

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
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

♦ **Joseph Cummins, C.M.**

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♦ **Bindel-Mary Nnabuife**

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♦ **Katie Crump**

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215-901-9795

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

June 2, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	06/02	Lillian Wood	9:00 am
		Alice Swabowski	11:00 am
MON	06/03	NO MASS Frances Cavalri	
TUE	06/04	Arthur Kilvitis	7:00 am
	06/05	Thomas Durkin	7:00 am
WED	06/06	Ann Berlew	7:00 am
THU			
FRI	06/07	Frank & Maria Meloni	7:00 am
SAT	06/08	Thomas Givinish	8:00am
		Priscilla Bellamy	4:00pm

SUN **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
SAT **Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm**

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Vince Morgan, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Ronald Rigler, Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson, Shirley Smith, Ida Bass, Stanley Callahan, Teresa Cipriano, Dorothy Ivey, Jarrett Queen Davis.

Friends of St. Vincent's

Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Mugan, Claire Wesolowski, Wanda Johnson, Robert Myers, Carol Holloway, Lillian Elliott, Jeanette Ingersoll, Minerva Ortiz, Dara Hefton, Christopher Mills, Johanna Moreno, Richard Piedra, Titilope Oluwo, Theresa Kelley, Sandra Friday, Joe Gnad, Mattie Robinson, NaJearah Smith, Tom Stevens, baby Nicholas Esposito, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghast, John Michalski, Kenneth Chandler, Rayan Bousso, Sharon Williams, Barbara Kelley, Jim Moran, Agnes Thomas, Virginia R., Michael Hlywski, Patricia Jordan Winston, Mary Malizia, Nancy Dole, Tony Gaddis, Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.

PASTORAL CARE

We bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly due to sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory.

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

Last Week's Collection	3,561.00
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	6,811.00
 Tithe	 340.55

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 7:35-60
Psalm: Psalm 97
Second Reading: Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 104
Second Reading: Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 2-8, 2019

MAY FUNDRAISING CONCERT

We raised \$481. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you are interested in this ministry, please submit your resume to the parish office as soon as possible.

LECTORS WANTED!

All are Welcome! If interested in this ministry, please contact Vi Shinkman (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 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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Can you or do you say a rosary every day? If so, why not join the Legion of Mary? Active members attend meetings and do evangelization. Auxiliary members just pray! If interested, please see a member of the Legion of Mary.

FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

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

SISTER ROSEMARIE JEFFERSON

Sister Rosemary has just had surgery and will be unable to speak for a couple of months. Please keep her in your prayers.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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DEPAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon is **Wednesday, June 12**, in the Hospitality Center. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE : WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 12-13, 2019
UNDER THE SAME MOON artisan sale.

POWER

Come to Harrisburg to support our Children's Schools! It's time to sign up! See the sheets at the church entrance for info about FREE bus transportation, lunch and snacks for our pilgrimage with hundreds of others from across the state on **WED JUNE 12**. All generations welcome! Our purpose: Tell our law-makers that NOW is the time to fully and fairly fund public schools for our children across the state! Enough of "education apartheid," where PA has the biggest gap in the US between over-funded and under-funded schools. Not surprisingly, that means districts with more children of color consistently receive less than their fair share. We see progress over the last year, as this becomes more of a bipartisan issue. You and your family can be part of tipping the scales! A very family-friendly and educational experience. For more information or to sign up by phone, contact Jane Bonner (215-844-4789) or Sharon Fisher (215-438-8602).

SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

A cyclone and flood hit Mozambique recently. Please help families of parishioners Eusebio and Teresa Coelho who have been severely affected at dm2.gofund.me/help-to-rebuild-after-cyclone-idai-in-mozambique or give to Catholic Relief Services at crs.org or by mail (earmarked "Mozambique") CRS, 228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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!

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

Immigration concerns run high these days. The New Sanctuary Movement is right in the middle of it all, but we, as a member congregation, are really needed. Please consider coming to the next General Assembly with other congregations on **Sunday, June 2, from 3 to 5pm** at St. Peter the Apostle Church Conference Hall on 1039 N. Lawrence Street, Philadelphia, 19123, just behind the Church and Shrine of St. John Neumann.

