

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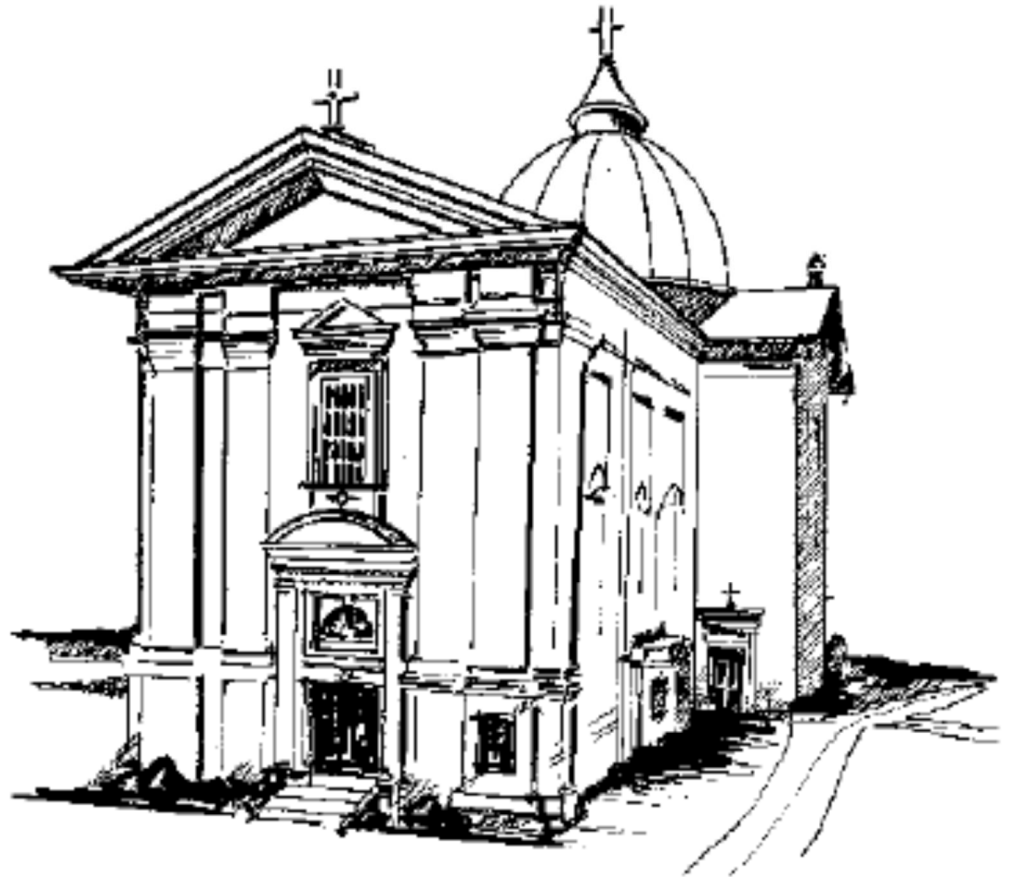
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

April 14, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	04/14	Vanessa Woods	9:00 am
		Alice Swabowski	11:00 am
MON	04/15	NO MASS	
TUE	04/16	Charles Williams	7:00 am
	04/17	John Williams	7:00 am
WED	04/18	Lottie Beasley	7:00 am
THU	04/19	S. Jones Alba	7:00 am
FRI			
SAT	04/20	Frank Meloni	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN	Palm Sunday
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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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 Penderghast, 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 50:4-7
Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 14, 2019

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: Saturday: 4pm Mass, Outside Procession of Palms and Reading of the Passion. **Sunday: 8:45 am**, Blessing of Palm and Outside Procession followed by Mass. **11:15 am**, Blessing of the Palm and Outside Procession followed by Mass.

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NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & OPERATION RICE BOWL
Please bring both at Offertory 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

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.

FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

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

POWER

In our Lenten journey we're challenged to "go forth to love and serve the world," in response to God's love for us. One way to do that is by mobilizing people to change public policies that hurt many communities - especially African-Americans and other minorities. Here are two ways you can be a "faith-fueled mobilizer" this spring:

Voting Matters! Make a commitment to contact your family members and friends to make sure they **register by April 22**, so they can vote in the May 21 primary election. Eligibility is simple: Be a citizen, and be 18 by election day. Having an incarceration record does NOT disqualify a person from registering to vote in PA. Registering is simple too: Pick up and mail in forms in the back of church or register online: www.votespa.com. Thank you to Sharon Fisher for "chairing" this effort!

