

# 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  
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org*

## Parish Staff

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Pastor, Ext. #218

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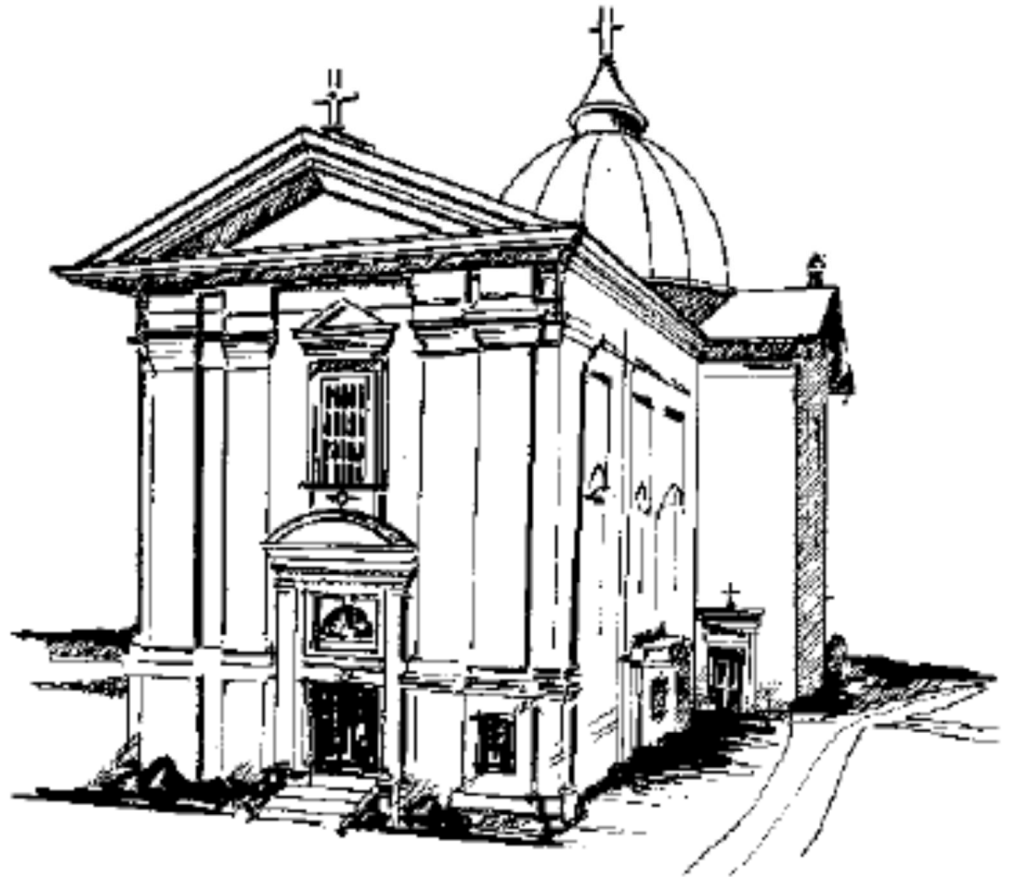
♦ **Suzanne Garnett**

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♦ **Katie Crump**

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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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| <b>SUN</b> | <b>10/07</b> | Evelyn Rogers<br>Ernest Butler | <b>9:00 am</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> |
| <b>MON</b> | <b>10/08</b> | NO MASS                        |                                   |
| <b>TUE</b> | <b>10/09</b> | Miraculous Medal               | <b>7:00 am</b>                    |
| <b>WB</b>  | <b>10/10</b> | Miraculous Medal               | <b>7:00 am</b>                    |
| <b>THU</b> | <b>10/11</b> | Marianne Buszek Szucs          | <b>7:00 am</b>                    |
| <b>FRI</b> | <b>10/12</b> | Miraculous Medal               | <b>7:00 am</b>                    |
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>10/13</b> | Miraculous Medal               | <b>4:00pm</b>                     |

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

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| <b>SUN</b> | <b>Twenty Seventh 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, Anoaah 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, Nan Wade, Ernest Butler.

