

# St. Vincent De Paul Church

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## Mission Statement

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

**The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School**  
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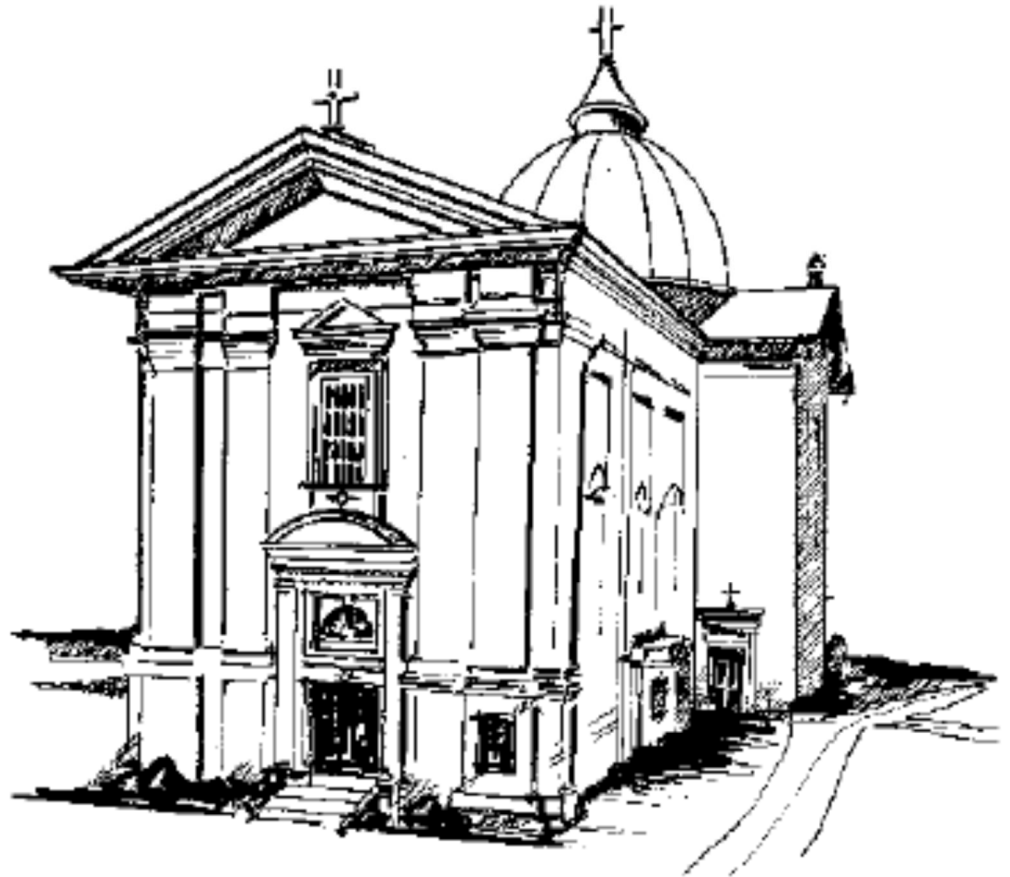
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**Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.**

November 18, 2018

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/18</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>9:00 am</b>
		Miraculous Medal	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>11/19</b>	NO MASS	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>11/20</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>11/21</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>11/22</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>11/23</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>11/24</b>	Miraculous Medal	<b>4:00pm</b>

**THIS WEEK'S  
CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Thirty Third 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, 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.

**Friends of St. Vincent's**

Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Mugan, 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, Joe Gnadt, Minerva & Angelito Ortiz, Mattie Robinson, NaJearah Smith, Tom Stevens, baby Nicholas Esposito. Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.

**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	2,911.60
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,161.60
Tithe	308.08

***Today's Readings***

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm: Psalm 16  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14  
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

***Readings for Next Week***

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm: Psalm 93  
Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8  
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5;  
Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk  
19:11-28  
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,  
9b; Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24,  
72, 103, 111, 131; Lk  
19:45-48  
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2,  
9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**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 - November 18-24, 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. 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 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

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.

