

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

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

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

Parish Staff

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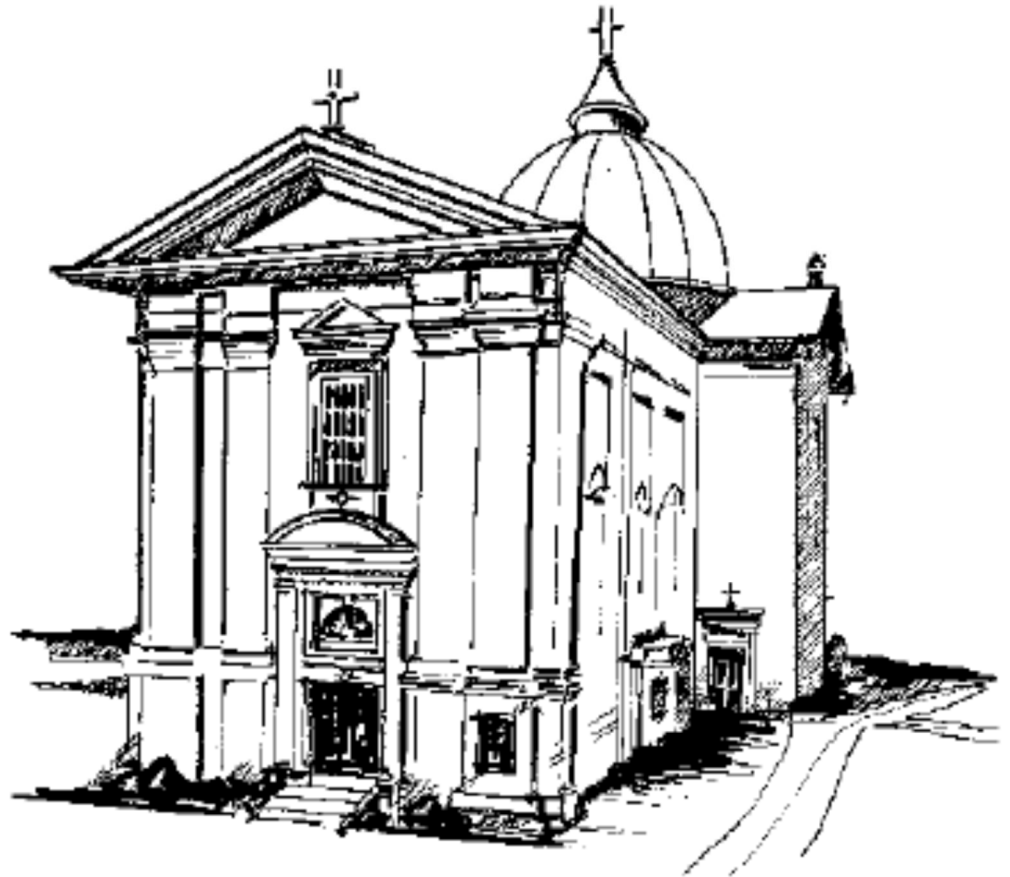
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

April 7, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	04/07	Vanessa Woods	9:00 am
		Alice Swabowski	11:00 am
MON	04/08	NO MASS	
TUE	04/09	Charles Williams	7:00 am
WED	04/10	John Williams	7:00 am
THU	04/11	Lottie Beasley	7:00 am
FRI	04/12	S. Jones Alba	7:00 am
SAT	04/13	Miraculous Medal	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN	Fifth 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.

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, Dara Hefton, Christopher Mills, Johanna Moreno, Richard Piedra, Titilope Oluwo, Theresa Kelley, Sandra Friday, Joe Gnadt, Mattie Robinson, NaJearah Smith, Tom Stevens, baby Nicholas Esposito, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghest, John Michalski, Kenneth Chandler, Terri Glasgow, Rayan Bousso, Sharon Williams, Barbara Kelley, Jim Moran, Agnes Thomas, Ann Rainsford, Virginia R., Michael Hlywski, Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

Last Week's Collection	3,352.26
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,602.26
 Tithe	 330.11

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm: Psalm 126
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

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 - April 7, 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.

