

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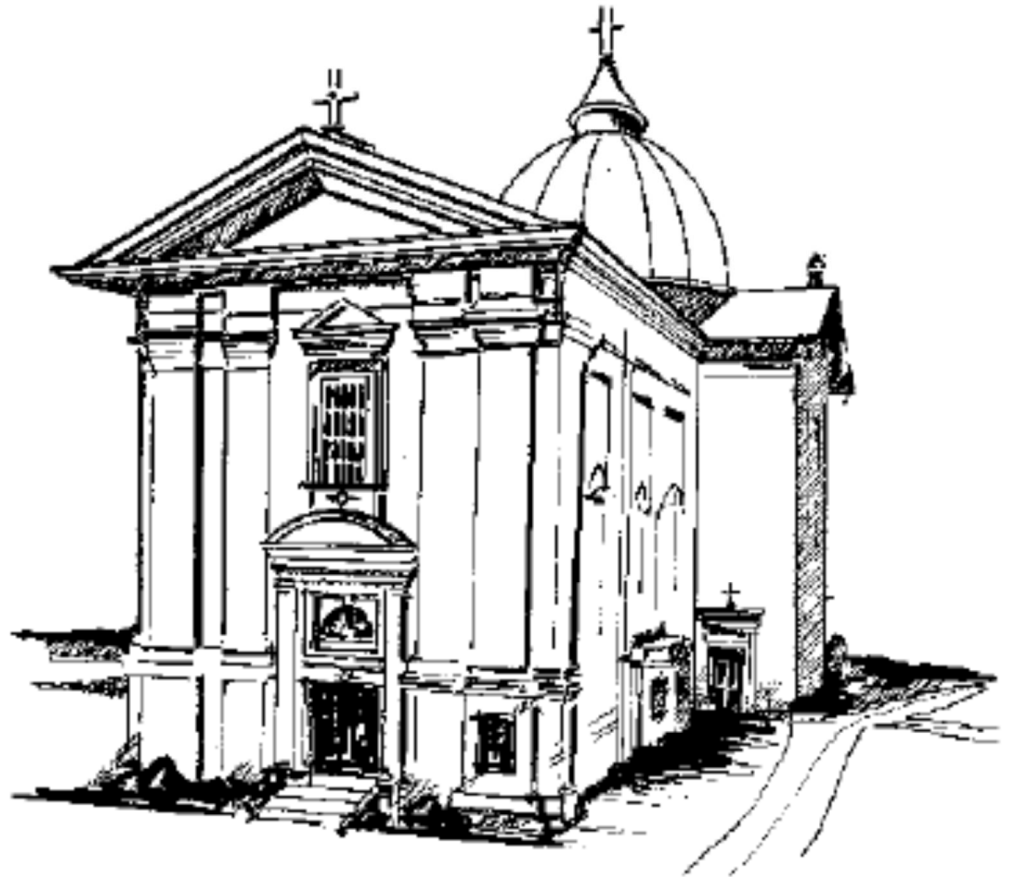
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

April 21, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	04/21	Vanessa Woods	9:00 am
		Susan Alba	11:00 am
MON	04/22	NO MASS	
TUE	04/23	John Hargadon	7:00 am
WED	04/24	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	04/25	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	04/26	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	04/27	Miraculous Medal	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN	Easter Sunday
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, Br. Al Smith, Ronald Rigler, Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson, Shirley Smith, Ida Bass, Stanley Callahan, Teresa Cipriano, Dorothy Ivey.

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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.

Please pray for Lillian Wood who is dying.

Last Week's Collection	2,980.00
Electronic	<u>3,250.00.</u>
Total	6,230.00
 Tithe	 311.50

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-16, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

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.

HAPPY EASTER

Thanks for your generous donations for Easter flowers.

The Church Office will be closed Easter Week and will reopen April 29th.

LITURGY COORDINATORS NEEDED

If you are able to support the liturgy in this way, let us know after Mass. One of the coordinators will contact you with more information.

LECTORS WANTED!

All are Welcome! If interested in this ministry, please contact Vi Shenkman (215-635-0278).

