



Blessed Sacrament Church } St. Vincent de Paul Church

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRUE FORGIVENESS

"To err is human, to forgive is divine."

It is also human to forgive.

One day a seven year old boy was riding in the back seat of the family car. He was sitting between his two brothers and their mother was driving. On this day, she was feeling distraught over having been recently abandoned by their father.

Suddenly, in a fit of anger, she spun around and struck the seven year old boy across the face. Then she yelled at him, "And you, I never wanted you! The only reason I had you was to keep your father, but then he left anyway. I hate you."

That scene never left the boy's memory. Over the years his mother reinforced her negative feeling toward him by constantly finding fault with him. And years later, that same boy relived that same experience, probably in the thousands.

But recently, he put himself in his mother's shoes. She was a high school graduate with little money, no job, no life skills, a single parent and a family to support. He realized how lonely and depressed she must have felt. He thought of the anger and the pain that must have been there. And he thought of how he reminded her of the failure of her young hopes.

And so one day as an adult, he decided to visit and talk with her. He told her that he understood her feelings and that he loved her just the same. She broke down and the two of them wept in each other's arms for what seemed hours. A healing had begun.

It was the beginning of a new life for him and for her ... for them.

In today's Gospel Peter asks Jesus, "How often must I forgive?" He was looking for a solid number of times, after which he was "off the hook." He was asking about the rules, but for that person who has grasped the depths of God's mercy, rules and limits no longer matter.

"Forgiveness is twice blest. It blesses the one who forgives and the one who is forgiven."

John Macko, Blessed Sacrament



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and by appointment

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and by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon./Tues/Th. 8:30 a.m.-12:30

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, September 12, 5:00 p.m.: *Harold Thompson, Jr.—Harold and Rita Thompson*

Sunday, September 13, 7:30 a.m.: *Betty and Frank Dewitt—Jim and Teresa Dewitt*

Sunday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.: *Jim Salanger—Wife Helen and Family*

Sunday, September 13, 11:30 a.m.: *People of the Parish*

Monday, September 14, 8:00 a.m.: *Sharon Saterlee—Bob and Kathy Brown*

Tuesday, September 15, 8:00 a.m.: *Peter Caruso—Fr. Yagaza*

Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 a.m.: *Annette Cordileone—Michael Cretaro*

Thursday, September 17, 8:00 a.m.: *Anniv. Ronald Seeland—Carolyn Armstrong and Kim*

Friday, September 18: 8:00 a.m.: *Nick Cacciola—Bob and Kathy Brown*

Saturday, September 19, 5:00 p.m.: *Timothy Leogue—Parents*

Sunday, September 20 7:30 a.m.: *Leo Mazur—Roswitha and Robert Leonardo*

Sunday, September 20, 9:30 a.m.: *Anthony Barbagallo—John, Josephine and Verena*

Sunday, September 20, 11:30 a.m.: *People of the Parish*

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Saturday, 4:00pm: *David & Christine Cameron, req. by Lauren & Marian Brooks*

Sunday, 9:30am: *Kim Harrington, req. by the Harrington family*

Monday, 12:00pm: *Mary Colosimo, req. by Jane Caltabiano*

Tuesday, 12:00pm: *Lucille O'Hara, req. by Sonny & Sally Kondziela*

Wednesday, 12:00pm: *Patricia Fletcher, req. by Rose Marie & George Surace*

Saturday, 4:00pm: *Anne Zbikowski, req. by Dick & Delores Ratowski*

Sunday, 9:30am: *JoAnn Griffin, req. by her family*

ALTAR SERVERS (9/19-9/20): 4pm- Adult Servers; 9:30am- Arrow Longer, Bol Garang

LECTORS (9/19-9/20): 4pm- Bob James; 9:30am - Lena Murphy

NO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THIS TIME

GREETERS -9/20/20: 9:30am - Reda Nephew

There will be no open gym for ages 5-11.

Legion of Mary meetings have been cancelled.

OFFICE: The office is closed. Phyllis is available by phone at 315-479-6689.



First Communion at Blessed Sacrament

Our joyous celebrations have arrived! Throughout the month of September, during many of the weekend Masses, we celebrate First Communion with the students who were to participate in the sacrament this past May. Please offer continued prayers for our students as they join us at the Lord's Table for the first time.

