

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.

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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	12/10	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON	12/11	NO MASS	11:00 am
TUE	12/12	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	12/13	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	12/14	Joan Bretschneider	7:00 am
FRI	12/15	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	12/16	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

**THIS WEEK'S
CALENDAR**

SUN	Second Sunday of Advent
SAT	Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Anoa Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, 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, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Mary Ellen Graham, Mary Ann Delaplane, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams.

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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	3,546.75
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,796.75
Tithe	339.84

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm: Psalm 85
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Psalm: Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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 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 - December 10-16, 2017

OUR ADVENT THEME

"Journey toward Intimacy with Jesus, Source of our Hope"

ADVENT CALL TO PRAYER

Think about coming to our morning Mass, in the Rectory, Tuesday through Friday, at 7am. Think about calling into the Catholic Call to Prayer, every weekday morning, at 6:30. Call from your cell phone, (712) 775-8972 and when prompted put in code 336656. The call is about five to seven minutes.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON

Please start inviting family, friends and neighbors to our beautiful Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve we will have Masses at 4pm, 7pm and 11:30pm. Christmas Day Mass will be at 10am. On Christmas Eve, we will start with a half hour of Christmas music.

LECTOR NOTES

Lectors: Please stop by the Liturgy Prep Room before or after Mass to sign up for winter Masses (Jan/Feb/Mar)!

An Advent note from the lectors to all: Just as Mary carried Jesus in her womb all the way to his birth in Bethlehem, we carry God's Word in us as we read and reflect on it day by day in this holy season. Whether you are a lector or not, why not make time with the daily or Sunday readings during these dark but hopeful days of Advent? You can find them at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/> (USCCB is the site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). Click on the date you're seeking. Share with a friend!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE

After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or to pray for those with special needs can come and pray or become a part of the prayer circle. This should last about 5 to 10 minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study resumes this week. Join us, on Wednesday, at 7 pm, as we study the prophet Isaiah.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427 for more information.

RCIA

If anyone wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic, please see either Diane Zieg or Father Sy.

HOSPITALITY

Please join us for hospitality provided by the community after the 9am Mass in the Hospitality center. To volunteer, sign up on the bulletin board by the side entrance. Questions? Call Jack DiFeo 215 287-5682.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

As winter approaches with its unpredictable weather, please consider DIRECT DEPOSIT. A sign up form is on the inside of your bulletin. Fill it out and place in the drop box on the office door or mail it to the church. For more information, contact our bookkeeper, JoAnn, at 215-438-2925, ext. 229.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We will begin work on a second bathroom, hopefully very soon, once we get all the permits. It will probably be ready right after New Year. If you made a pledge, thank you! If you need information on where you are in regards to your Capital Campaign pledge, please call JoAnn.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is in place! Our Social Ministries depend on your generosity to help make Christmas brighter for their clients/guests. Please take a tag and buy a gift. Some tags will have several gifts on it - you only need to buy one! If gift cards are requested, \$25 is the standard, however, feel free to give what you can - any amount is greatly appreciated. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOUR GIFTS ARE CLEARLY LABELED with the ministry! You can tape your tag to the gift or write your own tag for the gift. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT! Gift cards may be placed in the collection baskets - again, clearly marked with the ministry. Other gifts can be placed in the food baskets and brought up with our gifts at Offertory. Thank you for your gracious generosity during this Advent season. Ministries represented: Inn Dwelling, Face to Face, My Place Germantown, Parish Social Ministry, Par Recycle Works, & DePaul Catholic School.

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We received \$960 for the Retirement Fund for Religious and \$345 for Christmas poinsettias. Thank you for your generosity.

POWER UPDATES

Potluck & Discussion Series: Thanks to all who came to our kickoff on Nov 13. The 16 of us decided to meet again on **Monday, December 11 from 6 to 8pm** in the rectory, to look at local or parish-based issues we can take on using our community organizing skills and connections with POWER. All are welcome! Bring something to share (water, juice, a dish—or just yourself if you don't have time) Also, we will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2018** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's faith-based organizing around jobs, our theme will be POWER's ground-breaking "Black Work Matters" report.

Education: POWER is proud to have been asked to play a pivotal role in the transition of our Philadelphia school governance from the SRC (which dissolved itself on November 16) to a locally-controlled school board. Your input and presence at public meetings will be important in coming days. Watch for updates!

Questions? Comments? Want to stay in the loop or get involved? Contact Terri Burgin (tburgin84@aol.com) or Mary Laver (mlaver14@comcast.net)

SIMPLE WAY TO HELP A WORTHY CAUSE

Joy Wuenschel is collecting flip tops from soda and other cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald house at Children's and other hospitals. See Joy with your donations or leave them at the rectory for Joy.

YOGA AT ST. VINCENT'S

December 14, 6:30-7:30pm in the Hospitality Center. Cost: \$3.

Note: Cars parked on sidewalks on Lena St. are being ticketed.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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 _____

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first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
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Second Sunday of advent, December 10,2017

Prayers of the Faithful (for 11: 00 liturgy, add “let us pray to the Lord”)

For the church, that the zeal and fervor of the Baptist will inspire all her servants to boldly declare the presence of the lord in the midst of all of the world's turbulence and magnificence (let us...)

For world leaders that they enact policies and practices that bring forth the new earth in which righteousness, freedom and justice prevail (let us...)

For our St Vincent faith community, as we wait in hope for the coming of our savior, who dwells among us, may we practice the acts of justice and mercy that our faith demands of us (let us...)