### The POWER of VOTING!

Many thanks for the 30+ parishioners who participated in door-to-door visits and phone-banking conversations with Germantown residents, urging them to vote on Nov 6! We know that by reaching out across our beloved but often overlooked Germantown community, you lived out an important principle of Catholic Social Teaching we can all appreciate: The human need to Participate in Community Life!

### ST. VINCENT'S SHIRTS AND MUGS SALE

**All Weekends in November through December 22-23:** St. Vincent de Paul mugs are for sale for \$10.00 before & after most Masses. Great gift for any occasion!! **All profits benefit the 2019 Parish Retreat!**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

*This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.*

*The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.*



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**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).

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

**Amount of Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Frequency:**

Monthly on the **1st** \_\_\_\_\_

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.**  
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Petitions for week of Nov 17 & Nov 18 11:00 Mass add, "We pray to the Lord "

**Almighty God of Mercy, as we, your Church, continue our journey through Ordinary Time ~~and approach the season of Advent~~, accept our feeble efforts to bring glory to your name; deepen our faith, and help us to bring others to you in all that we do. Help us see your presence in the mysteries that go unexplained, transform us, and prepare us for your presence.**

**Almighty God of Mercy, during this Black Catholic History month, may we follow in the footsteps of Dr. Lena Edwards, one of the unacknowledged African American saints who boldly fought and prayed for all to drop prejudice at the threshold and go hand and hand to the altar.**

**Almighty God of Mercy, we lift up those in California who are suffering from the deadly ravages of wildfires as well as those who have been suffering from hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes. Usher them through the darkness into your merciful light; comfort them. Protect the first responders as they battle what seems like insurmountable obstacles.**

**Almighty God of Mercy, we are a country in the stranglehold of hate and division; let us see each other as you see us. Bring us peace.**

**Almighty God of Mercy, many among us suffer mental illness, addiction, physical pain, feelings of despair, and lack of resources to secure a life of human dignity. Lift us up. Care for all, especially those who do not know the way back to you.**

**Almighty God of Mercy, we pray for our loved ones that you have called home. We ask that your glorious balm of Gilead heal the wounds and hurts of those left behind.**

Ricki Sanders Sheila Sharpe

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 17TH AND 18TH, 2018**

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** On Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, start your day giving THANKS to God. We will have THANKSGIVING Mass at 10 am. There will be bread to be blessed and taken home. You will also have an opportunity to Thank God.

**CLOW:** This Sunday, there will be a First Communion and First Reconciliation Meeting after 9 am and 11 am Masses, in the rectory.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** One Mass at 10 am. Potluck will follow. If you would like to bring a dish, please sign up in the back of the church. There will be no CLOW.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 11 AM MASS:** St. Vincent's African Community will lead us in a more African Style Mass. There will be a "potluck" reception in the Hospitality Center, after Mass. Come let's share with our growing, vibrant African Community. All are welcome.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** Canned and boxed side dishes are needed for the Thanksgiving baskets. Stuffing, cranberry sauce, green vegetables, gravy, etc. Call the food cupboard at (215) 438-1514, for more information.

**AFTER 9 AM MASS:** Sr. Yumiko, a Medical Mission Sister, will be here to talk about her life in mission in north east India, with lots of pictures. Her presentation will be in the rectory dining room. Almost 20 years ago, Sr. Yumiko along with other Medical Mission Sisters, were a part of St. Vincent's parish community.

**HONORING MARY DURING ADVENT:** 8 am, Saturday mornings, there will be a Mass to honor Mary, in our chapel. Following the Mass, we will pray the rosary. Mary is a great Advent figure.

**CONFIRMATION JOURNEYS:** All Confirmandi and their parents are asked to attend an Oxfam Hunger Banquet in our Hospitality Room, either Friday, November 30th, from 6 pm until 8 pm or Saturday, December 1st, from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

**OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET:** All parishioners are invited to the Oxfam Hunger Banquets, on Friday, November 30th, from 6 pm until 8 pm or Saturday, December 1st, from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. At an Oxfam Hunger Banquet, guests take on the roles of people who are well-fed, hungry, or somewhere in between, randomly drawing tickets that assign them to different income levels. Some receive a filling dinner, while others eat a simple meal or share sparse portions of rice and water. Participants may even take on the roles of real people from around the world to see what it's like to be in someone else's shoes.

