St. Víncent De Paul Church

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www.saint-vincent-church.org

Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	10/28 Margaret Maguire	9:00 am						
	Raymond Benton, George Sworn	11:00 am						
MON	10/29 NO MASS							
TUE	10/30 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am						
WED	10/31 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am						
THU	11/01 Miraculous Medal	/:00 am						
FRI	11/02 Miraculous Medal	7:00 am						
SAT	11/03 Miraculous Medal	4:00pm						
THIS WEEK'S								
	CALENDAR							
FRI	11/01 Miraculous Medal 11/02 Miraculous Medal 11/03 Miraculous Medal THIS WEEK'S	7:00 am 7:00 am						

SUN Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, 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, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Br. Al Smith, Ronald Rigler, Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson.

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Note: If we removed anyone from the old list who still need our prayers or if there is someone you want to receive prayers, please call the rectory office.

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	3,046.00
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,296.00
Tithe	314.80

First Reading: Psalm: Second Reading: Gospel:

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

> **Readings for Next Week** Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Psalm 18 Hebrews 7:23-29 Mark 12:28b-34

Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
	Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33;
5	Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk
5	13:22-30
Thursday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1
Thurbudy.	Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Friday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom
	5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3,
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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.

ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, November 2nd, at 7 pm, please plan on attending this beautiful lay-led memorial service. There will be bulletin inserts which you can fill out and return if you lost a family member or close friend from November 2017 until now.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO FRS. 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.

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.

RCIA

If you want to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic, a new group starts soon. Sign up, 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 canjoin 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 edition (\$12.00) and/or regular "At Home With the Word" (\$9.00): 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

Please deliver donations of old equipment to PAR RECYCLE WORKS 342 East Walnut Lane (267-335-5455) not the church.

HEALING PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

FATHER JOE, BROTHER AL, and SISTER ROSEMARIE.

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The POWER of VOTING!

Thank you to 25+ volunteers from St Vincent's and 6 other churches we recruited to boost voter registration in Germantown: Polite Temple Baptist, Faith Chapel, First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Servants of Christ United Methodist Church, St Luke's Episcopal, and German-town 7th Day Adventists. Now is the time to BOOST VOTER TURNOUT in Germantown, and build community spirit to hold whoever wins accountable! This is a non-partisan, faith-based initiative sponsored by St Vincent's POWER group (www.powerinterfaith.org)

Three ways you can get involved:

1- Volunteer for "GOTV" (get out the vote). RSVP re/ canvassing and phone bank shifts listed below by contacting Mary Laver 610-324-9388 or Terri Burgin 215-651-0100. Each shift includes training and great company! Remember, we need your RSVP in advance, in case of changes:

1 to 3:30 PM: Sat Oct 27, Sun Oct 28, Sat Nov 3, Sun Nov 4.

3 to 5 PM on Mon Nov 5 (ends in time to board bus for St Martin de Porres Mass at Cathedral)

10 AM to noon and 3 to 5 PM on Tues Nov 6 (Election Day, polls open 7 AM to 8 PM)

Driving on Election Day: We have volunteer drivers, but no leader to plan how this will work. If that could be you, please RSVP (numbers above).

2- Be a resource & cheer-leader for friends and family who need encouragement to vote! "Friends don't let friends sit out Election Day!" For help with their practical questions about poll locations, etc go to www.votespa.com That site has phone numbers for each county's board of elections. For Phila County: 215-686-3469; 215-686-1591

3- Save Thurs Nov 15 (7 to 8:30 PM) at First Presbyterian Church of Germantown. Agenda: Celebrate our voter-booster volunteers, and listen for what active Germantown voters want to promote in our community. POWER will offer support as we consider organizing to build our strength in numbers!

ANNUAL UNDER THE SAME MOON ARTISAN SALE

Sale is **Saturday, November 3 + Sunday, November 4** after ALL Masses to benefit Bendicion de Dios primary school in San Juan Alotenango, Guatemala, & St. Vincent's Capital Campaign. On **October 27/28 and November 3/4**, you can also buy St. Vincent de Paul sweatshirts and mugs.

BUS TO MARTIN DE PORRES MASS

Monday, November 5 at the Basilica, we will leave promptly at 5:30 pm and return immediately after the Mass. Please sign up.

