

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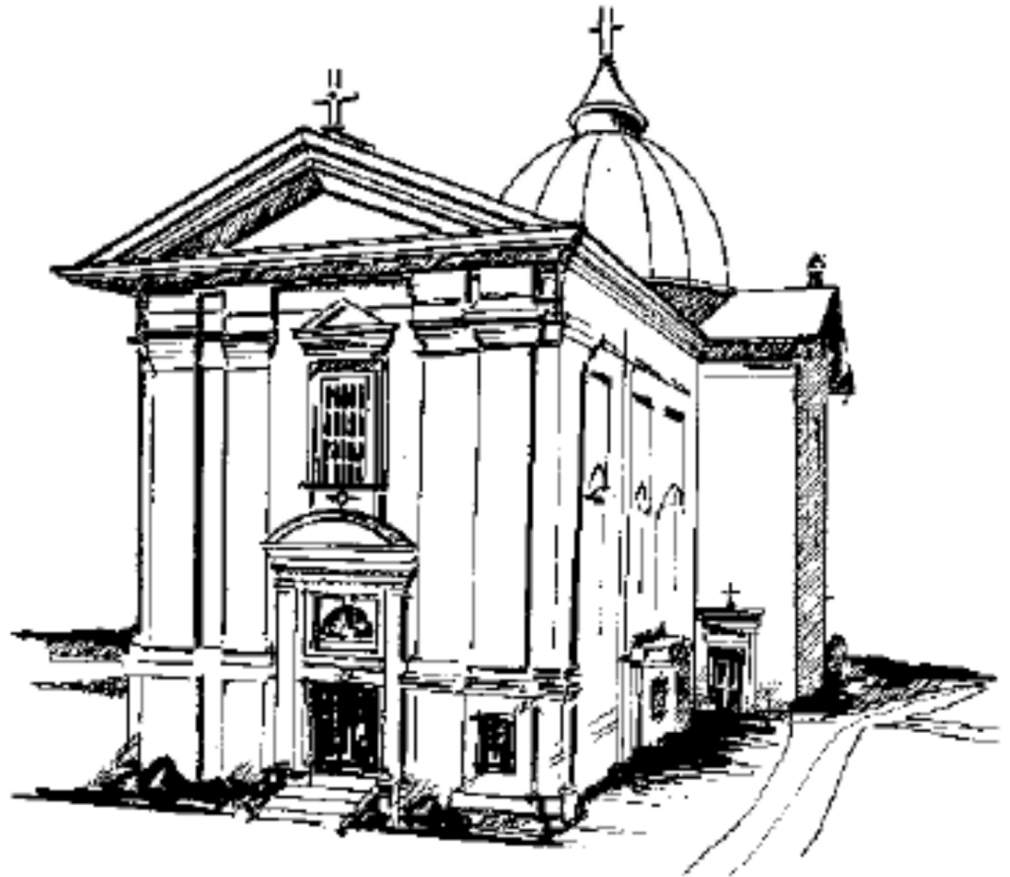
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>09/30</b>	Edwin Stacy	<b>9:00 am</b>
		Miraculous Medal	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>10/01</b>	NO MASS	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>10/02</b>	Frank & Maria Meloni	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WB</b>	<b>10/03</b>	Meloni Family Members	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/04</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/05</b>	John Schmitt	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/06</b>	Miraculous Medal	

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm</b>

**FOR THIS WE PRAY**

**Parishioners**

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, 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, Br. Al Smith, Ronald Rigler, Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson.

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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	3,042.14
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,292.14
Tithe	314.61

**Today's Readings**

First Reading:	Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm:	Psalm 19
Second Reading:	James 5:1-6
Gospel:	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Readings for Next Week**

First Reading:	Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm:	Psalm 128
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel:	Mark 10:2-16

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**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 30-October 6, 2018

### PET BLESSING

**Saturday, October 6** at the 4pm Mass we will have a pet blessing ritual in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your leashed or caged pet and have your pet blessed. The Confirmandi and the community will also collect pet food or cash or checks to support homeless animals. made out to "Cats Bridge to Rescue" or the "Women's Humane Society". Please give monetary donations to Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682 and place pet food in the designated boxes at the entrance to the church. Thanks for your support.

### LECTOR NOTES

Do you feel called to serve our worshiping community as a lector, proclaiming God's Word for all to hear at Mass? If so, consider becoming a lector! We are especially eager to welcome new parishioners and young people. A lector training will be scheduled in November. Contact Mary Laver (610-324-9388).

### CLOW - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please have your children join us during the 9 and 11am Masses.

### 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.

### LAY/INTERCESSORY OF PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED

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

### CALLING ALL SENIORS

It's that time again! The Senior Ministry is meeting on Wednesdays. For more information or questions, call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427.

