

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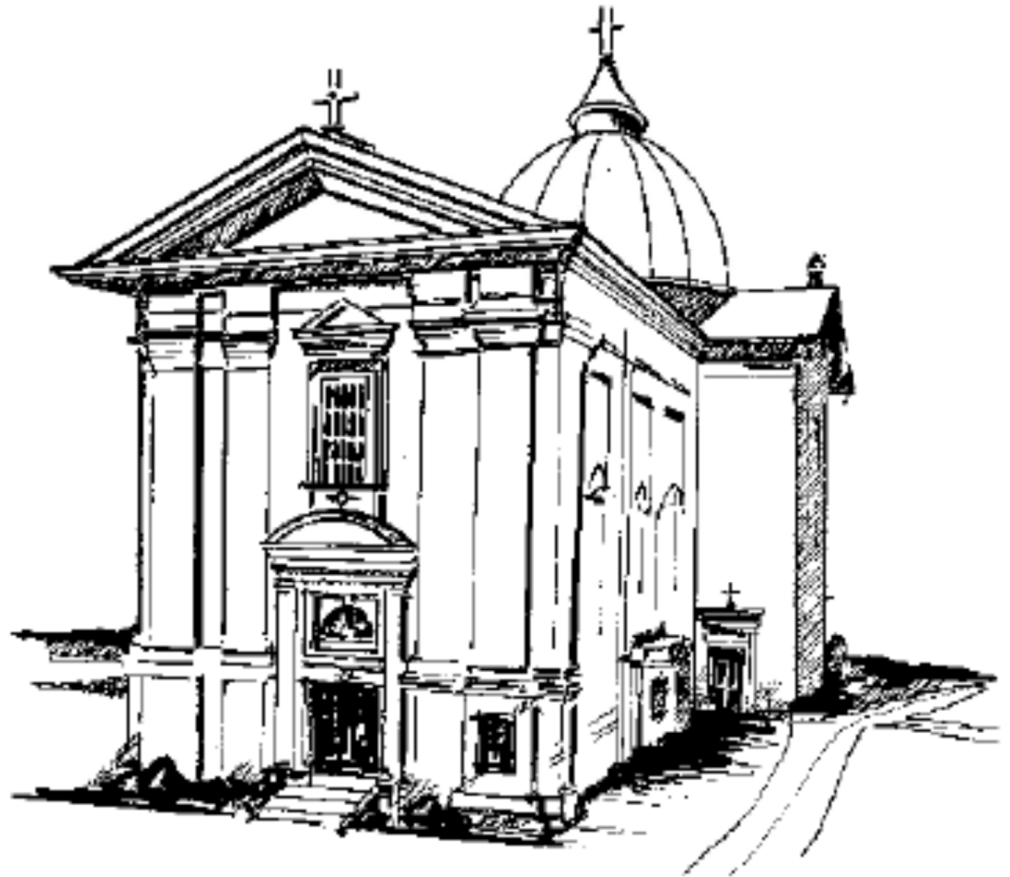
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

March 24, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	03/24	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
MON	03/25	NO MASS	
TUE	03/26	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
	03/27	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	03/28	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	03/28	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	03/29	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	03/30	Miraculous Medal	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN **Third Sunday of Lent**
SAT **Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm**

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

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, Shirley Smith, Ida Bass, Stanley Callahan, Teresa Cipriano.

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PASTORAL CARE

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

Please pray for **Susan Alba**, daughter of Bertha Allen, who died this week. Pray for Bertha and her family.

Last Week's Collection	2,405.00
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	5,655.00
 Tithe	 282.75

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a
Psalm: Psalm 108
Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

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 Liz Bergen 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 - March 24, 2019

LENTEN MASSES

- ❖ 7 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (in the Chapel)
- ❖ 8 am Saturday (in the Chapel)

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ❖ Friday, from 12 pm until 3 pm, in the Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- ❖ Friday, at 6:30 pm, in the Church

ROSARY will be in the Chapel, thirty minutes before weekend Masses.

CONFESSION will be available thirty minutes before each weekend Mass. The celebrant will be sitting in the Church.

