

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	09/25	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
		Joseph Mastronardo	11:00 am
MON	09/26	NO MASS	
TUE	09/27	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	09/28	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	09/29	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	09/30	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	10/01	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
SAT	Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY
Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoaah Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak.

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Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	3,640.14
Electronic	<u>2,972.00</u>
Total	6,612.14
Tithe	330.60

Today's Readings

First Reading: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
 Psalm: Psalm 146
 Second Reading: I Timothy 6:11-16
 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Habkkuk 1:2-3, 2:24
 Psalm: Psalm 95
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

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, to make arrangements.

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 Evelyn Rogers 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 - September 25-October 1, 2016

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend each Sunday with our leaders, Grace and Corbin.

YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF MEETING

Sunday October 9th at 10:15am in the Hospitality center behind the church, we invite you to come for fellowship in Christ with your peers! Youth group is open to youth in grades 6th-12th. Other dates to put on your calendar: **October 30 at both the 9 & 11** are Youth Masses; **November 20 and December 4** are Youth Group Meetings. For more information or to meet one on one with us contact Dan and Katie at: youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org.

LECTORS

Please take a moment and SIGN UP for Oct/ Nov/ Dec dates in the Liturgy Prep Room near the main church door! We are late posting the schedule, so your prompt cooperation appreciated! Interested in planning a pre-Advent 2-hour retreat? Contact Mary Laver by Oct 1: mlaver14@comcast.net 610-324-9388.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS

On **Saturday October 1 from 9am-1pm** at Holy Cross Church, 140 E. Mount Airy Avenue, PAR-Recycle Works (a non-profit social enterprise) and the Men's Association of Holy Cross Church will be collecting: computers keyboards, mice, small printers, flat screen monitors*, cell phones, phones. \$10 donation per car appreciated. Please, no companies at this event. See PAR-Recycle Works at www.PAR-RecycleWorks.org.
* We can't accept CRT monitors or TV's with CRTs, batteries.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

We are again partnering with the Brandywine Peace Community in co-sponsoring a vigil on the last Saturday of the month between 12 noon and 2pm at the Horsham Air Guard Station at the corner of 611/Easton and County Line Roads to protest the possible opening of a Drone Command Center on its grounds. This center has had no announcement of its existence except for our protests! Our next vigil is this Saturday, September 24. Banners are provided; peace is shared. "End Drone Terror; Say No to the Drone Command Center in Horsham."

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1 at 4pm Mass, you are invited to bring your animals for a blessing. If you don't think your pet can handle attending the blessing and Mass, you are welcome to bring a picture of them. We will be collecting pet food prior to and on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, which will be donated to the Women's Humane Society. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING 'LAUDATO SI'

To honor the Pope's call for greater care for our Mother Earth, we will celebrate special *Laudato Si* liturgies on **October 2 at 9 and 11am Masses**. Following each Mass will be hospitality sponsored by the Care for Creation Committee, including a book sale of the Encyclical, prayers for the environment, literature on recycling, and a display of local produce to symbolize the beauty of creation. We will provide an example of Zero-Waste by using ceramic mugs, cloth napkins, and composting waste.

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT UPDATE

Undocumented Immigrants Harmed by City Traffic Policy: For over a year the New Sanctuary Movement has been gathering steam for the final push for immigrant driver's licenses. The time is coming, but meanwhile we are working on a related issue called "Live Stop". Soon we will be asking parishioners to sign a petition to ask Mayor Jim Kenny and Police Chief Richard Ross to change a city policy that harms undocumented immigrants while benefiting a private industry. Be on the lookout for a new bulletin insert.

POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild)
www.powerinterfaith.org

People of Faith, REGISTER by Oct 11 & VOTE on Nov 8. "Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." - from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Non-Partisan Fact Facts:

*If you or anyone in your family is eligible and not registered, they have till **Oct 11 to register**.

*St Vincent's POWER volunteers will be on hand after Masses to provide registration forms, collect completed ones, and make sure they are delivered on time to the Board of Elections.

*Here's who needs to register (or re-register): Anyone who moved, changed their name, or will turn 18 by Nov 8. Also: Anyone who has been released from prison, even if he/she is on probation/parole. Not all states allow ex-offenders (returned citizens) to vote, but PA does.

