

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

DECEMBER 2016



VISITORS WELCOME!

- Each week the Eucharist is offered as bread and wine.
- Instead of using missalettes, we read from our Altar Bible, following the Catholic tradition that the Word is to be heard.
- The music is in *Gather* (blue hymnal) and *Worship* (red). Hymns are in the weekly bulletin.
- Our weekend Mass celebrations have different moods. Our 9:30 Mass is lively with a full choir, while the 11:45 AM one has a cantor. The vigil at 7:15 is quiet and contemplative.
- All of St. Vincent is wheelchair accessible. We have listening devices available behind the last pew.
- At 9:30 Mass, we offer Liturgy of the Word for Children, an age-appropriate homily program, and American Sign Language interpretation. And after the 9:30 Mass, we have coffee and pastries downstairs in our undercroft. Join us!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 7:15 PM

Sundays: 9:30 and 11:45 AM

Weekdays: 12 PM, Monday-Friday

Saturdays: 7:15 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

- Children's Christmas Pageant Liturgy begins at **5:15 PM**. Carols by the Children's Choir are at 5 PM.
- St. Vincent's Choir performs carols starting at **8 PM** and Mass begins at **8:30 PM**.

Christmas

- Midnight Mass (**12 AM**) is sign-language interpreted.
- Last Christmas Mass is at **12 PM**.

Please check our weekly bulletin for any changes to this schedule.

CONTACTS FOR COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Name	Contact	Phone	Email
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Parish Council Representatives and Committee Chairs			
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9:30 Mass	Michael Jacko	443.574.7793	
9:30 Mass	Lee Krempel	443.783.4746	
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<p>Parish Council, which consists of the Pastoral Team, Parish Corporators, Mass representatives and chairs of the committees (in bold above) meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Parishioners are welcome. Contact the parish council president to discuss additions to the agenda. Minutes are available on the website.</p>			

PRAYER REQUESTS: Georgie and Tom English, Joseph Patek, Gloria Prietz, Margaret Conley, Shannon Hawkins, Roxie Brown, Daniel Ansoerge, Laurie Sanchez, David Payne, Mamie Coleman, John Schaefer, Joan Raimondi, Kelly Magnum, Marsha Register, Ed Gerwin, Jennifer Talarico, Joseph Duffy, Olga Flaks, Fr. Terence Hoppenjans, Linda Pardee, Charles Houston, Pat Spiegel, James Murtagh, Jennifer Merson, Pat Massey, Ginny Graf, Jody Foster, Patrick Cvetic, Joan Casey, Carol and Elaine Severin, Tess Martin, Ava Bonacci, John Smith, Theodore Chilcote, Jim O'Neill, Mark Pepple, Vivian Gibson, Marsha Mank, Ben Podowski, Robin Williams, Owen and Rosemary Soraghan, Cathy Travis, Harriet Green, Thaddeus Stamps, Irene McAllister, Denny Leathers, Helen Meyer, Carol Henneman Spenser, Marilyn and Bill Krieger, Brendan English, Mary Beth Balog, Gary and Jim McMahan, Jim O'Brien, Fran MacAvoy, Dennis Witowski, Elaine Loughlin, Sue Mason, Charlotte Grahe, Myrtle Radke, Arthur Jones, Jeffrey Keast, Josephine McCoy, Dick Lawrence, Ben Podowski, Jack Spence.

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED: George Rolandelli, Marie Connolly, Bernard Roy, Steven Winder, Bev Connolly, Joseph Yingling, Ruth Taylor, Florence Clinton-Simpson, Antron Muse, Jim O'Brien, Jamie Jameson, Helen Urban, Mary McEnry.

Our Mission:

*We the people of God
of St Vincent de Paul Church
respond to God's call to*

Reflect

*The light and love of God the Creator,
Mother and Father of us all,
The infinite mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ
The empowering grace of the Holy Spirit*

Support

*Our welcoming community
of diverse persons and families
Our active and full participation
in liturgies and celebrations
Our spiritual growth in scripture,
sacraments and community*

Commit

*To love, serve and challenge one another
To sustain the earth, our neighbors near and far,
the poor, the marginalized
To be healing instruments of justice and peace*

STAFF

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Sue Goodman, Cantor

Rev. Charles Canterna, in Residence

FOR FAMILIES: At 9:30 Mass, we have a **Liturgy of the Word for children** (LOW) program, where kids hear the Word preached at an age-appropriate level. At all Masses, we offer **MagnifiKids**, a weekly Mass accompaniment. In the Gathering Space, you will find bags of quiet toys for young ones and rockers for parents of babies. Our religious education program for children in grades K-12 is **Faith, Fun Fellowship** (FFF), and it meets on the second and fourth Sundays after 9:30 Mass.

SACRAMENTS: For Baptism, Reconciliation and Marriage, call for an appointment with the pastor. For First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation for youth, contact Anne Gibson. Confirmation and Baptism for adults, contact Anne Maura English RCIA@stvchurch.org.

ST. V'S SERVICE MINISTRIES

In the first 11 months of 2016, St. Vincent has:

- **10,688 dinners** on Friday nights
- Given **364 sets** of men's clothing
- Provided furnishings for **106 people** once homeless
- Distributed **613 bags of groceries**
- Given **\$2,10** in aid from the Poor Box*

March-Sept our park had **1,994 overnight guests**.

-As of 11/30/16

SERVICE MINISTRIES

All are invited to get involved!

Breaking Bread with the Hungry – Adult volunteers (and teens with parents) are needed weekly starting at 4 or 4:30 PM on Fridays. Dinner is 5-6 PM.