In a world burdened with wars, disease, hate crimes, racism, abuse of women, children, and minorities; climate catastrophes, we pray for a turn to repentance and reconciliation, centered in god's holy spirit, so the day of the lord will find us rooted in god's peace (let..)

Knowing god longs to give comfort, may all those who are burdened with anxieties due to ill health, joblessness or other losses allow themselves the openness to trust the nearness of jesus who is the source of light and comfort (let us....)

Bernadette Cronin-Geller

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Prayers of the faithful, December 8, 2017

Through Mary, the mother of the church, may church leaders follow the example of pope Francis in manifesting a loving, tender compassion for all god's people, especially the poor and Marginalized. (We pray to the lord)

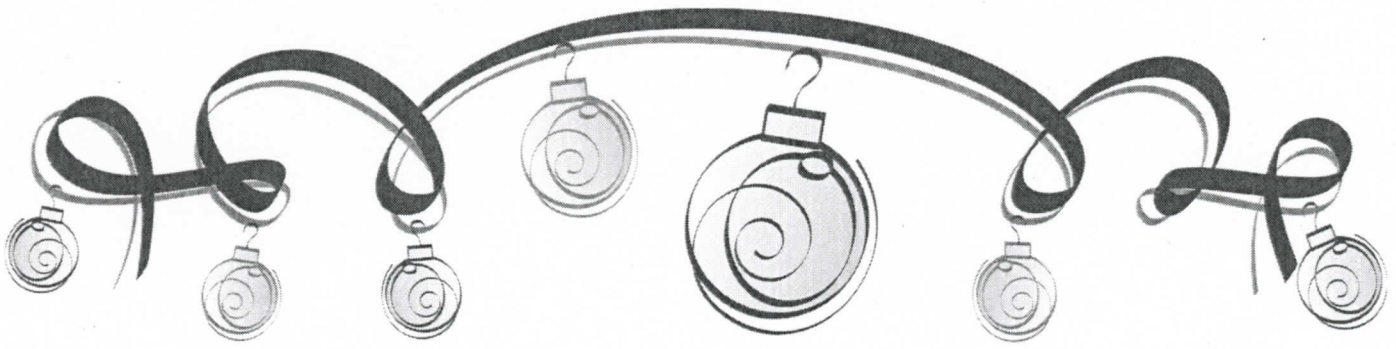
may mary, the queen of peace, intercede for Her people in those parts of the world that are in Violent conflict, particularly in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Holy land and sudan. May our own country abandon the use of firearms.(we pray to the lord)

May Mary, the Queen of all hearts, lead this st. Vincent faith community in beholding each member as our sister or brother and extend that regard to our neighbors in Germantown, and all of Philadelphia (we pray to the lord)

On this feast we ask Mary, our mother to hold in her heart the suffering of families who have lost their innocent children to violence in the street, sex trafficking and forced migration. May she continue to guide loving parents who strive to raise their children in wisdom and grace (let us pray to the lord)

For all those suffering in mind or body and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, may the mother of god who knew suffering intimately, be their consolation and intercessor before her son who does whatever she asks.(let us pray to the lord)

Bernadette Cronin-geller



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CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24th

There are three Masses.

4 pm, 7 pm & 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

There is one Mass.

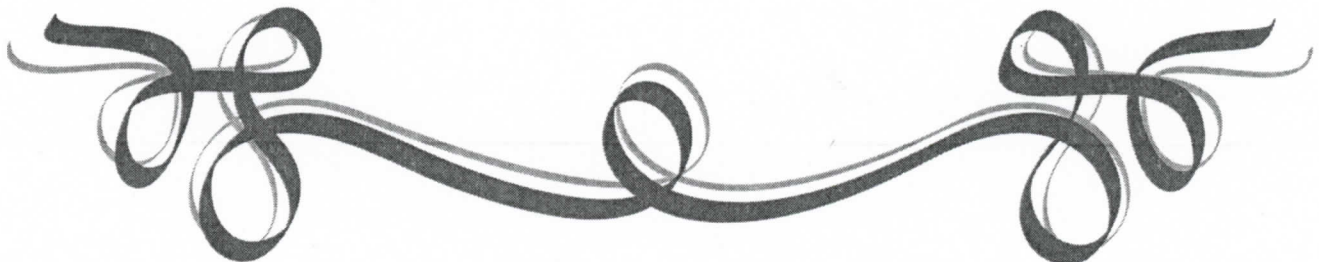
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ALL ARE WELCOME!



SALE

Christmas Coffee



THIS MONTH ONLY

\$25/2 pounds

whole bean or ground, decaf avail

Looking for a gift this Christmas? Or just want to make your Christmas cookie exchange special? This month, coffee from our **Sister Parish Ministry** is on sale.

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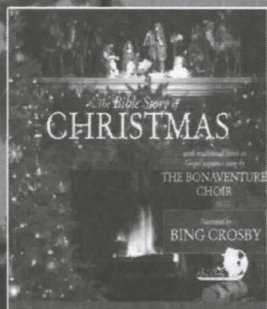
See Joan McGowan or Mary Durkin at the back of church after all Masses next week December 9 and 10.



LET US PRAY...

O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen





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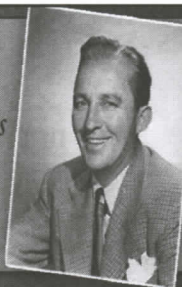


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