CLOW - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please have your children join us during the 9 and 11am Masses.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE

After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or to pray for those with special needs can join our prayer circle which lasts 5 to 10 minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

LAY/INTERCESSORY OF PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED

Please consider joining this ministry to assist our community in reflection and prayer at Mass. Contact Joan McGowan (267-879-7664/joaniemc223@comcast.net) to know more!

BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, in the Rectory.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Gather with us third Tuesdays of the month, 1:30 2:30 in the Chapel.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

The Senior Ministry is meeting on Wednesdays. For more information or questions, call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427.

FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

Please consider giving generously to help our African sisters and brothers live a better life.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual clothing drive on **Saturday, April 27 from noon until 4 pm and on Sunday, April 28 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are always in need of: Peanut butter, jelly, shelf stable juices, and milk, ready to eat cereal, cooking oil. Thank you!

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is recruiting foster families to provide short term care to children from Central America who are between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Training will be provided prior to approval. While the children are in CSS, they will receive case management, educational, medical coverage and therapeutic services. Foster parents will receive a monthly stipend. If you would like further information, please contact Iris Reyes-Bugg, at 267-975-9241.

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 12 year old sixth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

NEW SANCTUARY APRIL FUNDRAISER

Instead of the usual Friday evening time slot, just for April, our fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.**

INTERFAITH WALK FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

The Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation will also take place on **Sunday, April 28 beginning at 2pm.** Pre-walk gathering at El Aqsa Islamic Center, 1502 Germantown Ave. Continuing in Center City.

POWER

In our Lenten journey we're challenged to "go forth to love and serve the world," in response to God's love for us. One way to do that is by mobilizing people to change public policies that hurt many communities - especially African-Americans and other minorities. Here are two ways you can be a "faith-fueled mobilizer" this spring:

Voting Matters! Make a commitment to contact your family members and friends to make sure they **register by April 22**, so they can vote in the May 21 primary election. Eligibility is simple: Be a citizen, and be 18 by election day. Having an incarceration record does NOT disqualify a person from registering to vote in PA. Registering is simple too: Pick up and mail in forms in the back of church or register online: www.votespa.com. Thank you to Sharon Fisher for "chairing" this effort!

Save **WED JUNE 12** for our children! Join parents, teachers, students, and people of faith from across PA as we go to Harrisburg to tell legislators the time is NOW to fully and fairly fund our public schools! With POWER's leadership, we've made huge progress: Many legislators now realize this is not just a "Philly problem," and we're starting to see bipartisan support for addressing it! We have to keep the pressure up. Watch for sign-ups for round-trip bus service provided by POWER.

BOXTOPS: HELP CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Please help Catholic education by clipping boxtops from some of your favorite products. A list is posted at the back of the church as is a container for the box tops.

CRANALEITH SPIRITUALITY CENTER PROGRAMS

Cranaleith is a Spirituality Center sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy offering a contemplative space for those seeking transformation for themselves and society through retreats and programs. Flyers are in the back of church.

SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

The cyclone and flood that hit the African nation of Mozambique in mid-March has taken over 750 lives and countless homes. Cholera is spreading and food is in very short supply. Among the millions affected is the family of St Vincent's parishioners Eusebio and Teresa Coelho. Teresa's mother's home was destroyed. Eusebio has been unable to reach all of his relatives. To support relief for the people of Mozambique, you can donate through a GoFundMe site the Coelho family is circulating: <https://dm2.gofund.me/help-to-rebuild-after-cyclone-idai-in-mozambique> or give to Catholic Relief Services emergency services in Mozambique: www.crs.org or by mail (earmarked "Mozambique") CRS, 228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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 _____

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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
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at business@saint-vincent-church.org.

Date _____ Envelope Number _____

Electronic Type: New _____ Change _____

Name _____ last _____ first _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**
Authorized signature and Date:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 20TH AND 21ST, 2019

HAPPY EASTER

The Church Office will be closed Easter Week, and will reopen April 29th.

Please keep Nicole Toles and her family in your prayers. Her mother recently passed away.

SISTER ROSEMARIE JEFFERSON: Sister Rosemary is having a procedure on Tuesday, at Johns Hopkins. After the surgery, she will be unable to speak for a couple of months. Please keep her in your prayers.

LET THERE BE LIGHT: As part of our interior restoration, the lights were replaced and made "energy efficient." It looks good. Congrats to our Interior Restoration Committee.