### 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*, has been published by Green Writers Press. Come celebrate with a reading and book signing after Mass on **Saturday, October 6 at 5:30pm** followed by wine & cheese, dessert, and book signing in the rectory. Christine will also sell and sign books at hospitality and after the 11am Mass **Sunday, October 7**. Learn more at: [christine-marie-eberle.com/book](http://christine-marie-eberle.com/book).

### ANNUAL UNDER THE SAME MOON ARTISAN SALE

Sale is **Saturday, November 3 + Sunday, November 4** after ALL Masses. Proceeds benefit Bendicion de Dios primary school in San Juan Alotenango, Guatemala, & St. Vincent's Capital Campaign.

### HEALING PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

FATHER JOE, BROTHER AL, and SISTER ROSEMARIE.

### 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 [wredding21@gmail.com](mailto:wredding21@gmail.com) or Christine at [christine0707@me.com](mailto:christine0707@me.com) with your name, phone number, and area(s) of interest.

### FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is currently closed but will reopen **October 1**.

### HELP WITH SANCTUARY FOR TWO FAMILIES

3 adults and 6 children are living in the First United Methodist Church of Germantown. The parents are undocumented and were about to be deported. They found a safe place in the church, but it is still a daring and difficult step for them. As Catholic parishioners, we are called to support sanctuary. On **Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm**, we will have a meeting in the hospitality room to learn about what we can do and to offer service.

### The POWER of VOTING!

On **November 6**, Pennsylvanians will vote for governor, a U.S. senator, and other legislators who have a huge impact on our community and our nation. Please don't "sit out" this election! Can you help us do non-partisan voter registration, ahead of the Oct 9 deadline? Do you need to register (or re-register) yourself or a family member? If so, you can register after Mass with a volunteer or at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) where you can also apply for an Absentee ballot if you are housebound or traveling. For more info - or to RSVP as a volunteer - call Mary Laver 610-324-9388 or Terri Burgin 215-651-0100, parish POWER co-chairs.

### Who can register (or re-register)?

U.S. citizens who will be at least 18 years old on Nov 6, 2018  
Anyone who has moved or changed their name since the last time they voted.  
Anyone who has not voted in recent elections (re-register to be sure you're still on the rolls).  
Note: In Pennsylvania, having a prison record for a felony conviction (other than voter fraud) or being on parole does NOT cancel a person's right to register and vote. Spread the word!

**Did you know?** St Vincent's POWER has reached out to other congregations in Germantown to work together to boost local voter participation, starting with this critical midterm election. Shout-outs to 5 who are on board: Polite Temple Baptist Church, Servants of Christ United Methodist Church, St Luke's Episcopal Church, Faith Chapel and Germantown 7th Day Adventist Church. Watch for a community appreciation event after the Nov 6 election.

### SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

On **October 27 and 28**, we will celebrate Solidarity Sunday, praying and working with our LGBTQ family for God's Kingdom. Please invite friends and family to worship with us!





**St. Vincent de Paul Church**  
**Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255**

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

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

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

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

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Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**

**Authorized signature and Date:**

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9/30/18, Prayers of the Faithful

(For 11:00 liturgy add "Let us pray to the Lord)

Just God, guide Pope Francis and church leaders in the work of reparation and repentance for the harm done to children by abuse and cover-up, and help them to choose concern for the members of the Body of Christ over that of the Institution (Let us pray....)

Patient God, help those who are in roles of leadership realize that the works of justice on behalf of people and the environment are not limited only to those in elected office, and help them support all worthy endeavors especially in countries struggling with famine, drought and civil wars (Let us...)

God of all gifts, may we of St Vincent de Paul Faith Community honor the variety of gifts you have bestowed on each of the members, as we continue to overcome the sins of racism, sexism and homophobia in ourselves and the wider communities in which we live and work (Let us.....)

Tender God, this week is blessed with the Feasts of Guardian Angels, St Therese of the Child Jesus and St Francis of Assisi. May we rejoice in the celebration of your angels and saints and seek their intercession in our effort to lead holy lives, pleasing to You (Let us....)

Compassionate God, may all those suffering from any ailment of mind or body turn to you for the comfort you can give, and may those who have died be in Your embrace (Let us....)

Bernadette Marie Cronin-Geller

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Fr. Bindel arrives this Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sister Rosemarie Jefferson is improving and out of ICU, but still at Penn Presbyterian Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

Angela Long's mother passed away a few days ago. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Monday.

**REGARDING SANCTUARY:** Two families (3 adults and 6 children) are living in the First United Methodist Church of Germantown. The parents of the families are undocumented and were about to be deported. They sought a safe place in the church, but it is still a daring and difficult step for them. As Catholic parishioners, we are called not only to support sanctuary but to be sanctuary for one another. On Wednesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., we will have a meeting in the Hospitality Room to learn about what we can do, and to offer service. Next Sunday, there will be an insert with more information. If you can't wait till October 10, let us know. Some needs are urgent. -- *The New Sanctuary Movement Committee of St. Vincent de Paul Church*

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

On **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will be lifting up ***Respect Life Sunday*** to pray for dignity and justice for all life, from conception to natural death. Please invite friends and family to worship with us!