**Friends of St. Vincent's**

Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Arone & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Ann Rainsford & Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Vincent Owens, Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Siobhan Barrett, Mary Corini, Alysia Smith, Diane Dugan, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghast, Sister Margaret McDevitt, John Michalski, Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Muga, Claire Wesolowski, Wanda Johnson, Robert Myers, Carol Holloway, Lillian Elliott, Jeanette Ingersoll, Minerva Ortiz, Cathy Schofield, Dara Hefton, Shirley Smith, Christopher Mills, Johanna Moreno, Richard Piedra, Minerva Ortiz, Mattie Robinson, Mike Hlywski, Jack Weinberg, Titilope Oluwo, Theresa Kelley, Sandra Friday. *Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.*

**PASTORAL CARE**

We bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly due to sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory.

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Last Week's Collection | 3,867.16  |
| Electronic             | 3,250.00. |
| Total                  | 7,117.16  |
| Tithe                  | 355.85    |

***Today's Readings***

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

***Readings for Next Week***

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Reading:  | Wisdom 7:7-11   |
| Psalm:          | Psalm 90        |
| Second Reading: | Hebrews 4:12-13 |
| Gospel:         | Mark 10:17-30   |

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| Monday:    | Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37 |
| Tuesday:   | Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42   |
| Wednesday: | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4      |
| Thursday:  | Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13              |
| Friday:    | Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26           |
| Saturday:  | Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28           |

**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 - October 7-13, 2018

### LECTOR NOTES

Do you feel called to serve our worshipping 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!

### "AT HOME WITH THE WORD"

Reserve your LECTOR WORKBOOK (\$12.00) and/or AT HOME WITH THE WORD (\$9.00) by emailing Joan McGowan (joaniemc223@comcast.net) - indicate # & specific book(s) you would like to reserve & your phone #. Pick-Up weekend of October 27-28 (cash or check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Parish).

### 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.

**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.

### SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

On **October 27 and 28**, 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!

### FACE TO FACE OKTOBERFEST

Join us for games, beer, pretzels and German fare and help the Face to Face mission! **Saturday, October 13 5 to 8pm** Upper level gymnasium. Get tickets at [www.facetofacegermantown.org](http://www.facetofacegermantown.org).

### 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.

### 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 Nov 6, Pennsylvanians will vote for governor, a U.S. senator, and other legislators who have a huge impact on our community and our nation. The deadline to register is TUES OCT 9. Tell your friends and relatives! Fill out a paper form with a parish POWER volunteer after Mass this weekend, or go online: [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) If you know someone who can't get to the polling place in person on Nov 6, Absentee Ballot application forms are available in the back of church.

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 or 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!

Volunteers needed! Participate in phone banks in the rectory or neighborhood canvassing, to remind voters about the election, and help them find their assigned polling place. Can you help on Sat and Sun Oct 20-21, Oct 27-28, and ESPECIALLY Nov 3-4, just days before the election? If so, please Contact Mary Laver (610-324-9388) or Terri Burgin (215-651-0100). 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. We will host a community appreciation event for them and for our voter outreach volunteers on Thurs Nov 15 — watch for details!

### MY PLACE GERMANTOWN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Trivia Night, and to those who were unable to join us, but provided a donation. It was a successful and fun evening, and we sincerely thank you for your support.

**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](mailto:business@saint-vincent-church.org).

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Electronic Type: New \_\_\_ Change \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**General Intercessions**  
**October 6-7, 2018 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*11:00 Mass – Add “We pray to the Lord.”*

Almighty God, strengthen Pope Francis in the work you have called him to do.  
In the spirit of *Saint* Francis, whose name he took as his own,  
may our Pope rebuild your church into a holy place where all are welcome.

God of all creation, bless and protect every living creature,  
especially the beloved pets brought to church this weekend.  
Teach us to be good stewards of all that You have made.

Loving God, you created all people in your image and likeness.  
Heal the wounds that sexism and the abuse of power  
have created between men and women. Bring us to fullness of life.

God of every nation, be with all migrants and refugees,  
especially the families who have sought sanctuary here in Germantown.  
May all who seek a new home find an open door.

*If there's a baptism:*

God of new beginnings,  
pour out your blessings on \_\_\_\_\_,  
the newest member of our parish family.  
May the grace of baptism flower into a life of faith, hope, and love.

God of endless mercy,  
welcome into your arms all those who have died,  
and comfort those who feel their loss most keenly.

