

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2017



ILLUMINATIONS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH ALTAR BIBLE

by Sheila Waters

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 7:15 PM

Sundays: 9:30 & 11:45 AM

Monday-Friday: 12 PM

VISITORS WELCOME!

- We read from our Altar Bible, following the Catholic tradition that the Word is to be heard.
- Hymns are on the back of the weekly bulletin and found in *Gather* (blue) and *Worship* (red) hymnals.
- All of St. Vincent is wheelchair accessible. Listening devices are 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!

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

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: Gloria Prietz, Margaret Conley, Shannon Hawkins, Roxie Brown, Daniel Ansorge, 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, 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, Jim O'Neill, Mark Pepple, Vivian Gibson, Marsha Mank, Robin Williams, , 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 McMahon, Jim O'Brien, Fran MacAvoy, Dennis Witowski, Elaine Loughlin, Sue Mason, Charlotte Grahe, Myrtle Radke, Arthur Jones, Jeffrey Keast, Josephine McCoy, Jack Spence, Jamie Grahe, Rosemary Soraghan, Charles Colburn, John Stotck, Robert Kozlowski, Lisa Grey, Charles Colburn, John Stotck, Pat Bahr

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED: Gloria Cerino Gruss, Stephanie Wolf, Jim Butzow, Linda Pardee, Gail Williams, Marge McDowell, Tony Braswell, Ben Podowski, Edie Daly, Barbara Partlow, Francis Hergengroeder

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ALL ARE INVITED TO GET INVOLVED!

FOR FAMILIES: At 9:30 Mass, children leave for their own **Liturgy of the Word (LOW)** program to hear the Word preached at an age-appropriate level. At all Masses, we offer weekly Mass accompaniment **MagnifiKids**. In the Gathering Space, you will find bags of toys for young ones and rockers for parents of babies. In the rectory near the front door, there is playroom. **Faith, Fun Fellowship (FFF)**, our religious education program for grades K-12, meets on the second and fourth Sundays after 9:30 Mass.

SACRAMENTS: For Baptism, Reconciliation and Marriage, call the parish office. For First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation for youth, contact Anne Gibson. Confirmation and Baptism for adults, contact Anne Maura English at RCIA@stvchurch.org.

SERVICE AT ST. V

In the first 9 months of 2017, St. Vincent has:
Served **8,957 dinners** on Friday nights
Given **317 sets** of men's clothing
Provided furnishings for **79 people** once homeless
Distributed **338 bags of groceries**
Given **\$4,993** in aid from the Poor Box*
Our park had **2,095 overnight guests**.

*Aid for rent, utilities, prescriptions and transportation.

SERVICE MINISTRIES

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

Food Pantry – Our neighbors in zip codes 21201, 21202 and 21231 zip codes can receive a bag of groceries each month on Mondays at 12:30 PM.

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

OUR ALTAR BIBLE

Every Sunday, our lectors and our presider proclaim the Word from the pages of our Altar Bible. After more than 15 years, some of us have grown accustomed to this practice and to the concept of an Altar Bible. Yet, for the many not here when the Bible was created, its story is worth retelling. Below is an excerpt from Fr. Lawrence's 1999 essay on the Altar Bible project.

PROJECT CONCEPT

All of the fathers of the Church, East and West, agreed that Word and Sacrament were the twin pillars on which the Church rested. In the West, even the beginning of the Reformation did not disturb this agreement. Luther and Leo both believed in the critical role of the Word properly preached and the Sacraments properly administered. As the Western Church separated, however, the community property was divided up: the Catholics took the Sacraments and the Protestants took the Scripture. Even today a practiced eye can tell the denominational family of the church by the relative size and prominence of its furniture.

Over the past century we have each begun to recover the missing half of our own heritage: there is much more emphasis on Scripture in the Catholic Church and much more emphasis on the Liturgy in many Protestant Church. Our churches have changed. Our church buildings, however, remain largely the same.

In an effort to restore the traditional balance of Word and Sacrament, our parish, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Baltimore Maryland, has produced something we believe to be very new and yet very old in our tradition: an Altar Bible.

Illumination Prints Available

When the Bible was printed, St. Vincent commissioned 250 sets of prints of the nine illuminations. We still have some available. They are \$25 each or \$150 for the set. To purchase, contact the parish office at parishoffice@stvchurch.org.



The Altar Bible and Tabernacle are a tangible reminder of the twin pillars of Word and Sacrament.

THE NINE ILLUMINATED PAGES

Five of the Torah and Four of the Gospels

These have been designed and executed by Sheila Waters, internationally known calligraphic artist, illuminator and teacher. She was trained at the Royal College of Art and was elected a fellow at the prestigious London Society of Scribes and Illuminators.

The Four Gospels:

These were completed first and are based on the traditional openings of Christian illuminated manuscripts with a large initial letter filled with, and surrounded by, figurative illustrations set within the decorative borders. For the New Testament, every double page spread shows the Greek text on the left page and the English translation on the right, each volume reading from front to back. So the illuminated page of the opening Greek words of each Gospel appears on the first page of the text, with the Greek text continuing on its reverse.

The Torah:

Each double page spread shows the Hebrew text on the right and the English translation on the left, each volume reading from back to front. To avoid human depictions, each illumination is composed of bands of the opening Hebrew words, alternating with bands of decorative patterns, within surrounding borders.