On **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate ***Solidarity Sunday***, praying and working with our LGBTQ family for God's Kin-dom. Please invite friends and family to worship with us!

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

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** The next meeting is this Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm.

**RCIA:** If you want to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic, please sign up in the back of the church. We are starting soon.

**CAREGIVERS:** There is some information on Abington Caregivers in the back of the church.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JOSEPH:** He has all his paperwork done for the Archdiocese and has officially been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent's.

**OFFICIAL WELCOME TO FR. JOSEPH AND BINDEL:** Our African community would like to lead us in a Procession of Thanks for the safe arrival of our two young priests. They will tell us about this African tradition and dates will be set.

**NOTE FROM FR. JOE:**

Dear Friends,

For the next two weeks, I will be staying in the Infirmary at the Seminary trying to gain some weight. Visitors are welcome. If anyone would like to drop by to consult about anything at all, please feel free. My cell number is 215-913-3234.

I have a commitment on Monday afternoon and an appointment for chemotherapy on Tuesday morning. I should be pretty free outside of those times.

I thank you for your continued prayers and assure you of mine for all of you.

Father Joe



## A New Sanctuary in Germantown

What do we understand by *Sanctuary* in the midst of the Trump administration, the most anti-immigrant presidential administration ever? The dictionary gives us *refuge, haven, harbor, shelter, retreat, hideaway, hideout*. True. But Sanctuary is much more. "Sanctus" means simply *holy*. The space where the *Holy* resides is sacred. This is the meaning that we hold onto as we ask the Lord to be with the two families that officially started their lives in Sanctuary in the First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) on Wednesday this past September 5th.

We proclaimed Sanctuary! As if entering a sacramental relationship, the parents of the two families asked the congregation to be received with some of their children in a sacred space, and to be supported in their determination to remain in the United States as a whole, united family. We in turn opened our hearts to each of them.

### The Families

Suyapa Reyes, from the town of Tocoa, near the Caribbean Sea in Honduras, fled violence four years ago. She entered Sanctuary with her daughters Jennifer (13) and Yeimi (7), and her sons Jeison (3) and Josué (9 mos.).

Oneita and Clive Thompson left their island country of Jamaica because of gang violence and have been in this country for fifteen years. They entered Sanctuary with Christine (15) and Timothy (13).

Both families have deportation orders, as they have been denied asylum by immigration authorities.

### The Sanctuary Proclamation

After songs and a statement by FUMCOG's pastor, the immigrant families spoke:

"Whether we are here for two days or two years, we are ready to fight to keep our family together. We cannot understand laws that would take us away from our children. We believe in God and know that we will win," said Oneita and Clive Thompson.

"I will do whatever it takes to keep my children with me and provide a better future for them," said Suyapa Reyes.

At that point everyone entered the temple. FUMCOG's Pastor Bob Coombe reminded everyone that in 1984 this very space had received the family of a Guatemalan labor organizer in Sanctuary, after they fled persecution and war. They all eventually became citizens. He said *Sanctuary* is not a noun, but a *verb*. The community *does* Sanctuary. We together become Sanctuary for each other. We pledge ourselves to each other's security and wellbeing. Moreover, Reverend Coombe stated that the Sanctuary community is Germantown, not only one Methodist congregation.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman, from Tikkun Olam Chavurah, stressed the act of love that is involved in welcoming two families into our own community. She connected this action with the month of Elul and the Jewish High Holidays, when we are invited to enter a new time and leave our old sins and shortcomings in the past. The month of Elul makes a reference, in the very



letters of its name, to a statement from Solomon's Song in the Scriptures: "I am my Beloved and my Beloved is Mine." This absolute surrender opens the human heart to a new time. This is why people throw breadcrumbs to a creek or a lake during the "Days of Awe" or "Days of Repentance": not only to feed the geese, she said, but to represent the casting off of burdens in us. Our proclamation of Sanctuary is like that: entering into a new time in freedom and love.

Mishkan Shalom's Rabbi Shawn Zevit said that to welcome the Thompson and Reyes families fully into our community was precisely the work of this time of the year (High Holidays) among Jewish people of faith. He reflected on the meaning of the words Jew, Israelite and Hebrew. The word "Jew" is derived from "Yehudi," which means not only a member of the tribe of Judah, but also "one who rejects idolatry." To proclaim Sanctuary is to reject the idolatry of bad laws and policies and to sanctify the name of the Holy One above all else. The name "Israel" means "the one who struggles with the Lord." It was given to Jacob, son of Isaac, after he fought with an angel. The people of God were called *Israelites* especially since Exodus, the time when in order to recover their freedom and land, they were forced to traverse the desert and become a wandering people without a home. Just like the people who arrive at the border and hope for a better life in the United States. Finally, the word "Hebrew" comes from "Ivrim," or "the one who crossed over," like Abraham, who followed the Lord's command to leave his father's home and find a new and foreign land where he would make his home.

