



# OUR 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.**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

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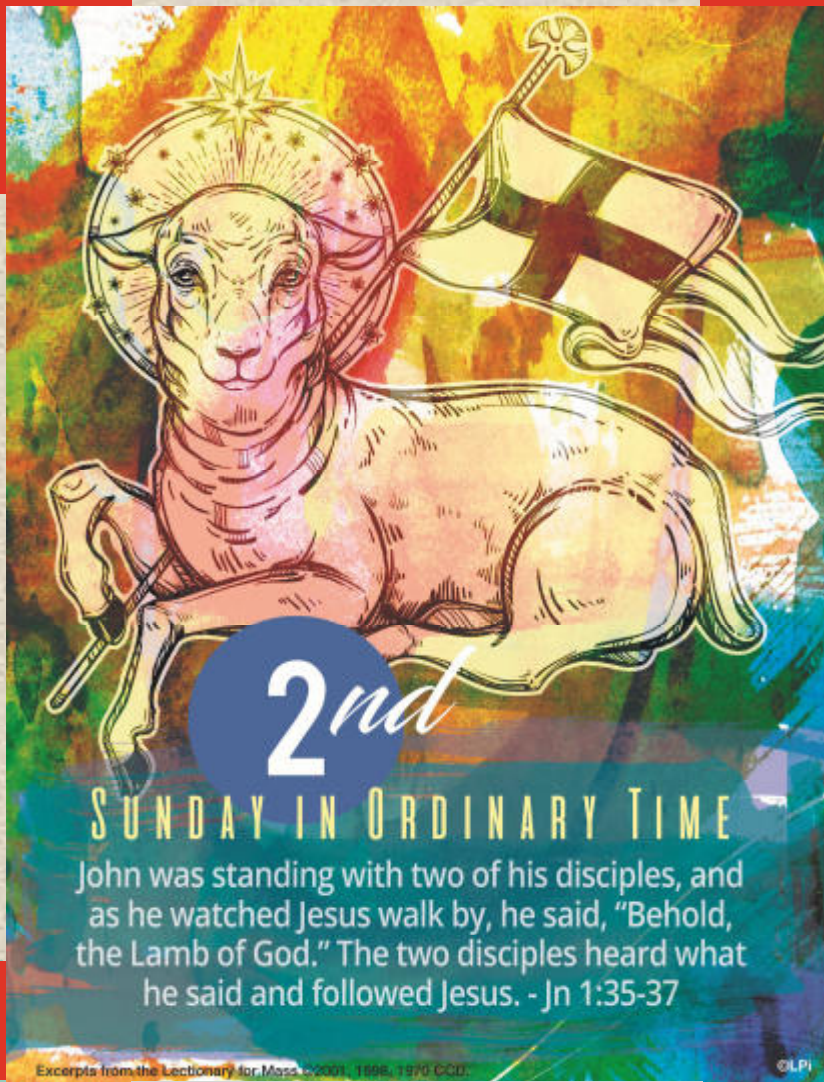
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**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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**JANUARY 17, 2021**

**OUR BODIES AND SOULS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD. ISN'T IT OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE THE VERY BEST CARE OF THEM?**

**1 CORINTHIANS: 13C-15A, 17-20**

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 17, 2021  
8:30 a.m. - **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

11:15 a.m. - **ANTHONY PENA**  
The Pena Family

MONDAY, January 18, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - **SALLY PEREZ**

TUESDAY, January 19, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - **PAT FAHY**  
Raymond & Marina Starr

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021  
9:00a.m. - **MICHAEL COLLINS**  
Fred Seidler

THURSDAY, January 21, 2021  
**NO MASS**

FRIDAY, January 22, 2021  
9:00a.m. - **FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR UNBORN**

SATURDAY, January 23, 2021  
4:00 p.m. **ANN BOYLE**  
Sons

SUNDAY, January 24, 2020  
8:30 a.m. - **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

11:15 a.m. **CARLOS MACIAS**  
The Macias Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time  
January 17, 2021**

The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the Lamb of God, by leading lives of holiness and purity. The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), the psalmist sings, "Behold, I come to do Your will," indicating that his vocation is to obey, to do what God commands him to do. In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and souls holy, because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus to two of his own disciples as the "Lamb of God," suggesting Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "come and see." They stayed with him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother

*On FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, at 9a.m. on the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, our Daily Mass will be in observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUN 1/17</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-	<b>MON 1/18</b>	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22	<b>TUES 1/19</b>	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28	<b>WED 1/20</b>	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
<b>THURS 1/21</b>	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12	<b>FRI 1/22</b>	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19	<b>SAT 1/23</b>	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21	<b>SUN 1/24</b>	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/

# PASTOR'S CORNER -Continued

January 17, 2021

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon to Jesus, presenting him to Jesus as the Messiah. Thus, today's Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM OUR DIGITAL SIGN:**

If the Donkey and Elephant let you down...stick to the LAMB.

