology.*

A few months before his ordination in July 2018 he was "shocked and shivering" when his Provincial asked if he was willing to serve in the United States. Shocked, because he had expected to go to Sierra Leone. On behalf of the Eastern Province, Fr. Sy re-

turned to Nigeria exploring the possibility of pastoral assistance. His request of the Provincial was direct and simple. He hoped for someone who was adaptable, zealous and had a deep love for people. Two weeks later the Provincial said he was willing to send Fr. Joseph.

Fr. Joseph's hope is to continue to learn from the people he serves and fit in a new culture. With his loving eyes, infectious laughter and a cheerful smile he will no doubt be a welcome addition to St. Vincent's parish.

A bit of background about this missionary province that has already sent men to 12 countries serving the poor. Among these countries... Chad, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Mozambique, Russia, Solomon Islands, Ukraine, and India. All countries with large impoverished populations.

There are many similarities of this Province today with the storied mission past of Ireland. Blessed with abundant vocations, Ireland sent out missionaries to many countries.

As the Eastern Province has declined in recent decades the Nigerian Province has blossomed. They are now larger than the Eastern Province but with an average age that is half that of the Eastern Province.

The abundance of vocations shows up in the fact how difficult it is to get into the seminary. They do not have sufficient housing and other facilities to accommodate all candidates. So they must turn away the vast majority of those who apply. They are committed to making the best use of their limited facilities.

As mentioned, in 2002 Fr. Sy Peterka of the Eastern Province was named by then Superior General, Greg Gay, to serve as an advisor for formation for Africa. Fr. Sy's thrust was to form the formators and do himself out of a job. In this capacity, he set up month-long programs and established a two-year program leading to certification. He trained local confreres to take over this program under the sponsorship of COVIAM, the organization of all the Provincials of Africa.



Little did he know that ten years later he would be reaping the fruits of this program.

My Place Germantown's **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Annual fundraiser to support the mission of My Place Germantown

*A casual evening of fun, laughter and a chance to show off
how much you know (or don't know!)*

- Who:** You and Your Friends
(Trivia competition will be played in teams of eight. If you don't have enough to fill your table, we'll seat you with others to complete your table. And adults 21+ only, please.)
- What:** An evening of **TRIVIA**, including a dessert buffet. And it's **BYOB!**
- When:** Saturday, September 29, 2018
Doors open at 6:00pm; Trivia begins promptly at 7:00pm
- Where:** **Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill**
8855 Germantown Avenue (directly next to Chestnut Hill Hospital)
Philadelphia PA 19118 — Plenty of complimentary on-site parking
- Price:** \$40pp if paid by September 1 / \$50pp if paid after September 1
Includes trivia competition, soft drinks, dessert buffet and table snacks
- Raffle:** In addition to the trivia game, we'll be raffling off gift certificates/gift cards and more from local restaurants, hotels, theaters, golf courses . . .
Raffle will be open from 6-7pm and during the dessert break
- Payment:** Fill in registration/payment info on the RSVP page and send completed form to My Place Germantown, POBox 12218, Philadelphia PA 19144
Check - Payable to My Place Germantown
Cash
PayPal / Credit Card - Go to www.myplacegermantown.org (Click on Donate)

My Place Germantown is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
All contributions to My Place Germantown are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Send completed form to My Place Germantown
POBox 12218, Philadelphia PA 19144

My Place Germantown's **TRIVIA NIGHT**

September 29, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete:

_____ # of Trivia attendees @ \$40pp (\$50pp after 9/1) = \$ _____

_____ I/We are unable to attend, but would like to donate \$ _____

Payment is made via (check one):

- ☐ Cash (enclosed)
- ☐ Check payable to My Place Germantown (enclosed)
- ☐ PayPal / Credit Card (online)

Trivia competition is played in teams of eight. If you don't have enough to fill your table, we'll seat you with others to complete your table.

Please seat me/us with:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

RSVP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

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Heart Health Screening

Join the Daniel E. Rumph II Foundation and Youth Heart Watch at CHOP!

