



Saint Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 28, 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.





Easter Egg Hunt Basket Raffle
Tickets are on sale TODAY in our Hall!!
\$1 for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

Tickets will be drawn after the Easter Egg Hunt today (Sun.) Winners do not have to be present. There are so many AMAZING baskets, it's not even bunny! Some include: Ultimate Sports Pack, Easter in the Sand, The Grateful Gardener, Otter Delight, Mom's Chateau Easter Basket, Caffeinate with Keurig, Hedgehog Heaven, The Mystery Golden Egg, and of course, The Lucky Lotto.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York
Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and it begins the Holiest Week of the year for us as Catholic Christians. This day we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem with His disciples. We continue our journey through the week as we prepare to celebrate the Sacred Triduum which begins on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Friday we solemnly pray and recall the Lord's Sacred Passion. On Saturday we celebrate our Solemn Easter Vigil which begins at 8:00 PM. During the Holy night, we recall Jesus' victory over sin and death in His Resurrection. We will also celebrate Mass at 10:00 AM next Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. I would like to invite all members of our parish to take part in all these services of Holy Week as we journey with our Lord during this holiest of all weeks.

We will have our EASTER EGG HUNT today at 12 noon. It promises to be a great event. It is great for us to be able to gather together again and celebrate as a parish community. HAVE A GREAT HOLY WEEK!

Women's Club Ministry Scholarship Opportunity

The STVBS Women's Club Ministry is awarding one \$1,000 Scholarship to a female high school student graduating in 2021. **The applicant must be a 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 mleighbeyer@frontier.com OR mailed to STVBS Women's Club Ministry, 1143 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY 13790. The deadline for submitting applications is **Monday, May 31st**.

Laimons and 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. The award is not just a one-year award, but has the potential of multiple years if all the requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school guidance counselor. Submissions must be received by May 17, 2021. Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 773-8959 for more information.

Special Collections This Week

- **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry:** An envelope is included in our packets for a special collection on **Holy Thursday (April 1)** for our food pantry.
- **Holy Land:** There is also a **Good Friday (April 2)** envelope in our packets for the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines, and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please place this offering in the basket on Easter Sunday along with your Easter envelope.
- **Repairs & Improvement:** Please place this envelope in the basket next weekend. Thank you!



Saturday, March 27

4:00 pm Robert C. Robinson III (5th Anniv.)
 —Wife, Barbara & Family
 Arthur J. Deemie (4th Anniv.)—Wife, Eileen
 People of St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, March 28

10:00 am Rosemary Sterbentz (3rd Anniv.)
 —Sterbentz Family
 James Kane—Don & Carol VanDick

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 am Anna & Ben Asaro (Anniv. Remembrance)
 —Joe & Louise Kurutz & Family

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 am Ann Walters—Maureen O'Connell Phillips

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration until
 10:00 pm

Friday, April 2—Good Friday

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Holy
 Communion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter foods
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass for the People of St. Vincent
 de Paul Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

10:00 am Joseph Ryan—Michele Ryan & Kathy Opett
 Deacon Jim Crowley—Don & Angie Siebert



Our Sanctuary Candle, next to the Tabernacle, will illuminate this week in memory of **Margaret Hardt** at the request of her daughters.

†Born into Eternal Life†

Helen Otocka—March 15, 2021

CPR/AED Certification Class—Date Changed

The Emergency Management Committee is sponsoring cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/ automatic external defibrillator (AED) certification training to be conducted by the Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad. CPR/AED training will be held on **Saturday, May 22nd (Please note date change)** in the Msgr. Giblin Social Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please note that the session will cover both the initial certification and recertification. Cost of the training is \$35 per session. Those interested in attending this training session must sign up in the Vestibule (Information Desk) by **no later than April 28th**. COVID-19 protocols will be maintained.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes and Catholic schools recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit www.syrдио.org.



Sunday, March 28

9:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades PK—4)
 11:00 am Faith Formation classes (Grades 5—10)
 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, March 29

4:00-7:00 pm *Light is On* Confessions—CH

Friday, April 2

Parish Office Closed

Sunday, April 4

Happy Easter!

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2 and on Easter Monday, April 5.

An Important Reminder

The blessed Palm you receive today is a sacramental and should be treated with respect. It can be placed in a significant place in your home as a sign of our faith in the triumph of Jesus over sin, suffering and death. *Please do not leave palms in the pews.*

The Light is On for You

All parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will open their doors for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. Father Jim will be available to hear Individual confessions at our parish during this time. *There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday at 3:00 pm.*

Holy Week Mass Registration Update

The deadline for both online and phone-in registrations for all Holy Week services is Wednesday, March 31 at 3:00 pm. We will be unable to take any further reservations after that time. A reminder that **pre-registration is required** so that we can safely accommodate everyone. If required, seating will be assigned in the sanctuary on a first-come first-served basis for those pre-registered until all pews are filled. Overflow seating will be in the Social Hall. Should we reach full capacity for any service prior to the deadline, we will alert the parish through our social media channels: the website, Facebook, Parish App, and Instagram.

Livestream of Holy Week Services

If you cannot attend any of our Holy Week services in person, watch the livestreams from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday on our YouTube channel: **St.VBS Vestal**. Broadcast times are as follows:

- ◆ Palm Sunday Mass—10:00 am
- ◆ Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 pm
- ◆ Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 pm
- ◆ Good Friday Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm
- ◆ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—8:00 pm
- ◆ Easter Sunday Mass—10:00 am

Mom's House Mothers' Day Flower Sale

Assorted flower flats, hanging baskets, potted flowers
 Deadline for orders: April 23; pick up on May 5 at
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