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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 Holv 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.

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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	03/15	Joy Wuenschel	9:00am 11:00
MON	03/16	NO MASS	7:00am
TUE	03/17	St. Alphonsis	
WED	03/18	Joseph Coll	7:00am
THU	03/19	Natalie Smith	7:00am
FRI	03/20	St. Alphonsis	7:00am
SAT	03/22	St. Alphonsis 8:	8:00am
			4:00pm

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

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, Zenobia Newman, Eugene Demetrovits

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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.

Last Week's Collection	2,801.00	
Electronic	3,250.00	
Total	6,051.00	
Tithe	302.55	

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm: Psalm 95 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8 Gospel:

John 4:4-42

Readings for Next Week I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

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Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel: John 9:1-41

2kgs 5:1-15, Ps 42:2-3 Monday: 43:3-4, Lk 4:24-30

Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 2:4-9 Tuesday: Mt 18:21-35

Dt 4:1,5-9, Ps 147:12-20 Wednesday:

Mt 5:17-19

2 Sm 7:4-5,12-16, Ps Thursday: 89:2-5,27,29, Rom

4:13,16-18,22, Mt 1:16-24

Friday: Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6-17

Mk 12:28-34

Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4,18-21 Saturday:

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 appoint-ment 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.

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 **goes until Easter Sunday**. Sign up online at www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent.

PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Join us on Saturday mornings during Lent for Mass at 8 am. This will be followed by "Hour of Prayer Power", which will include the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Lay Reflection.

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. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

- 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

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 Shyamirr 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.

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 7:30-9pm** in the chapel. Our first Mass is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at 4 pm. Please contact Tanya Geisler, at 267-625-7010, for more information.

NEW ARTWORK

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

AN OFFERING FOR LENT

Let's discover together what 13 Powerful Ways to Pray has to offer. This book, which we all received last Christmas, is a simple and practical guide to deepening our communication with God. Join a small group discussion in the chapel at 10:30 am on March 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Read and enjoy the first 30 pages for March 15. Questions? Please call Kathleen Cleaver at 610-217-8292. All are welcome.

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 INVITATION

2020 is a critical year for our community and our country. Would you like to help boost participation in the Census and Voting right here in Germantown? Whether you have a little time or a lot, please come to the next St Vincent's POWER potluck dinner meeting: Thursday, March 19, 6-7:30pm in the rectory. No time to cook or bring a dish? No problem! There's always plenty. We're planning a big community-wide meeting on Thurs evening Mar 26 with influential groups and leaders across Germantown from congregations to neighborhood associations. If you are one of those people or belong to such a group, please let us know! For more info, contact Mary Laver (mlaver@powerinterfaith.org 610-324-9388) or Terri Burgin (215-651-0100 tburgin@powerinterfaith.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. Parish members Phyllis Taylor and Mary Laver offered workshops on this in January and March. For a deeper theological analysis that builds on those workshops, come to St Vincent's on Saturday March 21, 1:30-3:30pm in the Hospitality Center to hear Dr Ellen Charry, a theologian with deep expertise in the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. She recently retired after 27 years teaching at Princeton Theological Seminary. For more information: Phyllis Taylor rktpbt@me.com 215-248-3178 or Mary Laver mlaver@powerinterfaith.org 610-324-9388.

SUPPER FOR SANCTUARY FAMILIES

On Sunday, March 15, 5-7 pm at Germantown Mennonite Church, 21 West Washington Lane, help two families stay together and fight for justice while enjoying DELICIOUS homemade Honduran and Mexican dishes! Suggested donation is \$15. Please call 215-438-3677 for any questions about the event. There will be a special performance by TOCO-A Japanese Taiko drumming and Flamenco collaboration.

FREE PROGRAM AT CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE

The Institute for Forgiveness and Reconciliation welcomes you to "Giving and Forgiving: Interfaith Conversation on Compassion and Reconciliation" on Saturday, March 21, 8:30am-4pm at Sugarloaf Campus, on the corner of Germantown Avenue and Bells Mill Road.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clothing/Household Goods Drive will be held on Saturday, April 18th, and Sunday, April 19th, in the church parking lot. Think of us when you do your spring cleaning and save usable items for the drive! Detailed information will be posted in several weeks. Tell your friends and neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 14TH AND 15TH, 2020

LENTEN THEME: Renewed by the Spirit; Turning Back to our First Love.

<u>VIRUS PROTECTION</u>: If not feeling well, don't come to church. We will sanitize after each Mass. No holding hands. Pray, pray, pray.

<u>PRAYER EXPERIENCE</u>: Join us on Saturday mornings during Lent for Mass at 8 am. This will be followed by "Hour of Prayer Power", which will include the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Lay Reflection (the person will be chosen ahead of time).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Dawn's Place is a year-long program for women survivors of sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. We are looking for a few women, with generous hearts, willing to join us as a volunteer. If you have a few hours once or twice a month to help at Dawn's Place, we would be very grateful for your service. Volunteers are needed Monday thru Friday, from 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm and Sunday from 9 am until noon. Basically, it involves joining the women for the evening meal, which they prepare, and spending time playing scrabble or watching TV with them. No major skills are necessary—just a desire to accompany the women in their journey to healing and independence. If you have any questions, see Gerry Givnish.

ROSARY RALLY: All are invited to gather on Wednesday, March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, for Celebrating Mary's Yes - an Archdiocesan-wide ROSARY RALLY. Participants should gather at St. Raymond of Penafort Parish (1350 Vernon Road), at 7pm, to pray the Rosary which will be led by Archbishop Perez and the Seminarians via live streaming.