PREACHING A MISSION: Next weekend through Wednesday, I will be preaching a Mission at St. Alphonsus'. Keep me in prayer.

EASTER'S SECOND COLLECTION: We are collecting money to help in the recovery efforts in Mozambique, where over 1,000 lives were lost and many people lost their homes and possessions. One of our church families, Eusebio and Theresa Coelho, are from Mozambique. Several family members' homes were destroyed. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!!

FIRST COMMUNION: May 5th is First Communion Sunday. We will have One Mass at 10 am, so we can celebrate with our thirteen children receiving First Communion.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday, after 8 am Mass, for one hour.

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual clothing drive on Saturday, April 27th, from noon until 4 pm and on Sunday, April 28th, from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

Thanks to everyone who made the Holy Week and Easter Services so beautiful and meaningful.

Father Rock will celebrate the 11 am Mass next Sunday, April 28th (Baptism).

Thanks for your generous donations for Easter flowers.

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 12 year old sixth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. This week he was diagnosed with several cancerous tumors on his lungs.

Prayer

O God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit we profess our belief in this mystery. We thank you for it and consecrate to you, through the Immaculate Virgin Mother of our Savior, ourselves and all the works and all the possessions of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity. We reaffirm our hope and prayer that this Immaculate Mother may be the Queen of the Cenacle. We place ourselves and our affairs in a particular way under her kindly care this year. O Immaculate Mother of God, we ask your blessing and prayer and beg of you, through your Immaculate Conception, to pray to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for us. We ask you also, O Immaculate Mother, that the children of the Cenacle may have the grace of purity in thought, word and deed; and also purity of intention and that ever among us may be purity of doctrine. An Act of Consecration by Father Thomas A. Judge

Thank you, Sr. Barbara McIntyre, MSBT

Prayer for Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson

Liturgy Council & Contemplative Prayer Ministry are sponsoring;

Centering Prayer Workshop

Led by commissioned members of Contemplative Outreach

Three Sessions

May 11, 2019 - 9:30 am until 2:30 pm

May 18, 2019 - 9:30 am until 11:30 am

May 25, 2019 - 9:30 am until 11:30 am

We are being offered an opportunity to deepen our prayer life through an introduction to Centering Prayer, the *prayer of the heart*, as a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God's presence within us.

Registration & Flyers in the back of the Church.

Contact persons:

Bernadette Cronin Geller - bclgeller@comcast.net - 215-455-6876

Sheila Sharpe - shesharpe@gmail.com - 215-868-2052

CELEBRATING
THE EASTER
SEASON
AT HOME

APRIL 21–JUNE 9, 2019

EASTER BLESSINGS & PRAYERS

Easter Daily Devotion

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the joy of your resurrection
fill me today and every day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the Spirit's grace and power
bless me and guide my way today, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Strengthen me to be a sign of your life,
a herald of your love each day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia! (An Easter Prayer for the Month of May)

Rejoice, O Queen of heaven. Alleluia!

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, you lead the rejoicing
of all the saved.*

You were chosen to be Christ's mother. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, help us remain faithful
children of light.*

Christ has risen as he said. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, let us follow your
example.*

Pray for us to God. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, with all the saints
you intercede for us at the throne of grace.*

Rejoice and be glad: the Lord is truly risen.
Alleluia!

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, may our joy
bring us one day
to join you and the hosts of heaven,
singing praises in glory for all eternity.
Alleluia!*

Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

This is the day the Lord has made!

Today is the Day of days:
We are filled with Easter joy,
nourished by the bounty of the earth.

Today is the Day of days:
May we know Christ present
when we break bread with those we love.

Today is the Day of days:
Let us show Christ to the poor and hungry,
so our service to them is a sign of his glory.