*More volunteers urgently needed to reach out to Germantown residents about registering. Many shifts available on Sat Oct 1 (12 to 4) and Sat Oct 8 (9 to 4). Other dates too between now and Oct 11. No experience? No worries—we will train you! Call the rectory to volunteer.

*Questions about registering, polling locations, checking the status of your registration and more: www.votespa.com

REVIVAL!

Catch the spirit with Bishop Ferdi Cheri at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul on Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, **September 27 from 7-8:30**. Sign up to ride the bus from St. Vincent's on those dates is at the back of the church.

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 _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____

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**

Petitions for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul
September 24-25, 2016

Empower us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit to be servants in the world as St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac were. *(Pause, then continue without response from the choir or congregation)*

- May zeal make us vibrant apostles of the good news that God in Christ has established a kingdom in which service is lovingly rendered to the poor. . . .

- May mortification, which is our dying to worldly desires, bring us to the fullness of life and open us up to increasing selflessness. . . .

- May meekness characterize us as approachable people, whose modesty opens doors, breaks down barriers and eliminates divisions. . . .

- May humility complement all our natural gifts and God-given abilities so we may employ them more effectively in service to others. . . .

- May simplicity be a hallmark of our parish so that no one is alienated by the trappings of power nor estranged by manipulative politics. . . .

Leader / Presider:

At this celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent DePaul, in this 200th year of Vincentian presence in the United States, we commit ourselves as a parish to living the virtues of St. Vincent more deeply, both in our communal life and in our everyday lives. These virtues are Simplicity, Humility, Meekness, Mortification, and Zeal.

And so I invite you to ponder which of the five virtues speaks to you most deeply. Which is closest to your heart? Which is most challenging? Which one, if embraced fully, would most transform your life? Which one can you commit to in the year to come?

Simplicity. Humility. Meekness. Mortification. Zeal.

We will now proclaim five commitment statements, one for each of our Vincentian virtues. If you can pledge your heart to one or more of these virtues this year, stand as invited and proclaim your AMEN.

Voice #1 (or Leader / Presider)

In the year to come, I pledge my heart to the virtue of SIMPLICITY. I will speak plainly, converse honestly, and conduct my affairs with straightforward goodness. I will strive to free my heart of attachments to the possessions, pursuits, and concerns that distract me from serving my God.

If you can pledge your heart to SIMPLICITY this year, please rise and say AMEN!

Kindly be seated.

Voice #2 (or Leader / Presider)

In the year to come, I pledge my heart to the virtue of HUMILITY. I will remember my own dependence on God, and consider others' virtues ahead of their flaws. I will strive to cast aside pride, and to approach each day as a lowly servant of our good and loving God.

If you can pledge your heart to HUMILITY this year, please rise and say AMEN!

Kindly be seated.

Voice #3 (or Leader / Presider)

In the year to come, I pledge my heart to the virtue of MEEKNESS. I will be warm, approachable, respectful, and open to those I encounter. I will strive against any natural irritability, praying instead for a kindly spirit with which to serve God's people.

If you can pledge your heart to MEEKNESS this year, please rise and say AMEN!

Kindly be seated.

Voice #4 (or Leader / Presider)

In the year to come, I pledge my heart to the virtue of MORTIFICATION. I will be clear-eyed about my faults, resolving to die to sin daily. I will strive to be a faithful servant to people who are experiencing any form of poverty, placing their needs above my passing pleasures.

If you can pledge your heart to MORTIFICATION this year, please rise and say AMEN!

Kindly be seated.

Voice #5 (or Leader / Presider)

In the year to come, I pledge my heart to the virtue of ZEAL. I will live the life of faith joyfully, my heart burning within me as I respond to God's call. I will strive to live a balanced life, so that my service of God's people may long endure.

If you can pledge your heart to ZEAL this year, please rise and say AMEN!

I invite everyone now to rise.

As a faith community modeled on the example of St. Vincent DePaul and the cloud of witnesses formed by Vincentian spirituality in the United States over the past 200 years, we pledge ourselves now and in the year to come to the virtues that St. Vincent held most dear. May our embrace of these virtues continue our conversion—as individuals and as a parish—into all that God longs for us to be in this world. Let the church say AMEN!

And may Almighty God bless us, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. AMEN.

The Mass is ended; go in peace to love and serve the world. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH, 2016

DEPAUL CATHOLIC: DePaul Catholic School invites you to join the entire school to celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent with an all-school liturgy, on Tuesday, September 27 at 1:30 pm, here at the church. Our students are participating in the liturgy and we are excited to prayerfully celebrate as one school community on this special day to honor our school's patron saint.