LITURGY COORDINATORS NEEDED

If you are able to support the liturgy in this way, let us know after Mass. One of the coordinators will contact you with more information.

LECTORS WANTED!

All are Welcome! If interested in this ministry, please contact Vi Shenkman (215-635-0278).

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.

LAY/INTERCESSORY OF PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED

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

ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

All those interested in the ministry of Art and Environment as a visionary and/or worker, please meet with us after the 9am Mass on March 31 in the new meeting room (once the chapel). Any questions, call Lynne 267-294-4603 or Julie 215-519-7805.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we begin to study the book of Revelation. We meet on Wednesdays, at 7pm, in the Rectory.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Gather with us third Tuesdays of the month, 1:30 2:30 in the Chapel.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

The Senior Ministry is meeting on Wednesdays. For more information or questions, call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427.

HELP FOR PARISHIONERS

We need more drivers to pick up people for 11am Mass. Please call Tom Volkert at 215-531-0954.

FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

Please consider giving generously to help our African sisters and brothers live a better life.

TAX STATEMENTS

Request parish contribution tax statements by emailing JoAnn O'Connor business@saint-vincent-church.org; or call the office.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: SATURDAY, APRIL 6

What is God's vision for your life? What do you need to let drop in order to be more authentically who God calls you to be? How might we begin to listen for the answers to those questions, not only individually, but as a faith community? Offered by the team planning our November retreat (Weaving God's Tapestry of Love), this special day will include time for presentation and prayer, contemplation and creativity. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6 (precise time TBA), and stay tuned for details!

POWER

Show up to support a Family-Friendly Philadelphia Platform! **Sun March 24, 3 to 5 PM** at Rodeph Shalom Synagogue, 600 block of N Broad St (parking in the back, off Green St). Note that this is a NEW location. Join POWER and many ally-orgs as we challenge candidates for mayor and council to publicly commit to supporting family-friendly policies on jobs, health, criminal justice, environment, immigration, and education. Sign-ups near the main church door. All are welcome!

Primary Season Voter Education: POWER doesn't endorse candidates, but our member-congregations urge eligible people to register and vote—and to evaluate candidates by how their policies impact people of color and the poor, especially. POWER will be organizing voter engagement days ahead of the primary election on May 21. Want to help boost turnout in Germantown? Contact Terri Burgin (215-651-0100) or Mary Laver (610-324-9388)

Save the Date for Harrisburg Fair Education Funding trip! Join us on **Wed June 12** to tell legislators it's time to end our status as the state with the widest gap between over-funded and under-funded districts in the U.S. We need your voice! Help us represent St Vincent's at this event as a founding member of POWER.

BOXTOPS: HELP CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Please help Catholic education by clipping boxtops from some of your favorite products. A list is posted at the back of the church as is a container for the box tops. The more we collect, the more money raised, so ask your friends and family, too.

CRANALEITH SPIRITUALITY CENTER PROGRAMS

Cranaleith is a Spirituality Center sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy offering a contemplative space for those seeking transformation for themselves and society through retreats and programs. Flyers are in the back of church with programs, times and dates.

ART FOR ALL

We are excited to announce an art class on Monday mornings from 9-12 in the Hospitality Center. Bring your own supplies. No experience necessary. Call Lynne 267-294-4603 or Joy 215-805-4436 for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Don't forget to support the Catholic Charities Appeal as it continues to impact those in need over the greater Philadelphia Area. Pledge cards are available in the pews or you may visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation today!

AUCTION FOR CHARITIES

March - April 7 Court Ave Maria 650 is selling tickets to support various charities. Prizes: Spring baskets of cheer, alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Tickets: \$2 or 3 for \$5 sold after Mass.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

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

Date _____ Envelope Number _____

Electronic Type: New _____ Change _____

Name _____ last _____ first _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

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

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019, Prayers of the Faithful

(For 11:00 add "Let us Pray to the Lord" after each petition)

On the eve of the anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Oscar Romero, may he serve as a model for all church leaders to live their lives in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and especially the children, rather than the institution, with eyes opened by the saving grace of Jesus, to see Him in them.....