REFLECTION

THE 24 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Second Reading: Romans 14: 7 - 9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Reflection: What was motivated Peter to ask Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter's question indicates the amount of spiritual growth he (and his fellow disciples) has acquired after attending Jesus' school of forgiveness. Forgiveness is in the center of Jesus' teachings. Forgiveness is a value contrary to the popular culture which espouses, "Tit for Tat" or "Tooth-for-Tooth" as the way of life. Forgiveness was unknown value in peoples' life and indicates weakness in someone's life. On one hand Peter's question indicates that the disciples have accepted Jesus's teaching on forgiveness and when Peter inquires, "How often must I forgive?" the disciples express their human inclination to revenge for those people who wrong others. Peter might have said: Yes Lord I accept to forgive my brother/sister only to the certain extent but not always. Knowing how much low the disciples are in forgiveness, Jesus responds to Peter, "I say to you not seven times but seventy-seven times." Simply forgiveness is unending. It is a value you can't count. Sirach in the First Reading writes, "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." And Jesus teaches us in the prayer of Our Father: "Forgives us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." God help me to grow up in Jesus' school of forgiveness that I will be able to forgive and forgive and forgive without counting to those who wrong me. Forgiveness is not weakness but it is a spiritual strength. Yes! Amen!

Fr. Severine

BUILDING FAITH AT HOME

This week's readings are focused on faith, love and community. We also celebrate the Nativity of Mary, Mother of God. Note that BuildingFaith@HOME is for all ages and stages of family life. There is something for everyone as we all continue to learn and grow in relationship with God.

BISHOP MOYNIHAN PRO VITA AWARD

Bishop Moynihan was dedicated to building a Culture of Life, promoting Vocations, and strengthening Catholic Schools. The Pro-Vita Award seeks to honor his legacy by granting two-\$1000 and one-\$500 scholarships to 3 high school seniors who graduate in 2021 and reside in the Syracuse Diocese. The scholarships will apply toward college tuition/expenses. Submissions may be video, essay, song, music, pictures, art, (limited to 2 minutes or 500 words) and must be submitted by email to familyrespectlife@syrdio.org by October 19 2020.

The local CROP Walk will be held virtually to raise funds for the hungry both in Onondaga County and throughout. St. Vincent's and Blessed Sacrament churches will have a team whose captain is Dc. Tom Murphy. To receive more information , contact Dc. Tom Murphy at 315-663-5278.

The Lord is
kind and
merciful

Psalm 103

In these unprecedented times, parish support is vital to our parish family and community. Your support, as you know, helps us to further the mission of our parish. In the wake of the coronavirus crisis, Congress has passed CARES Act which allows taxpayers who don't itemize on their Federal Tax Filing to deduct up to \$300 in charitable contributions for 2020. This very generous donation, of up to \$300, can be made by parishioners in the form of a cash or check donation to Blessed Sacrament Church and through our electronic giving platform WeShare <https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org/>. Your compassionate support is greatly appreciated. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office BSC office (315-437-3394) or STV office (315-479-6689) for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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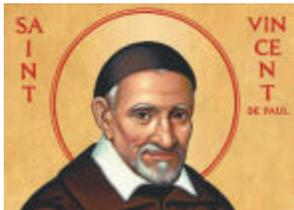
We Pray for Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Roslyn Antonacci, Carolyn Armstrong, Patrick Brewer, Rita Bross, Marlene Brush, Susan Moro Campbell, Terri Close, Ann Cook, Jill Danial, Mary Extale, John Fortino, Mary Anne Garrett, Mary Gersbacher, John Gersbacher, Elizabeth Gilbert,, Mary Griffin, Mary Ingalls, Yang Juan, John Laura, Mary Linehan, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Kathleen Naughton, Lynne Recore, Giavanna Regulbuto, Eileen Sheehan, Jean Suits, Elizabeth Walrath.



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We Pray for Sandra Betts, Desiree Landers, Nate Wagner, Madeline Duda, Marilynn Bause, sister of Lauren Brooks, Suzanne Thompson (sister of Bill Winchell), Judy D'Amore, Martin Griffin, Anne Marie Drury, Tony Caruso, and Brigid Griffen. Please pray for Carol Wilhelm, whose funeral was this past week.

Novena
Prayer to
St. Vincent
in honor of
his Feast
Day on



September 27th - you will find the novena prayer on the tables in the back of the church at St. Vincent's. Please take one home on the weekend of September 13th so you can begin the prayer on September 19th and end on the feast day of September 27th.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins in September. Please contact the rectory (315.437.3394) or Dc. Dan at (315.436/5550). Jesus promised, "Whoever believes in Me...rivers of living water will flow from within him," (John 7:37-38). The RCIA process begins the journey of faith that leads to the fulfillment of our Lord's promises and is for all adults who: **(1)** Have never received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Jesus in the Eucharist and desire to, or: **(2)** Have been baptized in a non-Catholic faith tradition but desire full communion in the Roman Catholic Church upon receiving Confirmation and Jesus in the Eucharist, or; **(3)** Are already baptized Catholic and still need to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist, or; **(4)** Are already Catholic or non-Catholic Christians and simply desire to learn more about the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FAITH FORMATION

Blessed Sacrament: During these unprecedented times, with constraints due to Coronavirus concerns and out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our families, we are re-thinking what our Faith Formation program will look like for the upcoming year. In communications with families, there is a real concern about returning to a classroom setting, which is completely understood. Just as schools are struggling with a new reality, we recognize the pressure that would be put on families, and safety and comfort are our main objectives. That being said, we will be providing family catechesis so that families can gather together in their own homes. Online resources will be provided for family catechesis beginning in October (the normal time frame that Faith Formation classes would begin). If you did not have a child in the program last year, we ask that you email the Faith Formation office with your child's information and include a contact email address so that we can keep you updated. Please see our website: <https://www.bscstvsyr.org/> for email contact information. Our current list of students will be contacted via email soon regarding the process. If your email has changed in the past year, please contact the Faith Formation office via the website.