Christine Eberle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**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*

**WELCOME SISTER MARY ANN HENAGAN, MBST:** Sister Mary Ann, from Sister Rosemarie's community, is volunteering at St. Vincent's. She is interested in taking Holy Communion to the sick and home bound, but does not have transportation. If anyone is interested in driving her to homes, once or twice a month, probably on a Wednesday or a Friday, please call the rectory, at 215-438-2925.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Bereavement Committee**, Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

**Pastoral Council**, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

### **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!

**SOULFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Philadelphia Black Catholic Mass Choir is participating in the Soulful Christmas Concert, sponsored by the Kimmel Center, on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Purchase tickets at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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

**PARENTING CLASSES:** Every Friday, from 11 am to 1 pm, for twelve weeks, starting October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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.

**FATHER JOE:** If anyone would like to contact Fr. Joe, please call 215-913-3234.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have completed the second year of our three year Capital Campaign. Our initial goal was \$750,000, and \$770,000 was pledged by all of you. To date, \$550,000 has been received, with approximately \$220,000 to be received during this next year. \$75,000 of this \$220,000 will be coming from the Congregation of the Mission's pledge.

The nave roof is now completely finished, and work has begun on the barrel and dome, as well as the ancillary lower roofs. A new bathroom is now in use and our powder room has been refurbished. The handicapped accessible entranceway is currently under construction along with the necessary renovation of the sacristy area. All of this work will hopefully be completed before this Christmas. The next project to be undertaken will be the refurbishment of the church floor, along with the altar and choir risers.

This Capital Campaign did not include any funding for the restoration of the church interior. A committee is working on grant proposals to Sacred Places, a not for profit group dedicated to finding funds for the restoration of sacred buildings of any denomination. This group is also making application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thru our local Representative, Steven Kinsey. The Commonwealth has earmarked funds for the use of community groups such as our church to receive funding for capital improvements. It is a very competitive arena, but we are optimistic and hopeful.

We would like to encourage everyone to complete their pledge by the fall of 2019. Our participation rate in this campaign sits at about 50%. We would appreciate those new members of our church and others who have not pledged to prayerfully consider doing something; whether it is a pledge commitment, or perhaps a one-time donation, earmarked for the Capital Campaign. Please see any of us to complete some minimal paperwork. Remember, a pledge is just that, -- a pledge. There is no legal bind to a pledge. We thank everyone here at St. Vincent's for their sacrifice and generosity.

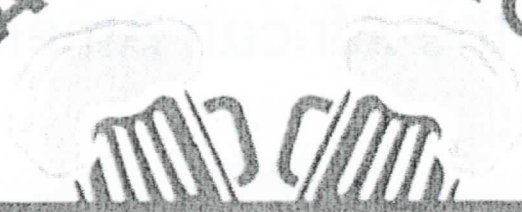
Sincerely,

Mary & Kevin Murray,

Terry & John Trudeau,

Co-chairs, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



FACE TO FACE  
  
OKTOBERFEST

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

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



Face to Face  
Community. Community. Community.

123 East Price St, Philadelphia, PA

Beer



Food



Music



Games

**Tickets:** [www.FaceToFaceGermantown.org](http://www.FaceToFaceGermantown.org)

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT FACE TO FACE



MASS IN HONOR OF

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES



**PRESIDER & HOMILIST**

**Bishop Shelton Fabre**

Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux



**NOVEMBER 5TH | 7:00 P.M.**

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

**ADDRESS: 18TH STREET &  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY**





**Dear Saint Vincent's Community ,**

**As one who's light is such a reflection of Gods word, We are extending this Invitation to you.**

**Please Join us in the following Christ Series and the Evangelization.**

**The following Christ Series is now twice weekly Tuesday at 7PM -to- 8:30 PM or Saturday From 10:30AM -to- 12:00 Noon the Evangelization is on Saturdays From 10:00 AM -to -10:30 AM.**

**Bring a friend, Family member, or someone from Church.**

**We Look forward to seeing You.**

**The Following Christ Series Consist of :**

**Discovering Christ -**

**Following Christ -**

**Sharing Christ-**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE RECTORY !!**

**Sincerely,**

**The Evangelization And Following Christ Ministry -**

## **Mental Health First Aid Course**

A **Mental Health First Aid course** will be held at St. Vincent's Parish.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a public education program that teaches the skills needed to identify, understand and respond to signs of behavioral health challenges or crises. First aid is given until appropriate supports are received.

The Adult Mental Health First Aid course is appropriate for anyone over 18 years and older who wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem.

Topics include anxiety, depression, psychosis and addictions. Participants who complete the course receive a 3 year certification.

This course is offered free of charge by the City of Philadelphia and both sessions must be attended.