Reverend Coombe showed the assembly a bundle of twigs tied with string. He said it had been by the altar for a long time. Joel Morales, the first recipient of Sanctuary at this temple, had told the congregation that one twig was easy to break in two, but a bundle was not. After this, everyone was invited to take a twig and place it in a large bowl, where it could be made into a very large bundle.

Rabbi Zevit finds the proximity of the Jewish High Holidays a perfect time for the beginning of a Sanctuary commitment to the two families, to whom he offered a blessing, extended to the whole community. And with this, the Sanctuary was formally begun.

### **What Can Saint Vincent's Do?**

When Rev. Coombe, a friend of our church, declares that this is a Germantown Sanctuary, he means to involve a parish like ours in the care of these families. FUMCOG and the New Sanctuary Movement are looking for support in the form of donations, visits to the families, occasionally driving the children to or from school, and signing a letter asking ICE to stop their deportation. They need us!

We are inviting you to a meeting. Choose the time that suits your schedule. Please come! Please be/do/become Sanctuary with us! The meeting date options are:

- **Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Vincent hospitality room**
- **Sunday, October 14, 2018 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses**

New Sanctuary Committee of Saint Vincent de Paul's Church

\*If you can't wait to respond, give us a call. Call Mary at 215-848-9489 or Gene at 610-360-3496. Tell them you are interested in helping support the families who are in sanctuary.



On Nov 6, we choose a Governor and a U.S. Senator. Whoever wins will make decisions that either help our families, or hurt them. So please:

## **REGISTER by Oct 9 & VOTE on Nov 6**

*Be sure your family & friends do too!*

### **How to register? Two options:**

- 1- Complete a paper form and postmark/ mail it to your County Board of Elections by Oct 9 (addresses are on the form)
  - 2- Register online and press "submit": [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)
- Either way, your voter card should arrive in the mail within 2 weeks

### **Who is eligible?**

All US citizens who will be at least 18 years old by 11/6/18  
People with incarceration records or on parole ARE eligible in PA!

### **Who should RE-register?**

Anyone who moved since they last voted, or who changed their name  
Anyone who has skipped several elections (re-register to be sure you are not taken off the rolls)

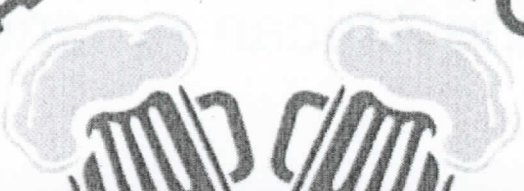
### **Other questions?**

For example: How do I apply for an ABSENTEE BALLOT? How do I confirm the address of my assigned polling place? Check out:

[www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

### **STAY CONNECTED!**

Want to work with other community members year-round to keep elected officials accountable? Contact POWER: [www.powerinterfaith.org](http://www.powerinterfaith.org) 215-232-7697

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

Join us for lawn games, wide selection of beers, pretzels, and traditional German fare.

**Sat. October 13**  
**5pm - 8pm**



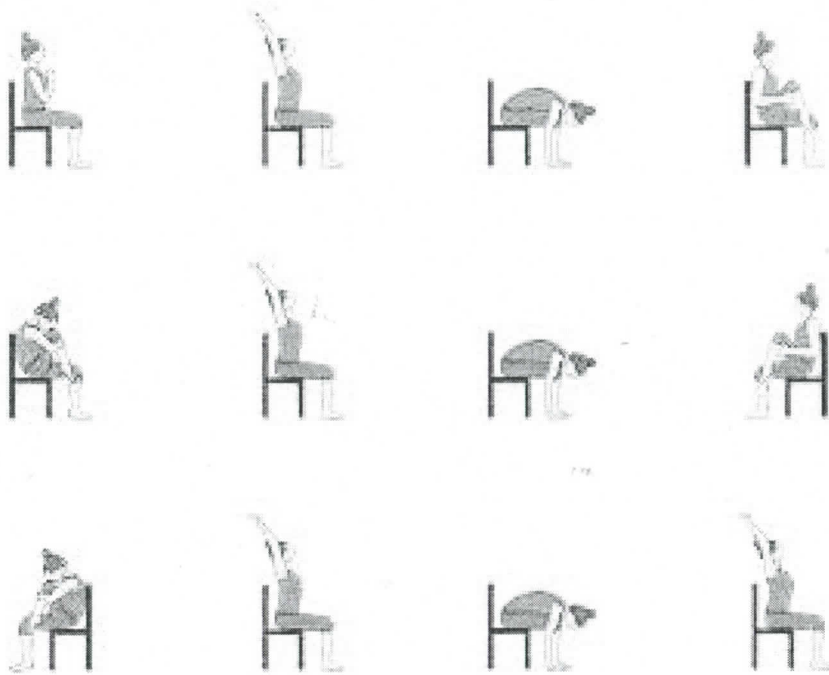
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# Chair Yoga @ St. Vincent de Paul

