

Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul

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Saint Bernard Mission Church

20 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dorothy



Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, are dedicated to welcoming and uniting all people of the parish through our ministries and the Spirit of the Gospel. We foster spiritual enrichment through our worship, word, ministries, and our shared resources.

Welcome New Parishioners

Please stop by the parish office or call to register as soon as possible. Registered parishioners requesting sacramental sponsor eligibility certificate for Baptism and Confirmation need to stop at the office.

Miss Linda Pirolli

School Principal

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Mrs. Kathy Mattson

Coordinator of Religious Education

609-625-2124

Kathy Mattson & Ruth Dougherty

Parish Staff

Mass Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday Confessions ----- 4:00 pm

Saturday ----- 5:00 pm

Sunday ----- 8:00 & 10:45 am

St. Bernard

Saturday ----- 7:00 pm

Saturday Confessions ----- after 7:00 pm Mass

Daily Mass in Chapel

Monday - Friday ----- 7:00 am Saturday ----- 9:00 am

Holy Day ----- 7:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptism & Matrimony contact the Parish Office.

Parish Ministries

Coord. Parish Ministries ----- Kathy Mattson ----- 625-2124

Choir ----- Andrea Dixon ----- 703-6709

Prayer Shawl ----- Linda Boris ----- 909-9838

Evangelization ----- Sarah Taylor Deak ----- 909-9122

Rosary Society ----- Donata Casale ----- 909-9145

Food Pantry ----- John Donahue ----- 625-1021

Knights of Columbus ----- Phillip Keller ----- 609-703-8241

Share the Care Co-chairs ----- Ruth Dougherty ----- 625-2124

Maryann Garabedian ----- 965-8225

RCIA / Altar Servers ----- Deacon Richard Maxwell --- 517-3961

Hospitality ----- Ruth Dougherty ----- 625-2124

Donata Casale ----- 909-9145

Martha Ministry ----- Contact Parish Office ----- 625-2124

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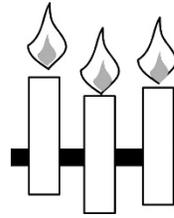
St. Vincent de Paul Church

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019**

- Saturday December 14, 2019**
9:00 am John R. Manning
5:00 pm Beth Sauerbrey/ Katie and Stephen
(50th Birthday)
- Sunday December 15, 2019**
8:00 am Rose Failor/ April Redmond and Family
10:45 am Christopher Paglia/
Mom, Dad and Suzanne
and Anne Venezia/ Marianne and Maria
- Monday December 16, 2019**
7:00 am Anthony F. Capella, Sr.
- Tuesday December 17, 2019**
7:00 am People of the Parish
- Wednesday December 18, 2019**
7:00 am Mary Paul Abbamondi/ husband, David
- Thursday December 19, 2019**
7:00 am Josephine and Frank Paladino/ Family
- Friday December 20, 2019**
7:00 am Bill Leehive/ Carol and Family
and Ed Battschinger/ Family
- Saturday December 21, 2019**
9:00 am Louis Roi/ Carol and Al
5:00 pm Frank and Millie Di Biase/
Frank and Diana
and Roxana Horenberger/ Family
- Sunday December 22, 2019**
8:00 am Sr. Rose Andrea Loughery, SSJ
10:45 am Antoinette Nenichka/
Husband, children and grandchildren
and Deceased members of Mastreni
and Costanzo families/ Family

St. Bernard Church, Dorothy

- Saturday December 14, 2019**
7:00 pm Deceased members of Merlock and
Gatto Family/ Merlock Family
- Saturday December 21, 2019**
7:00 pm Paul Hartofil/ Betty Kusch
and John Wagner/ Wagner Family



**Steady your hearts
God is near**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord's presence known and felt.

Let's use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

Stewardship 12/1/19 – \$ 10,883.00 12/8/19 - \$ 8,300.00
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Advent Mass will be celebrated this year at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel on Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am.



Carolyn Taylor, Robert H. Widerker, Jr. Dottie Willman, Sandy Reilly, Gary Marshall, Marie Aschman, Michele Perna, Dorothy Clark, Felix Vacca, Roe Czyzeiwcz, Joyce Krohn, Charlotte Carone, Frank Movar, Debbie Magill, Patricia Miller,

Steve and Marge Disbrow, Christopher Ryckenbusch, John Zaccarello, Katie Liddle, Jake Abrams, Carol Chanese, Suzanne Ernst, Arleen Boyd, J'Lani Pena, Brielle Diane, Michelle and Thelma Taylor, Alessio Scutto, Joan Duryea, Jeffrey Smith, Jr. Samantha Thompson, Jacob Reingruber, Lillian Frisco, Richard O'Hagan, Armond and Dolores Dunn, Amy Salcedo, Patricia Reitter, Donald Kinkade, Zaria Ming, John Bishop, Sr., Herman Pundt, Susan Linardo and Connor Boyle.