**Where:** The Hospitality Center

**When:** Saturdays November 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>. From 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**You must attend both sessions to be certified.**

**Sign up forms are in the back of the Church**

For questions call Barbara Carey 215-438-2652



## 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!

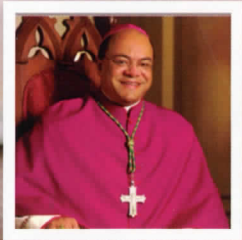
We are inviting you to a meeting. Choose the time that suits your schedule. Please come! Please be/do/become Sanctuary with us! The meeting date options are:

- **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.





# 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:**  
Saint Joseph University  
Chapel of St. Joseph  
5600 City Ave  
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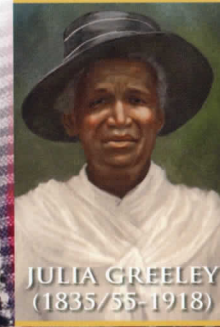
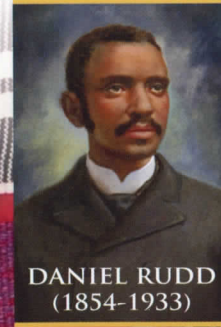
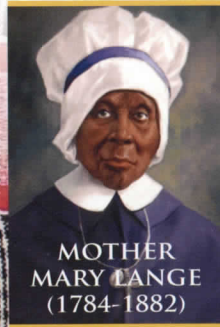
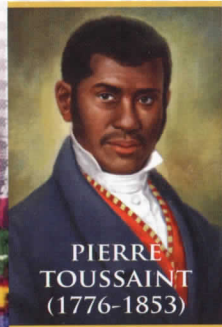
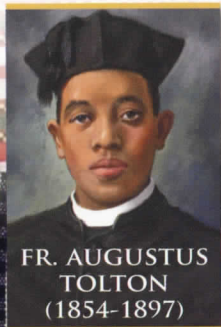
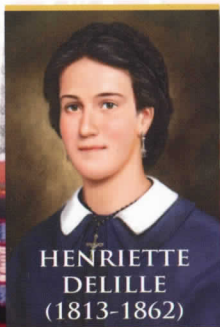
**Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 | 8:15AM - 3:10PM**

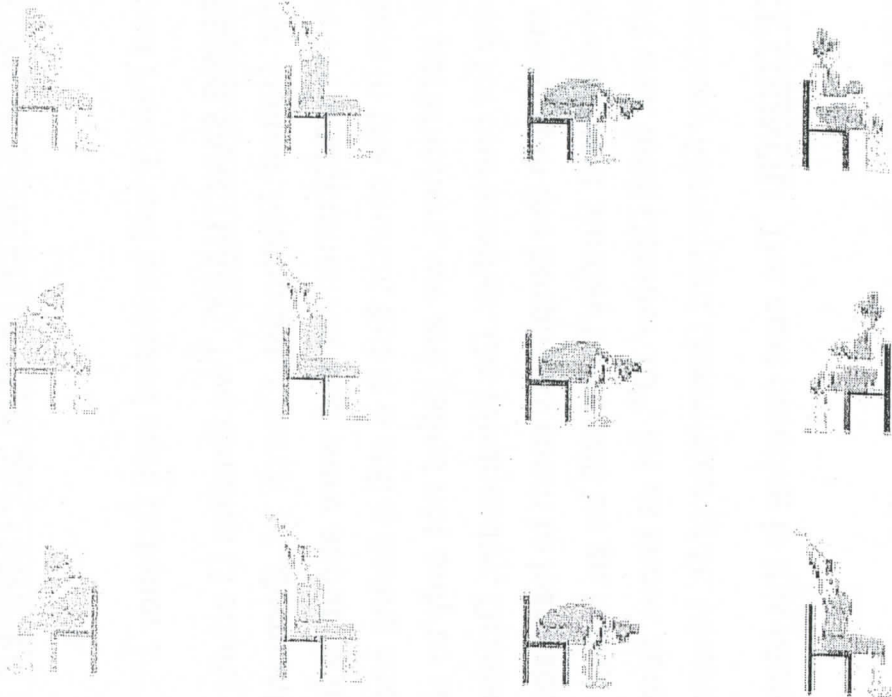
**THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL  
CATECHIST CONVOCATION -  
LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

- » **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

109 E Price Street  
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## 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
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