DINNER PARTY FOR FACE TO FACE

On **Friday, June 7th at 6 pm**, Carmen Ezzo and Rosemary Duffey are hosting a dinner party at their home to benefit Face to Face. Tickets are \$60. Go to: <http://carmenandroseparty.eventbrite.com/?s=97728243>, for more information and to purchase tickets.

ART FOR ALL

We are excited to announce an art class on Monday mornings from 9-12 in the Hospitality Center. Bring your own supplies. No experience necessary. Call Lynne 267-294-4603 or Joy 215-805-4436 for more information.

ART BY JOY WUENSCHER

Here at St. Vincent's we like to make all spaces beautiful. You can view beautiful art by Joy in our restrooms. How fortunate we are!

AIR CONDITIONER WANTED

Small window unit air conditioner needed for a poor family in North Philly. Contact Paul Witte at 267-237-6683.

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:

Prayers of the Faithful- June 1, 2019

Oh God of All, you have taught us to be of service to one another. Soften our hearts to be desirous of sharing our own bread with those who are hungry and in need.

Oh, Most Holy and Powerful One, we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. We offer praise and thanks for Pope Francis, who is teaching us to imitate Jesus in giving life to others.

God of Compassion, many of our brothers and sisters in our city and those who are an ocean away, are diagnosed with HIV. Inspire us to educate ourselves and others and encourage us to stand in solidarity with those who have been diagnosed with HIV.

God of Justice, our city schools continue to be in need of more funding. Shower us with comfort and make us strong enough to become involved and advocate and work for change.

God of Mercy, the school year is coming to an end and many children will be unsupervised and without proper care and nourishment. Protect our children from the harshness of the streets and guide them to safety and care.

God of Peace, many of your people are traveling down the road of death, loneliness and worry. Rest your calm and quiet spirit of strength in all who are hurting and allow us to behold the radiance of astounding love.

Jack DiFeo

May 31, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 1ST AND 2ND, 2019

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- ❖ This week's second collection is for the Parish Retreat.
- ❖ On June 8th and 9th, we will take a collection for DePaul Catholic's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

PEACE AND JUSTICE: The monthly meeting of the Peace and Justice Ministry will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 11:45 am, in the Rectory. This year the group has designated WHITE PRIVILEGE as the focus and would like to plan a series of activities on the topic. All are welcome. Lunch is served.

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CATHOLIC BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS EVENT AT SHRINE: Marc Maiolino, the Director of Store Operations for Wawa, will be the guest speaker at the Catholic Business Professionals Event on Thursday, June 6th, at 6:30 pm. To register, email cbuckley@cammonline.org.