**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** There will be a concert at the Shrine, Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2 to 4 pm. St. Vincent's Gospel Choir will be participating.

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**PARISH RETREAT:** Save the Date! Mark your calendars! One year from now (November 8-10, 2019), we will hold our next Parish Retreat at the beautiful Malvern Retreat Center. Open to all parishioners 18 and over, this special weekend will help us deepen our faith journey and strengthen our community as together we focus on our common call: Weaving God's Tapestry of Love! A Saturday-only option will be available, as well as transportation for those who need it. We anticipate that the retreat cost will be heavily subsidized by parish fundraising efforts in the year to come, including a monthly second collection beginning December 8/9. (You can buy a \$10 mug anytime to benefit the retreat fund!) Please hold the date, and watch for announcements as details unfold and as retreat sub-committees in need of volunteers are formed. Above all, please pray for the work of the Cor Team, that we may open ourselves to God's deepest desires for our faith community.

**GIVING TREE:** Our Giving Tree will soon be put up. Please take a tag and buy a gift for DePaul Catholic School, Inn Dwelling, Face to Face, My Place Germantown. They should be returned wrapped with tag by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MUGS:** We are selling mugs for \$10, before and after most Masses. Great gift for any occasion!!! All profits benefit the 2019 Parish Retreat.

**CARIE MAE BUTLER:** Ms. Butler, longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception and member of the Legion of Mary, passed away. Her funeral is Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross Church. Calling hour is at 9 am. Funeral Mass is at 10 am.

**Finance Council Meeting is this Monday, at 7pm.**

**Thanks to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Celebration and Procession for Frs. Joseph and Bindel.**





## **Celebrate African Catholic Saints and Ancestors**

Sister Thea Bowman, born December 29, 1937, was raised a United Methodist in Yazoo City, Mississippi, but at age 9 she asked her parents if she could convert to Catholicism. Her parents gave their consent. In 1954 Bowman entered the novitiate of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. She taught at elementary and high schools, as well as at Catholic University in

Washington, D.C., and Xavier University in New Orleans.

After 16 years of teaching, the bishop of Jackson, Miss., invited Sister Thea to be his consultant on intercultural awareness. Her dynamic, Spirit led approach — using songs, storytelling, and African American style preaching in the Black vernacular — attracted large audiences, and soon she was traveling across the United States, delivering 100 presentations a year. In an interview with Mike Wallace on “60 Minutes,” Sister Thea said, “I think the difference between me and some people is that I’m content to do my little bit.” Sister Thea died of cancer March 30, 1990 at age 52. Sister Thea, beloved by many still, is currently being considered for beatification and eventual sainthood. Please pray for Sister Thea’s intercession and support her cause for beatification and sainthood!

**See Sister Thea preach to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1989 at this web address: <https://vimeo.com/12379716>**

# *You are Invited...*

## *Sanctuary Fundraising Dinner*

Join Clive and Oneita Thompson, Suyapa Reyes, and their families for dinner to learn more about their time in Sanctuary, help raise funds for their stay, and become involved in their immigration story



- Enjoy dinner cooked by the Reyes and Thompson families
- Learn about New Sanctuary Movement campaigns supporting immigrants and asylum-seekers
- Additional activities to be announced

**Date: Friday November 30th**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: First United Methodist Church of Germantown  
6001 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144**

**Suggested donation at the door: \$10**



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5 Mile Run - 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

