



## Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Dingman Township, Pa.

### Our Vision

*We are a Spirit-filled community of welcoming believers, helping each other spiritually, financially and practically.  
We show compassion, gratitude and appreciation toward God and one another  
as we dream big, spread joy, and share our tears and laughter.*

### Parish Mission

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a welcoming faith community inspired by God's love  
to serve others, share our gifts and nurture souls.*



## Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 8, 2018



### Parish Office

101 St. Vincent Dr. Milford, PA 18337

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Closed Thursday

**Phone:** (570) 686-4545 **Fax:** 1-800-565-1762 **Office Email:** [stvoff@ptd.net](mailto:stvoff@ptd.net) **Pastor's Email:** [stvfri@ptd.net](mailto:stvfri@ptd.net)

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**Parish Website:** [stvdepaulchurch.org](http://stvdepaulchurch.org) **facebook:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish

### Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: listed inside Holy Days: as announced

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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**Welcome new parishioners, please call or visit the Parish Office to register!**  
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### Pastoral Staff

**Rev. John B. Boyle, Pastor**

**Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Paul M. Mullen,**

**Msgr. William P. Ward**

**Rev. Mr. Joseph A. D'Aiello, Retired Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Brian R. Drury, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Joseph A. LaCorte, Deacon**

**Megan Van Wagenen, Administrative Assistant**

**Jo-Ann Fay, Financial Secretary**

**Joseph Sudano, Director of Faith Formation**

**Barbara Sudano, Faith Formation Assistant**

**Lorraine Schmidt, Majordomo**

**Denise Spinetta, Pre-School**

**Janine Egan, Director of Music Ministry**

**Larry Farnum, Maintenance Director**

**Marie Caffrey, Coordinator of Ministries**

**Security, Kolbe & Shiloh**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 7, 2018  
5 p.m. - EASTER NOVENA - 7

SUNDAY, April 8, 2018  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
8:30 a.m. - EASTER NOVENA - 8  
11:15 a.m. - EASTER NOVENA - 9

MONDAY, April 9, 2018  
9 a.m. - NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 10, 2018  
9 a.m. - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018  
9 a.m. - NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 12, 2018  
9 a.m. - NO MASS

FRIDAY, April 13, 2018  
9 a.m. - ELYN O'CONNELL / Larry & Jo-Ann Fay

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018  
5 p.m. - ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
8:30 a.m. - JOE & KATHRYN GLINSKI / Daughter, Jo-Ann  
11:15 a.m. - JEREMY McKENNA / Marilyn Siracuse

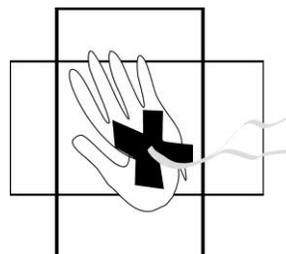


### **Divine Mercy Sunday:**

This Sunday, April 8, is Divine Mercy Sunday and will give all an opportunity to pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy in our Parish Church at 2:00 P.M.** This devotion flows from St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish Nun that St. John Paul II canonized prior to his death. **All are welcome!**

### ***Prayerful Atmosphere in Church:***

I think we have arrived at the point where we have forgotten that we are in Church when we arrive, particularly prior to weekend Masses. The voices and conversations are too loud and interfering in people's prayer. It is not wrong to greet people, but maintaining a reverential and prayerful atmosphere is imperative. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. God bless for your help.



### ***Trying to Cope with Grief?***

St. Vincent de Paul's Bereavement/Grief Ministry is a support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help.

All meetings will be held in the sunroom area of the Parish Hall on **Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact Kathy Eckert at [stvgriefgroup@att.net](mailto:stvgriefgroup@att.net). Please join us for various presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **Pastor's Corner:**

***"The community of believers was of one heart and mind..." Acts 4:32***

Last week I mused about envisioning a beloved community and this week, in the first reading, we see an early Christian community living in Jerusalem and aspiring to live a way of life that was radically new in the ancient world. Their leaders, the Apostles, enjoyed God's favor in their powerful acts of witness to the resurrection of Jesus. This new community was based on merciful care for one another, compassion and solidarity, and focus on the common good.