When: Saturday, September 15th, 2018, from 9am-3pm

Where: Daniel E. Rumph II Rec Center, 100 E. Johnson St, Philadelphia PA, 19144

What: Free Heart Health and Electrocardiogram (ECG) Screening Provided by the Daniel E. Rumph II Foundation in Partnership with Youth Heart Watch at CHOP

Interested sponsors are encouraged to contact us early as space is limited

What causes Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

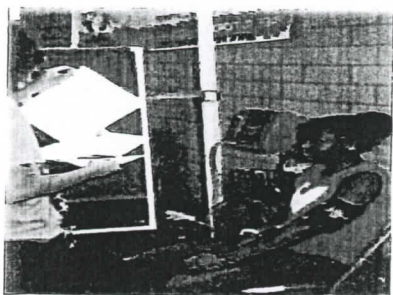
- ♥ Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is caused by an abnormal heart condition that often has not been diagnosed.
- ♥ Over half to three quarters of the time, the condition was not diagnosed prior to the arrest.
- ♥ Half of the time, warning symptoms are present but are ignored.

How common is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- ♥ SCA causes more than 7,000 deaths/year in young people and 350,000/year in adults in the United States.
- ♥ In youth, SCA happens most in 10-19 year old males.
- ♥ SCA causes 75% of all athlete related deaths.
- ♥ Two out of three SCA deaths occur during or after exercise

How can these heart abnormalities be identified?

♥ History/Physical Exam



- ♥ Clinical consultation regarding personal and family health history.

♥ Electrocardiogram (ECG)



- ♥ An ECG is a recording of the heart's electrical activity.

♥ Echocardiogram



- ♥ An ECHO is an ultrasound picture of the way the heart is built and how it functions.



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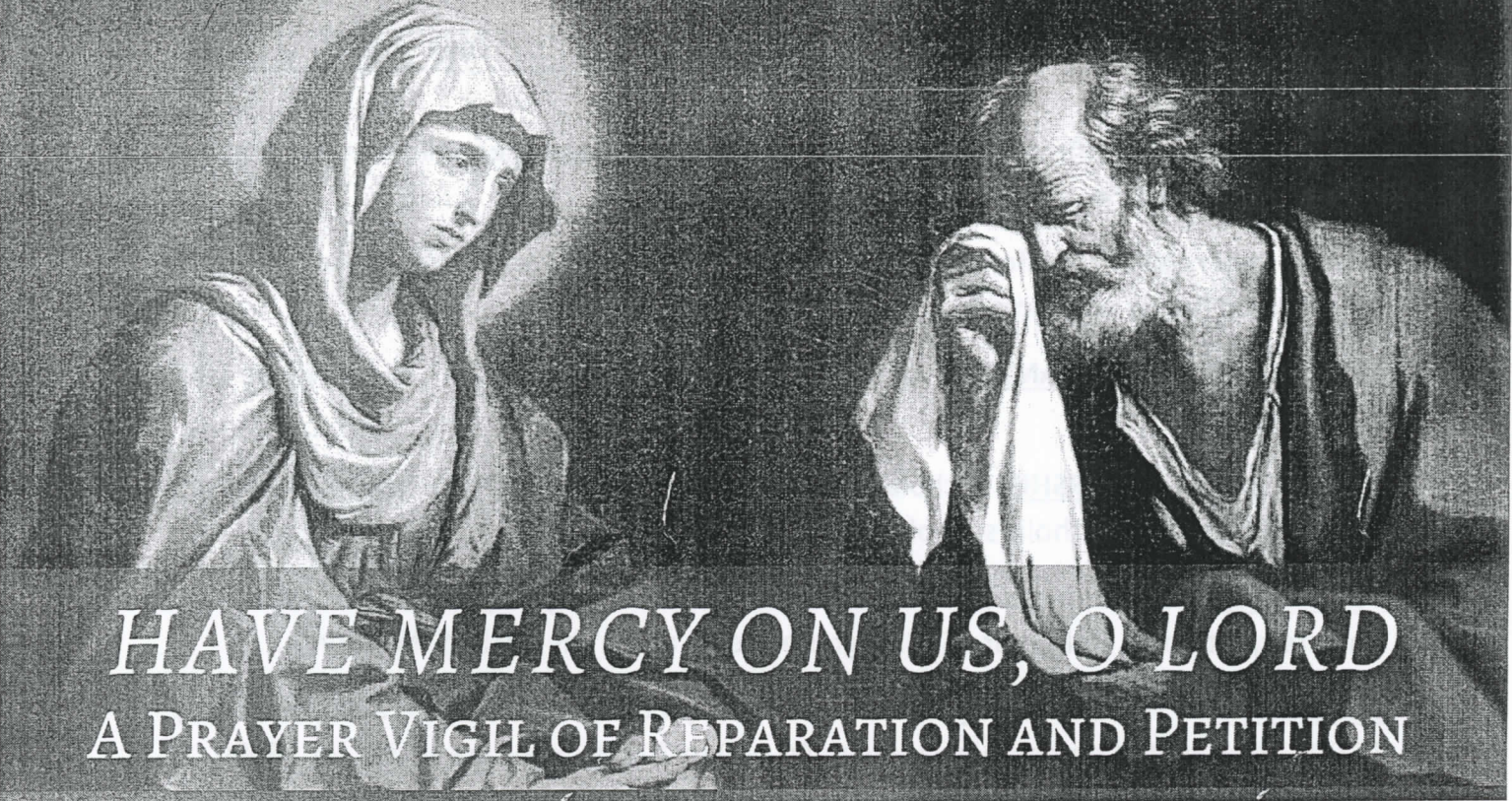
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INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE

