

# 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](http://www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org)

## Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

**Joseph Ita-Sam**

♦ **Bindel-Mary Nnabuike**

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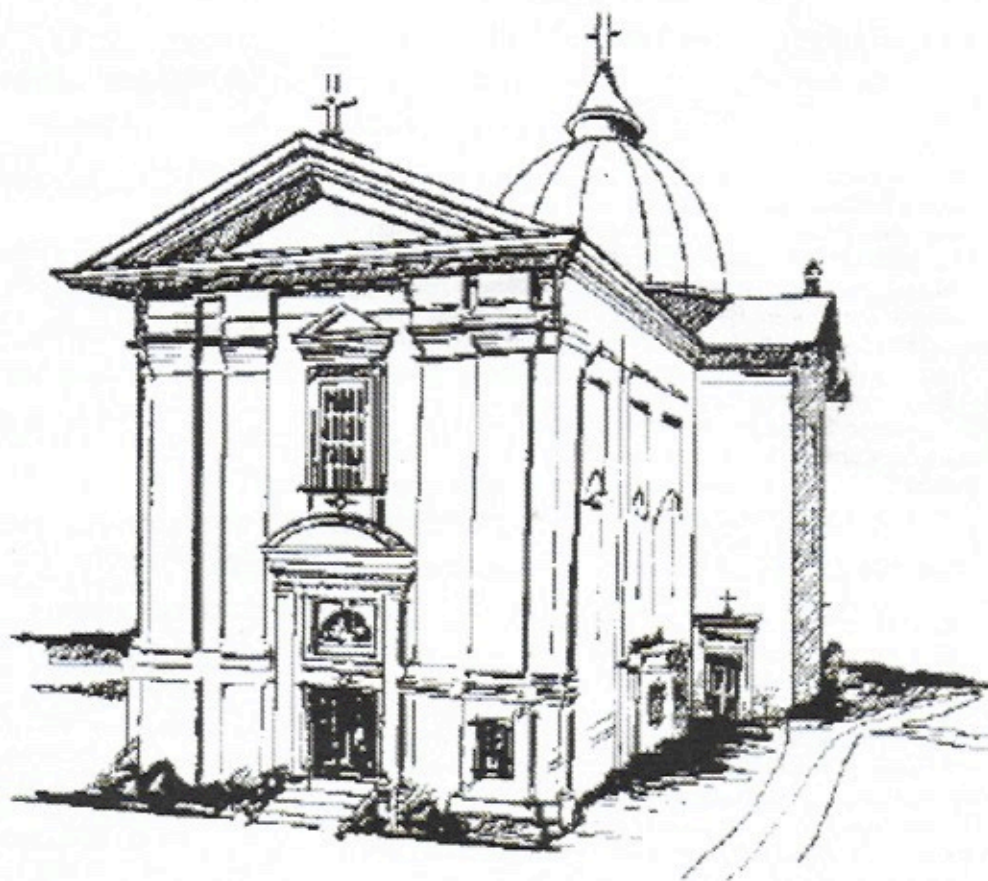
Food Pantry

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♦ **Kevin Gomez &**

♦ **Suzanne Garnett**

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## Partners in Ministry

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



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

SUN	02/16	Joy Wuenschel	9:00am
		Joy Wuenschel	11:00am
MON	02/17	NO MASS	7:00am
TUE	02/18	St. Alphonsis	7:00am
WED	02/19	Fr. Joseph Cummins	7:00am
THU	02/20	Raymond Rigler	7:00am
FRI	02/21	Frank & Maria Meloni	7:00am
SAT	02/22	St. Alphonsis	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN **Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**  
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, Ronald Rigler, Shirley Smith, Ida Bass, Stanley Callahan, Dorothy Ivey, Jarrett Queen Davis, Mary Montgomery, Grace Lawrence, Rosemary Barber, Mary Coulter, Michael Franklin, Carroll Clay, Yvonne McIntosh, Elizabeth Byrd, Robert Williams, Frances Williams, Terri Burgin, Marion Corbin, Paula Smith, Dellvina Gross, Barbara Lester

**Friends of St. Vincent's**

Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Mugan, Claire Wesolowski, Wanda Johnson, Robert Myers, Carol Holloway, Lillian Elliott, Jeanette Ingersoll, 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, John Michalski, Kenneth Chandler, Rayan Bousso, Sharon Williams, Barbara Kelley, Jim Moran, Agnes Thomas, Virginia R., Michael Hlywski, Patricia Jordan Winston, Mary Malizia, Nancy Dole, Tony Gaddis, Charles Carlin, Valerie Graham, John Bass, Hulstrum Adderley, Genevieve Sharpe, Ezekiel Smith, Bonnie Davis, Rita Felder, Thomasina Thomas, Ann Marie Petersen, Danielle Parker-Magnum, Harry Petersen, Sister MaryAnn Henneghan, Eliza Williams, Antonia Oliver, Darlene Elam, Carolyn Anderson, Winslow Anderson, Jr., Lorraine Lewis, Mary Padilla, William Thompson, Peggy Gaddis, Troy Brayton, Pat Malizia, Jeffrey Williams, Shirley Williams, 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.