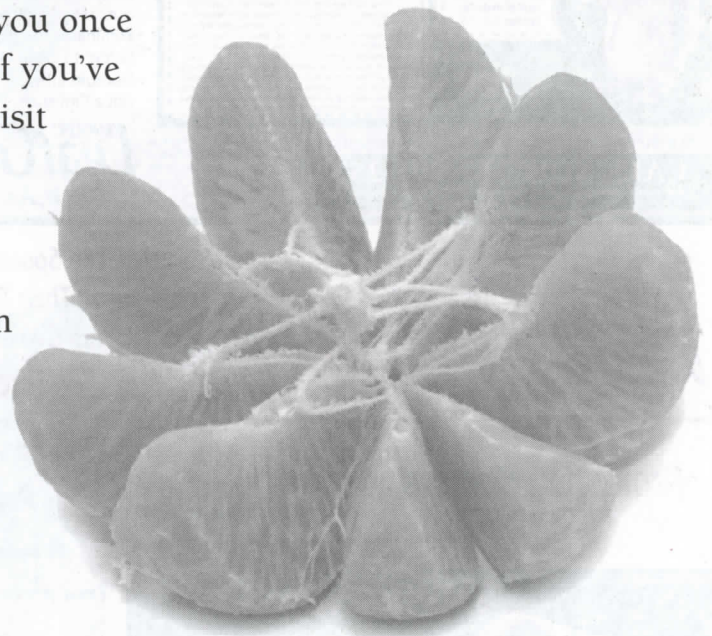
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let all the earth cry out with joy,
today is the Day of days!
Bless this meal, O Lord, and
grant everyone a place at
the feast of heaven. Amen.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN REAL LIFE

Chances are, as a former Catholic school child you once had to be able to list all the fruits of the Spirit. If you've forgotten them, Pentecost offers a chance to revisit them in a new way.

In fact, in Galatians 5, Paul speaks of a single fruit of the Spirit, manifesting through nine facets—much like segments of an orange. When our life in the Spirit is fruitful, all the facets are visible, and indeed, they overlap again and again.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the working of the Holy Spirit in your life. Are all the “segments” of the fruit present?



Love:

To love is to desire good for others. Whom do I love?
To whom do I wish evil, and how can I change that?

Joy and Peace:

Is my spirit at peace? Am I joy-filled, or am I often angry, anxious, or at odds with others and the world?
Do I take time to be still in the presence of God, the source of all joy and peace?

Patience:

Do I persist in the tasks to which I am called, even in the face of resistance? Do I fly off the handle when others try my patience?

Kindness:

Am I focused outward, ready to lend a sympathetic ear? Do I listen with an open heart to those whose experiences are different from my own?

Generosity:

Do I give people the benefit of the doubt, or do I default to negative judgment? Do I make tithing and charity a priority, or do I allow my own wants to swallow my income?

Faithfulness:

Do I talk behind other people's backs? Do I criticize friends or family in my heart without sharing my concerns? Am I faithful to God? Do I let derogatory or hurtful comments to or about other children of God go unchallenged, out of fear of conflict or judgment?

Gentleness:

When the inevitable irritations of the day arise, do I roll with the punches? Do I approach conflict in a way that seeks the best interests of everyone involved? When I discipline those under my authority, do I take a punitive approach, or one that helps us all grow into holier, healthier individuals?

Self-control:

Self-discipline touches so many areas of life: expressing anger, word choices in online interactions, scheduling, food consumption, spending habits, screen time, the use of physical powers, time management. Am I intentionally under control in the way I navigate the world?

Holy Week: A Time to Honor & Heal the Relationship between Christians & Jews

Reflections from a Lector

In this holiest of seasons, we Christians are called to celebrate the love God showed for us by grafting us onto the "olive tree" of those first called into a sacred covenant relationship with God: the Jewish people (Romans 11).

It is hard for us to hear that our Christian faith has sometimes been twisted, through the centuries, to justify prejudice and violent attacks against Jews. It can be even harder for us to realize that parts of our own Scriptures--particularly some of the Passion narratives we read this week, and segments of the Book of Acts read during Easter season-- have been misinterpreted to support this kind of thinking and action by Christians against Jewish people and faith, even though Jesus himself and his first disciples were Jewish.

How can we heal this?

* PRAYER

As St Paul reminds us in Romans, we are all the grateful recipients of God's boundless mercy. And "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Rom 11:29)

* LEARNING

There are many excellent resources. Two "quick reads" are available on the tables near the church entrance during Lent and Holy Week:

Nostra Aetate, a (*In Our Time*), a ground-breaking 1965 Vatican document that rejects the centuries-old accusation of "deicide" ("God-killing") that some Christians have leveled against Jews.