That Jesus of the living Water will give to world leaders a thirst for justice and peace in the places they serve, as they learn to see in their people Christ revealed.....

For our catechumen, Thalia Monteiro, and our candidate, Grover Freeland, as they prepare to enter the Church at Easter and today receive the First Scrutiny, may they find in the Creed of the Church the sustenance they need to live the life of Faith to its fullness.....

That we of this Faith community will recognize the treasure of the beliefs we profess, and in living them out, know that wherever we bring them is Holy Ground.....

For the parts of our country, and in Mozambique and Zimbabwe, that are suffering from drastic flooding and loss of lives, homes and other necessities, may they receive the love and support they need.....

In the spirit of Saint Romero, let us hold the needs of the peoples of Central America, particularly the three families that are in sanctuary in nearby churches.....

For the sick and dying, and the recently deceased who have been justified by faith, and sustained in hope may they be comforted by the love of God poured into their hearts through the Holy Spirit.....

Bernadette M Cronin-Geller

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 23RD AND 24TH, 2019

We Celebrate Women's History Month

Diana Hayes in "Speaking the Future into Life: The Challenge of Black Women in the Church": To be a Christian is to be about the salvation of the world, not through forced conversions, not through the oppression of those who differ in skin color, gender, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation, but through somehow loving a new world into life, a world in which all people can live free. We must live the life we sing about, challenging ourselves to never be reconciled to any doctrine or ideology that renders us less than human, silent and invisible. We must dismantle the master's house, if necessary, using new tools forged from our own discovery and recovery of our long lost and stolen pasts as women of every race and nation and build a house of God that has "plenty good room" for all to sit down.

Please pray for Susan Alba, daughter of Bertha Allen, who died this week. Pray for Bertha and her family.

MASSES: Rosary will be in the Chapel, thirty minutes before weekend Masses. Confession will be available thirty minutes before each weekend Mass. The celebrant will be sitting in the Church.

FAITH INSPIRATIONS (DYNAMIC FAITH SHARINGS DURING LENT): On Friday, March 29th, at 7 pm.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday, from noon until 3 pm, in the Chapel. Saturday, after 8 am Mass, for one hour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, 6:30 pm, in the Church.

FR.SY'S APPEAL FOR HOPE: Fr. Sy will soon need volunteers to help mail out his African Appeal for Hope. If you can help, please call the office at 215-438-2925.

TIRES FOR SALE: The following tires are being sold by Jerry Smith. They are in good/fair condition. Price is negotiable. Jerry can be reached at (215) 508-0427.

- a) 2-Kumho-Solus KH16-P 225/65 R17 100T M&S
- b) 2-Goodyear-Fortera-P 245-65 R17 105S
- c) 3-Michelin-Defender-XT Green 225/67 17 102T

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 12 year old sixth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

POSSIBLE SPIRITUAL AND PENITENTIAL PRACTICES FOR LENT

Pray Opportunities

- ❖ Attend Mass every Sunday.
- ❖ Attend more often than Sundays (Tuesday to Friday at 7 am; Saturday at 8 am).
- ❖ Pray family prayers together.
 - Some daily – meals, morning and evening
 - Some weekly
- ❖ Make a pilgrimage to one of the local shrines as a family or individually.
- ❖ Get a prayer partner and pray together at a certain time daily.
- ❖ Join CATHOLIC CALL TO PRAYER every morning at 6:30 am, for five to eight minutes of prayer. Dial 1-857-232-0158, enter code 336656.
- ❖ Join DYNAMIC CATHOLIC'S daily email reflection. Go to www.dynamiccatholic.com. Tap Free Resources icon and click on Best Lent Ever.
- ❖ Say rosary daily or say the rosary in the Chapel, thirty minutes prior to weekend Masses.
- ❖ Join us for Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 7 pm, in the Church.
- ❖ Come for Holy Hour on Fridays in the Chapel, from noon until three.
- ❖ Join the "Intercessory Prayer Circle" after each Mass on Sunday.
- ❖ Join the "Contemplative Prayer Group", which meets on the third Tuesday of the month, from 1:30 until 2:30, in the Chapel.
- ❖ Make time for Saturday Reflection, that the parish will have during Lent.
- ❖ Go to Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Opportunities will be available each weekend in Lent and we will schedule a Penance service for Lent.
- ❖ Do Bible Study.
 - Join Parish Bible Study, Wednesdays, at 7 pm.
 - Join Fr. Joseph, at DePaul School, on Thursday, March 14th and Thursday, March 28th.
 - Join small groups or get a partner and reflect on either Sunday reading (weekly) or a daily reading (daily).
- ❖ Attend Adult Faith Formation Series at St. Vincent's, during Lent (weekly).
- ❖ Pray for our candidates, Grover and Thalia (daily).
- ❖ Pray and fast for growth in the parish or for some cause of justice.