Last Week's Collection	2,260.00
Electronic	3,250.00
Total	5,519.00
Tithe	275.95

**Today's Readings**

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm: Psalm 119  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew  
Gospel: 5:17-37

**Reading for Next Week**

First Reading: Lv19:1-2, 17-18  
Psalm: Ps 103  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23  
Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 1:1-11, Ps 119:67-76 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18, Ps 94:12-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27, Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9, Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26, Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

**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 - February 16-22, 2020

### INTRODUCING LENT 2020..."AMAZING GRACE"

God's grace is more powerful than anything we can imagine. Sign up today to hear men, women, and children share their personal stories about God's grace touching their lives. Join us daily, during Lent, on this journey of faith, and discover how you can experience God's "Amazing Grace." The series begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26** and goes until **Easter Sunday**. Sign up online at [www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent](http://www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent).

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Join our faith community - and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from one of the tables in the back of the church starting Saturday, February 15th. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

### NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Nominees will be invited to an Information Night to learn more about the Parish Council Ministry on **February 27**. Nominees who feel called, will return for Discernment Night on **March 12**.

### SPANISH LANGUAGE MASSES

The next Spanish Language Mass is **February 23 at 5pm**.

### AFRICAN STYLE MASS

**Sunday, March 15, 11am Mass** will be an African style Mass with an African choir.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

We gather third Tuesdays of the month, 1:30-2:30 in the Chapel.

### SENIOR MINISTRY

For more information or questions, call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427.

### PEACE AND JUSTICE

Peace and Justice Ministry meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:45 am in the Rectory.

### HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a special way of being together after the 9am Mass if people volunteer to host. Sign up to host beverages and donuts in the Hospitality Room. Sheet posted at the side church door.

### REFLECTION SPACE/PRIVATE PRAYER INTENTIONS

To the right as you enter the church is a box for worshipers to deposit private prayer intentions or to pray quietly for their own and others' intentions. The box of prayer intentions will be placed on the altar at the beginning of each mass.

### ST. VINCENT'S T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

If you have not picked up your order, please call Joan McGowan, at 267-879-7664, to arrange your pickup.

### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for Shyamir Wallace, a 12 year old student at DePaul Catholic with Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma and cancerous tumors on his lungs. He will be in the hospital for months.

From Julian of Norwich (1342-1416):

*The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything. God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher, the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labors.*

### TABLE OF PLENTY MINISTRY

Please consider joining us to provide baked goods & fresh, organic vegetables to our parish family. We need people who are able to pick-up from bakery in Ambler once a month to keep this ministry alive. Contact Joan McGowan to join our ministry ([joaniemc223@gmail.com](mailto:joaniemc223@gmail.com) / 267-879-7664).

### POWER

Look for updates on St. Vincent's POWER members' initiatives and ideas to get out the vote in the upcoming elections. We do not support specific candidates, just everyone's right to have a voice and have their concerns, particularly jobs, housing, safety, environmental justice, fair educational funding, etc., heard and addressed. Please watch for updates and join us! Check out the website at [power.org](http://power.org).

### HEALING NEW TESTAMENT ANTI-JUDAISM

Only in the last 50 years have Christians begun to face the uncomfortable fact that some of the language in our own Scriptures has played—and continues to play—a role in fostering hatred and violence against Jews. All are welcome to an interactive workshop on this topic offered by community members, Phyllis Taylor and Mary Laver, on Saturday afternoon **March 8**. Deeper analysis will be offered by theologian Ellen Charry (Princeton Theological Seminary) on **Saturday, March 21**. Watch upcoming bulletins for exact times of both sessions.

### MAN UP PHILLY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 7, 7:30am-5pm** at Neumann University. Join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship including prayer, confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. Go to [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com), for more information

### FOOD PANTRY:

For February, please focus on: ready to eat cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Thank you.

### TWO EVENTS BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

My Place Germantown is selling tickets to a one woman performance titled "Across a Banner of Fear-The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt" on **Saturday, March 14 at 3pm** at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 440 S. Bethlehem Pike, in Ft. Washington. \$23 in advance, \$28 at the door, \$15 for children 12 and under. More information: [janevanboskirk.com](mailto:janevanboskirk.com). For tickets: Joan McGowan [joaniemc223@gmail.com](mailto:joaniemc223@gmail.com) 267-879-7664 or Jack DiFeo at [onbridle@hotmail.com](mailto:onbridle@hotmail.com) / 215-287-5682.

### TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

Court Ave Maria #650 is hosting a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see the play *Queen Esther* on **April 11**. Call Heather Goldsmith, at 215-3709709 or Marie Phanord at 215-848-4668.

### NEW ARTWORK

Be sure to check out Peg McFadden's beautiful art in our Restroom Galleries.

### *Celebrating Black History Month*

*"We may have different religions, different languages and different colored skin, but we all belong to the human race."*

*It's not about color. It's about love."*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have two Masses (with distribution of ashes), at 7 am and 7 pm. We will also have a prayer service, with distribution of ashes at noon.

**RICE BOWLS:** Remember to pick up a Rice Bowl. They are in the baskets, on the small tables, in the back of the church; and on the table next to the side entrance.