CHURCH GROUNDS AND CHURCH CLEANUP

Come join the Confirmandi in cleaning our church and church grounds on **Saturday, April 13, from 10 am until 1 pm.**

BAGS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Please try to prepare a bag of non-perishable food to bring up at Offertory on **Holy Thursday** for our Food Pantry.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will also collect these on **Holy Thursday.**

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!

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.

2ND COLLECTION APRIL 6-7: PARISH RETREAT

POWER

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.

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.

AUCTION FOR CHARITIES

April 6 & 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.

JOHN XXIII *PACEM IN TERRIS* LECTURE

Rev. James Martin, SJ, Editor-at-Large for *America*, will present "Building a Bridge: Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Catholic Church" on **April 16, 7-8:30pm** in Founders' Hall Auditorium at La Salle University. Register at lasalle.edu/johnxxiii.

SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

The deadly cyclone and flood that hit the southern African nation of Mozambique in mid-March has taken over 750 lives and countless homes. Cholera is now spreading and food is in very short supply. Among the millions affected by this disaster is the family of St Vincent's parishioners Eusebio and Teresa Coelho. Teresa's mother's home was destroyed. Eusebio has been unable to reach his nephew and other relatives. If you would like to support relief efforts for the people of Mozambique, please consider making a donation through this GoFundMe site the Coelho family is circulating: <https://dm2.gofund.me/help-to-rebuild-after-cyclone-idai-in-mozambique>. Another option is to give to Catholic Relief Services which is playing a critical role in providing emergency services in Mozambique: www.crs.org or by mail (earmarked "Mozambique"): CRS, 228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201

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:

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Saturday

4pm Mass, Outside Procession of Palms and Reading of the Passion.

Sunday

First Mass will begin at 8:45 am. We will begin fifteen minutes early, with blessing of Palm and Outside Procession followed by Mass.

Second Mass will begin at 11:15 am. We will begin fifteen minutes later, with Blessing of the Palm and Outside Procession followed by Mass.

Holy Thursday

7 pm, Mass commemorating the Last Supper, with the Washing of Feet, will begin. Bring your rice bowls and a bag of non-perishable food. We will also have Adoration in Chapel, after Mass.

Good Friday

Noon to 1 pm- Silent Adoration of Cross

1 pm to 2 pm- DePaul Catholic School gives us a dynamic living presence of the Stations of the Cross.

2 pm to 3 pm- Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross, with reflections by church members.

3 pm- Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 7 pm

- We begin in the church and then move outside for lighting of Easter Fire and blessing of Paschal Candle.
- Come into the church for readings, which tell the story of Salvation.
- Reception, Baptism and Confirmation of Grover and Thalia.
- Easter Eucharistic Celebration.

(This is the most powerful and beautiful liturgy of the Catholic Church. It will last 3 ½ to 4 hours.)

Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am- Sunrise Mass and Service (Like the Women of Faith, get up early to give God the Glory)
- 9 am- Easter Sunday Mass
- 11 am- Easter Sunday Mass

(This is Halleluiah Time. Please come to as many as you can and invite and bring friends.)

5th Sunday in Lent, April 7th, 2019, Prayers of the Faithful (11:00 : "Let us pray to the Lord")

Forgiving God, allow Church leaders to accept the loss of all things, save the gaining of Christ in the people they are called to serve, especially the young and vulnerable.....

Merciful God, help world leaders let go of the stones of indifference, violence and war so their people may experience peace and security with their basic needs met.....

As Thalia and Grover undergo the third scrutiny, in preparation for their membership in the Church at the Easter Vigil, may they hear the voice of Jesus calling them into fullness of the LIFE that never ends.....

That this Faith community will recognize the stones that we carry that may prevent us from weaving together God's tapestry of love for each other, our wider community and those in need of care.....

Compassionate God, we lift up our neighbors of Central American and all those seeking refuge in our country that the stones of indifference will be replaced with just policies that allow them to find the safe places they seek.....

God of the poor and lonely, hold close those who are suffering from illness or loss of loved ones that they may be assured of your loving care.....