Fasting Opportunities

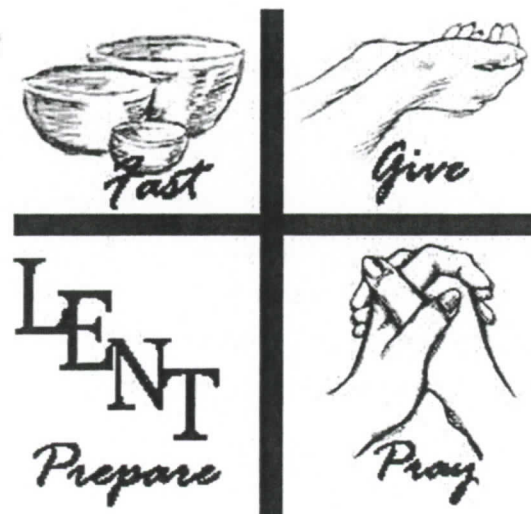
- ❖ Give up something you really like. For example, desserts, coffee, snacks, cigarettes, alcohol.
- ❖ Fast one full meal a day, every day.
- ❖ Once a week, health permitting, only have liquids.
- ❖ Turn off TV for thirty minutes to an hour each day, to pray or to do spiritual reading or to journal about your faith.

Almsgiving

- ❖ Use and explain to your families "Operation Rice Bowl".
- ❖ Bring in non-perishable items for our food pantry.
- ❖ Make a financial contribution to our Capital Campaign.
- ❖ Make a financial contribution to Fr. Sy's Appeal for Hope.
- ❖ Make a contribution to one of our outreach ministries.

Other Corporal Works of Mercy

- ❖ Help clean up outside of church; we will have two Saturdays.
- ❖ Help prepare the church for Easter with thorough cleaning. Dates to be announced.
- ❖ Help an elderly neighbor with yard work.
- ❖ Join a ministry.