"Some Reflections on the Portrayal of Jews in the Lectionary for Holy Week," by Angela Russell Christman, a scripture scholar at Loyola University Maryland.

* LISTENING & INTERACTING

As we know from our own experience, we thrive whenever we see the face of God and hear the voice of God in each other. This is what Pope Francis calls "encounter," and it is what we were made for! Seek opportunities to get to know Jewish people. Find out about the Jewish faith. It is a font of wisdom and strength that continues to glorify God's name. We are blessed to be sisters and brothers, all made in the divine image, all seeking to fill this world with God's love and justice. In Holy Week, and every week, let us remember this!

Written for St Vincent de Paul Parish/ Philadelphia by Mary Sweetland Laver, Ph.D.
March 2015; revised March 2017

HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING by Dick Taylor

We stoop to wash each other's feet
as Jesus did so long ago.

All is here
towel, basin, soap
willing hands and hearts,
toe, arch and heel

and water.

Behold the mystery
of this water.

Don't say,
"I got it from the tap when I turned the faucet."

Behold the mystery
of this water.

Behind the tap, pressure pushing copper pipes.
Beyond the pipes, more tubes, the main,
the network under streets
humming, sloshing, rushing, purring.

All webbed to
purification plants
electronic sensors
levers, gauges
metered chemicals

And up the line,
tunnels, vast valves,
gates swinging open, sliding shut
gulping from reservoir and river.

These drops that bathe our toes
Where do they come from?

Not enough to speak of northern streams and springs,
source of Schuylkill and Delaware.

Clouds! Raindrops! Haze!
Morning fog caressing boulders
Baking sun lifting moisture from Bahaman bays
Sweet dew on Adirondack grasses

Lightening, thunder, storms, shrieking wind
sprinkle, spray, shower, splatter, flood, deluge
a vast churning
They travel the world.

Perhaps, perhaps this instep moisture
once whipped from frenzied waves
to tare at boats in Galvelston

or rested cold and frozen on Anapurna's height
or splashed hot on elephant's back near Brazzaville.

How old, these drops that bathe our toes?

They do not die, as you and I.
They raised Noah's ark.

Perhaps, perhaps what this towel now dries
once dripped from baby Moses on the Nile
or moistened Easter's tongue
or David's, for his prayer.

Perhaps this damp
once splashed from Jordan through John's baptismal hands
or changed to wine at Cana's feast
or turned to blood on Savior's brow.

"Behold the mystery that unfolds
before our eyes this holy night."

**Good Friday Reflections on
The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross**
St Vincent de Paul Church April 19, 2019

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” — Luke 23:34
Frank Palmieri

“Today you shall be with me in paradise.” — Luke 23:43
Liz Byrd

“Woman, behold thy Son.” — John 19:26
Mary Ellen Graham

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?” — Mark 15:34
Chris Chavez

“I thirst.” — John 19:28
Terrence Fulton

“It is finished.” — John 19:30
Eusebio Coelho

“Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.” — Luke 23:46
Mariya Oneby

PETITIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH
April 21, 2019

Note: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, please end the petitions with "Let us pray to the Lord."

- You, O Christ, entered into the depths of our humanity, even to the extent of dying its death. As we reflect on your victory over death, fill us with a faith that injects into all our projects and exploits something much greater than what meets the eye.
- You are the risen Lord whose Spirit lives with and in people of faith. Infuse our souls with the dynamism of the Holy Spirit to recreate a world marred by selfishness and sin.
- You conquered death and eliminate death's sting. Your victory gives us the courage to stand against the culture of death that prevails. Make us bold people of faith.
- You fill us with rejoicing and hallelujahs. Turn us from bitterness and despair to empathy and good will. Help us to reach out to others despite differences.
- Through us you try everything to heal people and bring them home. Use our hands, our feet, our words, our breath, even our shadows—anything you can find in us—to help fill the world with your grace.
- You transform our mourning into gladness by your victory over death. Grant **Marcella Gant, Nancy Freeman and Lillian Wood**, who have recently passed on into Glory, eternal rest in the peace of our risen Lord.

