



Saint Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 2020



WE'RE ON A MISSION...

To grow in our love of God and one another through sacramental life by proclaiming and living the Gospel.

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Rectory

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Church, Education Center and Social Hall

465 Clubhouse Road
Vestal, NY 13850
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Mass Schedule

Tuesday–Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am; 10:30 am

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays during Mass.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance.

E-Mail Address: info@stvbs.org

Website: www.stvbs.org



Online Giving: <https://stvbs.weshareonline.org>

Prayer Network Requests: Call Peg Buck at 797-9129.

Registration

New members are always welcome. Newcomers are encouraged to fill out a census card located at the Information Desk in the vestibule or call the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday by noon of the prior week.



Saint Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament has handicapped accessible entrances to the church, social hall, and education center, and reserved pews, as well as fully accessible restrooms. Also, our sound system includes both FM receivers which can be picked up in the sacristy and an induction loop for hearing aid wearers with a T-coil.



Women's Club Ministry Scholarship

The STVBS Women's Club Ministry is awarding **one \$1,000 scholarship** to a *female* high school student graduating in 2020. The applicant must be a *registered member of St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church* and have maintained at least a B average. Applications are available at the Information Desk in the church vestibule **or** on Facebook where a PDF of the completed application can be emailed to suekfreed@gmail.com. Applications may also be mailed to STVBS Women's Club Ministry, 1143 Reynolds Rd., Johnson City, NY 13790. The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, May 19th**.

Laimons & Sylvia Drupa Scholarship

The Binghamton Garden Club is offering this scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a graduating senior in a Broome County high school. The selected senior must major in a university undergraduate program in horticulture, environmental studies, botany, landscape architecture, biology (not pre-med) or other directly related fields. This award is not just a one-year award but has the potential of multiple years if all requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school guidance counselor. Submissions must be received by May 1. Contact M. Rankin at 773-8959 for more information.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Ladies of Charity will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-orientated career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 17th**.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry News

The pantry located at 25 1/2 Mill St., Binghamton will remain open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am—2:00 pm; however, no clients will be allowed to enter the building. Instead, pre-packaged bags of food will be handed out at the door by our volunteers.

New schedules for Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry volunteers for the period beginning April 1 through June 29 are available for pickup at the Information Desk in the vestibule.



It sure has been a different week here at St. Vincent DePaul Blessed Sacrament Church. The social distancing and staying at home along with the ban on public Masses has challenged all of us. I truly miss the interaction with all members of our parish family, and I want to assure everyone that, even though we cannot physically be together, you are in my thoughts and prayers. We can all look forward with hope to the day that we will be able to gather together again as God's People around the Altar.

Since I have been instructed to close the parish office for all public business, I have asked our secretary, Linda Kacmar to be available mornings to answer any calls and concerns that anyone might have. I hope that this helps meet the needs of the members of our parish family.

Something that we started last week was a daily post on our parish website and Facebook page. We are trying to reach out to all members of our community, and we hope that this is a means to keep us somewhat connected. Please check us out on Facebook or on our website.

Another way for us to keep connected is with our new Parish App. This is available at the app store and is simply entitled Parish App. Check it out and download it to your iPhone or Android phone.

Again, if anyone needs to talk or has any suggestions for me during this time, please don't hesitate to call the parish office.

Let's keep Deacon Tom Picciano and his family in our thoughts and prayers as they mourn the death of his mother, Helen. May she rest in peace! Stay Safe!

Email Updates

As an additional means of keeping our parishioners updated with important information, we would like to send out mass emailings. If you would like to be added to our email list, please furnish us with your current email address. **We will not** share your information with anyone else.



Visit <https://stvbs.weshareonline.org>

Weekly Collections

Please continue to support our church financially by mailing your weekly offering envelopes to the parish office at 165 Clifton Blvd., Vestal, NY 13850 or by signing up for online giving as detailed above. Unfortunately, even though Masses are suspended, we still incur ongoing expenses for utilities, maintenance of our facilities, staff salaries and benefits, etc. Thank you for remembering this important responsibility!