On this ***Divine Mercy Sunday***, God's mercy takes the form of practical action in relieving the suffering of this life, an action that we see in this early Christian community. The compassion of Jesus and his solidarity with the poor inspires both his teaching to relieve spiritual confusion and his determination to relieve sorrowful physical conditions. Again, this is apparent in the Jerusalem community: "of one heart and mind" and "there was no needy person among them." Focus on the common good elevates this entire ancient community and helps them achieve a safety net and create a family-style bond of peace and love.

Pope Francis writes in "**Laudato Si**": "Each of us here shares a calling to work for the common good. Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council defined the common good as 'the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment.'" On a personal level, it may mean giving up one's wants when it will help another's needs to be met. This sharing is no small thing.

The question for us today is whether we will allow ourselves to be changed by the resurrection of Jesus; to change our own way of living and being in order to be revealers of God by the witness of our own lives. Can we truly express merciful care for others? Can we be compassionate and in solidarity with those who are different than us? Can we focus on the common good when it might mean giving up personal goals? There is no other way to achieve the beloved community. *Beloved Community*--can you envision it in the midst of the diverse world where we live?

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**Security Issues:** In the light of recent events on world, national and local levels, we have been directed by the Diocese of Scranton, to ensure that our buildings are safe and secure – particularly when not in use. I realize that this is a new venture for St. Vincent de Paul Parish. I am aware that everyone has been accustomed to having the church and its facilities open 24 hours a day. This can no longer be the case. I am aware that some parishioners are upset by this new policy. We must be proactive in our approach to security issues. We have had our own issues that challenged staff and these have to be taken into consideration as well. The new approaches to security include but not limited to the following:

- ❖ All doors of the Church will be locked when not in use. If during regular Office Hours anyone wishes to make a visit to the Eucharistic Jesus, the Office Staff will be happy to open the Church for you for prayer. They will also lock it again after you leave.
- ❖ Ordinarily, the Church will be unlocked on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 6:30 & 7:00 AM.
- ❖ Ordinarily, the Church will be locked after the last person leaves from morning Mass or after First Friday Adoration.
- ❖ The Resource Center is a major concern because it hosts our Parish Pre-School – Monday thru Friday. No doors may be left open when the Pre-School is in session. This also applies to our Faith Formation Classes on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Protection of our children is of utmost priority.
- ❖ ALL Parish buildings will be secured either from the end of the last scheduled activity or at the close of the Parish Office.
- ❖ Individuals who currently possess keys to any of the buildings will be responsible for ensuring that the building is locked and secured when they leave. ANY disregard of this directive will result in either you forfeiting your key or having the locks rekeyed. NO warnings will be given.
- ❖ As always, your cooperation is deeply appreciated. It is important to make sure nothing happens to our parish property – including the buildings.
- ❖ **I do not want someone to later claim if something bad should happen: "We should have done something to protect our parishioners and children. Why did we make it easy for something like this to happen?"**



### Youth Group Gatherings and Events

**Join us to feed and live your faith!**

Young people gather in the Parish Hall on alternating Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.\*

**April 15** – Is it Spring Yet?

**April 21-22** – **\*\*Clothing Drive Fundraiser\*\***

**April 29** – Friendship

**May 6** – Walk This Way

**May 20** – Pentecost

**June 3** – Corpus Christi

**June 24** – School's Out Party

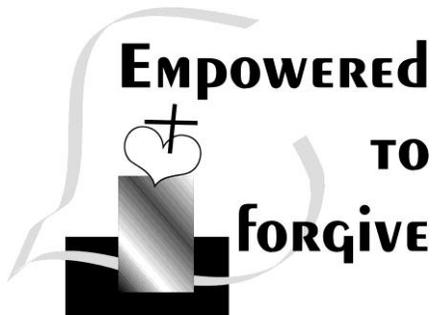
**July 8 – 13** – Catholic Heart Work Camp

**Check us out on facebook:**

**@<http://facebook.com/saintvincentyg>**

**Remind Service:** Text 81010

Join Code: Jesus1s



### 2018 Census

At the beginning of March, we sent a parish census form and letter to all registered parishioners. If you have returned your form – thank you!