### **NEW SCHEDULE FOR GOOD FRIDAY-SPREAD THE WORD!**

- 12 Noon - 4 pm: Church will be open for quiet prayer and adoration
- 6 pm: Seven Last Words
- 7 pm: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**WORKING COMPUTER OF LAPTOP NEEDED:** The New Sanctuary committee is trying to help Jacobo Sandoval learn English. His preferred method is online. We want to facilitate his wish. If you have a serviceable computer he can use, let us know. Call 267-237-6683.

**SPANISH MASS:** The next Spanish Mass is next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5 pm.

**SANCTUARY REFLECTION AND FUNDRAISING DINNER:** On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm, at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG), 6001 Germantown Avenue; featuring guest speakers Frank M. Palmieri and C. J. Thompson. Tickets are \$15. Obtain one from a member of the New Sanctuary Committee or go online to eventbrite.com (Search "Sanctuary Dinner, Germantown FUMCOG Church"). Questions, please call 856-392-8256.

**JOYFUL SPIRIT GUITAR GROUP:** This new music ministry is open to all, those with any level of guitar experience, who are interested in singing with a guitar group. We will learn a mix of old and new songs. Rehearsal is on Mondays, from 7:30 pm until 9 pm, in the chapel. Our first Mass is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4 pm. Please contact Tanya Geisler, at 267-625-7010, for more information.

**POWER:** Come celebrate the legacy of former POWER Deputy Director David Koppisch! We will honor David at an Open House cocktail reception Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at Rodeph Shalom, 615 North Broad Street. There is no charge, but there is a suggested donation...David served with POWER for 10 years, and we are asking for donations of 10 times the number of years he has served. We hope you can make it and thank him for his leadership.

**YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am until 5:30pm, the Shrine is having a half-day retreat. Enjoy good conversation, food, drinks and talks focused on you and your ministry as a young adult leader. You'll learn how to identify your spiritual gifts and use them to glorify our Lord through your work and daily life. To learn more, visit [www.cammonline.org/prayer-ministry/youngadult/](http://www.cammonline.org/prayer-ministry/youngadult/)

**MY PLACE GERMANTOWN VALENTINE'S DAY ANNUAL BAKE SALE:** Buy a treat and help support the great work of My Place Germantown. Monetary donations are also welcome!

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 14 year old eighth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was diagnosed with several cancerous tumors on his lungs. He is now in the hospital for three months to recover.





*Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people.*

*—Mark 6:41*

Dear Families,

During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

We will be reminded through the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 that if we commit to sharing what we have with those in need, trusting in God's abundance, there is more than enough to feed everyone. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed good, nutritious food that gives them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

During this holy season, it is important to come together as a family and reflect on the cross of hunger and lack of proper nutrition, that so many of our brothers and sisters both near and far are forced to carry. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do.

Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Visit **[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)** to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Fr. Sylvester Ketcher".

# Joseph Cummins – Gifted and Transformed

By: John Freund on Oct 22, 2019 / [Around the Province](#)

In what is admittedly perhaps the most difficult homily any priest has to give, the homily at the death of a close relative, Fr. Mike Cummins, Fr. Joe Cummins' brother, spoke of how over the years so many people described him as a gift that transformed them. The truth of the observation was clear at his funeral.

Over fifty Vincentians and diocesan priests, among them, one Bishop, two former Superiors General, three Provincials and more than 200 other people who took time off from work celebrated his impact on their lives. Such was the Eucharist of the Resurrection for Joseph Cummins.

I only came to know him better in the last 5 years. I know that I only knew a slice of his life.

Especially in the last three years of his struggle with cancer, I came to know a generous and committed Vincentian who downplayed any discussion of his suffering. The sufferings were very real. Yet, he retained his ready smile and rarely spoke of them. His struggle never stopped him from his desire to continue to serve. A gifted translator, he continued to ask for work right up to the last week when his energy and determination completely failed him.

As often happens at our community wakes we learn so much as people share how their lives were touched. In his case, there were some recurring themes. Person after person spoke of what a gift he had been in their lives... and how he helped them transform their lives. Yet he would point out in his own way how other others had been a gift to him that transformed his life. The circle was complete.

But now I am learning some of the details of his life that I, and others, may not have known.

Few of us thought of him as a "founder". He never spoke much of his retreat work with members of the Spanish-speaking community. It is now coming to light that he was in effect the founder of a community of over 1,000 people. They were transformed by the retreat movement that flourished with his guidance. Over the years these people have kept in regular contact with each other and grew together in their faith. They are formally known under the title of the Servants of Christ. The Vincentian Family Office is exploring the possibility that this group might meet the criteria for being officially recognized as one of the newest branches of the Vincentian Family – the Servants of Christ.

Between what we know and are now learning, no wonder there was such a turnout. No wonder that at the conclusion of the Mass of the Resurrection there were few dry eyes in Our Lady's Shrine when his Vincentian brothers broke out into singing Salve Regina as is our custom.

May our lives not only treasure his resurrection and final transformation but resurrect his gift and transformation in our lives and those we touch. That, I am sure, he would delight in.