PETITIONS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL
ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
April 20, 2019

- For the Church, that we may be instruments of light, healing and forgiveness where there is darkness, despair and injury.
- For the newly initiated—Thalia and Grover—that they know the welcome of a community that loves them. May their spiritual gifts bring light and life to the world.
- For our human community that we may experience rebirth as the powers of evil manifested by death, racism, poverty and disease are conquered by Christ's victory.
- For those in bondage, that God grant freedom, wholeness, and safety to those who are enslaved, held unjustly, bound by addiction, or live under oppressive governments.
- For nations and peoples who live in the devastating circumstances of war, natural catastrophe, oppression and hate, that we as resurrection people be moved to energize and renew those around us.
- For the recently deceased—Marcella Gant, Nancy Freeman and Lillian Wood—may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. And may Christ's victory over death transform our mourning into gladness.

Prayer

O God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit we profess our belief in this mystery. We thank you for it and consecrate to you, through the Immaculate Virgin Mother of our Savior, ourselves and all the works and all the possessions of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity. We reaffirm our hope and prayer that this Immaculate Mother may be the Queen of the Cenacle. We place ourselves and our affairs in a particular way under her kindly care this year. O Immaculate Mother of God, we ask your blessing and prayer and beg of you, through your Immaculate Conception, to pray to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for us. We ask you also, O Immaculate Mother, that the children of the Cenacle may have the grace of purity in thought, word and deed; and also purity of intention and that ever among us may be purity of doctrine. An Act of Consecration by Father Thomas A. Judge

Thank you, Sr. Barbara McIntyre, MSBT

Prayer for Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson

Liturgy Council & Contemplative Prayer Ministry are sponsoring;

Centering Prayer Workshop

Led by commissioned members of Contemplative Outreach

Three Sessions

May 11, 2019 - 9:30 am until 2:30 pm

May 18, 2019 - 9:30 am until 11:30 am

May 25, 2019 - 9:30 am until 11:30 am

We are being offered an opportunity to deepen our prayer life through an introduction to Centering Prayer, the *prayer of the heart*, as a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God's presence within us.

Registration & Flyers in the back of the Church.

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CELEBRATING
THE EASTER
SEASON
AT HOME

APRIL 21–JUNE 9, 2019

EASTER BLESSINGS & PRAYERS

Easter Daily Devotion

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the joy of your resurrection
fill me today and every day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the Spirit's grace and power
bless me and guide my way today, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Strengthen me to be a sign of your life,
a herald of your love each day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia! (An Easter Prayer for the Month of May)

Rejoice, O Queen of heaven. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, you lead the rejoicing
of all the saved.*

You were chosen to be Christ's mother. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, help us remain faithful
children of light.*

Christ has risen as he said. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, let us follow your
example.*

Pray for us to God. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, with all the saints
you intercede for us at the throne of grace.*

Rejoice and be glad: the Lord is truly risen.
Alleluia!

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, may our joy
bring us one day
to join you and the hosts of heaven,
singing praises in glory for all eternity.
Alleluia!*

Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

This is the day the Lord has made!

Today is the Day of days:
We are filled with Easter joy,
nourished by the bounty of the earth.

Today is the Day of days:
May we know Christ present
when we break bread with those we love.

Today is the Day of days:
Let us show Christ to the poor and hungry,
so our service to them is a sign of his glory.

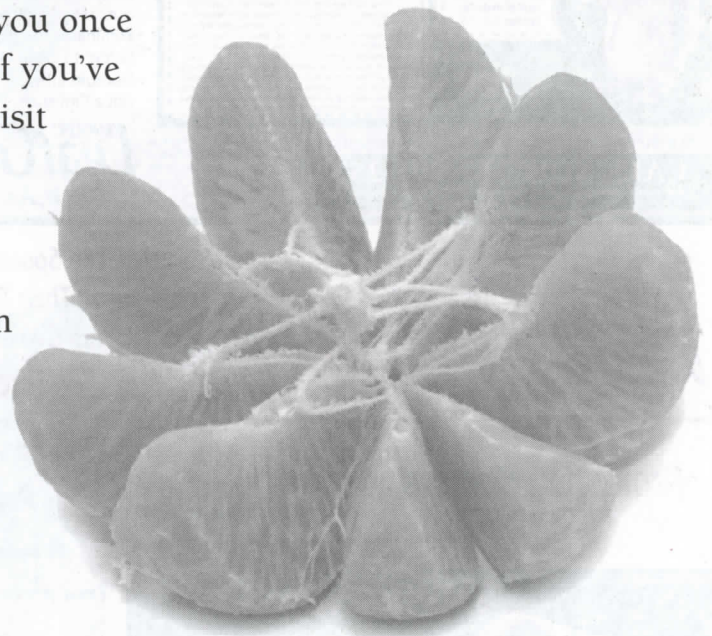
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let all the earth cry out with joy,
today is the Day of days!
Bless this meal, O Lord, and
grant everyone a place at
the feast of heaven. Amen.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN REAL LIFE