Our sacramental programs will also be different this year. For First Penance and First Communion, as well as Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office on our website: <https://www.bscstvsyr.org/> and you will be contacted on an individual basis. We appreciate your patience as we continue to solidify plans for the programs. Know that you are all in prayer during this time. Stay safe and healthy!

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Because of federal HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you or someone you know may be in a nursing home, a short-term facility for rehab, hospital or homebound, who would like a pastoral visit and bring Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing. Contact the rectory at 315.437.3394 for visit



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a gathering of young adults in their 20s and 30s looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith. Beginning September 23, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is launching a four-week series in four cities, Binghamton, Cortland, Syracuse, and Utica where we will discuss topics relevant to young adults. Registration to attend Theology on Tap is recommended. Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/tot>

CONFESSIONS AT THE FRANCISCAN PLACE

The Franciscan Place at Destiny USA will now offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evenings from 4-6pm and on Saturday afternoons from 1-3pm starting September 12. Confessions are heard in our new ample Reconciliation Chapel where social distancing is possible. Masks are required. Located in Destiny USA, Syracuse.



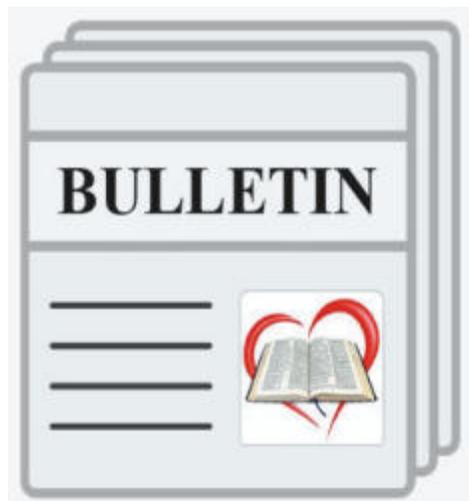
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The annual Blessing of the Backpacks for our students will take place during all the Masses on the weekends of September 12/13 and 19/20 in our linked parishes. Bring your backpack - empty, please, for the blessing.

MISSIONARY WORK

In the Bible, Jesus is recorded as instructing the apostles to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-18). This verse is referred to by Christian missionaries as the Great Commission and inspires missionary work. Because modern Catholics have intermittent knowledge of the ongoing work of the missions, I have developed a Facebook page intended to increase awareness of missionary activity. If you are a Facebook user, please "like": the page in order to widen the span of reach: <https://www.facebook.com/Pontifical-Mission-Societies-Diocese-of-Syracuse-102193214846410>

Dc Dan Stevens



NEW BULLETIN

We have a new bulletin!

Blessed Sacrament: Bulletin entries must be received by the Monday prior to the bulletin weekend.

St. Vincent's: Information, schedules, etc., that you would like added the bulletin must be received in St. Vincent's office by the Wednesday of the week before the bulletin (10 days ahead). Our information is forwarded to Blessed Sacrament which in turn, combines both bulletins and forwards the information for printing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FELIPA

For the last four decades St. Vincent DePaul parish of Syracuse has opened its doors and heart to Cuban, Sudanese and other refugees along with immigrants / asylum seekers from Central America. In the late 1980s the pastor's residence became home to Trini Ramos, a Guatemalan fleeing his country's violence and seeking a way to support his family and the family of his murdered brother. Over 30 years Trini, originally an undocumented immigrant, gained U.S. citizenship. He became a homeowner in the St. Vincent neighborhood and with Felipa, another Guatemalan who fled violence, created a family with daughter, Maryelena, and a son, Sergio. Trini has twice been awarded the Bishop's Parish Award, once from St. Vincent and one from the Spanish Apostolate. Our own Felipa is facing hard time with her immigration case. Although she went through the necessary immigration hearings, had her case closed and received a work permit, Felipa found that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency recently reopened her immigration case. St. Vincent is supporting Felipa with \$2,000 towards the \$8,500 cost for legal representation. Will other Catholic parishes follow our Pope's call and help Felipa and her family in crisis?

YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

Remember for just \$5.00 you could be the September 50/50 winner which will be drawn on Sunday, September 27th after the 9:30am Mass at St. Vincent's. Contact Bob James at 315-471-0818 with any questions. Thanks to all who continue to support our Youth Programs.

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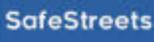
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