CALLING ALL SENIORS: Seniors are meeting for fun, food and fellowship in the Hospitality Center. The meeting begins at 11:00am, on Wednesdays. Any questions, call Jerry Smith at (215) 508-0427.

TWO BUSES EACH NIGHT FOR THE REVIVAL: We ordered two buses for each night. We have plenty of room for you to come. Everyone try to come at least one night. If you know someone who wants to come, invite them. Buses leave at 5:15pm.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS MASS: Saturday October 1st, at the 4:00pm mass. Bring all your little critters...big ones too!

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL, LAUDATO SI, ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: Laudato Si was presented in the summer of 2015, and people of faith across the world have been inspired by its message calling all people to show greater care for our Mother Earth. To honor and to emphasize the message of Pope Francis, our parish will celebrate a special Laudato Si Liturgy on Sunday, October 2nd at both the 9am and 11am Masses. Through the music, scripture readings, prayers of the faithful and symbols of caring for the environment, we will attempt to inspire our community to more deeply reflect on our responsibility to protect "our common home" and especially to protect the poor who have been most impacted by the on-going environmental devastation of the last several decades.

Following each Mass, there will be hospitality, sponsored by the Care for Creation Committee. The Hospitality events will include a book sale of the Pope's Encyclical, a book of prayers for the environment and literature on recycling and a display of local produce to symbolize the beauty of creation. The goal is also to show an example of a **Zero-Waste** event by using ceramic mugs, cloth napkins and composting any food waste, if possible.

Diversity Sunday will be the weekend of October 8th & 9th.

October is **Mass Count** month. So let's make it our "Evangelization Month", where we each aim to bring someone new to Church with us.

On **Saturday, October 22**, from 9am-12pm, there will be a workshop for Liturgical Ministers, at the Cathedral.

Brother Al is receiving a prestigious award from St. John's University, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in New York City, on Thursday, October 27th.

Father Sy will be preaching a Mission in Scott Township, from Saturday, October 22nd until Wednesday, October 26th. Please keep him in prayer, that the Holy Spirit use him.

MINISTRY ROOM IN CHURCH OFFICE BUILDING: There is a room that we have in the church office building that could be used by a church organization or ministry. If interested in using this space, please call the parish office.

5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR - LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

Come join the fun and good health on Saturday, October 8th from 12 to 3 PM at the Shoppes at La Salle (Church Lane and Chew Ave) at La Salle University's 5th annual Explore Your Health community health fair. There will be nearly 50 vendors from a variety of areas of health, free screenings, Zumba sessions and massages, giveaways, prizes, food and drink, live performances from student and neighborhood groups, and fun for the kids. Call Cherylyn Rush, at 215-951-1948, for more information.

JOB OPENING WITH POWER: POWER is looking to immediately hire five people for the Norristown POWER office, to do voter engagement work. If interested, call Terri Burgin, at 215-651-0100, to set up an interview.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Roman Catholic Church

St. Vincent's Youth Ministry Kick off Meeting

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Hospitality center behind the church

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Other dates to put on your calendar:

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Masses
- ~Youth Group Meeting November 20th
- ~Youth Group Meeting December 4th

For more information or to meet one on one with
us contact Dan and Katie at:

youthministry@saint-vincent-church.org

EXPLORE YOUR HEALTH at the 5TH ANNUAL

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, October 8, 2016 | Noon–3 p.m.
The Shoppes at La Salle | 5301 Chew Ave.


Rain Location: Belfield Recreation Center



- Health Screenings
- Nutrition Tips
- Health and Financial Planning
- Community Performances
- Student Performances
- Massage and Meditation
- Bounce House and Face Painting
- Zumba
- La Salle Athletic Teams
- Free Healthy Snacks
- and more!

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For more information, call 215.951.1916 or visit lasalle.edu/cbt

Friday, October 14

7pm

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The Romero Interfaith Center (RIC) invites you to celebrate with us a visit from our partners in U.S. El Salvador Sister Cities to Philadelphia with an educational coffee house fundraiser!

We will be welcoming two fabulous speakers:

Zulma Tobar, a staff member with USESSC in El Salvador, and Carly Roach, a current USESSC Volunteer in El Salvador

They are coming to share with us about:

***Solidarity, Organizing, and
Environmental Justice in El Salvador***

We will also hear an update on the fight for safer sugar cane growing practices in our sister community of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz and reports from this summer's trip to celebrate 30 years of solidarity!

