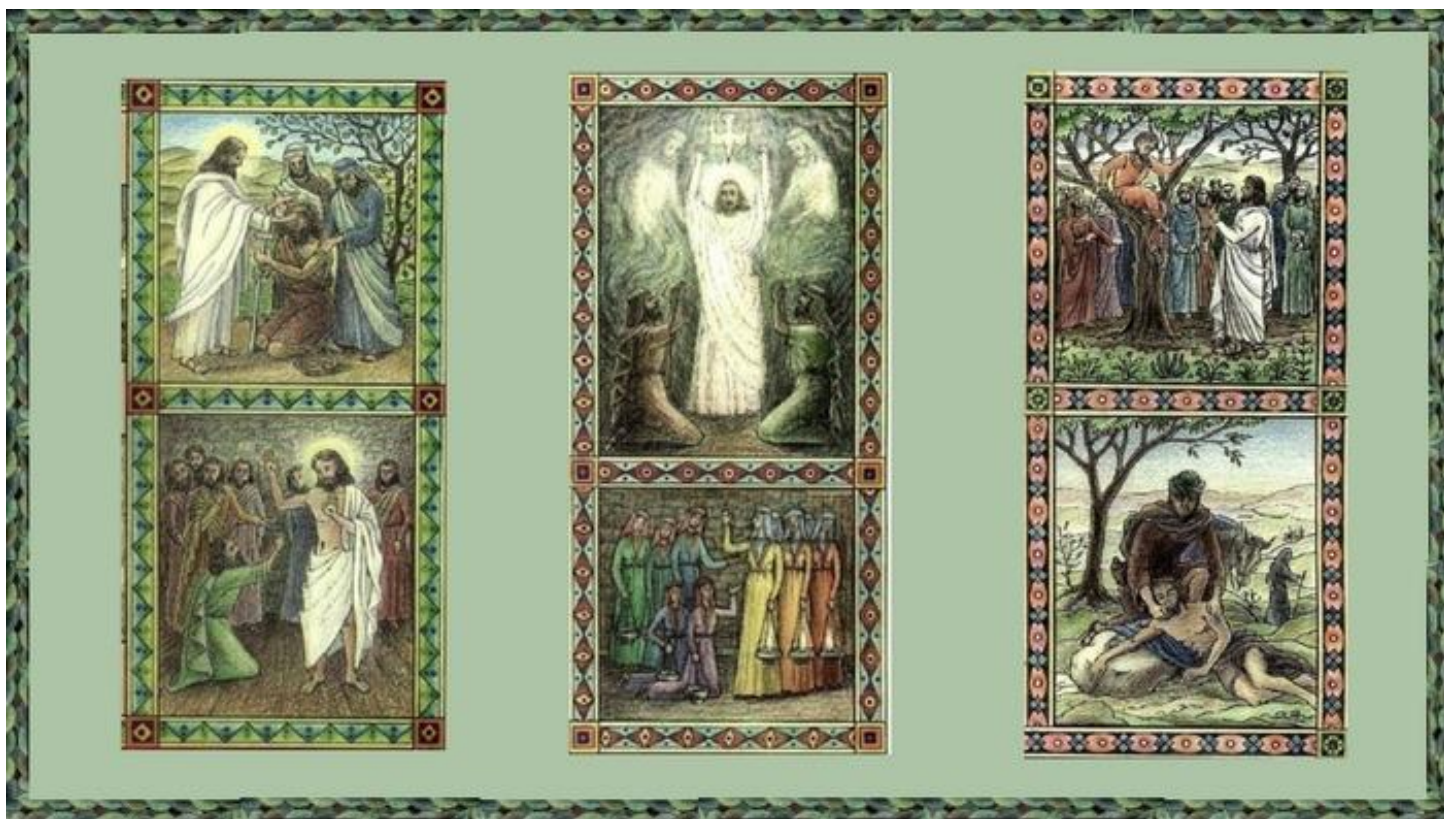


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

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Illuminations from the Gospels in St. Vincent's Altar Bible

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 7:15 PM
Sundays: 9:30 and 11:45 AM
Monday-Friday: 12 PM
Saturdays: 7:15 PM

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!

CONTACTS FOR COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & GROUPS

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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.			

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: Antron Muse, Jim O'Brien, Jamie Jameson, Helen Urban, Mary McEnry Jean Nunally, Tom Cimino, Robert J. Belanger, Eugene Zembower, Charles Raines, Virginia Harwood.

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*

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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:
11,703 dinners on Friday nights
Given **423 sets** of men's clothing
Provided furnishings for **121 people** once homeless
Distributed **734 bags of groceries**
Given **\$3048** in aid from the Poor Box
Our park had **2,020 overnight guests**.

--As of 12/31/16

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

SHINE ON ST. V

Fitting these words on our next banner (pictured at right) for the back of St. Vincent took some clever design work. For a sign meant to be read while waiting at stoplight 20 yards away, 13 words might as well be a James Joyce tome.

We did it however (Thanks, Tom Hyatt!), because at this moment in time we really want to proclaim these words from the Gospel of John to ourselves and to all. The idea for this banner grew out of conversations among parishioners about the election, the direction of the country, the needs in our city and more.

The emotions expressed in this dialogue have been, at times, dark—parishioners speak and write of feeling uncertainty, despair and anger and frustration. Many are stepping out in their faith, letting these powerfully emotions serve as energy for change. To be sure, our faith tells us even amidst the brokenness of our world:

“..the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5 NAB)

From the homily of Fr. George Witt, SJ, on Epiphany Sunday at St. Vincent:

“The episode of the Magi reminds us of the real-world implications of the Incarnation. And it invites us to *continue* to seek indications of Christ’s presence in every situation, no matter how apparently bleak. This goes for world events as well as for the challenges each of us faces in our individual lives. Christ remains present.

For while Herod and his cronies fail this time...much later there is another unholy alliance between political and religious leaders, and that time, they succeed.

But they do not have the last word.

The resurrection brings the entire story full circle, guaranteeing the continued presence with us of our Emmanuel. So we can peer into the darkness of this world without fear... for the light shines on. And the darkness *has not*, and *shall not*, overcome it.

Do you believe this? And if you do, what difference will it make in the way you live?”

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

AND THE DARKNESS SHALL NOT OVERCOME IT

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In an effort to wordsmith this into a limited space, we looked at several Scripture translations. The distinctions among these sparked conversation about the meaning (possibly some comfort) and perhaps a sense of purpose that people sitting in traffic might take from the banner.

In different translations, completely different verbs, not even synonymous, are used. Tenses are tweaked—has, did, can, shall all give a different shade of meaning. Never and not are swapped. Each combination creates subtle variations in meaning and mood. The darkness “has never put it out,” reads one. And another: “the darkness can never extinguish it.”

One that stood out was “...and the darkness did not comprehend it.” (NASB) Darkness could not *comprehend* light. Think about that! It felt right for this moment. However, we had doubts that anyone would comprehend our banner from down in the street with that phrasing, so we stuck with this more common translation. From the Church and from the street, we are invited to live and pray into the light together.

—Lauren Brunelli