For those who have died...

Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. McIntyre



The Knights of Columbus Council #3451 meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Convent. Contact Phil Keller 609-703-8241 for more information.

The Knights continue to offer the opportunity to purchase engraved bricks, to be placed at Mary's Grotto. Applications are available in gathering space of church or see any Knight for more information. Please continue to support "New Eyes for the Needy" by placing your old glasses in the basket at the desk in the gathering space.



Don't forget the "Breakfast with Santa" takes place Sunday the 15th at the parish center, from 9:00 am to 12 pm.

Baptism Class for New Parents ~ Class is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents are asked to come to the Parish Office to complete the registration form prior to the class you wish to attend. You do not have to wait for the birth of your child to register or attend class.

Altar Servers Needed ~ these students have received their First Communion and are in 4th grade and up. We encourage our youth to take part in this ministry. Please contact Deacon Richard Maxwell for application and training.

Senior Servers Needed ~ Senior servers assist Father at Funeral Masses.



Bereavement Ministry ~ offers support through the planning of a loved one's funeral.

If you would like to learn more about this Ministries contact Deacon Richard Maxwell or Father Ted.

Liturgy of the Word with Children ~ This ministry takes place at the 10:45 am Mass, reading the Gospel to the children (ages 4-7) at their level with some discussion. If you would like more information about this ministry please call the parish office at 609-625-2124. We invite our young adults who have been confirmed to volunteer.

Martha Ministry ~

Cleaning of the Church has teams that rotate throughout the month, contact Ruth in the parish office if you are interested in lending a hand.

Washing and ironing of the church linens, has a schedule that rotates throughout the month, if you would be interested in assisting with the church linens, contact Kathy in the parish office.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers ~ If you find yourself drawn to being a reader; proclaiming the Word of God at Mass or serving as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Father Ted for more information.

Hospitality Ministry ~ We are currently in need of volunteers. Once a month (third full weekend) on Saturday or Sunday to help setup, bake or buy, or breakdown and cleanup. You can help us at the Mass you attend. Please help this ministry keep going.! Call Ruth 609-625-2124.

Share the Care Ministry ~ As St. James asked in his Epistle (James 5:13, 14), so we ask, "Is anyone among you suffering? Is anyone among you sick?" Please let us know if there is a family member, friend, or neighbor whom you would like us to contact as part of our ministry to the sick and/or homebound. Please call Ruth 609-625-2124 or Maryann 609-965-8225. Thank you for your help.

Holy Hour of Prayer ~ meets on Monday evenings for 7-8 pm in the Chapel. The church is facing many challenges and as we face these challenges we come together to pray for the Church. Hosted by the Evangelization Team.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – Food Pantry Hours are Thursday, 9:00 -11:00 am, 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The pantry is always in need of pasta, canned goods, cereals, and juice. Thank you for your constant donations.



The Advent Giving Tree is in place.

First Week of Advent is the collection for our Shut-Ins.

Suggestions would be: writing paper, all occasion cards, book of stamps, lotions, etc.

Second Week of Advent is the collection for Children.

Suggestions would be; hats, gloves, games, puzzles, books,

Third Week of Advent is gift card, for those who come to the church throughout the year in need.

Fourth Week of Advent is food for the Food Pantry

As always, your generosity is boundless and many people benefit from your goodness. Thank you.

Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on Monday, December 23, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am. Volunteers can help wrap the flower pots in foil, and then decorate church. We welcome all interested in helping.

COMING SOON

St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce the Parish Survey!! We are looking forward to hearing about the thoughts and ideas you have to make our Parish the best it can be. Beginning in January, 2020 we will have volunteers at masses to provide information on how to take part in the survey on line or to help you complete the paper version. Please take this opportunity to let your voice be heard!



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Dear Parishioners,

This is our last week before the Christmas break. It will be a challenging week for teachers to keep the students on task as the anticipation and excitement of Christmas fills the air!

The advent season is celebrated here at school on a daily basis; therefore, we hope that the true meaning of Christmas is instilled in our students' hearts.

Each morning the advent candles are lit for morning prayers. In their religion classes, our students are participating in advent in different ways. Mrs. DeCarlo's 4th graders are doing a kindness chain. When they perform an act of kindness, they add it to the chain. Mrs. Dudo's 3rd graders are decorating the school's Jesse Tree which marks the Coming of Christ, from the Old to the New Testament. For more information, go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree>.