For more information, please contact:

Joanie Brooks at 267-825-6989 or jmblapaz@yahoo.com

Live Music from Lily Medina!

Singer, songwriter, accomplished Latin jazz guitarist



**U.S.-El Salvador
Sister Cities**

TOGETHER WE VOTE

Saint Vincent's POWER team is looking for new voters. Here at Saint Vincent's we are looking for

100 newly registered Saint Vincent voters in 4 weeks

If every registered voter at Saint Vincent's registers ONE voter we can meet this goal. How can you help by the October 10 deadline? Register yourself. Then register one other person. Or bring your registration up-to-date and do the same for a friend. You need to register if you want to vote on November 8 if

- You have not voted in five years
- You have moved since you last voted
- You have never registered to vote in Pennsylvania
- You will be 18 years old before November 8, 2016

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Hand in the registrations at church so we can count your work towards our goal.

Actually 100 new voters from Saint Vincent's is not the biggest challenge. Saint Vincent's POWER team has promised to submit before October 10

400 new voter registrations from all over the city

One hundred volunteers get four new registrations each. Four volunteers get one hundred registrations each. That's how easy and hard it is to get to 400. You can help.

■ Give POWER volunteers an opportunity to reach voters. We want to reach teenagers – are you a parent at a high school? We want to canvass neighborhoods. Do you know a business or organization that supports voter empowerment? Do you have a new idea where we can meet potential voters? Talk to POWER volunteers in church or call Sheila Oliver (215) 680-4996

■ .Come out and meet voters where they are as a POWER volunteer. We're organizing voter outreach all over Germantown and beyond for the next month. Sign up and we will find a place and a time that works for you.

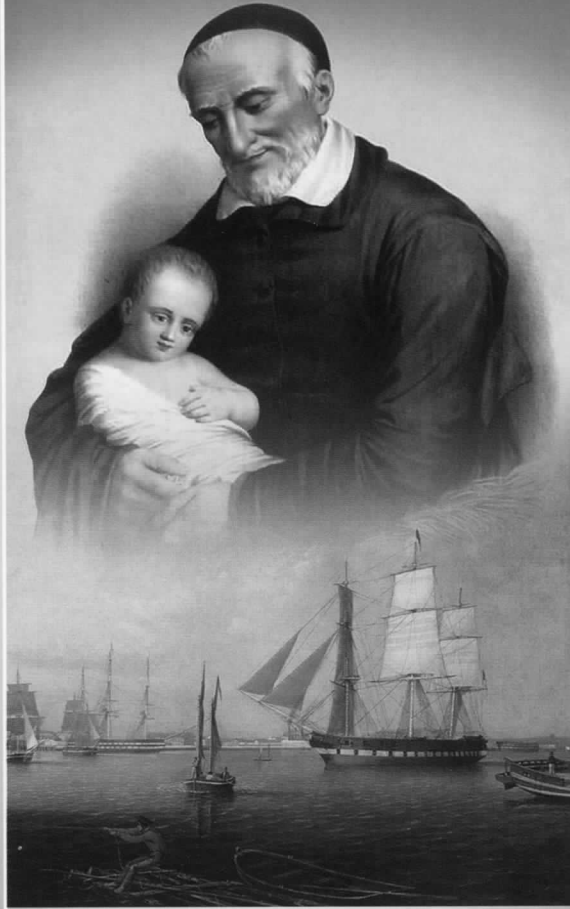
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500? In 4 weeks? Let's go!



WALKING
WITH THE POOR

*Vincentians Celebrate 200 Years
of Service in America*

13 MEN ON A MISSION





13 Brave Men on an American Mission

In 1816, 13 religious men from Italy, Vincentians, landed in Baltimore. They were pioneers in the true sense of the word. The only details they knew about their travel to America were the following: their destination was St. Louis; and their reason for coming to America was to help with the ministry of the newly created diocese of Louisiana. When they left Europe, everything they owned and needed for their ministry in America was packed in 80 pieces of luggage.

Like the pioneers of the American West, they did not know how dangerous, exhausting, and challenging the trip to St. Louis would be. Travel was by foot, wagon or stagecoach, and rivers and streams had to be crossed by horse or foot. On a day-to-day basis, they would experience culture shock. The food would be new and foreign; housing was primitive; and English was a newly acquired language skill.