Chances are, as a former Catholic school child you once had to be able to list all the fruits of the Spirit. If you've forgotten them, Pentecost offers a chance to revisit them in a new way.

In fact, in Galatians 5, Paul speaks of a single fruit of the Spirit, manifesting through nine facets—much like segments of an orange. When our life in the Spirit is fruitful, all the facets are visible, and indeed, they overlap again and again.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the working of the Holy Spirit in your life. Are all the “segments” of the fruit present?



Love:

To love is to desire good for others. Whom do I love?
To whom do I wish evil, and how can I change that?

Joy and Peace:

Is my spirit at peace? Am I joy-filled, or am I often angry, anxious, or at odds with others and the world?
Do I take time to be still in the presence of God, the source of all joy and peace?

Patience:

Do I persist in the tasks to which I am called, even in the face of resistance? Do I fly off the handle when others try my patience?

Kindness:

Am I focused outward, ready to lend a sympathetic ear? Do I listen with an open heart to those whose experiences are different from my own?

Generosity:

Do I give people the benefit of the doubt, or do I default to negative judgment? Do I make tithing and charity a priority, or do I allow my own wants to swallow my income?

Faithfulness:

Do I talk behind other people's backs? Do I criticize friends or family in my heart without sharing my concerns? Am I faithful to God? Do I let derogatory or hurtful comments to or about other children of God go unchallenged, out of fear of conflict or judgment?

Gentleness:

When the inevitable irritations of the day arise, do I roll with the punches? Do I approach conflict in a way that seeks the best interests of everyone involved? When I discipline those under my authority, do I take a punitive approach, or one that helps us all grow into holier, healthier individuals?

Self-control:

Self-discipline touches so many areas of life: expressing anger, word choices in online interactions, scheduling, food consumption, spending habits, screen time, the use of physical powers, time management. Am I intentionally under control in the way I navigate the world?

Holy Week: A Time to Honor & Heal the Relationship between Christians & Jews

Reflections from a Lector

In this holiest of seasons, we Christians are called to celebrate the love God showed for us by grafting us onto the "olive tree" of those first called into a sacred covenant relationship with God: the Jewish people (Romans 11).

It is hard for us to hear that our Christian faith has sometimes been twisted, through the centuries, to justify prejudice and violent attacks against Jews. It can be even harder for us to realize that parts of our own Scriptures--particularly some of the Passion narratives we read this week, and segments of the Book of Acts read during Easter season-- have been misinterpreted to support this kind of thinking and action by Christians against Jewish people and faith, even though Jesus himself and his first disciples were Jewish.

How can we heal this?

* PRAYER

As St Paul reminds us in Romans, we are all the grateful recipients of God's boundless mercy. And "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Rom 11:29)

* LEARNING

There are many excellent resources. Two "quick reads" are available on the tables near the church entrance during Lent and Holy Week:

Nostra Aetate, a (*In Our Time*), a ground-breaking 1965 Vatican document that rejects the centuries-old accusation of "deicide" ("God-killing") that some Christians have leveled against Jews.

"Some Reflections on the Portrayal of Jews in the Lectionary for Holy Week," by Angela Russell Christman, a scripture scholar at Loyola University Maryland.

* LISTENING & INTERACTING

As we know from our own experience, we thrive whenever we see the face of God and hear the voice of God in each other. This is what Pope Francis calls "encounter," and it is what we were made for! Seek opportunities to get to know Jewish people. Find out about the Jewish faith. It is a font of wisdom and strength that continues to glorify God's name. We are blessed to be sisters and brothers, all made in the divine image, all seeking to fill this world with God's love and justice. In Holy Week, and every week, let us remember this!