Save **WED JUNE 12** for our children! Join parents, teachers, students, and people of faith from across PA as we go to Harrisburg to tell legislators the time is NOW to fully and fairly fund our public schools! With POWER's leadership, we've made huge progress: Many legislators now realize this is not just a "Philly problem," and we're starting to see bipartisan support for addressing it! We have to keep the pressure up. Watch for sign-ups for round-trip bus service provided by 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are always in need of: Peanut butter, jelly, shelf stable juices, and milk, ready to eat cereal, cooking oil. Thank you!

SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

The cyclone and flood that hit the African nation of Mozambique in mid-March has taken over 750 lives and countless homes. Cholera is spreading and food is in very short supply. Among the millions affected 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 all of his relatives. To support relief for the people of Mozambique, you can donate through a GoFundMe site the Coelho family is circulating: <https://dm2.gofund.me/help-to-rebuild-after-cyclone-idai-in-mozambique> or give to Catholic Relief Services emergency services in Mozambique: www.crs.org or by mail (earmarked "Mozambique") CRS, 228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is recruiting foster families to provide short term care to children from Central America who are between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Training will be provided prior to approval. While the children are in CSS, they will receive case management, educational, medical coverage and therapeutic services. Foster parents will receive a monthly stipend. If you would like further information, please contact Iris Reyes-Bugg, at 267-975-9241.

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.

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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.**
Authorized signature and Date:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 13TH AND 14TH, 2019

The Church Office will be closed Easter Week, and will reopen April 29th.

The Food Cupboard will be closed Holy Week, and will reopen April 22nd.

EASTER'S SECOND COLLECTION: We are collecting money to help in the recovery efforts in Mozambique, where over 1,000 lives were lost and many people lost their homes and possessions. One of our church families, Eusebio and Theresa Coelho, are from Mozambique. Several family members' homes were destroyed. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Holy Thursday, from 5:30 to 6:30, in the Church.

Good Friday, from 12 noon until 1 pm, in the Church.

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. The following items are desperately needed:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Shelf-Stable Juice
- Boxed Cereal
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Fruit

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

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.

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual clothing drive on Saturday, April 27th, from noon until 4 pm and on Sunday, April 28th, from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

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CORRECTION SUNRISE MASS 6 AM

Palm Sunday, Prayers of the Faithful (11:00:"let us pray to the Lord")

For Church leaders, aware that the passion of Christ is prolonged in all who suffer injustices, may they celebrate the events of Holy Week with renewed commitment to strengthen her members for the work of overcoming social ills.....

That world leaders, active participants in salvation history, will work to bring healing and peace to their nations, especially in the Middle East and countries of Africa.....

For Thalia and Grover who are to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, that these final days of preparation will be a time of transforming grace.....

May this Faith community celebrating the Paschal Mystery in a special way this week recognize themselves as the living Body of Christ and attend to these sacred days with deeper reverence, self-giving and devotion....

As our ancestors in the Covenant celebrate Pesach this week may they hear anew the call to act with justice and walk humbly with God.....

May Jesus' immersion in the human experience, even unto death, be the comfort for those suffering from ills of mind or body, and assurance of life everlasting for those who mourn their deceased.....

Bernadette Marie Cronin-Geller

Holy Week: A Time to Honor & Heal the Relationship between Christians & Jews

Reflections from a Lector

In this holiest of seasons, we Christians are called to celebrate the love God showed for us by grafting us onto the “olive tree” of those first called into a sacred covenant relationship with God: the Jewish people (Romans 11).

It is hard for us to hear that our Christian faith has sometimes been twisted, through the centuries, to justify prejudice and violent attacks against Jews. It can be even harder for us to realize that parts of our own Scriptures--particularly some of the Passion narratives we read this week, and segments of the Book of Acts read during Easter season-- have been misinterpreted to support this kind of thinking and action by Christians against Jewish people and faith, even though Jesus himself and his first disciples were Jewish.

How can we heal this?

* PRAYER

As St Paul reminds us in Romans, we are all the grateful recipients of God's boundless mercy. And “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” (Rom 11:29)

* LEARNING

There are many excellent resources. Two “quick reads” are available on the tables near the church entrance during Lent and Holy Week:

Nostra Aetate, a (*In Our Time*), a ground-breaking 1965 Vatican document that rejects the centuries-old accusation of “deicide” (“God-killing”) that some Christians have leveled against Jews.