109 E Price Street  
Phila, PA 19144

## DATES:

September: 27  
October: 11, 25  
November: 15, 29  
December: 13

## TIME:

6:30 - 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



*We are hosting the  
2018 U.S. -El Salvador Sister Cities  
National Gathering on October 5-7*



The weekend begins with a public event:  
**A Historical Memory Exhibition**  
Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
**Face to Face (in the Dining Room)**  
123 East Price Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

This grant-funded exhibition was created by Molly Todd, Professor of History at Montana State University, member of the Board of Sister Cities, and long-time solidarity activist. She brings a wealth of material she has gathered from committees in the Network and repopulated communities in El Salvador. Molly invites us to add to this rich collection. She will have videotaping booths at the exhibit to capture stories and memories from those attending. We are also invited to bring treasured photos, documents, and mementos to share with the project team.

This event will be a great time for the solidarity community of Philadelphia to come together to remember, to celebrate, and to support one another in the continued struggle of the oppressed here, in El Salvador, and in every corner of our beleaguered world.

Please join us and help us be gracious hosts. If you are willing to bring a veggie tray, a plate of cheese and crackers, or a dessert, we will gladly accept your kind offer!



For more information  
contact Joanie Brooks  
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**From our historical memory:**

*November 2000*

*We asked Las Anonas for a list of family members who died in the civil war, made and painted white crosses, and wrote the names of dead on the crosses. We planted the 121 crosses in St. Vincent's church yard for two weeks, and when Alberto Climaco and Vilma Ortiz visited, they marched with us at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia, carrying the crosses with the names of the dead from Las Anonas. Faith and solidarity in action!*



## A Walk Through Las Anonas de Santa Cruz – August 2018

At the southernmost point in the community is the Ramos colony. Adán Ramos stayed with our community for a few weeks in winter of 2013 before going to stay with his aunt in Indianapolis. He returned home two years ago when his father, Porfirio, grew weak from kidney disease. His father is taking homeopathic medicine these days and is doing much better. Adán has settled back home with his partner Cindy and their daughter Genesis.



Carmen's sister, Gloria (in the hat, below) and co-worker are tending to the new cacao orchard. 744 plants grow in the shade of the cashew trees. The first crop is due in May of 2019.



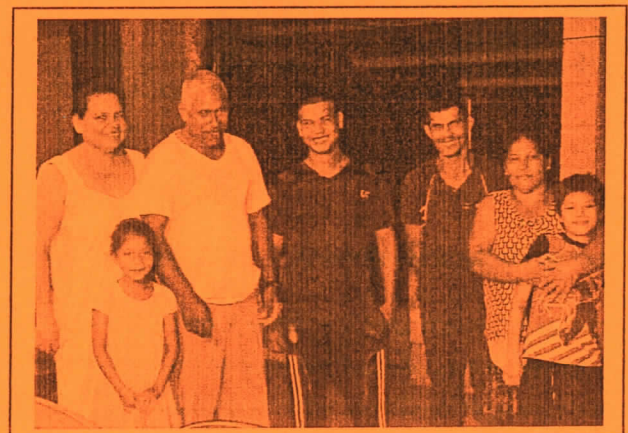
Mari and Luis Alfonso to the right have hosted many from Philadelphia in recent years. They have new neighbors, the family of Reina and Toño, who lived outside of the town but were given a plot of land within the community where they feel safer. Here, though, they only have a stick home with tin roof and no well. Mari called over one morning, "Desayunar?" "Breakfast?" She served her friend a plate and sent her home with sweetbread for everyone. Another morning Reina came with a pile of laundry and used the water, the *pila*, or deep sink, and the clothesline of her kind neighbors. "We will always remember," Alfonso explained, "that this community helped us when we came to them seeking land and a home in 1995. They welcomed us, and we do the same in return." Solidarity forever!



Up the road a little ways was the family of another comrade suffering from kidney disease who did not fare as well. Carmen López Requeño died on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Her health was compromised since giving birth by caesarian section three years ago as her intestines were perforated. Carmen suffered much pain in the last month of her life; neighbors could hear her cries through the night. The community accompanied her and her family throughout this ordeal, arriving at all hours to be with them. Our brothers and sisters joined prayers and tears for Carmen with prayers and tears for Brendan Browning Lafferty, son of Sharon Browning, who had visited Las Anonas in 2002, and who died suddenly on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We grieve in solidarity. At upper left are two of Carmen's five children, Amelia Patricia and Brandon, her mother María Isabel, holding a memorial photo of her daughter, and her grandfather, Don Chepe.