You Are On God's Most Wanted List !

Some Of Us Should Use Gluestick Instead Of Chapstick

Social Distancing Does Not Apply To God – Draw Near To Him

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**Covid-19 Vaccines:** The Bishops of the United States and the Vatican have responded to some questions about the source of the Covid-19 Vaccines. I would like to share some clarity regarding the ethical and moral status of the current COVID-19 Vaccines. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) carefully evaluated the two current vaccines as they relate to Catholic Moral Teaching:

They have concluded:

“Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line from one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.”

Dating back to 2005, the Holy See has addressed such topics, indicating it is morally permissible to accept vaccinations when there are no alternatives and there are serious risks to health. In December 2020, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) confirmed, that due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, it is morally acceptable to receive the current COVID-19 vaccines.

The CDF's note stated:

“All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

Based on this information, Bishop Bambera wants to emphasize that a Catholic can receive these COVID-19 vaccines in good conscience. The Bishop strongly encourages the faithful to receive a vaccine against COVID-19, unless medically indicated otherwise. Receiving a vaccine is not only an act of love, but also an act of charity, as it lessens one's chances of infecting someone else.

# LITURGICAL LIFE & STEWARDSHIP LIFE

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## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Mass Schedule - Reservations Required

**Saturday: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:30am & 11:15am**

**Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri  
9:00am in Chapel**

### Parish Office Hours:

**Monday & Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Friday 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Emergency situations will be handled on an  
"as needed basis"**

### Sacramental Information:

#### Reconciliation

**Mondays—7:00 p.m. Held in Chapel  
each week with parishioners to wait  
outside Parish Office door until it is your  
turn. Masks are required.**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

**Parents/legal guardians are to call  
Parish Office to schedule preparation.  
Baptism preparatory classes are held in  
the Resource Center the second  
Thursday of each month. Baptisms will  
be private ceremonies and need to be  
scheduled.**

#### Sacrament of Marriage

**If you are thinking about marriage in  
the next 6 months, it is time to contact  
the Parish Office. After speaking with  
the Office, you need to register for a  
Diocesan Pre-Cana session. Visit the  
diocesan website to find more details:  
[https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/  
parish-life/community/marriage/  
marriage-preparation](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/marriage-preparation)**

#### Anointing of the Sick

**As an aid to comfort and strengthen the  
sick, the sacrament is administered to  
those advanced in years, those  
preparing for surgery, and those in  
danger of death. Contact the Parish  
Office to make arrangements.**



**GIVE SERVE LIVE**

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Bishop Bambera will celebrate Mass at 12:10pm in Saint Peter's Cathedral in observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Un-born Children. It will be broadcast live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. Other resources are available on the diocesan website including a Rosary for Life.



**FAITH FORMATION:** We received notice that Father John will be conducting our Confirmation service which will be held on the Feast of Pentecost. More details will be available as soon as we solidify them. The dates for First Penance and First Holy Communion are also being decided upon and we will inform you as quickly as those are secured.



**Online Liturgy of the Word for Children -** each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. - a Zoom video conference. Sign up on website to receive the meeting invite. Please check website for more information.



**MASS AT HOME:** You can watch our weekend Mass from the comforts of your home. See our Webpage on Saturday evenings to click on link for our videotaped Mass. Reminds are also sent out with the link.



**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR -** Reconnect with Fellow Parishioners - St. Vincent's is offering a weekly virtual coffee hour on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Learn more on our web site:

[Www.stvdepaulchurch.org](http://www.stvdepaulchurch.org)



**LOAVES and FISHES GIFT CARDS -** available in the Parish Office. Please call office to relay your requests so we can have them ready for you. Updated list is on our website of cards available.



# MEDITATIONS AND INSPIRATIONS

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 17, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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## ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE BISHOP BAMBERA WILL CELEBRATE MASS: EVENT DETAILS

### Mass for Life

On Friday, January 22, 2021, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Life in observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The 12:10 p.m. Mass will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Peter and can be found on CTV and Diocesan social media.

# GROW, GO & PRAY



January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever seen *The Good Place*? While clearly not theologically accurate, it is a thought-provoking Netflix comedy that focuses on four good but flawed characters who meet in the afterlife. I can relate to the character of Chidi, who strives to live a moral life but is crippled by indecisiveness. Do I buy the brown shoes or the black ones? Should I order the salad or the salmon? And I still can't decide on a career! So I'm amazed at John and the disciples in today's Gospel. John immediately recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God. Hearing this, do the disciples ask for a second opinion or draw up a pros and cons list? Nope. They follow him. They recognize the Messiah and act. Their response of faith challenges me to think less and do more, to worry less and pray more. We may not see Jesus in his human form walking by, but we can see his image in others, and hear him through the Scriptures and at Mass. Let us pray for the grace to respond wholeheartedly.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Everyone loves an invitation, though perhaps we've forgotten what those are like during these months of pandemic. Today's readings remind me that, pandemic notwithstanding, we all have a standing invitation from God; it's up to us to respond. When Samuel heard God's voice in the night, he listened. In today's responsorial psalm, we hear, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." And the Gospel tells us how the disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus. Through prayer, we, too can listen for God's voice and respond. And, just as Eli realized God was calling Samuel and John encouraged the disciples, we can accompany others. By sharing our experience and inviting others to share the way Jesus has spoken to them, we can encourage one another as we seek to turn our lives over to God.

