



Saint Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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

Mass Schedule

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

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays during Mass. (currently suspended until further notice)

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.

Registration

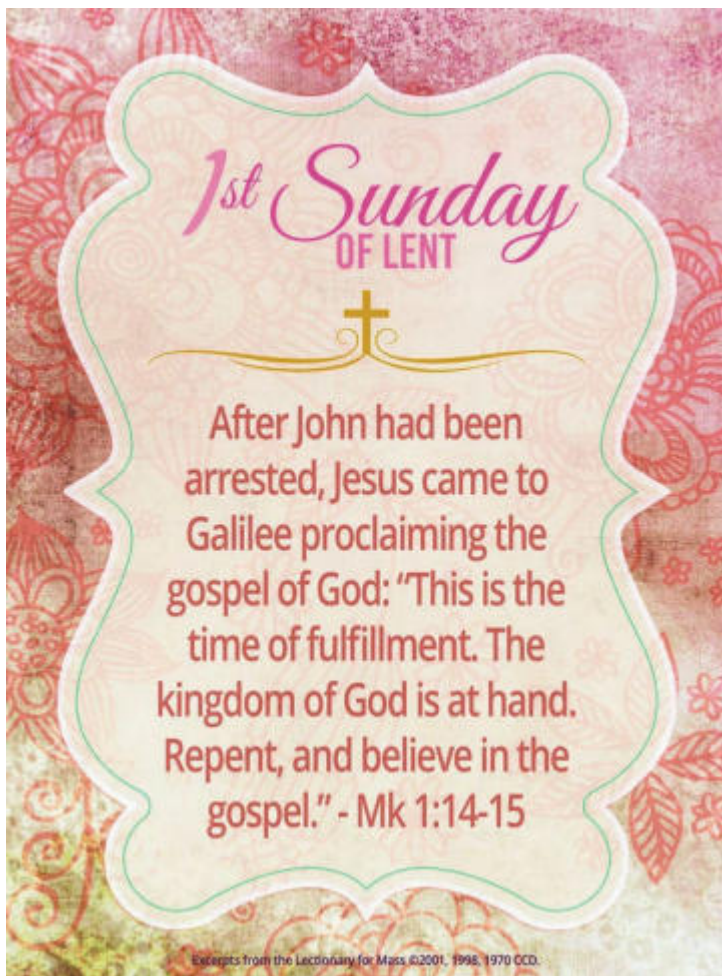
New members are always welcome. Newcomers are encouraged to fill out a census card located at the Information Desk in the vestibule or call the parish office.

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.





Retreat Center
Christ the King Retreat House
and Conference Center

He Reigns:

Drawing Families Nearer to the Kingship of Christ

Thursday, February 25, 6:00—8:00 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Binghamton

Sponsored by Christ the King Retreat House

Featuring Chris Spilka, Dir., Christ the King Retreat House

Fr. Jason Hage, Dir. of Vocation Promotion

Jeremy Bobak, Praise & Worship Leader

Live streamed: <https://tinyurl.com/12we5eun>

Or [www.youtube.com/St. Thomas Aquinas](http://www.youtube.com/St.ThomasAquinas)

Consecration to St. Joseph

During this year of St. Joseph, join with our Diocesan family in praying the Consecration to St. Joseph. Register for the Consecration at <https://tinyurl.com/sjconsecration>.

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 17, 2021.**



This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. We are all called to journey with Jesus into the desert of our lives on this Sunday. It is here that we encounter the presence of the Evil one and also the Presence of our God. It is in these desert areas of quiet that God speaks to our hearts and calls us into a deeper relationship with Him. One practical way for us to do this is to take some time daily and maybe to use the Lenten Booklet to help us reflect upon God's Word.

Another way for us to do this is to make plans to attend a Daily Mass during the week. Still another way to do this is to attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings to reflect upon the love of God as it was revealed to us in the suffering and death of Jesus. These are all helpful ways to make some space in our lives to listen to the voice of God. Another good Lenten practice is to experience God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

Let us all take some time this Lent to listen to God's voice as He speaks to us in the quiet moments of our lives and to ask Him to deepen our love for Him and for each other during this Lenten journey! HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!



IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 20th

Attention men of the parish: The theme for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is *Take Refuge in the Lord*. As usual there are three tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. We will be running a "hybrid" conference this year. You will have two ways to participate. Attend in person at a local satellite site (see the list when you register), or you can participate at home. With the "hybrid" format, we will have a half-day event—8:00 am to 12:00 noon. You can register for the IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org or contact our parish captain, Carman Garufi at 607-232-0287.

A Note of Appreciation from *Loaves & Fishes*

As a result of your generous donations, a total of \$800.00 was collected from the Souper Bowl of Caring. We are so grateful for your continued support of our pantry that enables us to keep our shelves filled, especially during the pandemic, when we have seen an increase in the number of families struggling to put food on the table. God bless you for your care and concern for the underprivileged in our community during these difficult times!

Additional Collection: Next weekend an envelope is included in our packets for *Catholic School Assessment*. Please place this envelope in the basket with your regular contribution. Thank you!

Please Note: Due to an early holiday deadline, last week's collection report was unavailable for publication but will be published in the next bulletin.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Saturday, February 20

4:00 pm Sara McNamara—McNamara Family
Roger Ball (3rd Anniv.)—Wife, Sharleen
Renato Signorini—Ed & Rita Grenchus

Sunday, February 21

10:00 am Margaret Hardt (11th Anniv.)—Theresa Corwin
People of St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 am Special Living Intention for Greg Hrostowski &
Family—A Friend

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 am Brian Leahy—Roxanne Morissette

Thursday, February 25

9:00 am Nicholas Cicchini (1st Anniv.)—Salankiewicz
Family

Dollie Salankiewicz—Chris Pionteck

Friday, February 26

9:00 am John & Frances Williams—Daughters
Rev. Thomas Hobbes (Month's Mind)—Parish

Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Mary F. Grassi (Birthday Remembrance)
—Family
Jeffrey Fenzel (Birthday Remembrance)
—Sister, Dawn & Chuck Ciringione
Clementina Bassano—Family

Sunday, February 28

10:00 am Dr. Abuah—Family
People of St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament



Our Sanctuary Candle, next to the Tabernacle, will illuminate this week for prayers for an end to the Pandemic.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

- * *Steadfast Love* booklets featuring daily Lenten devotions from Henri J.M. Nouwen are available on a display table in the vestibule.
- * Copies of the Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us* featuring Mass readings and daily meditations are also available on the table.
- * All are invited to participate in *Operation Rice Bowl*, Catholic Relief Services' annual Lenten collection program. Participants take a cardboard "bank" in which to place loose change during Lent and return the filled box after Easter. All proceeds collected assist local, national and international efforts to alleviate hunger.

Stations of the Cross

...will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm in the church. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity as a very meaningful way of keeping the promises of Lent always in mind. Pre-registration is not necessary; sign the attendance sheet in the vestibule when you arrive. A reminder that masks must be worn and social distancing maintained.

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades PK,K,1,3,4,5)
11:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades 2,6,7,8,9)

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 pm *The Search* video series via Zoom

Friday, February 26

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross—CH

Sunday, February 28

9:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades PK,K,1,3,4,5)
11:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades 2,6,7,8,9)



Amazing Graces needs your "Amazing Compassion"

During the pandemic, the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry has faced challenges in meeting food distribution requirements. One of the challenges has been the need to use only **new/unused** bags that can carry multiple canned items. Plastic, as you know, is now banned. Pam has had to purchase durable grocery bags (such as the Wegmans' bags we use at Thanksgiving) with the monies meant for food. While this pandemic continues, as a parish, the STVBS Women's Club Ministry is requesting donations of **new/unused** bags from Wegmans, Weis or any other store that sells that durable kind of bag. You can place your donations in the *Amazing Grace's* bin throughout the month. Once the pandemic is over, people coming to the pantry can bring those donated bags to be filled but, **for now, only new/unused** can be packed with pantry food. As always, we thank **you**, our amazing compassionate parishioners.

Pre-Cana/Marriage Prep Classes

The following dates have been scheduled in the Southern Region for Pre-Cana/Marriage Prep classes for couples planning to be married in 2021:

St. Paul's, Binghamton: March 13

St. Patrick's, Binghamton: April 24

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott: June 19

St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton: September 18

At this time, all sessions will be held in-person; however, this is subject to change dependent on local and state mandates regarding Covid numbers.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

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