Bernadette M Cronin-Geller

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 6TH AND 7TH, 2019

Our parish theme for the Lenten season is "God saved a wretch like me: what will we do with this Amazing Grace?" and the movie Unplanned provides a vivid example of what God's grace can accomplish if we allow ourselves to be open to its power. The movie tells the story of a former clinic director for Planned Parenthood, who worked for the organization for eight years. She started to have her own misgivings about her job due to the bonus targets tied to abortion quotas, and finally had a conversion of heart after witnessing firsthand the reality of an ultrasound guided abortion. She founded the group And Then There Were None, which provides counseling and help to those who seek to leave the abortion industry.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED: Catholic Social Services (CSS) is actively recruiting foster families to provide short term foster care to children from Central America who are between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. The certification process includes clearances (PA criminal, PA Child Abuse and FBI) for all adults in the home, medical exams, including a TB test, for the foster parent applicants, references, verification of finances, ID, insurance, a walk-through of the home and a discussion of the applicant's history, background, motivation, etc., that will be compiled into a written profile documenting a family's ability to provide for the safety and well-being of children. Training will also be provided prior to approval. While the children are in CSS, they will receive case management, educational and therapeutic services. Children will be provided with medical coverage and foster parents will receive a monthly stipend. If you would like further information, please contact Iris Reyes-Bugg, at 267-975-9241.

CHURCH GROUNDS AND CHURCH CLEANUP: Come join the Confirmandi and the Young Adult Ministry, in cleaning our church and church grounds on Saturday, April 13th, from 10 am until 1 pm.

BAGS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD: Please try to prepare a bag of non-perishable food that you will bring up at Offertory, on Holy Thursday. The food will be used for our Food-Pantry.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: We will also collect these on Holy Thursday.

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, April 12th, at 7 pm, "HOPE".

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday, after 8 am Mass, for one hour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. VINCENT'S: Friday, 6:30 pm, in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. RITA'S: 7pm every Friday evening during Lent, this year, the Stations of the Cross during Lent will be prayed at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, in solidarity with and support of victims of sexual abuse and their families. Join them as we walk the way of the cross together, praying for those who have been hurt, inside and outside our faith family. All are welcome. The address is 1166 South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Today's second collection is for the Parish Retreat.

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

A DEVELOPER HAS IDEAS FOR
GERMANTOWN HIGH
& FULTON SCHOOL—

*WHAT DOES HE NEED TO HEAR FROM
NEIGHBORS ABOUT
WHAT WE WANT TO SEE?*

PLEASE COME to a
**GERMANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD
LISTENING SESSION**

****Thurs Apr 11****

****6:00 to 8:00 PM****

***St Vincent de Paul Church
109 E Price St***

*Stop by the **Voter Registration** table so you can
VOTE in the May 21 Primary for Mayor & City
Council. Registration deadline: Mon Apr 22*

+Sponsored by a new group committed to empowering neighbors to build a
community where we all can thrive: Germantown Community Engagement
+Supported by POWER www.powerinterfaith.org For more info, leave a
message for Mary Laver or Terri Burgin at St Vincent's: 215-438-2925



An Evening of Beautiful Choral Music

directed by Mr. Michael Sheerin

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:30 PM – Upper Church Shrine

**PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK
THROUGH THE ENDURING POWER OF MUSIC.**

Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross composed by Gounod

Stabat Mater composed by Schubert

The Collegiate Choir of Philadelphia will present a Lenten Concert in the exquisite sanctuary of the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia. This compelling presentation is both concert and prayer, as the choir presents a multitude of songs and motets for the Lenten season.



Angustian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova

This Concert is free and open to the public!

A free-will offering to benefit the Shrine and its ministries.

Free parking next to the Shrine.

1166 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19146

215.546.8333

www.SaintRitaShrine.org

La Salle University's

2019 John XXIII *Pacem in Terris* Lecture

Building a Bridge: Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Catholic Church

Presented by

Rev. James Martin, SJ

Editor-at-Large, *America* The Jesuit Review

April 16, 2019

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Founders' Hall Auditorium

Register online at

lasalle.edu/johnxxiii



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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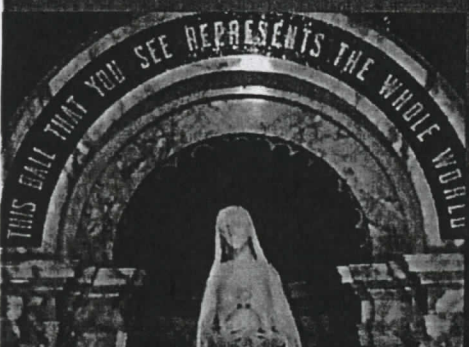


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prayer, friendship, recreation, and so much more.