If you have not returned your form, please take a few moments to fill it out and return your form to the parish office at your earliest convenience. If you are in need of a form, please call Megan at 686-4545.

### Children's Rosary Prayer Group



Second Saturday of the Month

11 a.m. in the Chapel

Children [and their parent(s) or guardian(s)] are invited to join us in praying the Rosary together.

*Jesus Said: "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" - Mark 10:14*

Call Marie Biel with any questions at

570-686-4637 or email [hozana3@ptd.net](mailto:hozana3@ptd.net)

### Third Annual Working Pike Job Fair Tuesday, April 17, 2018

The Pike County Workforce Development Agency, in concert with The Catholic Social Concerns Committee of Pike County, is again hosting the Working Pike Job Fair. The Fair will be at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing in Matamoras, on Tues April 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. If you are an employer, please consider registering for this event as it's a great way to make contact with many potential new employees. If you're a person seeking a job, whether for the first time or for a change in career, or just looking for local job opportunities, you should definitely plan to attend! There will be employers from PA, NY, & NJ from all industries, including Health Care, Finance, Government, Real Estate, Logistics, Transportation, Management, Manufacturing, and other sectors. Admission is FREE for job-seekers. Anyone interested -- employers or job-seekers, should please call [570-296-2909](tel:570-296-2909) for more information.

**Grateful Caretakers of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**~~The Lifestyle of Generous Hearts~~**

**April 1 - Easter: \$15,409**

**St. Vincent's Loaves and Fishes**

**Weekly total: \$67.51**

**Total for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year: \$5,418.83**

Online Giving will soon be available with **"WeShare"**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe and completely secure! With **"WeShare"** you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Be on the lookout for directions in the coming weeks!

**Weekend Mass Attendance**

**Palm Sunday: 5:00 p.m.: 157 8:30 a.m.: 178 11:15 a.m.: 287 Total: 622**

**Easter: 8 p.m.: 212 8:30 a.m.: 258 11:15 a.m.: 384 Total: 854**

**Support**

**St. Vincent's Youth Group!**

**Clothing Drive**



**Saturday, April 21 from 1 - 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

**We are collecting:**

- > Wearable and Usable Clothing
- > Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Backpacks, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Belts
- > Linens: Sheets, Blankets, Comfroters, Table Linens, Curtains, Quilts and Pillows
- > Hard and Soft Toys - Dolls, Blocks, Small Cars, Beach Toys, Stuffed Animals
- > Baby Gear - *NO Cribs or car seats* - we will take small toys and clothing, blankets, rattles, etc..

**Drop off in lower lot by the three bay shed.**

St. Vincent's Youth Group will receive a donation for the total poundage that we can collect. Please put CLEAN clothing items in well tied plastic bags. Band shoes together please.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**Cristina Galeano 570-994-0132**

**Continue the Journey**

Your talents are God's gift to you. What you do with them is your gift to God. Find out what your God-given strengths are and how you can use them to become the best-version-of-yourself. After exploring how to **Live Lent!** and following the steps in Matthew Kelly's book *Perfectly Yourself*, we can continue our faith journey by participating in **Living Your Strengths**. This program identifies your top five strengths through an assessment process and helps you choose activities at which you naturally excel. Maybe you participated in **Living Your Strengths** in the past but you'd like to participate again with some different people. Maybe you don't remember what your top five strengths are. Luckily Sue Casey has a record of everyone's top five strengths so you will not have to take the assessment again. The program will consist of three sessions and is open to everyone--previous participants and new. There will be two opportunities to take part in **Living Your Strengths**:

**Sundays at 9:45 in the Parish Hall -  
April 15, 22 and 29**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Resource Center -  
April 10, 17 and 24**

This program doesn't try to change who you are. It helps you develop the talents you have been given into strengths that will enhance your life. No sign-up required, just come.