9:00AM Thanksgiving Morning

Along the Wissahickon Creek in Fairmount Park

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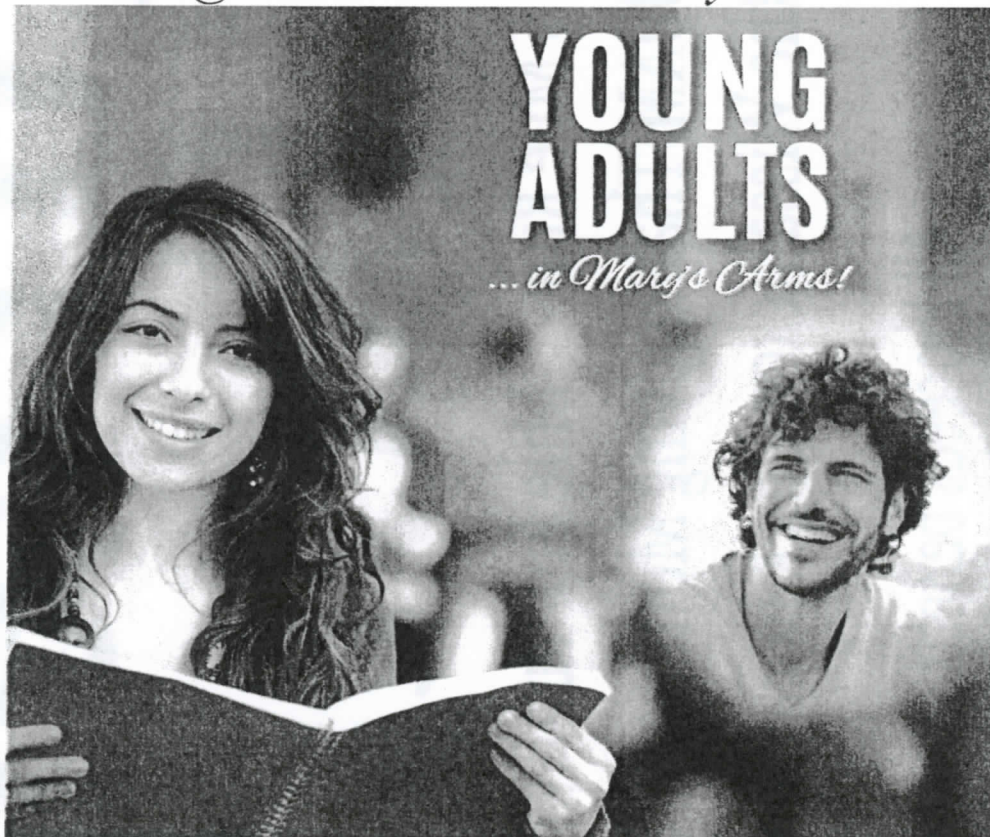
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*Young Adults ...in Mary's Arms*



*Praise & Worship*

*Friday, December 7*

**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for a special Praise and Worship event for our Young Adults and local community.

The event will include Eucharistic Adoration in our Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 E. Cheltenham Avenue, followed by refreshments and fellowship in our Lower Shrine.

The theme for this event is:

*Mothers in the Image of Mary*

*with a reflection by Sr. Regina Hlavic, DC.*

All are welcome to join in this Praise and Worship event!



# **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

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4 PM CAROLS and 4:30 LITURGY

7 PM CAROLS and 7:30 LITURGY

11:30 CAROLS and MIDNIGHT  
LITURGY

## **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

10 AM LITURGY

# POWER

## STANDING WITH THE TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE

We grieve the loss of our neighbors and fellow worshippers at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh as we condemn, once again, the hate and gun violence tearing apart our communities. Our common enemies of white supremacy and white nationalism act as the fronts of a perfect storm surrounding those terrified by the oncoming waves of change and justice.

The resiliency of marginalized communities and our continued strides toward collective liberation terrifies those shielded by privilege and causes them to act violently encouraged by a President who encourages fear, hatred, and intimidation as appropriate forms of self-expression. These continued attacks on our communities are egregious forms of violence that impact our collective psyches, spirits, and systems as a whole. For centuries faith communities across the nation have experienced this kind of terror, where our churches, synagogues, and mosques have been bombed and our people killed, but time and time again we have fought back and won. Just as waves of hate are still ever so present, so is the resounding message that hate will not win. We refuse. What is meant to terrorize us, silence us, and intimidate us, has further affirmed our commitment to fighting for justice for all of God's people.