Children arriving for a *convivio*, a gathering of the community.





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FOR READING AT ALL MASSES SEPTEMBER 29/30



Dear friends,

Earlier this month I marked seven years as your archbishop. During that time, our Church has faced and solved some very difficult problems. None of that could have been done without your patience, generosity and support. I'm very grateful to all of you, and to each of our parish communities.

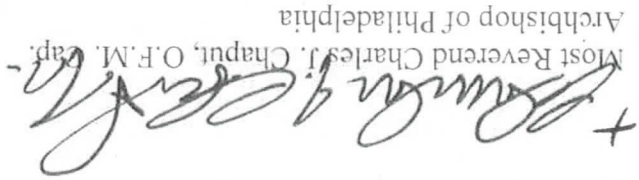
The grand jury report released in August did not involve the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, but it does impact all of us. As I've shared with you previously, any form of retroactive statewide "window" or "reverter" legislation to address the abuse issue in decades past would be unjust to the innocent Catholic laypeople, clergy, and families who make up our community today. It would also be financially disastrous to our ministries, our parishes, and the Archdiocese at large.

However, the bishops of Pennsylvania do understand and deeply regret the suffering of survivors and have committed to *voluntarily* helping abuse victims whose claims are time-barred. I joined with bishops across the Commonwealth on September 21 to release a statement explaining our commitment. That statement can be found on our archdiocesan website. Please do take the time to read it. Obviously, this course of action will require extraordinary Church resources, but it can avoid the bitter litigations and diocesan bankruptcies that will follow any destructive changes in the statute of limitations. The details of such a proposed program are under development. I'll share them fully with you once finalized.

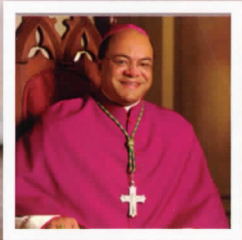
In the meantime, I encourage all our lay faithful and clergy to pray the Prayer of St. Michael in all our parishes and institutions. I have also asked our Office for Divine Worship to develop, again as soon as possible, appropriate weekly intentions for the Liturgy's universal prayer and a monthly schedule of Holy Hours for three purposes: the healing of abuse survivors; in reparation for the sins of sexual abuse; and for the protection of our local Church. The weekly intentions and Holy Hour schedules are now available on the website of our Office for Divine Worship in both Spanish and English.

Finally, I ask you to pray for and support your pastors and each other, and to remember me in your prayers as well, as I do you every day. The coming months will be challenging. We need to ground ourselves in the Lord, the Church and each other; and if we do, there will come a time when today's anger and confusion are behind us.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsored by the  
Office for Black Catholics

Monday, November 5, 2018 | 7:00PM

## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES MASS

- » **Presider:** Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap.
- » **Homilist:** Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux
- » **Location:** Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, November 18, 2018 | 11:00AM

## MASS OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE TOMB OF SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL

- » **Celebrant:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
- » **Location:** Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul



## Save the Date Events

Thursday, December 6, 2018 | 7:00PM

### PANEL DISCUSSION: THE SIN OF RACISM

- Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta
- Ray Boshara, St. Louis Federal Reserve
- » **Location:** St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Vianney Hall

Monday, January 21, 2019 | 6:30PM

### ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

- » **6:30PM: Prelude Music** Philadelphia Black Catholic Gospel Choir
- » **7:00PM: Keynote Address** Bishop Edward Braxton *"The Catholic Church and the Racial Divide in the United States"*
- » **Location:** Saint Joseph University Chapel of St. Joseph 5600 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131



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**N**ovember is National Black Catholic History Month, a time the church in the United States sets aside to recall the rich history of Black Catholicism and the many important contributions that African-Americans have made to our church. Please join us in celebrating Black Catholic History Month by attending these wonderful events sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics.