The Vincentian Legacy Continues

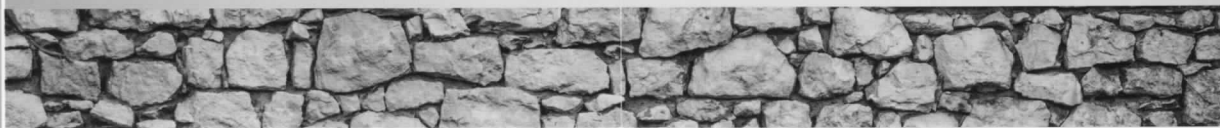
The 13 pioneering men who arrived in America in 1816, planted the seeds for the Vincentian Community to grow and flourish in the United States. For the last 200 years, they have served Christ and the Church in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul by selflessly doing the following: caring for the poor; educating young men for religious life by building 30 seminaries; spreading Catholic teachings by establishing three universities, plus numerous high schools and elementary schools; and building Catholic churches in remote and poor areas in the Americas.



CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION.
(VINCENTIANS.)

St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, Md.

CENTRAL HOUSE,
WESTERN PROVINCE.



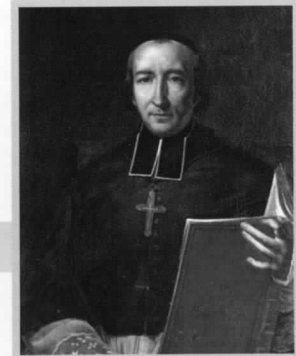


Why and How Vincentians Came to America

In 1815, Louis William Valentine Dubourg, a Sulpician priest, based in the Louisiana Territory, went to Rome to recruit priests. When he arrived in Rome, he was informed that Louisiana was to be made into a diocese, and he was to be its first bishop. To successfully care for his new flock, he knew he needed more priests, and was determined not to accept this appointment until he could find priests who would minister in the new diocese.

One evening, Dubourg heard a young Vincentian priest, Felix De Andreis, giving an inspiring talk to a group of priests. De Andreis left a deep impression on Dubourg, and the new bishop wanted De Andreis to be part of his group going to America. De Andreis agreed.

The group's primary assignment in America: establish a seminary in lower Louisiana, specifically in New Orleans. The volunteer missionaries learned French, a language skill needed in lower Louisiana. Before they left for America, they learned from Dubourg that the new seminary was to be built in St. Louis, not New Orleans. They now had to learn English.



Bishop Louis Dubourg

Arrival in Baltimore

The groups set sail on an American brig called "The Ranger," on June 12, 1816. On board were



Felix De Andreis, CM

13 missionaries: De Andreis, Joseph Rosati, Joseph Acquaroni, Joseph Carretti, Andrew Ferrari, Leo Deys, Francis Dahmen, Casto Gonzalez, Joseph Tichitoli, Martin Blanka, John Flegifont, Francis Boranvaski, and Medard de Lattre.

They arrived in Baltimore on July 26.

After their arrival in America, the missionaries set a deadline of four weeks to survey the local scene and discern its needs, and to erect a seminary as soon as possible. A portion of the necessary funds needed for building the seminary was to come from the fees provided by enrolled seminarians.

St. Louis

It took the group of missionaries more than a year to reach St. Louis. They traveled from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, to Louisville, where they settled

temporarily in Bardstown, Kentucky. They arrived in St. Louis in October 1817, and found a town of 2,000 residents, no resident priest, and Catholics who were apathetic to the arrival of their new bishop.

The Vincentians in St. Louis looked for a tract of land on which to build the new seminary. A colony of Catholics of English descent from the Barrens Settlement, about 80 miles south of St. Louis, offered the Vincentians a tract of land consisting of 640 acres. In April 1818, the offer was formerly accepted by Dubourg, who had arrived in Louisiana. The seminary, named St. Mary's of the Barrens, was established at the Barrens Settlement, the present location of Perryville, Missouri.