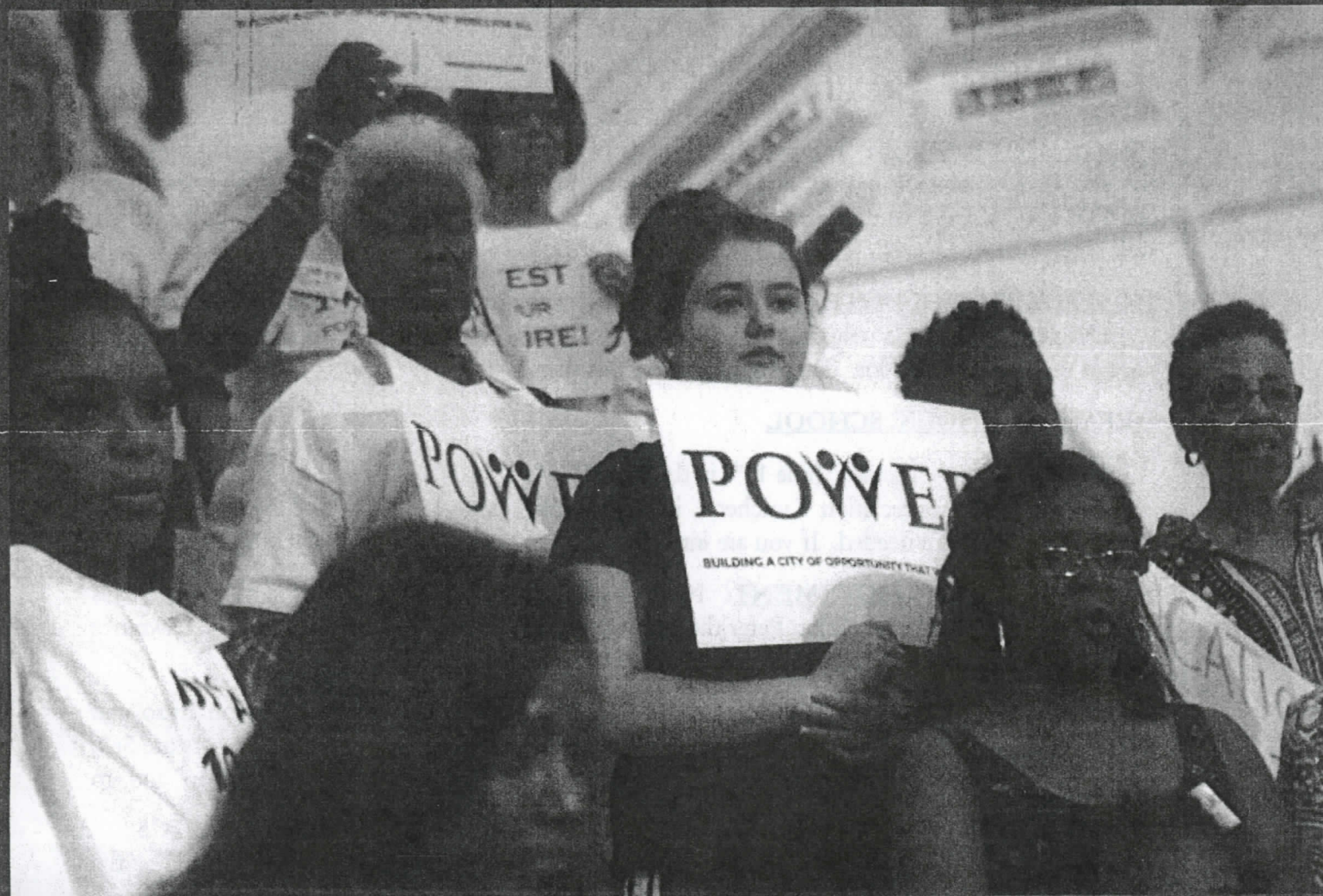
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FOR OUR FUTURE



100% FAIR FUNDING

DAY OF ACTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 @ 12:00 PM

- *COME to HARRISBURG with FAMILY & FRIENDS!
- *St Vincent's Bus leaves at 8:30 AM, returning by 6 PM
- *Bus & Lunch are FREE, but RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
- *Sign up in church, or online at tinyurl.com/powerharrisburg

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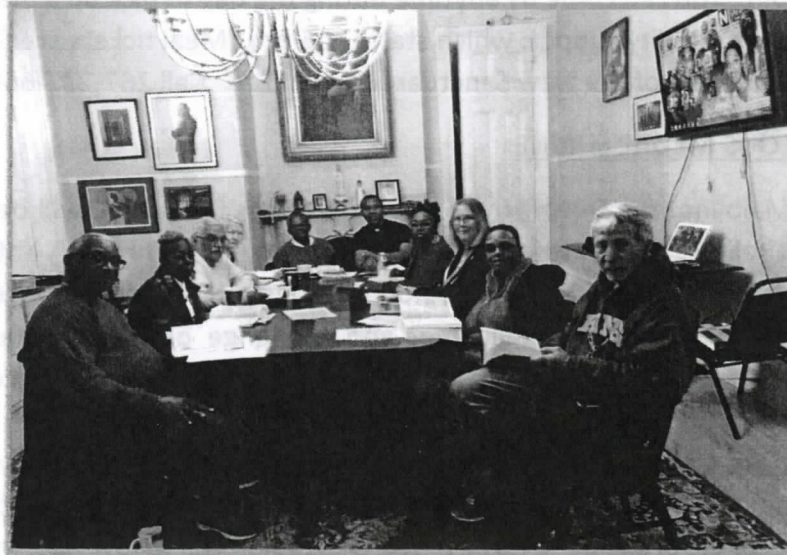
POWER

Saint Vincent De Paul Church

BIBLE STUDY

To read the Bible is not enough; it is just as important to understand it.