BROTHER AL IS BACK!

He expresses his deep gratitude for all your cards, calls, visits, get well wishes, and especially your prayers.

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	Envelo	ope number
Name		
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Address		
City	State_	Zip
Date of Birth	Home	Phone
Cell		
Email		
Full name and rel	ationship of a	ll resident family members
	DOB	Relationship
Have you receive	d the Sacrame	ents?

()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.

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to secretary@saint-vincent-church.org

<u>St. Vincent de Paul Church</u> 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	Number		
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remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized signature and Date:

General Intercessions October 27-28, 2018 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 Mass – Add "We pray to the Lord."

In a spirit of gratitude, let us pray for the Church throughout the world: for the quiet courage of Pope Francis, and for the good women and men who serve God's people every day.

For our own parish, with its faith-filled priests and religious, thriving ministries, lay leadership, and commitment to be a welcoming place for all, let us give thanks!

4:00 & 9:00 - Sung Response

Let us pray for all those running for public office this year who are striving to restore kindness and civility to our national discourse,

For the LGBT Catholic community on this Solidarity Sunday, and for all who build bridges of respect, compassion, and sensitivity, let us give thanks.

4:00 & 9:00 - Sung Response

Let us pray for the thousands of migrants heading north through Mexico, and for the ordinary people who offer them food, water, shelter, and kindness.

As we remember all those near and far who have been lost to violence especially the 11 people killed in the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh yesterday: for God's promise of eternal life, let us give thanks.

4:00 & 9:00 - Sung Response

Christine Eberle

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 27TH AND 28TH, 2018

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"PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK" SECTION IN BULLETIN: All friends of Vincent will be eliminated; since many have been in for two to five years. We will start a <u>new list</u> immediately. If you want someone on the prayer list, please contact the office with the names.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD: We will have 40-50 young people from the Harambee group join us for our 4 pm Mass. They will be visiting different sites in Philly.

SOULFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Philadelphia Black Catholic Mass Choir is participating in the Soulful Christmas Concert, sponsored by the Kimmel Center, on Tuesday December 11th, at 7 pm. Purchase tickets at www.kimmelcenter.org.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO FRS. 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. The first will be at the 11 am Mass, on November 4th. The second will be at the 4 pm Saturday Mass and 11 am Sunday Mass, on November 10th and 11th. We will have a light reception for Frs. Joseph and Bindel, after each of these Masses. Also in traditional "African" style, there will be a "Thanksgiving Procession" after communion for them. Please feel free to join the African Community in officially welcoming our two new dynamic priests. You may bring a small token of appreciation for Frs. Bindel and Joseph.

<u>ROSARIES</u>: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There are free Rosaries in the back of the church. Please take as many as you need for your family.

MINISTRY MEETINGS AFTER 6 PM: If your ministry meets in the evening, please make sure your meeting is scheduled and the ministry head has a key or that someone will be in the rectory to open the door.

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 17th. 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH STARTS A FUND FOR REFUGEES

Who's it for?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Currently the number of refugees accepted into the United States is 44,000, the smallest number since 1980 when the White House began putting caps on the numbers allowed annually.

But refugee status is not automatic. Officially recognized refugees and de facto refugees are not the same thing only because of politics. Our fund would serve anyone who fits the above definition whether they have been deemed so by the government or not.

Why's it necessary?

We feel there is a need for a fund because money is needed for ongoing and future projects. We want to give others in the parish an opportunity to help out when and where the need arises.

The Current Situation

- Some parishioners have begun giving support to the two families who are in sanctuary in FUMCOG (the United Methodist Church nearby).
- Others help a family from Honduras to buy food. They are not in sanctuary but are waiting to see if their request for refugee status is accepted. They live in Germantown.
- There is still a family in sanctuary at the Church of the Advocate at 18th and Diamond Streets. The family has been in sanctuary for almost a year.
- Some parishioners are aiding a Guatemalan man to get settled. He received a special visa after being incarcerated for 11 months.

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ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Future Picture

Other needs may arise as the immigration crisis continues. The New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia has a program of accompaniment of immigrants. As immigrants request help, new needs may arise.