Saturday, March 28

4:00 pm Steve Falvo—Bob & Carolyn Stoklas
Rosemary Sterbentz—Family

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Norman VanDICK—Bob & Mary Simon
People of St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament
10:30 am Robert C. Robinson III (4th Anniv.)—Wife, Barb
& Family
Maisie O'Regan—Fintan & Meredith Fleming

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 am Pierina Consol—Duquella Family

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 am Priest Intention

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am Priest Intention

Friday, April 3

9:00 am Priest Intention

Saturday, April 4

4:00 pm Gerald Guido—Paul & Jane Dillingham
Dolly Salankiewicz—Joe & Evie Fehrenbach

Sunday, April 5

8:00 am Conchita Oblasney (2nd Anniv.)—Oblasney
Family
Nancy Borneman—Family
10:30 am Leo & Rita Serowik—Family
Maria Miller (Month's Mind)—Family



Our Sanctuary Candle, next to the Tabernacle, will illuminate this week in memory of **Anne Gabello** at the request of her sister, Marlene Malchak.

Please Note: All Mass Intentions will be said privately by Fr. Jim in his personal daily Mass until further notice.

†Born into Eternal Life†

Jeanne Fenzel—March 20, 2020
Helen Picciano—March 21, 2020

CANA Retreat

Come join us for a Catholic Family Retreat vacation at the scenic Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY. This retreat is a time to gather as a family with other Catholic families to rest, recreate and share our common Catholic experience. It is held in a somewhat rustic setting with plenty of time for family activities. The retreat will run from July 26—August 1. For more information, call Deacon Ed Blaine at 372-1730, email eblaine@syrdio.org or visit www.canadced.com.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. In Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent, "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

New Liturgical Minister schedules for the period from April 4 through June 28 are now available for pickup at the Information Desk in the vestibule. Schedules will become effective when weekend Masses resume.



April 3
Marie Chesnick & Carol VanDICK

****Important Reminders****

- * In accordance with current mandates by the diocese and state government, **the parish office is closed to the public until further notice**. Phone calls may be placed to the office at 722-3988 weekday mornings until noon for inquiries and assistance.
- * With the current suspension of all Masses, we ask that you refrain from requesting specific Mass dates until further notice. Mass intentions already on the books will be said by Fr. Jim privately during his personal daily Mass **unless** you notify us that you prefer to reschedule an intention when Masses resume.
- * Fr. Jim will continue to hear confessions on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.
- * For the immediate future, the church doors will remain open between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm seven days a week for private prayer or meditation. We ask that you practice social distancing as recommended by the CDC.
- * We encourage you to pray the Stations of the Cross by taking advantage of both our indoor and outdoor Stations. Booklets are available in the vestibule or in a bin near Station One (weather permitting) for self-guided prayer. Again, we urge you to practice safe social distancing.
- * Limited copies of the weekly bulletin will be available for pickup in the vestibule. You may also view our bulletins online at www.parishesonline.com. Our newly designed website has a Bulletins tab at the top of the home page that links directly to current and past issues for viewing or download.

KEEP IN TOUCH

During this time, please keep in touch with us for important updates through our website, www.stvbs.org and our other social media platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stvbs.org/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/st.vbs_vestal/

YouTube: [StVincentdePaulchannel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) (Watch Father Jim's video messages)

Samaritan House News

Samaritan House, 11 Fayette St., Binghamton is seeking your help. Opening in 1997, they have served over 16,000 families in need. Items requested include furniture, small appliances (TV's, microwaves, coffee makers, toasters, etc.), household goods (dishes, linens, pots, pans, silverware, curtains), children's clothing, and personal hygiene items. Money donations are also appreciated. Weekly pickup for furniture (no beds) is available. Household and smaller items can be dropped off at Samaritan House Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm or call 724-3969. Volunteers are always needed as well.

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