As to living - that is accomplished in and through us by the Holy Spirit.



JOIN US AS WE MEET:

SOME WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

7:00pm - 8:30pm

DEBORAH: *Judge and Prophetess*
(*Judges 4: 1-24*).

Wednesday . May 22 . 2019

RAHAB: *The "Prostitute" with a heart of gold.*
(*Joshua 2: 1-24*).

Wednesday . May 29 . 2019

PENINNAH: *The instrument for Spiritual motivation*
(*1 Samuel 1:1-18*)

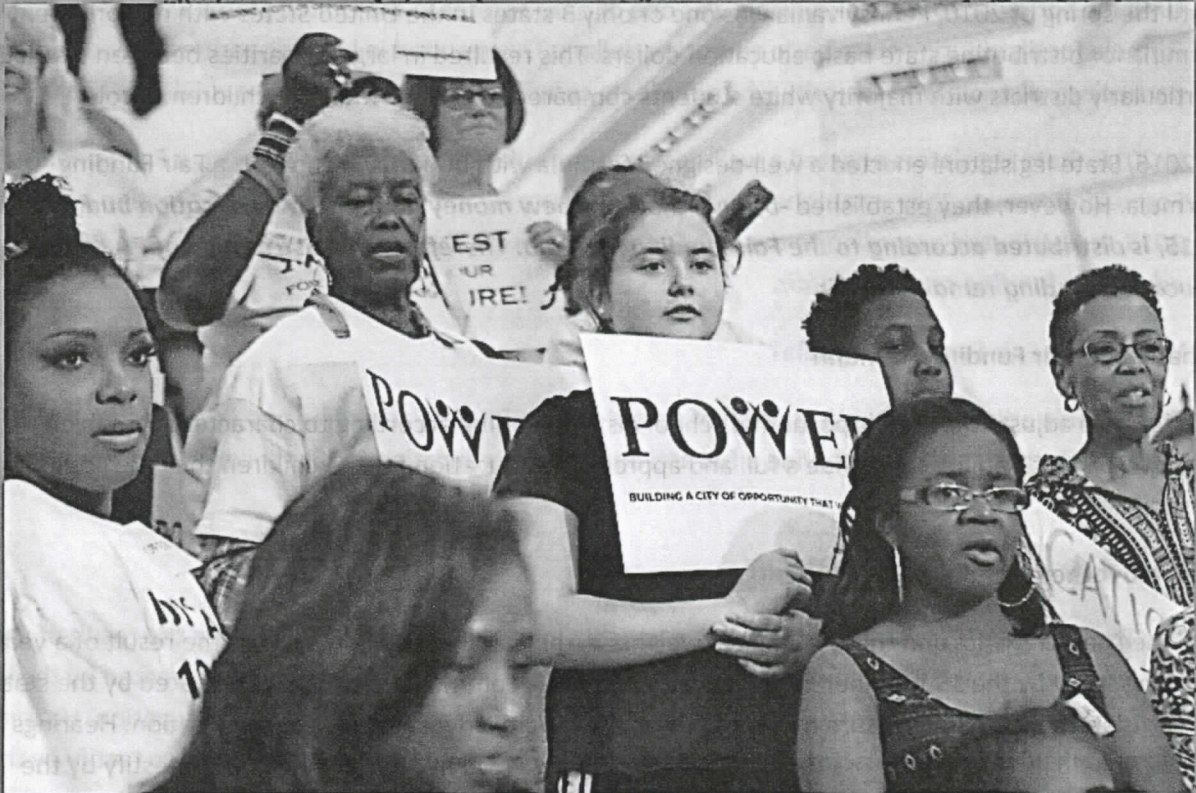
Wednesday . June 5 . 2019

HANNAH: *And the excellent bargain*
(*1 Samuel 1: 9-28*).