<u>2020 CENSUS – WHY DOES IT MATTER:</u> For every person counted in the census, Philadelphia receives \$21,000 in federal funding over the course of the decade. We need EVERY person to count in 2020, to ensure our city has the resources to meet the needs of all Philadelphians. Expect a letter in the mail this week that says US Census Bureau. Don't toss it!

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN PLANT SALE: Beautiful, lush 10" hanging baskets (seven varieties) for a donation of \$22 each! Beautify your garden, porch or deck. Makes a wonderful Mother's Day gift! Deadline for orders: Wednesday, April 8. Pick-up at My Place Germantown, 209 East Price St, on May 2nd and 3rd. Information and order forms are at the entrances to the church. Contact Joan McGowan or Peg McFadden with any questions.

<u>ELECTION NEWS FROM GERMANTOWN COUNTS</u>: If you need to register, check your registration or poll site, or request an absentee or mail in ballot, contact www.pavotes.com, as soon as possible.

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Plan a meal from those highlighted in CRS Rice Bowl material, or choose a simple meal of soup to serve with bread. Get volunteers to make and serve the meal. Plan an activity using a speaker or video; See: www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope. Have a Rice Bowl available for participants to make donations.

OPENING PRAYER:

As we travel our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts.

We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting onwhat it means to be companions on the journey to encounter our global human family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Let us prayerfully reflect on the Lenten components together:

The first pillar of Lent is PRAYER.

We pray to grow in our relationship with God, and ask God for guidance on how to live our lives. In our prayer, we also thank God for the gifts we have been given, and we pray for those who have less than we do. During Lent, we pray for the grace to become the person God calls us to be.

The second pillar of Lent is Fasting.

Fasting means we give something up in order to create more space for what is truly important- our relationship with God and neighbor. We do this to help us recognize the difference between wants and needs. Choosing to live without something we like reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God.

The third pillar of Lent is Almsgiving.

When we give to those who have less than we do, we honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors, and we share the gifts we have been given. This Lent, we will encounter people from other countries who we can help through our Lenten sacrifices to CRS Rice Bowl.

Sharing Time / Speaker or video (www.crs.org/stories-of-hope/)

Prayers of Petition:

Trusting in the mercy and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who invites us to share our loaves and fishes with those in need, we voice our petitions, asking for what we need, and for the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, "Lord, may we love as one human family."

- For allwe meet through CRS Rice Bowl both globally and locally who struggle to put nutritious food on their tables. We pray to the Lord. Lord, may we love as one human family.
- For all young people struggling to find meaningful work, that their God-given gifts be used for the common good. We pray to the Lord. Lord, may we love as one human family.
- For all farmers near and far, that they find abundant harvests to feed their families, their communities and the world. We pray to the Lord. Lord, may we love as one human family.
- For allwhom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, that the seeds they plant today may also sprout hope and grow opportunity. We pray to the Lord. Lord, may we love as one human family.
- For those we encounter on our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl, and all people around the
 world who struggle to meet their daily needs. May we welcome the homeless, the lost and the
 wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent home. We pray to the Lord.
 Lord, may we love as one human family.

Let us conclude our time together by praying:

God of all people, You are the source of every blessing.

May we be mindful of your presencenow

and as we use these CRS Rice Bowls
in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

May they be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to you, our God, and to our neighbors both near and far.

May this time of reflectionhelp us to see our role in caring for themost vulnerable—
those experiencing hunger,
lack of economic opportunity
and violencethat force them to migrate.

Through these40 days, may we deepen our faith in you, and our love for one another, as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter. Amen.

Saint Vincent DePaul Church ~ Lent 2020 Renewed by the Spirit: Turning Back to Our First Love Celebration of the Scrutinies



As we move through our Lenten journey, the St. Vincent De Paul community is blessed to have in our midst three Elect (Freeman, Caitlin, and Diana) and two

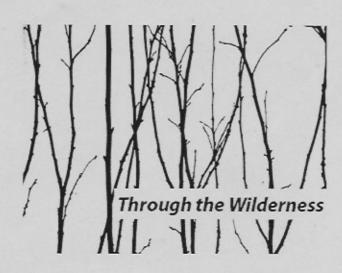
Catechumens (Diane and Chioma), who will receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Over the next few weeks, as part of that journey, we will walk with them through rites known as the Scrutinies.

The Scrutinies are rites of conversion and repentance, celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. So that everyone may have a chance to experience these special moments in our parish family, we will hold them this weekend at the 11:00 mass, next weekend (March 22) at the 9:00 mass and the final weekend (March 29) at the 4:00 mass.

During the Scrutinies, the presider and assembly will pray over those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, asking God to strengthen and assist them to more clearly live out God's love. As the prayers of exorcism invite them to turn away from sin and evil, Jesus will renew their hearts by removing what burdens--the blindness, errors, betrayals, illness, wounds, and weariness--and replenishing them with his divine love.

Although these prayers are prayed over the Elect and Catechumens, the whole community is invited and challenged to remove from our hearts whatever prevents us from making Christ the center of our lives. These Scrutinies are important to us all, and that is why they are celebrated solemnly and publicly: they focus and illuminate the whole season.

This Lent, let yourself be lured into the wilderness. Fall in love again, as you listen to your Beloved's words of tenderness, faithfulness and love. Strengthened by Christ's love, go out and witness that love to the whole world!



A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

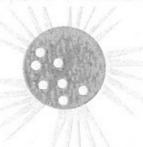
Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Kerry Weber is an executive editor of America.





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