“Some Reflections on the Portrayal of Jews in the Lectionary for Holy Week,” by Angela Russell Christman, a scripture scholar at Loyola University Maryland.

* LISTENING & INTERACTING

As we know from our own experience, we thrive whenever we see the face of God and hear the voice of God in each other. This is what Pope Francis calls “encounter,” and it is what we were made for! Seek opportunities to get to know Jewish people. Find out about the Jewish faith. It is a font of wisdom and strength that continues to glorify God's name. We are blessed to be sisters and brothers, all made in the divine image, all seeking to fill this world with God's love and justice. In Holy Week, and every week, let us remember this!

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

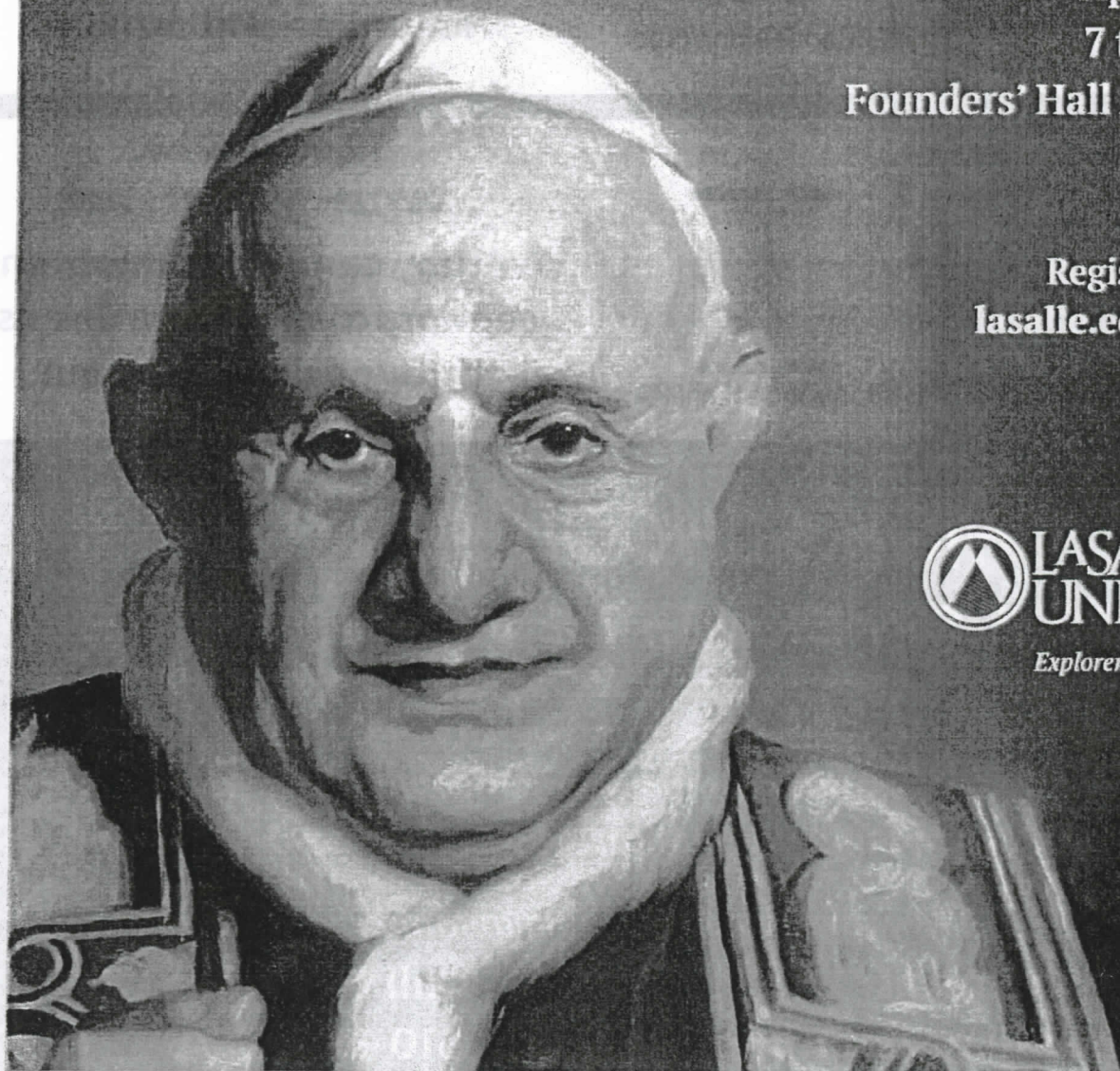
Register online at