Wednesday . June 19 . 2019

109 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144

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DAY OF ACTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 @ 12:00 PM

LOCATION: STATE CAPITOL MAIN ROTUNDA

PHONE: 717-585-2700

EMAIL: NSOOY@POWERINTERFAITH.ORG

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POWER

Join POWER in Harrisburg on June 12th!

What are we trying to accomplish?

Until the spring of 2016, Pennsylvania was one of only 3 states in the United States with no consistent formula for distributing state basic education dollars. This resulted in large disparities between districts, particularly districts with majority white students compared to those with more children of color.

In 2016, State legislators enacted a well-designed formula with bi-partisan support, a Fair Funding Formula. However, they established *-by law- that **only new money added to the education budget since 2015, is distributed according to the Fair Funding Formula. Therefore, the distribution of PA basic education funding remains unfair.***

What is the Fair Funding Formula?

The formula adjusts the state's portion of school district funding according to characteristics which impact a district's ability to provide a full and appropriate education for the children they are committed to serve.

How did it the formula come about?

The characteristics and their respective weights in the Fair Funding Formula are the result of a year-long study by the 15-member Basic Education Funding Commission, which was created by the state legislature following pressure by a number of community advocates for good education. Hearings were held in locations across the state with testimony given by "experts" invited to testify by the commission members. Prior to the hearing held in Philadelphia, through planning a direct action and not backing down, the faith-based, community-organizing group POWER pressured the Commission to allow public testimony for the remainder of the hearings.

The resulting combination of factors agreed upon by the bi-partisan commission with community input provides a transparent and educationally-justified basis for distributing basic education funding.

In response to the commission's report, Pennsylvania's legislative bodies enacted the recommended fair funding formula. **BUT.. Only for "new money".**

The budgeted money is still distributed in the *non fair* way. At an optimistic rate of 3% increase of "new money" per year, it would take more than 22 years for even 50% of the budgeted money to be distributed fairly. There would **never** be 100% FAIR FUNDING.

Legislation for 100% Fair Funding: House Bill 961

All of the money, 100%, allocated for basic education funding must be distributed through the Fair Funding Formula to eliminate the years of racial bias in its distribution and ensure FAIR FUNDING for Education. Until it is, the funding will always be unfair. **Ask your Representative to back HB 961!**

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

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.

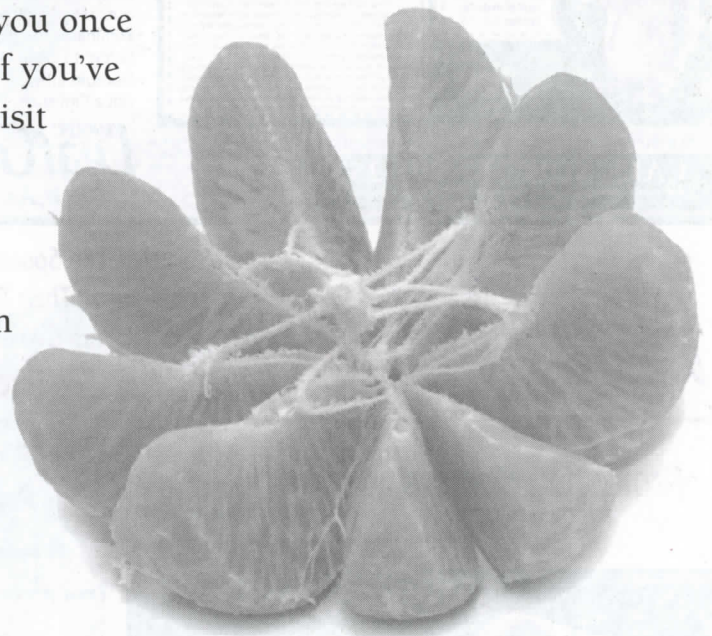
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let all the earth cry out with joy,
today is the Day of days!
Bless this meal, O Lord, and
grant everyone a place at
the feast of heaven. Amen.

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?