We cannot and will not stand by silently as hate manifests in any corner of our country. It is up to us to remember that each of us is a child of the Divine. It will be up to us to remember that we are one another's keeper and that we must stand in the breach between love and hate, between life and death. We are one. We are a community filled with people who look unmasked hate directly in the eye and boldly proclaim that it's time to boldly hold love over fear. Although we are heartbroken, we continue the faithful resistance against hate and pray for those who alienate themselves from love by dehumanizing our people.

Nothing about white nationalism flows from the heart of God. May we all say and live a resounding NO to any form of anti-Semitism, white supremacy, white nationalism, racism, bigotry, and discrimination.

So we mourn today but we fight tomorrow. We fight with boldness and courage until that day, as MLK said, where all God's children, black children and white children, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, Asians and Latinos, can live out the old black spiritual Free at Last, Free at Last, thank God almighty, we are free at Last.



**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 -**

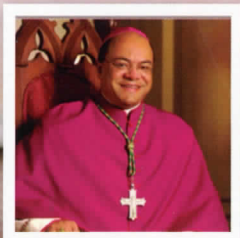
**Sharing Christ-**

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

**Sincerely,**

**The Evangelization And Following Christ Ministry -**





# 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



For more information contact:  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
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## 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.



# 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

**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

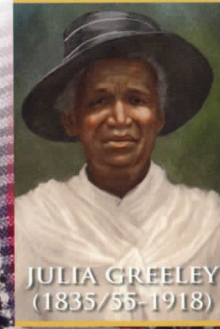
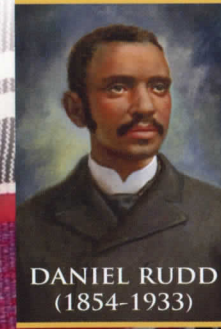
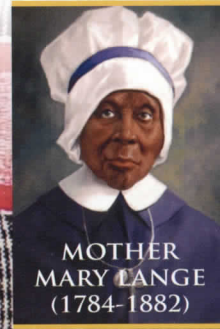
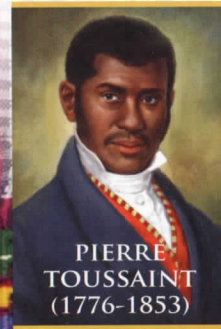
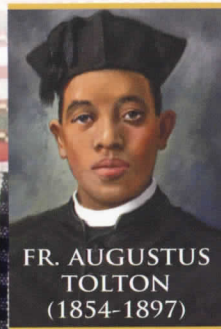
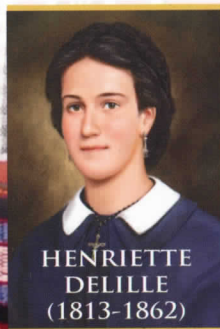


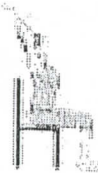
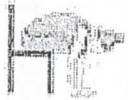
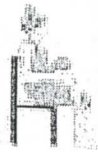
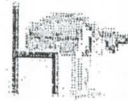
**Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 | 8:15AM - 3:10PM**

## 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.





- ☆ 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

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109 E Price Street  
Phila, PA 19144

### DATES:

September: 27

October: 11, 25

November: 15, 29

December: 13

### TIME:

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A HEALING PRESENCE  
AT THE HEART OF  
A WOUNDED WORLD



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# SPIRITUALITY

Our journey into life is our journey into God. For us God is the sacred center at the heart of life, the holy ground in which our daily life is rooted. Our yearning for God is one with our hunger for the transformation of the world. Our "yes" to God is the cornerstone of our strength to live this life.

Scripture is our primary source of reflection and meditation. Prayer, time for solitude, communal participation in liturgy and living a liturgical life are essential to support life and nurture our spirit.

# COMMUNITY

Being on the journey together is sacred. It is our way to encourage and give courage to one another. We see MMS as a community of companions who are connected by bonds of relationship even across long distances.

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