

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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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	02/23	Joy Wuenschel	9:00am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00
MON	02/24	NO MASS	7:00am
TUE	02/25	St. Alphonsis	7:00am
WED	02/26	Loretta Kettelberger	7:00am
THU	02/27	Sabrina Coralluzzo	7:00am
FRI	02/28	St. Alphonsis	7:00am
SAT	02/29	St. Alphonsis	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN	Seventh 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 Gnad, Mattie Robinson, NaJearah Smith, Tom Stevens, baby Nicholas Esposito, John Michalski, Kenneth Chandler, Rayan Bouso, 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: Lv19:1-2,17-18
Psalm: Ps 103
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm: Ps 103
Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Monday: Jas 3:13-18, Ps 19 :8-10,15
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10, Ps 55:7-11,23
Mk 9:30-33

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-14,17
2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9, Ps 51:3-6,18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9-14, Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32

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.

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.

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.

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 Laudato Si':

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely.

Hence there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail,

in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from exterior to the

interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things.

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 / 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.

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, for more information

FOOD PANTRY:

For February and March, 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. For tickets: Joan McGowan joaniemc223@gmail.com 267-879-7664 or Jack DiFeo at 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

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer.

Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

— Harriet Tubman

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 22ND AND 23RD, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY: This upcoming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. 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

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, March 15th, we will have an African style Mass.

SPANISH MASS: The next Spanish Mass is this Sunday, at 5 pm.

OLD SCHOOL LENT REVIVAL: St. Raymond's Church (1350 East Vernon Road) is hosting a revival, on Monday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 10th. Refreshments are at 6:30 pm and the revival will begin at 7 pm. Monsignor Ray East is the revivalist.

POWER INVITATION: Are you new to the parish? Or are you a long-time parishioner but want to do something new in 2020 that "changes the world" — or at least our corner of it? Why not check out POWER's St Vincent's team! We are working on a plan to reach out to neighborhood leaders and organizations across Germantown, to urge all residents to participate in the census (this spring/summer) and to vote (primary Apr 28th, general election Nov 3rd). All are welcome at St Vincent's POWER potluck meeting on Thursday, March 5th, from 6pm to 7:30 pm, in the Rectory. No time to cook or shop? Come anyway—there's always plenty! For more information, contact Mary Laver (mlaver@powerinterfaith.org or 610-324-9388).

SEEING AND HEALING ANTI-JUDAISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT-SAVE THE DATE: 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 parish members Phyllis Taylor and Mary Laver, on Sunday, March 8th, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Deeper analysis will be offered by theologian Ellen Charry (recently retired from Princeton Theological Seminary), on the afternoon of Saturday, March 21st. Join us!

SANCTUARY REFLECTION AND FUNDRAISING DINNER: This Friday, from 6 pm until 8:30 pm, at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG), 6001 Germantown Avenue; featuring Frank M. Palmieri and C. J. Thompson. Tickets are \$15. See a member of the New Sanctuary Committee, if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. Questions, call 856-392-8256.

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YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP RETREAT: Saturday, March 7th, 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/

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 21st, at 4 pm. Please contact Tanya Geisler, at 267-625-7010, for more information.

VINCENTIAN HERITAGE TOUR TO FRANCE: Father Michael Carroll is leading a tour of France, from October 9th to 17th. An Information Session will be held on Monday, Feb. 24th, at either 11 am or 6 pm in the Lower Shrine of the Miraculous Medal Shrine. For more information, contact Colleen Buckley at 215-532-5783.

THANK YOU FROM MY PLACE GERMANTOWN (MPG): Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased baked goods, or made a financial donation to MPG. We raised \$1,643.00 for this not-for-profit with a mission to reduce homelessness in the Germantown, by providing permanent supportive housing for disabled homeless individuals, in a community-based setting. Your support is always appreciated!

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Old School LEN



Join us for two nights of life-giving community,
powerful preaching and inspiring praise

Monday, March 9th "Turn away from sin"

Tuesday, March 10th "Be faithful to the Gospel"

Refreshments at 6:30; We begin at 7pm both nights

Revivalist: Monsignor Ray East

Music: AGAPE, The St. Raymond TriState Choir

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