Even the faculty and staff participate in the Advent Season with our traditional “Advent Angel” as we “angels” leave gifts for our special person. The reveal is at our Christmas luncheon when we guess who our angel was! It is such fun to be thinking of your special person and secretly sneaking gifts into their classrooms or inboxes!

Please join us at 6 pm on Tuesday, the 17th for our annual Christmas concert here at St. Vincent de Paul Church. It's always a lovely Christmas celebration.

We will complete the week with a Christmas Prayer Service and a Prayer Family activity, and will dismiss at noon on Friday!

God bless!

Nancy Dixon, Advancement Director

Grandparents' Association - BAKE SALE TODAY!

Saturday & Sunday December 14-15

Tuesday, December 17th - 6:00 pm **Christmas Concert**
St. Vincent de Paul Church All are welcome!

Wednesday, December 18th - **Secret Santa Sale**
Red & Green Day - Santa visit

Thursday, December 19th - **Christmas Sock & Tie Day**
Friday, December 20th - 9:00 am - **Christmas Prayer Service**
Noon Dismissal - No Extended Day Program



Promoting a Church and a World for All~ National Migration Week 2020

January 5th – 11th, 2020



In his 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, the Holy Father reiterates the Gospel command to avoid despising “one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Mt 18:10). It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. A globalization of indifference has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to help create the conditions that will lead to a better life for everyone on the planet.

From January 5-11, 2020, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Promoting a Church and a World for All,” which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all our brothers and sisters. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized.

Welcoming the newcomer and promoting a church for all counters what Pope Francis has referred to as “a globalization of indifference,” which has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to be an active Church in support of all of God’s children, for “the Church which ‘goes forth’... can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast” (Evangelii Gaudium, 24).

It is with this ideal in mind – that we call for a church that welcomes, protects, promotes, and integrates all, including immigrants and refugees. These four verbs have been used by Pope Francis to frame our obligations toward migrant populations. As he expressed in his message:

Welcoming means, above all, “offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally.” We must nurture societies that aim as much as possible to include, rather exclude. A culture of encounter that emphasizes humanity and inherent human dignity best counters anti-immigrant sentiment and welcoming is a vital step in that journey.

Protecting migrants “may be understood as a series of steps intended to defend the rights and dignity of migrants, independent of their legal status.” The Catholic Church has long emphasized the importance of protecting the human dignity of migrants, both through the implementation of humane policies and through their accompaniment.

Promoting essentially means a “determined effort to ensure that all migrants and refugees – as well as the communities which welcome them – are empowered to achieve their potential as human beings, in all the dimensions which constitute their humanity.” Of importance here is our obligation to institute practices and policies that will promote and preserve the integrity of the family, reaffirm family reunification, and make allowances for family members to work following their arrival to new destination countries.

Integrating emphasizes the “opportunities for intercultural enrichment brought about by the presence of migrants and refugees.” Although the initial act of welcoming migrants is an important step, it is imperative that we go further and take the necessary steps that will help them to become active, participating members of our communities.

Let us take some time during the upcoming National Migration Week to reflect on how we can better welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants living in our midst. How can we counter the globalization of indifference that affects us all, to some degree or another? What policies can we promote that will affirm the dignity of migrants and better secure the common good? How do we work more fully to promote a Church for all?



***"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11)***

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, which is called *Gaudete Sunday* - the Sunday of Joy. Why? Because the Lord is near. The Christian message is called the "gospel" - "good news" - an announcement of joy for all people. The Church is not a haven for sad people but a joyful home! And those who are sad find in her true joy.

But the joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It consists in knowing one is welcomed and loved by God. God comes to save us and seeks to help, especially those who are fearful of heart. God's coming among us strengthens us, makes us steadfast, gives us courage, makes the desert of our lives blossom when our lives become arid. And when do our lives become arid? When they lack the water of God's Word and God's Spirit of love.

However great our limitations and dismay, we are not allowed to be sluggish and vacillating when faced with difficulty and our own weakness. On the contrary, we are invited to be strong and to fear not, because our God always shows us the greatness of his mercy. God gives us the strength to go forward and is always with us to help us go forward. God loves us and that is why God is with us, to help us, to strengthen, to help us go forward. Thanks to God's help, we can always begin again.

■ Pope Francis

We are always looking for the joy of the Gospel, but first we need to read the gospel. Take a few moments each day and read the Sacred Scriptures and reflect on them in your heart to see how they speak to you. I always find that when I return to a passage long after I first read it, the words speak something different. Also, as we celebrate the Pope's "50" years of priesthood, let us remember him in prayer as he leads our Church into the new year.

The new offering books for 2020 are available in the chapel. If they are not there, fill out the paper on the table or call the office.

Fr. Ted





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