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HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING by Dick Taylor

We stoop to wash each other's feet
as Jesus did so long ago.

All is here
towel, basin, soap
willing hands and hearts,
toe, arch and heel

and water.

Behold the mystery
of this water.

Don't say,
"I got it from the tap when I turned the faucet."

Behold the mystery
of this water.

Behind the tap, pressure pushing copper pipes.
Beyond the pipes, more tubes, the main,
the network under streets
humming, sloshing, rushing, purring.

All webbed to
purification plants
electronic sensors
levers, gauges
metered chemicals

And up the line,
tunnels, vast valves,
gates swinging open, sliding shut
gulping from reservoir and river.

These drops that bathe our toes
Where do they come from?

Not enough to speak of northern streams and springs,
source of Schuylkill and Delaware.

Clouds! Raindrops! Haze!
Morning fog caressing boulders
Baking sun lifting moisture from Bahaman bays
Sweet dew on Adirondack grasses

Lightening, thunder, storms, shrieking wind
sprinkle, spray, shower, splatter, flood, deluge
a vast churning
They travel the world.

Perhaps, perhaps this instep moisture
once whipped from frenzied waves
to tare at boats in Galvelston

or rested cold and frozen on Anapurna's height
or splashed hot on elephant's back near Brazzaville.

How old, these drops that bathe our toes?

They do not die, as you and I.
They raised Noah's ark.

Perhaps, perhaps what this towel now dries
once dripped from baby Moses on the Nile
or moistened Easter's tongue
or David's, for his prayer.

Perhaps this damp
once splashed from Jordan through John's baptismal hands
or changed to wine at Cana's feast
or turned to blood on Savior's brow.

"Behold the mystery that unfolds
before our eyes this holy night."

**Good Friday Reflections on
The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross**
St Vincent de Paul Church April 19, 2019

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” — Luke 23:34
Frank Palmieri

“Today you shall be with me in paradise.” — Luke 23:43
Liz Byrd

“Woman, behold thy Son.” — John 19:26
Mary Ellen Graham

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?” — Mark 15:34
Chris Chavez

“I thirst.” — John 19:28
Terrence Fulton

“It is finished.” — John 19:30
Eusebio Coelho

“Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.” — Luke 23:46
Mariya Oneby

PETITIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH
April 21, 2019

Note: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, please end the petitions with "Let us pray to the Lord."

- You, O Christ, entered into the depths of our humanity, even to the extent of dying its death. As we reflect on your victory over death, fill us with a faith that injects into all our projects and exploits something much greater than what meets the eye.
- You are the risen Lord whose Spirit lives with and in people of faith. Infuse our souls with the dynamism of the Holy Spirit to recreate a world marred by selfishness and sin.
- You conquered death and eliminate death's sting. Your victory gives us the courage to stand against the culture of death that prevails. Make us bold people of faith.
- You fill us with rejoicing and hallelujahs. Turn us from bitterness and despair to empathy and good will. Help us to reach out to others despite differences.
- Through us you try everything to heal people and bring them home. Use our hands, our feet, our words, our breath, even our shadows—anything you can find in us—to help fill the world with your grace.
- You transform our mourning into gladness by your victory over death. Grant **Marcella Gant, Nancy Freeman and Lillian Wood**, who have recently passed on into Glory, eternal rest in the peace of our risen Lord.

PETITIONS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL
ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
April 20, 2019

- For the Church, that we may be instruments of light, healing and forgiveness where there is darkness, despair and injury.
- For the newly initiated—Thalia and Grover—that they know the welcome of a community that loves them. May their spiritual gifts bring light and life to the world.
- For our human community that we may experience rebirth as the powers of evil manifested by death, racism, poverty and disease are conquered by Christ's victory.
- For those in bondage, that God grant freedom, wholeness, and safety to those who are enslaved, held unjustly, bound by addiction, or live under oppressive governments.
- For nations and peoples who live in the devastating circumstances of war, natural catastrophe, oppression and hate, that we as resurrection people be moved to energize and renew those around us.
- For the recently deceased—Marcella Gant, Nancy Freeman and Lillian Wood—may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. And may Christ's victory over death transform our mourning into gladness.