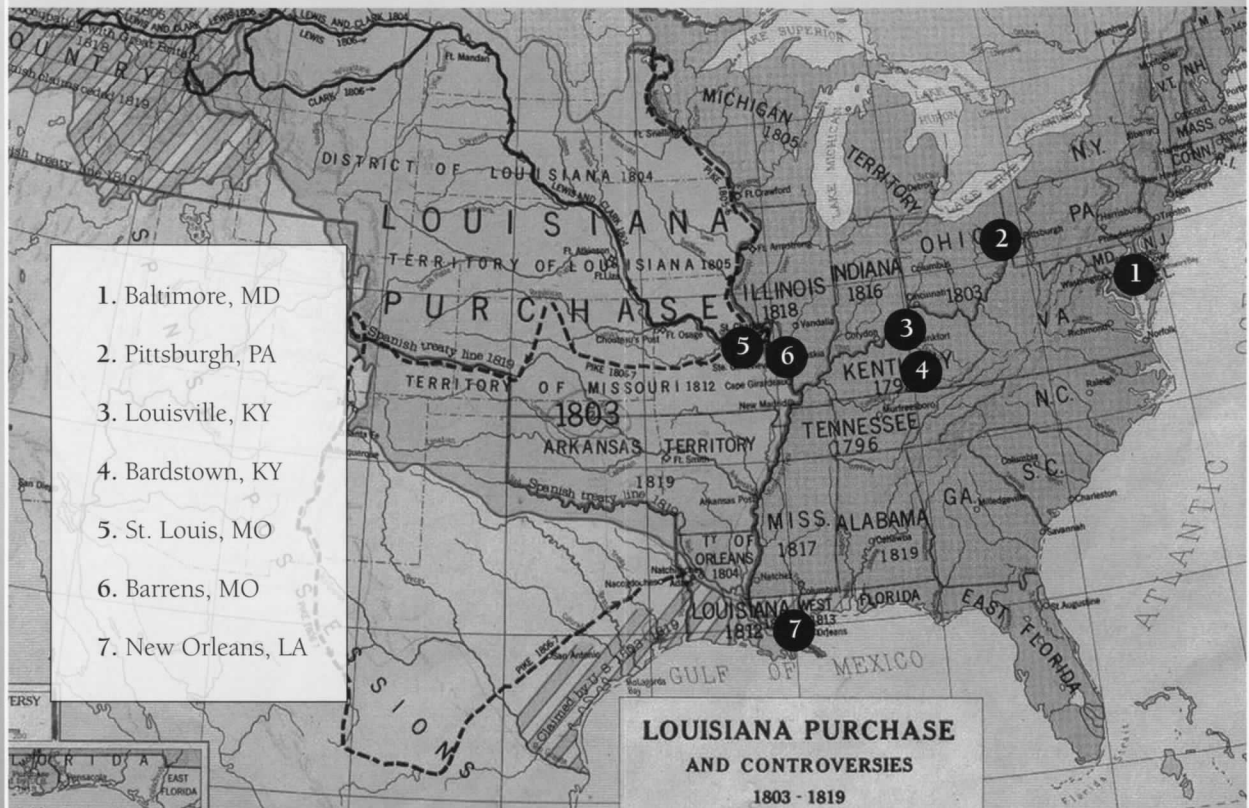
During the building of St. Mary's of the Barrens, De Andreis remained in St. Louis. He helped evangelize the African-Americans, both slave and free. On December 3, 1818, he opened the first American novitiate of the Congregation of the Mission in Saint Louis, using a small house on church property next to the bishop's house. He called the novitiate "Gethsemane." At about the same time, he began teaching theology in a boys school founded by Bishop Dubourg, the predecessor of the present-day Saint Louis University.

St. Mary's of the Barrens

During the nineteenth century, St. Mary's of the Barrens Seminary functioned as a lay college, a Vincentian seminary, diocesan seminary, parish, working farm, and small academy. The diocesan seminary was relocated to St. Louis in 1842, and in 1868, the Vincentian seminary moved to Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The division of the Vincentian American Province into the Eastern and Western Provinces led to the reopening of St. Mary's as a minor seminary in 1886. Two years later, the novitiate and scholasticate returned. In 1888, St. Mary's once again became an active seminary and served as the Western Province's house of formation until the mid-1980s.