# April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>8</b> <b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b>  Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.  <b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 2 p.m.</b>	9  Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m.  Baptism Prep Class 7 p.m.	10  Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.	11  Play Group 9 a.m.  Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.	12	13	<b>14</b>  <b>Children’s Rosary Group 11 a.m. in the Chapel</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>  Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.  Food for Families and Friends Dinner 2 p.m.  Youth Group 6:30 pm	16  Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m.  Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m.	17  Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.  Pastoral Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	18  Play Group 9 a.m.  Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.  Finance Council Mtg. 7:10 p.m.	19	20	<b>21</b>  <b>Youth Group Clothing Drive 1 – 5 p.m.</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>  Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.  <b>Youth Group Clothing Drive 9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.</b>	23  Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m.  Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m.	24  Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.	25  Play Group 9 a.m.  Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.	26	27	<b>28</b>  <b>First Eucharist 10 a.m.</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>  Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.	30  Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m.  Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m.					



## **This Week at Home**

### **Monday, April 9 -- The Annunciation of the Lord**

“Do not be afraid.” Imagine what it must have been like for Mary to learn God had chosen her to carry the Savior. By grace, she was able to say yes and remain faithful to God. In Baptism, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary, we say yes and commit ourselves to a life that proclaims the Good News. When faced with trials or doubts, keep in mind what the angel said to Mary. There is no need to be afraid; God will be with us. Today, pray for all expectant mothers. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38.*

### **Tuesday, April 10 -- Of One Heart and Mind**

Just as disagreements arise in faith communities today, the early Church had its difficulties. The picture that Acts paints of the Church as an ideal Christian community provides us something to ponder. Jesus' Paschal Mystery unites us into one community of God's mercy. Jesus showed this compassion during his earthly ministry. How does your parish imitate the community of believers? Consider volunteering to coordinate your parish outreach. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15.*

### **Wednesday, April 11-- Memorial of St. Stanislaus**

God's love and justice filled the heart of St. Stanislaus, who fervently opposed injustice and violence in his native Poland. He worked against the injustice of the government of his day, which eventually led to his death. Since we are filled with the light of Christ, we are called to bring light to those in darkness and help free others from oppression. Our Easter alleluias have no meaning if they do not lead us to work for justice and reveal God's saving love. *Today's Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21.*

### **Thursday, April 12 -- Share the Gospel**

The Apostles are being challenged again in today's First Reading. They remain fervent in their witness to God and refuse to stop sharing the Good News. Their faith in Christ moves them to glorify God's name and witness to all what God has given in Christ Jesus. If we live in Christ, the Spirit works through us to share the Gospel. Research a modern-day saint who refused to stop sharing the Gospel. *Today's Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36.*

### **Friday, April 13 -- Tell the Story**

No matter the obstacle, the Apostles remain passionate in teaching about Jesus. How would you respond if you found yourself in the First Reading and were flogged and told not to speak of Christ? Would you rejoice as these followers did? For thousands of years, God's Word has permeated place after place. As disciples who seek to dwell in the Lord's house, we must be found worthy to suffer for Christ our light. *Today's Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15.*

### **Saturday, April 14 -- Ministry of the Word**

The First Reading describes the beginning of what we know as the diaconate. Since the community was growing, the needs within the community also grew. Seven men were called upon to help in the ministry through the distribution of goods, freeing the Twelve to spread the Good News. The number seven shows the universal nature of the Church. Today, pray for deacons and consider finding out more about St. Stephen. *Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21.*

### ***Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor***

**It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement.** If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

**It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations.** To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).