## STUDY

Many of us slow down a bit during these wintry months after the holidays. Why not use our "down time" to listen to God's word, not only by attending Mass in-person or online, but through popular apps like iMissal and Word on Fire. Invite friends to do the same and then hold each other accountable by initiating an online group to discuss each week's readings.

### Daily Mass Schedule During Inclement Weather:

For the safety and consideration of all involved we will observe the following during inclement winter weather: *If the Delaware Valley School System cancels school due to snow or ice or other weather issues, Daily Mass will be cancelled. These masses will be re-scheduled at a future date.*

If DVSD delays the opening of school due to snow, ice or other weather related issues the time of the Daily Mass will be delayed as well. *Therefore, if DVSD issues a 2 hour delay, Mass will be delayed 2 hours – hence Mass would begin at 11:00a.m.*

If DVSD schools dismiss **EARLY** due to inclement weather, there will be **NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING ACTIVITIES AT ST. VINCENT'S.**

**This Inclement Weather Mass Schedule does not apply to Saturday and Sunday Masses.**

I hope that everyone would consider their safety and safety of others when inclement weather occurs on Saturday or Sunday! The Lord does not want you to kill yourself or others by driving when the roads are treacherous. If He desires you in heaven, he will call you His way! **It is important to check with the radio, TV or computer announcements for delays or cancellations due to inclement weather.**

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**An important request as we enter cold and flu season....if you are experiencing any type of communicable illness, please stay safe and stay home.**

## Day of Prayer for the

# LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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# BIRTHDAYS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

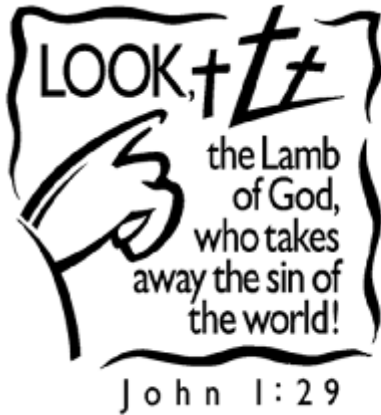
to our parishioners born January 17 - January 23

**If you see these people, wish them a very Happy Birthday!**

**Lily A. Walsh, Logan Lopez, Constance Nichols, Kimberly Skorski, Hollee Hutman, Kathleen Brodhead, Kimberly Duke, Betty Arculeo, Darren Brown, Lisa Conza, Gina Raniero, Matthew Kieran O'Grady, Carmela Riccio**

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.



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WERTA       
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HEANEV        
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TEISFTY          
9 2

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# UNITY



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HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

- "I saw the \_\_\_\_\_ come down from heaven." John 1:32 (NIV)
- A white or grey bird, often used as a symbol of peace. John 1:32 (NIV)
- A clear liquid used to baptize. John 1:33 (NIV)
- The place where God is. John 1:32 (NIV)
- To tell about something you have seen. John 1:34 (NIV)

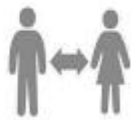
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**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH  
YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE**

### The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in 1 Samuel 3:1-10)



- Another name for God  
A. Eli B. Samuel C. Servant D. Lord
- To say words; to use the voice  
A. look B. speak C. hear D. listen
- To give attention to a person who is speaking  
A. call B. speak C. listen D. eyes
- A priest in the temple at Shilo (1 Samuel 3:1)  
A. Moses B. Eli C. Samuel D. Jacob
- A boy who ministered with Eli in the temple  
A. Samuel B. David C. Joseph D. Daniel
- A piece of furniture with a flat surface that a person can lie on to sleep  
A. chair B. bed C. table D. ark
- A person who is employed to do work for another person  
A. servant B. priest C. boss D. soldier
- To ask someone to come to you  
A. speak B. call C. sleep D. listen
- The pair of organs of seeing in the faces of humans and animals  
A. ears B. nose C. eyes D. mouth
- Not strong  
A. weak B. tall C. young D. blind

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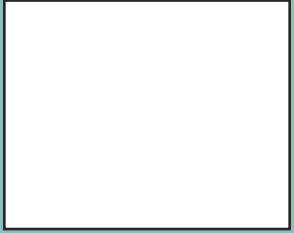
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