Stagecoach travel on rough roads





Vincentians and the Future

The ministerial work of the Vincentians in the United States continues to the present day. The success of their ministry, to spread the Good News to the poor, is dependent on new vocations. We ask that you pray to God to touch the hearts of those men who might have a calling to serve God as a priest or brother, following the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you are a young man or know a young man, who has an interest in becoming a Vincentian priest or brother, and would like to dedicate his life helping the poor, please contact the following Vocation Directors:

East of the Mississippi River
Fr. John Maher, CM
vocations@stjohns.edu

West of the Mississippi River
Fr. Jim Osendorf, CM
vocations@vincentian.org

For additional information on the rich history of the Vincentians, their many ministries, and vocations, go to: • cmeast.org
• vincentian.org



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WITH THE POOR





Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

In the hope of obtaining
a miracle through his
intercession

Lord, You made Blessed Frederic Ozanam a witness of the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church.

You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service of all who were suffering.

In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband and father. In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching.

His vision for our society was a network of charity encircling the world and he instilled St. Vincent de Paul's spirit of love, boldness and humility. His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his short life, together with the radiance of his virtues.

We thank you Lord, for those many gifts and we ask, if it is your will, the grace of a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world! We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The DePaul Catholic School

DePaul Catholic School will begin this school year on September 6th with nearly 450 students in grades PreK-8th grade – our LARGEST student body since St. Vincent, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Madeline Sophie merged in 1986!

This year we hope to provide supplies to sustain our classrooms throughout the school year. Please drop off supplies in box in church vestibule by September 25th. Thank you for partnering with us!

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- 3 ring hole punch
- Staplers and staples
- Tape dispensers and tape
- Clipboards
- Index cards
- Pocket folders, assorted colors or a box of red
- Calculators: basic and scientific
- Disinfecting wipes
- Tissues
- Band-aids
- Hand sanitizer
- Board games, various ages (for indoor recess)
- Gift cards to Michaels, Target and Amazon in small quantities to be given to teachers for additional classroom supplies
- Gym supplies: Rubber balls, assorted sizes, basketballs, hula hoops, ring toss, bean bags, nylon pinnies

For regular updates and happenings at DePaul, please visit our website www.depaulphila.org follow us on Facebook or email Kelly Bielby to receive our e-newsletters at kbielby@thedepaulcatholicschool.org

My Place Germantown

is pleased to invite you to our Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner!

- *Tuesday, October 18, 2016*
- *Bridgid's Restaurant, a casual European-style bar and restaurant in the Fairmount/Art Museum section of Philadelphia, with a fantastic Italian-inspired menu! (726 N. 24th Street, Philadelphia) Two seatings are available . . . 5:30pm and 8:00pm*
 - *Cost = \$50 per person (exclusive of beverages and gratuity) All proceeds from the dinner benefit My Place Germantown*
 - *Menu: Bridgid's Executive Chef Ron Carter has created a new Italian-inspired fall menu especially for Bridgid's. Dinner will include an Amuse Bouche, Starter (soup or salad), your choice of seven (7) Entrées, and Dessert.*

Entree selections:

- * ***Spaghetti** :: Beef/Veal/Pork Meatballs, Meat Sauce, Pecorino*
- * ***Cavatelli** :: Broccoli Rabe, Cannellini, Nduja, Pesto, Sundried Tomato Crumb*
- * ***Lasagna** :: Beef/Pork/Veal Bolognese, Fried Egg*
- * ***Ricotta Gnocchi** :: Pea Gremolata, Roasted Mushrooms, Goat Cheese, Truffle Oil*
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- * ***Piccata** :: Chicken Confit Leg Quarter, Lemon-Caper Butter, White Wine, Spaghetti*

Make your dinner reservation now!

Seating is limited, so we must have your reservation no later than October 11. Requests for preferred seatings will be honored in the order in which they are received.

RSVPs must be emailed to Kathy Lieberman at kladvise@gmail.com no later than October 11. In your email, please include your first and last name, the number of guests who will be attending, your preferred seating (5:30pm or 8:00pm), and your choice of entrée (please use just the one- or two-word underlined descriptor) for each guest. Payment (cash or checks payable to My Place Germantown) will be collected at the restaurant upon your arrival.

We thank you for your ongoing support of My Place Germantown and look forward to seeing you at Bridgid's!

(For those of you not familiar with Bridgid's, there is on-street parking available throughout the neighborhood, as well as an open-air public parking lot roughly a block away, between 22nd and 23rd on Fairmount Ave.)