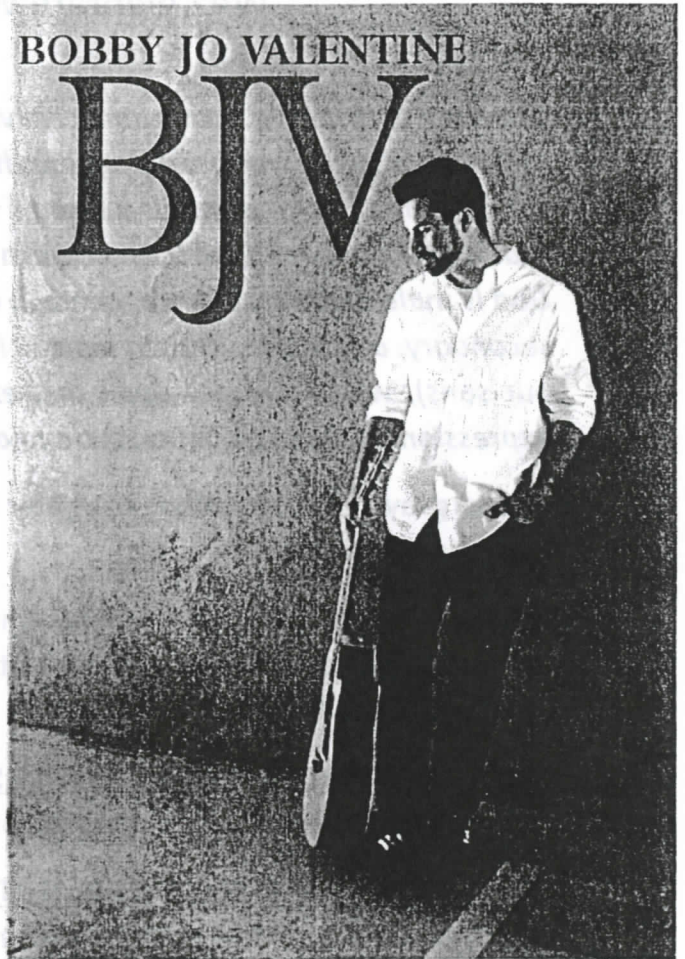


Singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine returns to Philadelphia!
Friday 10 May 2019!

Bobby is a successful recording artist—he's released five albums that demonstrate his musical gifts and he has won several music industry awards. He writes his own songs—a mixture of folk and pop styles. At his concert he will be featuring songs from his new album, *Maybe Stars!*

Bobby was last in Philadelphia in January 2015. He's well known in his home state of California. His following has continued to grow on the east coast and we were lucky to get him to add this date on his east coast tour.

The concert will benefit **My Place Germantown**, a non-profit organization that provides permanent supportive housing for disabled, formerly homeless males.



To get re-acquainted with his music, check out his webpage: <http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com> or his iTunes page.

I imagine you will be enthralled with his music—as I am. I'd like to invite all of you to attend.

DATE & TIME: Friday 10 May 7:30 PM

LOCATION: St. Vincents Roman Catholic Church
109 East Price Street
Philadelphia, PA 19144

COST: \$20 (advance sale) or \$25 at the door.
Children under 12: \$5.00.

Tickets are available for sale now.

Contact Jack DiFeo at 215-287-5682 or by email at onbridle@hotmail.com

A Kairos Moment

As I write this, we are entering the desert of Lent. A dark Lent it looks to be indeed in the Church. Every day, it seems, there are more revelations of betrayal and crimes committed by the hierarchy worldwide. Australian Cardinal Pell is sentenced to six years in prison, convicted of sexual assault of two choirboys. Cardinal Philippe Barbarin is found guilty by a French court of covering up sexual abuse by one of his priests. The bishops' summit in Rome on the protection of minors is being reported as a dismal failure. It wasn't the devil that made them do it, as Pope Francis suggested, but rather, writes Jamie Manson in the *National Catholic Reporter*, "These men destroyed [the Church] all by themselves by enforcing a warped view of sexuality, making the preservation of their patriarchal rule their first priority and trading in cover-ups, lies and institutional blackmail."

Sick to death of this rot poisoning the institutional Church, I have never been so tempted to leave. I find I cannot bring myself to go to Mass. I am not alone in this. A survey last year by *America* found that a majority of American Catholic women are disengaging from the Church, especially young women. Jessica Mesman Griffith, for example, recently wrote of her own estrangement in the blog *Sick Pilgrim*: "When I realize trauma therapy has become a kind of religious practice for me, I miss church. I am every bit as lost as all the churchy folk warned I would be without it. But I cannot bring myself over the threshold." I too miss church. For consolation, I read the psalms. On Shrove Tuesday, one takes aim and hits the mark of my heart. *I went about as one who laments for a mother, bowed down and in mourning.* And yet, as I mourn, words from Isaiah come to mind: *I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

The prophet speaks for God: *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* Something is happening here. Michael Higgins, in the first column of this forum, "A Catholicism Under Siege," wrote that we are in "a *Kairos* moment." *Kairos*: one dictionary defines it as "a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action: the opportune and decisive moment." To say this is *Kairos* time, a *Kairos* moment, is to say that we must act, with wisdom, before it is too late and the moment has passed.

I keep coming across this idea of *Kairos* time. Marybeth Chuey Bishop engages it creatively in "Doing the Time Warp at 2 a.m.," an entry to her blog *In Ordinary Time* that revisits *Rocky Horror Picture Show's* song *Time Warp* ("It's astounding! Time is fleeting!"). Unable to sleep, she pulls out her grandmother's rosary as a soporific. The rosary is broken, which leads Bishop to reflect: the beads take us in a "predictable circle" of the life of Jesus. "But what if it's broken? What if the end doesn't come back to the beginning in a stable, but is able to spiral through time, *Kairos* time instead of *Chronos*? What if it reached ... all the way here?"