**Tolton**  
From Slave to Priest



**Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 | 7PM – 9:30PM**

**ST. LUKE'S PRODUCTION PRESENTS  
TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST**

- » **Topic:** Tolton: From Slave to Priest
- » **Cost:** \$10.00
- » **Register Online:** <http://goo.gl/RKFPZi>
- » **Location:**  
La Salle University  
Dan Rodden Theater  
1900 West Olney Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19140

**Saturday, October 27, 2018 | 10AM – 2PM**

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH  
KICK-OFF EVENT**

- » **Topic:** Go Ye Therefore! The Music Making Disciples through the Lens of the African American Tradition.
- » **Presenter:** Kenneth W. Louis
- » **Cost:** \$12.00  
Buffet Lunch at University Cafeteria
- » **Register Online:** <http://goo.gl/H83nJH>
- » **Location:**  
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Chapel of St. Joseph  
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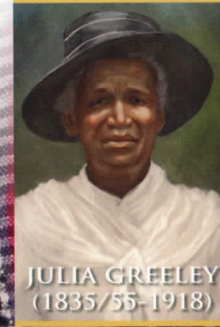
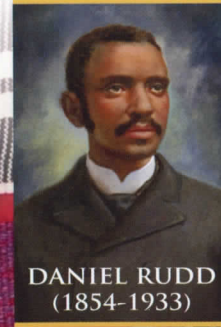
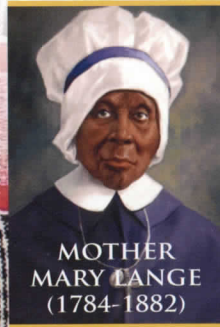
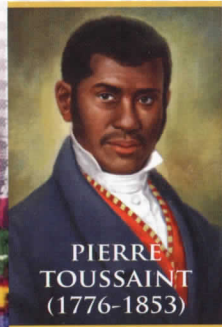
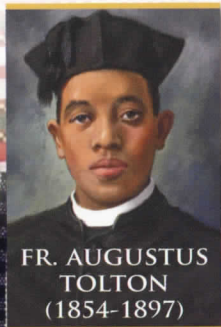
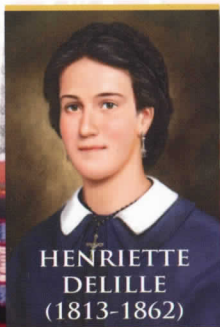
**Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 | 8:15AM - 3:10PM**

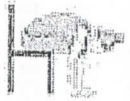
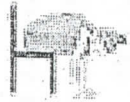
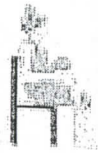
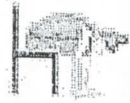
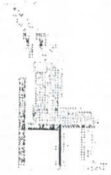
**THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL  
CATECHIST CONVOCATION -  
LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

- » **Topic:** Forming Intentional Black Catholic Missionary Disciples
- » **Presenter:** Therese Wilson Favors
- » **Cost:** Free
- » **Register Online:** <http://goo.gl/qg9yok>
- » **Location:**  
Archbishop Carroll High School  
211 Matson Ford Road  
Radnor, PA 19087

Round trip bus transportation is available for all interested in attending the convocation. The bus will depart the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pastoral Center at 8:00AM. Parking is available at 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**If you would prefer to register for any event by phone please call the Office For Black Catholics at 215-587-3541.**





# Chair Yoga @ St. Vincent de Paul

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## DATES:

September: 27

October: 11, 25

November: 15, 29

December: 13

## TIME:

6:30 - 7:15 PM

## PLACE:

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## COST:

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*Evelyn Rogers*

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

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FAMILY GATHERING: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

MASS: 10:30 AM

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# OBITUARY

*Evelyn Francis Lee Rogers* (Hawthorne) was born on November 24, 1928 in Richmond, Virginia to the late William and Willnette Hawthorne. She went home with The Lord on September 10, 2018 after a brief illness.

Evelyn was educated in the Richmond Public School System, and went on to earn her B.A. in Social Work from Virginia Union University. After graduating, she enlisted in the United States Army in 1951, where she served as a teacher in the WAC (Women's Army Corps) for five years, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class.

After being discharged from the Army, Evelyn moved, here, to Philadelphia, PA where she met Marion Rogers. They were married, and their union produced five children – Mark, Pam, Kevin, Kimberly and Craig, putting all five children through Catholic School. Evelyn later received her Master's Degree, plus 30, in Education from Antioch University: education was something that was very important to her.

Evelyn used all her training throughout her adult life in the service of others. She first served as a social worker, then as a counselor in the Philadelphia School District; and, after retirement, she offered her expertise to Catholic Social Services for a stipend of just \$50 a week.

In her role as the Parish Social Worker at St Vincent's, Evelyn created a successful GED Adult Education program, with volunteer teachers who were eager to assist. She also ran a thrift store and taught a nutrition class. She assisted many people in finding employment by partnering with various companies who contacted her for help.

One of the areas of service that brought her the greatest joy was the Food Cupboard at St. Vincent's. It was there that she, and a team of faithful volunteers, gave daily food assistance to the community and would distribute turkey baskets every Thanksgiving and Christmas for over 40 years! Annually, they were able to give away over 200 turkey baskets! She was so dedicated to this crucial neighborhood service that she was consistently working at the Food Cupboard 3 days a week up until her illness earlier this month. Evelyn also organized a network where local schools adopted families in need to receive gifts of clothing and toys every Christmas. She received food donations and financial support of several prominent organizations in the city of Philadelphia.