Two ways to register or learn more:

Online at
heedthecall.org/summer

Call the office
610-667-5778

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

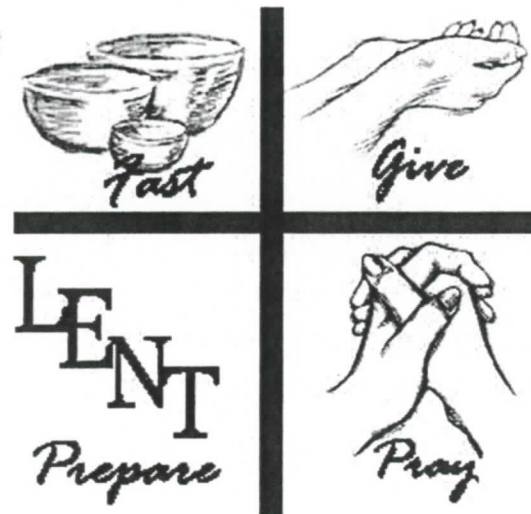
- ❖ Give up something you really like. For example, desserts, coffee, snacks, cigarettes, alcohol.
- ❖ Fast one full meal a day, every day.
- ❖ Once a week, health permitting, only have liquids.
- ❖ Turn off TV for thirty minutes to an hour each day, to pray or to do spiritual reading or to journal about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

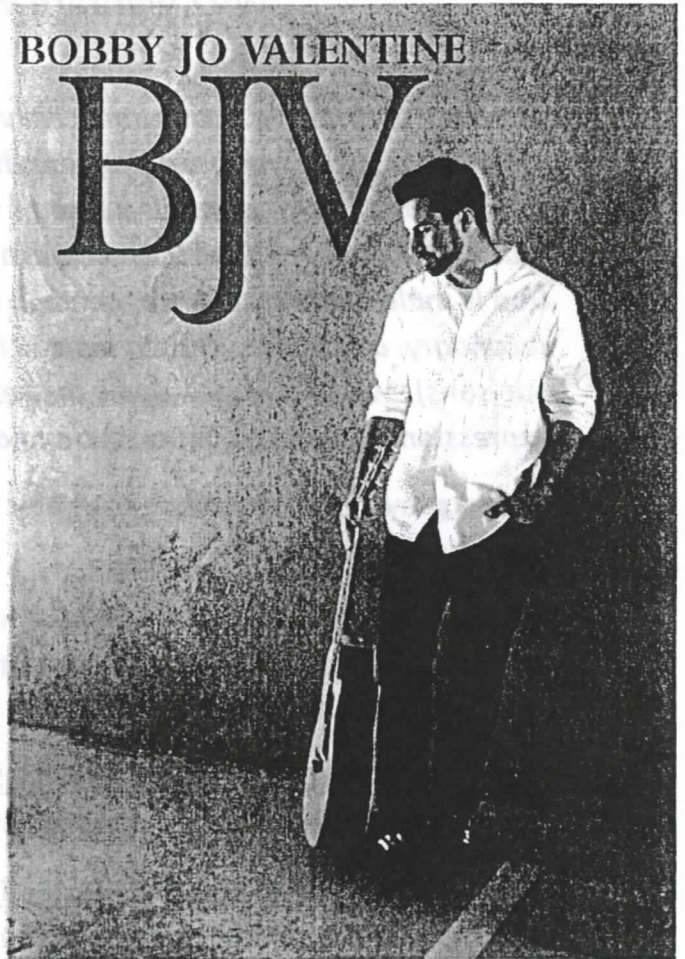


**Singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine returns to Philadelphia!
Friday 10 May 2019!**

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

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

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

ADULT LAY FORMATION SHARING

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

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

Confessions will be available thirty minutes before each weekend Mass.

The celebrant will be sitting in the Church.