Last fall I felt I had a glimpse of *Kairos* time at a symposium for the Catholic Women Speak Network in Rome, which was held to coincide with the Vatican's Synod on Youth. Catholic women gathered together from all over the world, working to make women's voices heard in the Church. Some of us were on a panel about sexuality, abuse and power. Like Higgins, Nontando Hadebe, a South African theologian, called for "radical change," said this was a *Kairos* moment, like apartheid, time to take a stand. "God is a God of new things!" she proclaimed. "We want a radical reconstruction! We need to be having visions of what a Church looks like that doesn't look like anything we know!" Hadebe had ideas: We must not look away from this abyss in the Church, "a culture of toxic brotherhood that comes at the expense of women and children." There must be

communal action by the bishops, a time of sackcloth and ashes, with every Catholic church and seminary shut down. All the Church is to speak out, as part of a prophetic theology, especially the marginalized voices of women: a Church that doesn't look like anything we know... *now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

Jennifer L. Reek is a writer and teacher. This article is from "Go, Build My House", a publication of Sacred Heart University.

FIND YOUR GREATNESS

Four habits that will transform your life

Featuring: **DR. ALLEN HUNT**

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself or some second-rate-version-of-yourself?

Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half-day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential.

When: **March 31, 2019**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

146 Rector Street
Philadelphia, PA 19127

Tickets: **\$25.00**

Purchase your tickets at

DynamicCatholic.com

or call **859-980-7900**

 **Dynamic Catholic**

FAITH INSPIRATIONS

DYNAMIC FAITH SHARINGS DURING LENT

These will be presentations given by inspired church members on a variety of topics, usually happening either Fridays or Saturdays.

Saturday, March 16th, at 2 PM

Bud Bretschneider, "Living Our Faith In Troubling Times: A Catholic Response To The Sexual Abuse Crisis and Other Justice Issues"

Friday, March 22nd, at 7 PM

Tom Volkert, "Dealing With Loss In The Light Of Our Faith"

Friday, March 29th, at 7 PM

"Syriac Tradition (4th - 7th Centuries) And Catholic Renewal: Emphasizing The Salvation Of The Whole Person, Body And Soul, And The Intrinsic Goodness Of Creation As The Sign Of God's Blessing. (Based on Scripture, bring a Bible.)"

Saturday, April 6th

THERE IS A RETREAT AT THE CHURCH.

Friday, April 12th, at 7 PM

Kate Cafferky-Giancattarino, "Discovering Hope In A Hopeless World"

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

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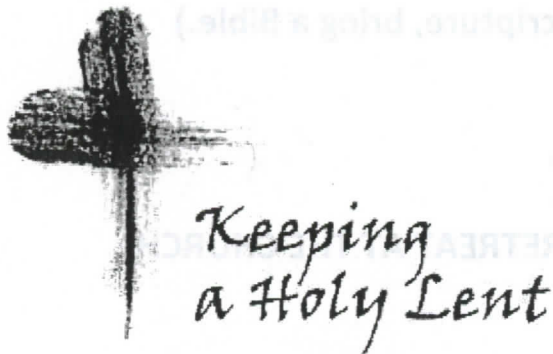
ADULT LAY FORMATION SHARING

- ❖ Bud Bretschneider, "Living Your Faith In Troubling Times", Saturday, March 16th, at 2 pm, in the Church

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The celebrant will be sitting in the Church.



Special info for St Vincent's:
Please join our parish delegation
to this major city-wide event! We will
ask the candidates for at-large
City Council positions if they will agree
to our 8-point platform, to make our city
a place where we can all thrive!!
Sponsored by POWER and many other
local organizations.

Light lunch at St Vincent's after the
11 AM Mass. We leave from church
via carpools at 2 PM sharp. RSVP to
the rectory office, Mary Laver
(610-324-9388) or Terri Burgin
(215-651-0100). Or sign up on sheets
on the radiator! Thank you!

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