Weekly Food Pantry – Our neighbors in 21202 and 21231 zip codes can receive a bag of groceries each month on Mondays, 12:30 PM.

Monthly Men's Clothing Distribution – Donations of men's casual clothing and toiletries needed for second Thursdays, 12:30 PM (Sept.-June).

The Resource Exchange provides furnishings for people housed by Healthcare for the Homeless. See our website for volunteer/donation opportunities.

Friends of St. Vincent Park helps maintain our park and make contact with its residents and visitors.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

St. V's social justice initiatives include sister parishes in Nicaragua and Lithuania; support for Maryland BRIDGE, Sts. James & John School and Habitat for Humanity; and advocacy work.

MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Monday Night Bible Study, Married Couples Group, Dinner for 8, Women in Ministry, Family Life Ministry

TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD

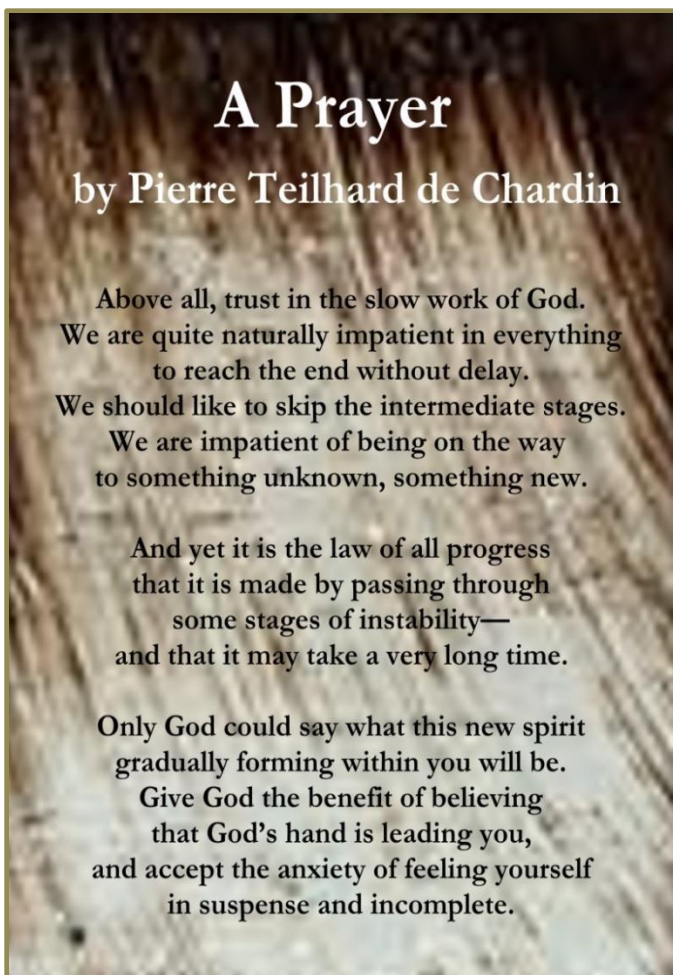
Trusting in the slow work of God is not a modern-day value. Life is fast, and trust is scarce. Our world, our country, our parish all are undergoing transformations that we didn't necessarily choose. And we may well want to skip this "intermediate stage." When such transitions happen, the temptation is to cling to a sense of control rather than accept the anxiety of being in suspense.

And so it is in this moment, as the whirlwind of 2016 closes, that we have chosen as a parish to say this prayer by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955). We will say it together in Mass and in solidarity at noon each day until Epiphany.

Like us, Teilhard lived during a time when the world was undergoing rapid change. As a paleontologist and geologist who took part in the discovery of Peking Man, he understood the universe through the process of evolution. His idea of the Omega Point held that everything in the universe is moving towards a point of divine unification. Much of his writing were suppressed in his life time by the Catholic Church.

Though completed by 1940, *The Phenomenon of Man* was published by his secretary after his death, making it a topic for *Time* magazine just our pastor was coming of age. In December 1959, the *Time* article "Toward Omega" caught the attention of the 17-year-old Dick Lawrence, and that Christmas his mother gave him the book. It was a difficult read, but Teilhard's theology, which weaves together the relationship and science, spoke to him. He recently recounted how this book was one of the influences that led him to the priesthood.

As we celebrate 175 years of our parish—a fraction of a nanosecond in God's timeline— this prayer is a reminder that it was God's slow work that brought us to where we are and will take us where we are going.



A Teilhard Reading List

His Works

The Phenomenon of Man – His *magnus opus* outlines evolution of the cosmos from its basic elements to the complexity of human life and then forward to our ultimate divine unification with God.

The Divine Milieu - To live a Christian life in the modern world, we cannot be in isolation but must be in communion with God, the Earth, and humanity.

Related

The Jesuit and the Skull (2008) by Amir D. Aczel – "A deft mix of narrative history and a poignant personal story, *The Jesuit and the Skull* brings fresh insight to a debate that still rages today."

Spirit of Fire: The Life and Vision of Teilhard de Chardin by Ursula King (2015) – "A fascinating book written in a style which makes a difficult subject seem quite understandable. King weaves the story of Teilhard's life around snapshots of his constantly maturing vision of God, the universe and mankind."

From Teilhard to Omega: Co-creating an Unfinished Universe (2014), edited by Sr. Iliia Delio – "Thirteen scholars—including John F. Haught, Ursula King, and John C. Haughey, SJ—'take off' from where Teilhard de Chardin 'left off,' opening new windows to the divine mystery."