

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.*



Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018



Parish Office

101 St. Vincent Dr. Milford, PA 18337

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

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Faith Formation Office: (570) 686-3493; stvreled@ptd.net

Parish Website: 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, March 10, 2018

5 p.m. - GARY MOLAMPY / Marge & Bill Trinkle

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. - MANUEL & MARIA GALEANO /
Maria E. Valente

11:15 a.m. - ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, March 12, 2018

9 a.m. - GEORGE A. ZANDALISINI SR. / Kathy Eckert

TUESDAY, March 13, 2018

9 a.m. - MARY DONOHUE / Eleanor O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018

9 a.m. - LINO PEREZ / Iris & Felicita Perez

THURSDAY, March 15, 2018

NO MASS

FRIDAY, March 16, 2018

9 a.m. - JOE CATALDO / Jo-Ann & Larry Fay

SATURDAY, March 17, 2018 - St. Patrick

5 p.m. - ANTHONY BAKER /
Deacon Joe & Marie-Eleana D'Aiello

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. - ALL PARISHIONERS

11:15 a.m. - ROSEMARY KELLY BEHRENDT /
John & Lisa Hannick

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 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st** 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 stvbereavement@att.net. Please join us for various presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The USCCB answers Questions about the Flu and other Illnesses:

What measures should be taken in Roman Catholic liturgies in the United States of America during flu season?

Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion should always wash their hands before Mass begins; a further precaution suggests using an alcohol-based, anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.

What has the Church done in localities where the outbreak of Influenza is most significant?

In those localities where the outbreak of the disease has been the most significant, liturgical adaptations have been put into place in regard to such practices as the distribution of Holy Communion and the exchange of the Sign of Peace in order to limit the spread of contagion.

With this information in mind, we are temporarily suspending the distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup. We are also encouraging parishioners to exchange the Sign of Peace by simply saying "*Peace be with you.*"



*Those who act
in truth shall
come into the light*

Pastor's Corner:

As of the writing of this bulletin (Tuesday, March 6) our parish, like many of you has been without power since Friday, March 2. It certainly is inconvenient and challenging, but thanks be to God, we have sustained no serious damage to our parish facilities. Nor has anyone been injured or worse due to the storm. I sincerely hope none of you have experienced any severe damage to your homes or suffered any injuries as a result of this situation!

It is my hope that you are reading this bulletin after weekend Mass, March 10 & 11, and that all – or most – of us have had our power restored.

Please know it is always difficult when a church has to close their doors. If it weren't for the lack of power and reasons of safety for all, we would have been open for business. Without the power, we have no lights, no heat, and no comfort facilities, among other things needed to stay open and functioning properly. Nor did we have the ability to contact emergency services in an efficient manner. Thank you all for your understanding and patience!

A few items of practicality to note:

- All cancelled Masses will be rescheduled for the earliest dates available in the Mass Book and requesters will be notified of the new dates.*
- The presentation that was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7 with Collette Travel, will be rescheduled and we will notify the parish of the new date as soon as we receive that information.*
- There are several other Parish and Faith Formation events and meetings that will need to be rescheduled as well. Please have patience with us as we try to renegotiate some important calendar events in the upcoming weeks.*

God

is rich in mercy





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.*

March 11 – Stations of the Cross Practice
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

March 18 – Lenten Spirit

March 25 – Stations of the Cross Practice
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

March 30 – Stations of the Cross Presentation
8:00 p.m.

April 15 – Is it Spring Yet?

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

Check us out on facebook:

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

Remind Service: Text 81010 Join Code: Jesus1s

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Several calendar items have to be rescheduled due to the storms and power outage! REMIND messages will continue to be sent with updates. If you have questions or concerns please contact Joe or Barbara in the Faith Formation Office.

Vacation Bible School 2018 Adult Volunteers are Needed!

Sharing God's love with children is made easy, especially when there are no books, classrooms or lessons! All of our activities are centered upon the Bible theme for the week. We simply ask that you help lead the children through the scheduled activities and have fun while helping! Please consider joining us if you are available and if you have never joined us before, make this the year that you do! As per state and diocesan rules, all volunteers 18 years of age and older must have clearances on file as well as VIRTUS training. We will be able to guide you through each of these steps with ease. Please contact Joe or Barbara at 570-686-3493 or stvred@ptd.net

Parish Travel Opportunity

Father John will be hosting a Parish Trip with Collette Travel to *The Alpine Countries* – Austria – Germany – Switzerland. **October 11 – 23, 2018**

*13 Days * *17 meals*

*11 Breakfasts * *6 Dinners*

Double: \$4,199 Single: \$4,649

Book Now and Save \$200 per Person.

Special Travel Presentation:

**Due to storms and power outage
this event was postponed.**

A new date will be announced soon.

When we do have the presentation, any and all questions will be answered and you will be able to make your down payment or full payment that evening. We have approximately 15-20 persons who have voiced their plans to accompany us to The Alpine Countries. If you are still undecided, please come and see what you will be missing by foregoing this trip!

Be My Witness

Pope Francis tells us: *"In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities... and a center of constant missionary outreach."*

In the early Church, Christians told the story of Jesus and described their own encounters with him as the risen Lord. Their stories were so compelling that thousands were baptized. Today, becoming an evangelizing parish involves creating a culture of witness as those first Christians did -- an environment in which parishioners are in touch with their faith stories and can share them with others.