2016 National Black Catholic Men's Conference

2016 Scheduled Events

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Thursday, October 6, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Registration
Depart Hotel for St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Men Rally & Gospel Celebration
Light Refreshments at St. Martin de Porres
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Break
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Lunch (on your own)
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Black Rappin' Session
Dinner (on your own)
Reconciliation
"Spiritual Café"
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - noon
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Health Fair
Workshops
Break
Lunch (provided)
Harambee Town Hall (Adult)
"Code Red" (Youth)
Depart for St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Mass
Reception
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Prepare to Celebrate St. Vincent de Paul and 200 years of Vincentians in the United States

In the weeks leading up to our celebration of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 25th, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

As a way to prepare for this feast, Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member. You may see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make real and vibrant these virtues held most dear to our beloved Vincent.

If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter (215-327-1035 or liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org) or Joanie Brooks (267-825-6989 or jmblapaz@yahoo.com). The virtues are listed below and on the back of this page, and much more is available online. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this call.

The Five Vincentian Virtues



Simplicity

This is the virtue St. Vincent loved most. "It is my gospel," he says. Listen to how St. Vincent describes simplicity: "Jesus, the Lord, expects us to have the simplicity of a dove. This means giving a straightforward opinion about things in the way we honestly see them, without needless reservations. It also means doing things without any double-dealing or manipulation, our intention being focused solely on God. Each of us, then, should take care to behave always in this spirit of simplicity, remembering that God likes to deal with the simple, and that he conceals the secrets of heaven from the wise and prudent of this world and reveals them to little ones.

But while Christ recommends the simplicity of a dove he tells us to have the prudence of a serpent as well. What he means is that we should speak and behave with discretion. We ought, therefore, to keep quiet about matters which should not be made known, especially if they are unsuitable or unlawful ... In actual practice this virtue is about choosing the right way to do things." (CR 11, 4-5.

Humility

Jesus said "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is basic to gospel spirituality. The kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. God resists the proud; he raises up the humble. We must stand before God humbly in our daily prayer, and have the attitude of a servant.

Meekness

Jesus says that the meek shall be happy. St. Vincent believed this word of the Lord and won the hearts of the poor because his meekness developed as warmth, approachability, openness, deep respect for the person of others. Although he tells us that he was irritable by nature, he asked God to change his heart: "Grant me a kindly and benign spirit..." (see Abelly, U. 111, 177-178.)

Mortification

Jesus calls us to follow him even unto death. He asks us to die to sin daily. St. Vincent knew these gospel imperatives very well. We must be faithful to our duties of serving the poor, and prefer them when they conflict with other more pleasurable things.

Zeal

Vincent loved, with a burning love. "Let us beg God to enkindle in our hearts a desire to serve him..." (SV XI, 75.) We must labor long as servants of the poor— while remembering that although the Lord asks us to cooperate in his work, it still remains *His* work. So we must strive to live a balanced life, so that we might have the energy that nourishes zeal.

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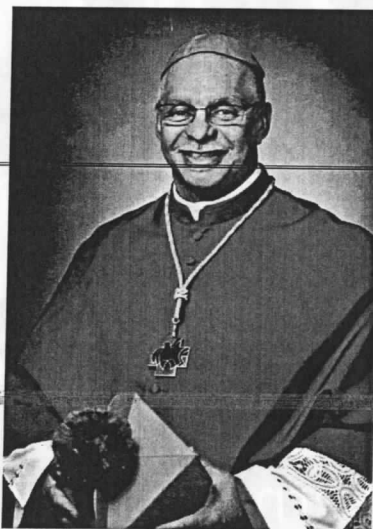
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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all you have sacrificed and for your generous spirit that has and continues to bring **HOPE** in Africa.

This year, we have some very exciting ways in which you can help bring God's love, hope and mercy to the poor in Africa.

Please pray for the success of these projects. Thank you in advance for all you do. Please live mercy and give generously, so we can help complete these projects; **GIVING MERCY AND HOPE TO THE POOR IN AFRICA**. If you have any questions about this appeal or would like to consider a bequest, feel free to contact me at (410) 371-0627 or frsy7@hotmail.com.

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Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Sy



In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.



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NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "DePaul hope Social Center". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*



ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



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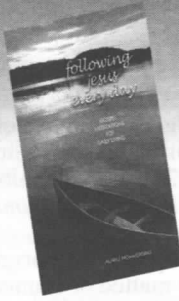
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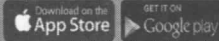
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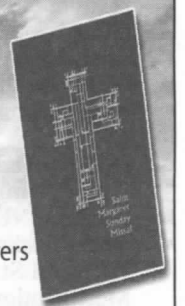
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