How to Join in with Support

You can help out by designating your donation to the "Refugee Fund" and depositing it in the collection basket on Sunday or sending it to the church office via mail or courier. The New Sanctuary Movement Committee of the parish will utilize the funds for immigrants and report on how they were used. If you are donating directly to the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia or to FUMCOG, please continue to do so. This fund is meant as a way to give through St. Vincent de Paul Church.

If You Know of an Immigrant in Need . . .

Contact the New Sanctuary Movement Committee of the parish. Members are Gene Cleaver, Mary Regan, Paul Witte. Jim Wuenschel, Joy Wuenschel, Mary Durkin, Nora O'Neill, Yvonne Marlier and possibly others as time goes on. We meet at least monthly. You are invited to join us.







You Can Make A Difference!

ARTISAN SALE

Saturday November 3 Sunday, November 4 BEFORE & AFTER MASSES





Who are we?

Under the Same Moon (UTSM) is a non-profit organization that helps support a primary school, Bendición de Dios, in San Juan Alotenango, Guatemala. Bendición de Dios educates about 500 children, most of whom cannot afford the \$250 in annual costs needed to attend the "public" schools there.

We raise money by collecting donations & selling handcrafted items made by Guatemalan indigenous artisans and locally sourced Guatemalan coffee, Dean's Beans.





UTSM works directly with artisans & artisan cooperatives to follow fair trade practices. Thus, our purchases also provide opportunities for greatly improved earnings for the artisans.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/GERMANTOWN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 , 2018 BEFORE & AFTER ALL MASSES

SAVE THE DATES! SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS SHOP FOR SPECIAL EVENTS SHOP FOR A SPECIAL SOMEONE





PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT: •UNDER THE SAME MOON (UTSM) CHILDREN'S SCHOOL & ARTISANS •ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Solidarity Sunday"

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY is a faith-based initiative of *DignityUSA* that spotlights violence against the LGBT community.

As an anti-violence initiative, Solidarity Sunday is consistent with Catholic principles of peace and justice. *DignityUSA*, an organization of concerned Catholics, works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and throughout the world.

Solidarity Sunday is consistent with the American Bishops' pastoral letter *Always our Children*. Imagine how supported a mother who has been silent about her child's homosexuality would feel, sitting in Church the morning of Solidarity Sunday surrounded by fellow parishioners wearing rainbow ribbons

Concern for the oppressed is part of the very fabric of our Church. One pastor in Maine wove the fact that Solidarity Sunday and Pro-Life Sunday occurred on the same day by remarking that the rainbow ribbons were a good reminder of the sanctity of all life. At a Catholic college in Colorado, Solidarity Sunday was celebrated during Parents' Weekend. The Mass included prayers for people who are victims of anti- gay and other kinds of violence, and a ribbon was pinned to the altar cloth during the Offertory.

The Solidarity Pledge

I WILL WORK for civil and human rights for all people, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender. Civil rights are not special rights.

I WILL SEEK to stop unkind language about anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender spoken in my presence. Words that hurt and bigotry are not funny. I will speak out against slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of all, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender, including when spoken by political or religious leaders. Violent speech leads to physical violence.

I WILL WORK to stop physical violence against anyone, including violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals or the transgendered. Violence against any person is violence against all people

The Solidarity Prayer

God, You are the Creator and Lover of all. You wish us to live in solidarity with each other and to rejoice in our diversity. We pray that your lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight children may experience justice, enjoy peace and spread your love throughout the world.

We pray in the name of God, who welcomes all to a holy circle of friendship. Amen.

Why Solidarity Sunday?

Violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people is an issue of real concern in today's America. Each year, tens of thousands of Americans are the victims of violent crimes because of their sexuality.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY is a faith-based antiviolence initiative. DignityUSA, an organization of concerned Catholics, works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and throughout the world.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY is marked by the wearing of a rainbow-colored ribbon a symbol of gay pride that reflects the diversity of the GLBT community, their families, friends and supporters Wearing the ribbon is a token of support and for the quest for equal rights for all people.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY is dedicated to the memory of those who have lost their lives through violence because of whom they were or who they were perceived to be. May their deaths not be in vain. Let us work together to end verbal and physical violence against all people.