Do you think St. Vincent's is an evangelizing parish? What about our parish supports the vision of an evangelizing parish? Please help us answer that question by completing our 4th survey, **Witness Matters**. As with previous surveys, this one is short, confidential, and should only take a few moments of your time. To complete the survey online, visit our parish website - stvdepaulchurch.org - and click on the link to **Witness Matters**. Hard copies of the survey are available in the narthex of the church. Deadline for return of all completed surveys is March 11, 2018.

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

Due to the severe winter storms and power outage, we did not have weekend Masses March 3/4. Please, if you are able, include your contribution for March 3/ 4 in any other weekend collection. February totals and March totals will be updated in next weekend's bulletin.

Special Collection for Winter Energy Expenses - total thus far: \$3,313
Thank you for your generous response to this collection!

Important Announcement Regarding Financial Statements for 2017

We will not be mailing statements to all parishioners as we have done in the past, rather we will provide the statements by request only. If you would like a year-end statement of your contributions for tax purposes, please contact our bookkeeper Jo-Ann Fay in the parish office, and she will be happy to provide the information. stvjfin@ptd.net or 570-686-4545. If you send an email or leave a message, please be sure to provide your full name and envelope number. Thank you!

St. Vincent's Loaves and Fishes

Weekly total: \$82.06 Total for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year: \$4,805.73



The Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of the Mountain Council
Invite all to attend the Annual:
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 17 at 6 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

**Traditional
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks

Dessert ***BYOB***

Entertainment:

Traditional Irish Music & Dance Music

Tickets -- \$25 per person

Tickets available after Mass or contact
Fred Seidler at 570-686-2268

Food for Families and Friends Dinner

Sunday, March 18

2-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to join us for this *Free* monthly dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Mountain Council, and the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul.

**St. Vincent de Paul
Craft and Stitcher Ministries
Annual Spring Sale**



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
Saturday, March 24 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 25 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beautiful Handmade Items!

Raffles *Baskets* *Easter Items*

Light Refreshments

Home Baked Goods for Sale

All proceeds support the Parish Sharing Fund

A Night at the Races!



Parish Fundraiser -- Saturday, April 7, 2018

Doors Open at 6 p.m. First Race at 7 p.m.

Must be 18 Years of Age!

Admission \$10

Includes: Hot and Cold Buffet, Soft Drinks, Coffee,
Tea & Dessert ***BYOB***

Be a Horse Owner for \$10

Tickets available after Mass or contact Jo-Ann in
the parish office at 570-686-4545

March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 Fourth Sunday of Lent Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.	12 Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m. The Light is On For You – Reconciliation 5:30 – 7 p.m.	13 Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council 7 p.m.	14 Play Group 9 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.	15	16 Friday Supper 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.	17 Children's Rosary Group 11 a.m. in the Chapel K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance 6 p.m.
18 Fifth Sunday of Lent Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m. Youth Group 6 p.m.	19 Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m. The Light is On For You – Reconciliation 5:30 – 7 p.m.	20 Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.	21 Play Group 9 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.	22	23 Friday Supper 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.	24 Craft & Bake Sale 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Regular Mass Schedule Craft & Bake Sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	26 Crafters & Stitchers 10:30 a.m.	27 Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.	28 Play Group 9 a.m.	29 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.	30 Good Friday Liturgy 3 p.m. The Parish Youth Group Presents: The Stations of the Cross 8 p.m.	31 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Blessing of the Food 1 p.m. The Easter Vigil 8 p.m.

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.	2	3 Sharing the Sunday Readings 6:30 p.m.	4 Play Group 9 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 5:30 p.m.	5 Senior Club Meeting 1 p.m.	6	7 First Saturday Rosary - Noon Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Opportunities at St. Vincent de Paul Parish to Pray, Fast and Give during Lent!

The Light Is On For You: Monday Evening from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

All Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. The diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Friday Evening Supper and Stations

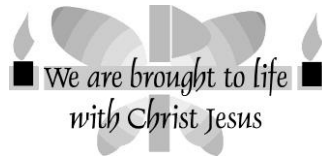
Join us on Friday evenings for a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church. There is a nominal offering for supper. All are welcome!



Good Friday: The Stations of the Cross

Presented by The St. Vincent de Paul Parish Youth Group

Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m. Please join us for an hour of deep reflection and prayer.



Children's Rosary Prayer Group

Saturday, March 17 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. All children and their parents / guardians are welcome!

Live Lent! - Why Not Now?

Have you ever wished you had more time to think about the more important things in life? Why not make that time during this Lent? The groups will gather, read Scripture, pray and share faith. This could be the most memorable Lent ever! For more information, please contact Deb Croston at 570-686-1291 or debra.croston@gmail.com

Perfectly Yourself: A Gift for the Parish

We all need to grow and improve. It drives us to compare ourselves to others. God, on the other hand, doesn't compare us to anyone. He wants you to be "***Perfectly Yourself***". Author **Matthew Kelly**, through the lessons in his new book, help us to find lasting peace and happiness, being the person God created us to be! ***Pick up your free book from the narthex or resource center!***

40 Cans for Lent

This Lent, help people in your community while also helping our Knights of Columbus Council! It takes less effort than you might expect but has a big payoff to those in need. We are asking each parishioner to donate one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. You may leave your donation in the Food Pantry donation box in the narthex. Once Lent ends the cans will be delivered to the Blooming Grove Food Pantry located at St. John Neumann Parish in Lords Valley. Many parishes have had great success with this program and have been able to support food pantries with thousands of pounds of food! I am sure we will be able to do the same.

The Rice Bowl Offerings will be collected on Holy Thursday

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

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).