Evelyn enjoyed traveling the world, reading, teaching, and spending time with family and friends. She also adored her church and sharing her love of Christ. She and her husband were President and Vice President of the Home & School Association of St. Vincent's Hospitality Committee and made sure she was always present in school-related activities. Evelyn faithfully attended St. Vincent's services every Sunday throughout her life. She often counseled the community and was a long-time Eucharistic Minister. She was a member of St. Vincent's African-American History Group and had the special honor of being an Affiliate of the Congregation The Mission (Vincentians) because of her community service to the poor. She was also the recipient of the Aid Friends Rita Ungaro-Schiavone Award, given for Extraordinary Volunteer Service and Long Term Commitment to the Isolated, Frail, Elderly & Disabled Home Bound. And she was honored to receive an Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul II.

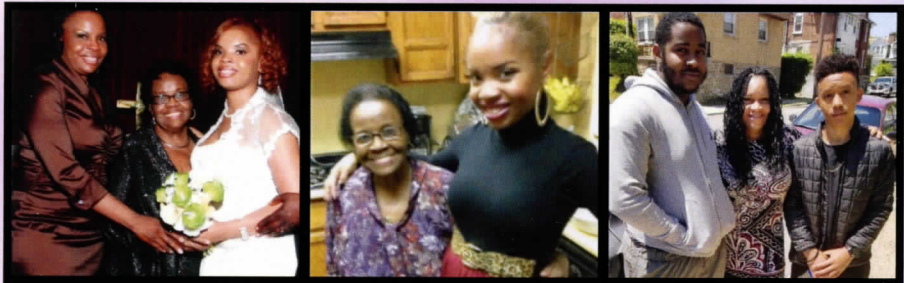
Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Marion, son Mark, daughter Pamela, nephew Lynn Johnson, and brothers, Thomas Johnson and Nelson Johnson. After the passing of her beloved husband, Marion, she continued to face life with determination, strength, bravery and compassion. She continued to be a wonderful motivator, provider and nurturer to her family as well as model servant to her community and church.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter Kimberly, her sons Kevin and Craig (Ruthlande). Her grandchildren Sheena, Shanae (Scott), Markie, Erika, Gregory, Marquan, Alana and Julian. She was also blessed with five great-grandchildren, Craig, Jordyn, Joshua, Zion, and Jolie. Other beloved family members include her niece Barbara Ann, nephews, Nelson Jr. and Stanley, great nieces Deirdre, Denise and Dana, great nephew Daryl and a one adopted son Maurice.











# MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Opening Hymn - "I Have Loved You".....Father Tim

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31.....Chris Leonard

Response Psalm.....Psalm 27 (sung)

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7.....Maria Montiero

Gospel.....Luke 8:4-8 Parable of the Sower

Homily.....Father Sy Peterka, CM.

Intercession.....Dot Winters

Preparation and Presentation of the Gifts.....The Family

Song - "Going Up Yonder".....Erika Alston, grand-daughter

The Lord's Prayer.....Laura Hall

Communion Songs....."Bread of Life" and "Be Not Afraid"

Song of Meditation - "Ave Maria".....Reverend Robyn Booker

Final Commendation.....This is the Day in New Jerusalem

Recessional Hymn....."O Happy Day"

## INTERMENT

Holy Sepulcher Cemetery  
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## REPAST

Second Baptist Church of Germantown  
6459 Germantown Avenue  
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## ST. EVELYN HEAR MY PRAYER

St. Evelyn the Saint of Victory, Generosity, and Bravery

I come to you with humility and grace

I am aware that you have God's ear

Jesus knows your face St. Evelyn pray for me

I was born into the flesh of a sinner

Blessed is the month of November

Blessed is the month of September

The Lord is with you

Amen.

Love, Markie

## BE NOBLE

Whoever you are, be noble

Whatever you do, do well

Whenever you speak, speak kindly

Give joy wherever you dwell

## LEGACY OF LOVE

A wife, a mother, a grandma too, this is the Legacy we have from you. You taught us love and how to fight, you gave us strength, you gave us might. A stronger person would be hard to find, and in your heart, you were always kind. You fought for us all in one way or another, not just as a wife not just as a mother. For all of us you gave your best, now the time has come for you to rest. So go in peace, you've earned your sleep, your love in our hearts, we are eternally keep.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Evelyn F. Rogers wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation to the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers, and other expressions of kindness and concern. Please know that each of you have been a source of strength and consolation. Thank you and may God bless and keep you in His tender loving care.



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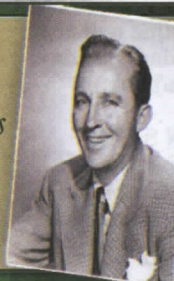


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