How to Participate in Solidarity Sunday

- 1. Wear your Solidarity Sunday ribbon.
- 2. Take the Solidarity pledge.
- 3. Pray for an end to anti-gay violence.
- 4. Educate your children, your faith community, your colleagues, your friends about the need to stop violence against all people, including GLBT.

NERVERSION ON THE ROAD TO MAR-A-LAGO

I will work to change tax policy so our nation can have reasonable revenue for responsible programs. PLEASE PRINT TITLE NAME ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP EMAIL PHONE Work Home CELL PHONE Okay to text action alerts? TWITTER HANDLE WHO WE ELECT MATTERS. www.nunsonthebus.org

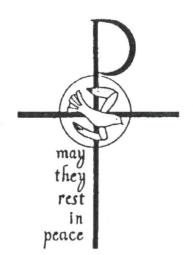
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NETWORK ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, INSPIRED BY CATHOLIC SISTERS

820 First Street NE Suite 350 Washington, DC 20002-4243

Keep Up the Momentum after the Bus



Join us for An Evening of Remembrance All Souls Day

Friday, November 2, 2018 7PM St. Vincent de Paul Church

Please fill out the form at the bottom and return it to the rectory (place in the offertory basket)

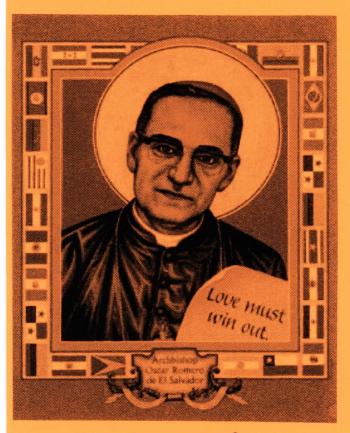


Name of the Deceased: _____

Contact person: ______ Phone # or email: _____

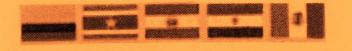
Will someone be representing the family at the prayer service on November 2? Yes _____ No _____





"Let us not tire of preaching love;

it is the force that will overcome the world."



Saint Oscar Romero Of El Salvador Canonized October 14, 2018

MASS IN HONOR OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

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 -

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?

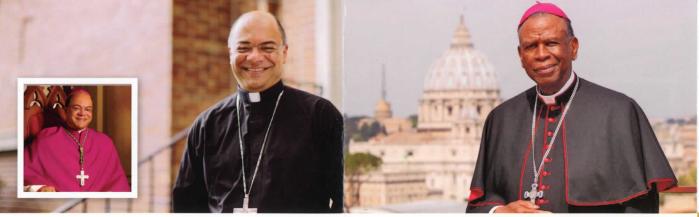
When Rev. Coombe, a friend of our church, declares that this is a Germantown Sanctuary, he means to involve a parish like ours in the care of these families. FUMCOG and the New Sanctuary Movement are looking for support in the form of donations, visits to the families, occasionally driving the children 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. <u>Call Mary at 215-848-9489 or Gene at 610-360-3496.</u> Tell them you are interested in helping support the families who are in sanctuary.



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



For more information contact: Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Black Catholics 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 Father Richard Owens, O.F.M. Cap, Director fr.rowens@archphila.org 215.587.3541

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics



November 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.



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

If you would prefer to register for any event by phone please call the Office For Black Catholics at 215-587-3541. 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 Philadelphia, PA 19131 Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 | 8:15AM - 3:10PM

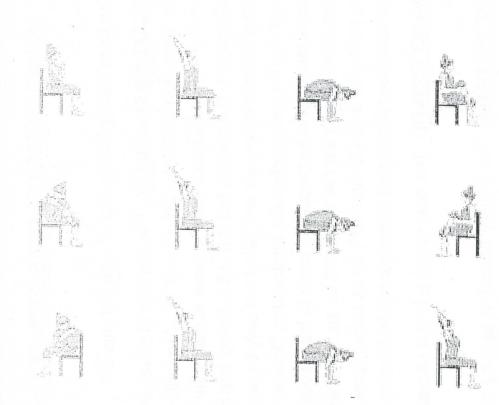
THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CATECHIST CONVOCATION -LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

- » 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.





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