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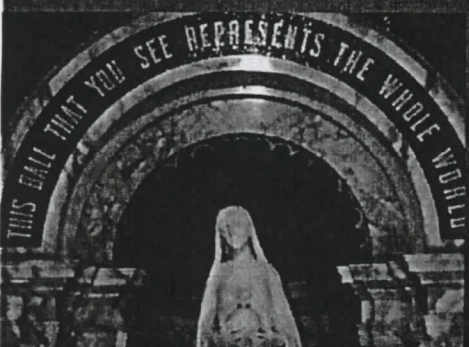


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POSSIBLE SPIRITUAL AND PENITENTIAL PRACTICES FOR LENT

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

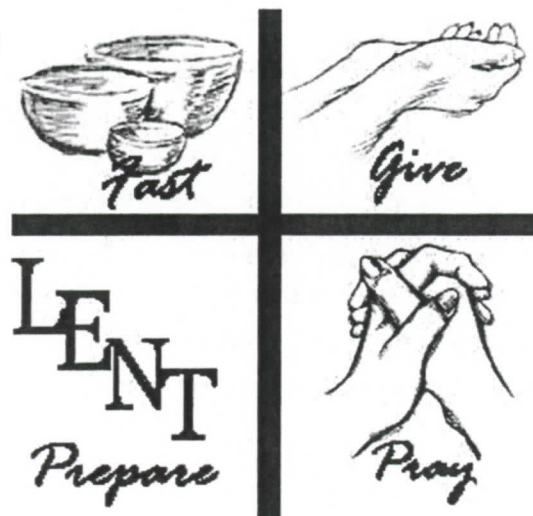
- ❖ Give up something you really like. For example, desserts, coffee, snacks, cigarettes, alcohol.
- ❖ Fast one full meal a day, every day.
- ❖ Once a week, health permitting, only have liquids.
- ❖ Turn off TV for thirty minutes to an hour each day, to pray or to do spiritual reading or to journal about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

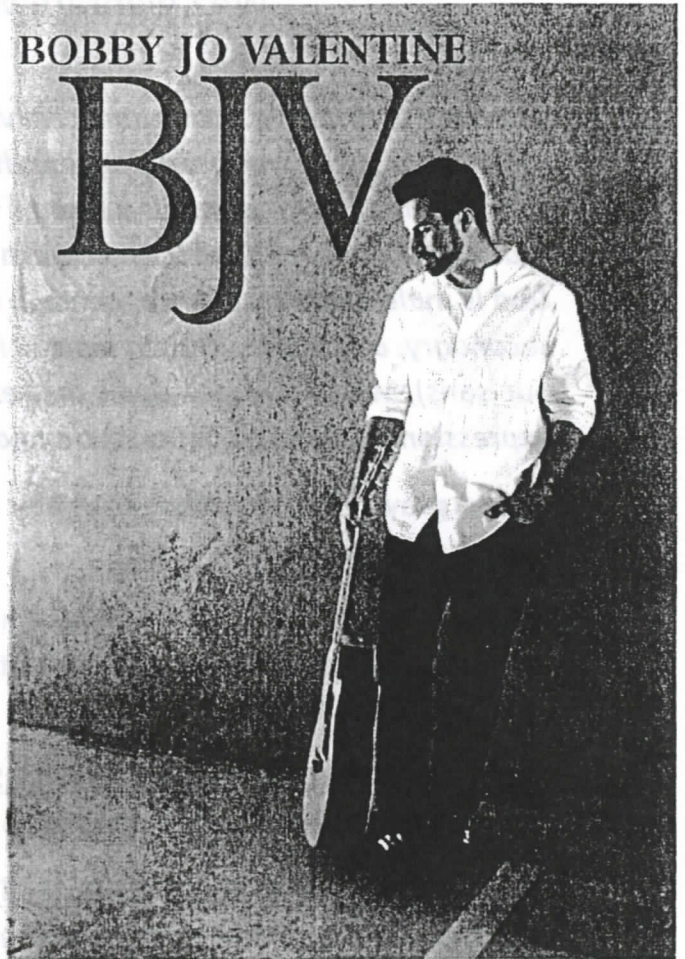


**Singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine returns to Philadelphia!
Friday 10 May 2019!**

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