CONTACT JERRY SMITH (215-508-0427).



HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD

A PRAYER VIGIL OF REPARATION AND PETITION

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's superabounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long.


IN REPARATION FOR:

All sins of sexual abuse and sexual immorality, especially by members of the Catholic clergy
All sins of cowardice, deception, sloth and self-protection, especially among those in positions of authority in the Church
Our collective indifference to Christ's teachings on human sexuality
All forms of scandal and infidelity, including our own personal sins, through which we have been an obstacle to others finding God

IN PETITION FOR THE GRACES OF:

Healing for the victims of sexual abuse
Purgation of the Church from all evil
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

5 PM TO MIDNIGHT


The doors of the Cathedral will be open to all who wish to come and pray during this period. Everyone is invited to make this a day of fasting.

5 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7 PM - Holy Hour of Reparation

12 AM - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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An open letter from "ChristLife" creator Dave Nodar regarding the present crisis in the Catholic Church.

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is a time of widespread shaking in the Catholic Church. Not of persecution and imprisonment for the faith, as is the case in some nations. Rather, it is the revelations of homosexual activity among clergy, abuse in seminaries and parishes, pedophilia, and sinful cover-ups at the highest levels by some diocesan leadership*. These continuing revelations have left many laity and clergy angry, sorrowful, ashamed, and confused.

What shall we do?

The author of Hebrews exhorts us:

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." **Hebrews 10:23-25***

Here are a few things we can do as we walk through this storm together.

"He who promised is faithful."

First, turn to Jesus.

Cling to the Lord. Treasure Him in your heart. Every member of the Church is called to ongoing repentance and personal surrender to Jesus as Lord. He founded the Church. He continues to give us his Body and Blood. He gives us faithful brothers and sisters to walk with during times of trials. Turn to Jesus.

"Consider how to stir one another up to love and good works."

Second, help one another to stand firm in love and good works.

The Lord wants us to keep doing what we are always called to do—namely growing in loving God and our neighbors. We must continue to be witnesses of God's merciful love in this season of the Church.

One of the ways we do good works is by offering prayers for healing of the abused, and reparation of the sins of those who perpetrated these evils. This week Fr. Erik Arnold's parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, held an evening of Adoration with prayer for the victims of abuse and reparation for the sins of those involved with the abuse. If your church or diocese isn't hosting a public event, you can do this during your own personal holy hour or with your family or small group.

"Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some."

Third, keep going to church and stay rooted in Christian community.

The temptation is to drop out of the race, which we are called to run together. Some will say: "I'll just go it alone, Jesus and me." But we need one another precisely at times like this. The devil always tempts us in times of trial and sin to go off on our own. He wants to divide and isolate us. It's the way a predator animal goes after its prey; like a wolf trying to drive a sheep off by itself for the kill. We need one another.

"Encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
Finally, encourage one another.

Throughout the history of the Church there have been times of severe testing. Even today, brothers and sisters are imprisoned and martyred for their faith in Christ. In times of testing, Christians are reminded of the importance of encouraging one another, of imparting courage to one another. Please don't forget to encourage your priests and bishops who are living godly lives.

The Lord is with us in this time, and we pray that this would be a time of purification, repentance, and reform. May He continue to grant us grace to stay close to Him, to encourage one another, and bring many to know His saving love.

Your brother,
Dave Nodar

who "shares with you in Jesus the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance"
(Revelation 1:8)

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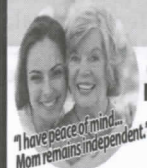
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