



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:15-17

Looking Down

It would be nice if the two men dressed in white who made their appearance to the disciples would also appear to us during those times when we have our gaze looking heavenly. Their question is for us too: *“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?”* That question jolted Jesus’ disciples back to earth after witnessing his Ascension, the feast which the Church celebrated last week.

Naturally they were amazed at what had occurred: their eyes were fixed on what was above. The beauty of the Ascension was a sign that of God’s glory among them; a sign reminding them of the reward of heaven awaiting all of them. This gaze was only temporary. They needed to return to their daily lives here on earth. This is a reality and a reminder for each one of us.

We are all human and must face reality each and every day. We have today facing us a pandemic of hunger, violence, climate change, immigration issues, social and political unrest, family discord. When we’re at our low points, we question as to where Jesus and His love and mercy are. Have we been abandoned?

The love of God has been imbued in our hearts by the Spirit and is alive and well living in us. This gift from God is ours; we have yet to fully discover it and to share it with others. We must now look down” and notice others: those who are with us here on earth and with whom we encounter on our daily pilgrimage of faith. Those others are the voices in our streets: the poor, the suffering, the hungry, the marginalized, the sick and dying, the victims of sexual and spousal abuse, the imprisoned, the un(der)employed, the lonely, the forgotten elderly.

These are the countless voices of our many sisters and brothers calling out to both you and me: to look down and to take notice and to see what is going on as we travel this journey of life. We all have been endowed with gifts to share; we all have our own particular charismas to offer. Having been witnesses to the Ascension of Our Lord, we continue to give thanks for the example He gave us to “look down” and to notice who we are and where we are and where we are going.

The next time we find ourselves with eyes looking upward toward the clouds or eyes fixed on the majesty of a mountain or the crest of a river, we are reminded that we cannot live like that forever, but we must live in the world of today and with the people which whom we share it.

Jesus is with us. He has never left us. He is present in our hearts and minds. We will never be abandoned. *“Lord, send out your spirit and help us to renew the face of the earth.”*

John Macko, Blessed Sacrament

READINGS AND REFLECTION

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OFFICE HOURS

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Reading: John 17:11b-19

Reflection: This past Thursday we celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. He is now seated at the right hand of the Father. The mission of Jesus continues to remain the same. It is the ministry of building up a strong bridge between heaven and earth, between God and his people. In Today's Gospel Reading, we encounter the section of Jesus' powerful prayer, which is known as the Farewell prayer or the prayer of Jesus the High Priest. It is the prayer of intercession where Jesus prays for his disciples of all times and places. Jesus prays to his Father, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one." Jesus is praying for the protection and for the unity of his disciples who are still in the world. In today's First Reading, Jesus first disciples are in the Upper Room immediately after his ascension into heaven. They are unified in prayer and try to build up each other as they pray to fill that position which was left vacant by Judas Iscariot. Prayer is an integral component of their life as they had learnt it from their master Jesus who prayed always. Prayer unites them to Jesus who has just ascended into heaven as well as the Father. John, in today's Second Reading is inviting us to the sacrament of love which springs from God himself who loved us the most and thus compels us to love one another. It is by living in love that we may experience God whom we have not yet seen in our own eyes. So the ascension of Jesus into heaven has not separated us from him but rather connects us with Him and his Father and the Holy Spirit. Although He is now in heaven with his Father, He is still with us in so many ways. He is with us in prayer. He is with us when we gather together in his name as disciples gathered themselves in the upper room. Jesus is with us when we embrace the sacrament of love: as we love God and as we love one another. John tells us, "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." Yes! Amen! Fr. Severine.



MASS INTENTIONS: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

- Saturday, May 15, 5PM:** *Florence, Nellie, Paul and Joey Metallo, Jr. — Family*
- Sunday, May 16, 7:30AM:** *Susan Foley —Mary Rougeau*
- Sunday, May 16, 9:30AM:** *Richard Stachelek—Barbara and Family*
- Sunday, May 16, 11:30AM:** *People of the Parish*
- Monday, May 17, 8AM:** *Bob Knittel—Gloria and Joe Falcone*
- Tuesday, May 18, 8AM:** *Mary Orcutt—Roberta Perry*
- Wednesday, May 19, 8AM:** *Carmella Corsello—Gloria and Joe Falcone*
- Thursday, May 22, 8AM:** *Leon Saya and Stella Corona—Family*
- Friday, May 23, 8AM:** *Michael Snyder—John and Joan Snyder*
- Saturday, May 24, 5PM:** *Deceased Members of Mary and Mitchell Back—Julia Taddeo*
- Sunday, May 25, 7:30AM:** *Paula DeStefano—Pat DeStefano*
- Sunday, May 25, 9:30AM:** *People of the Parish*
- Sunday, May 25, 11:30AM:** *Mark Warren—Bea and John Keefe*



“Share the Wealth” is a raffle for Blessed Sacrament Parish for School/Church Capital Improvements & Parish Operations. The “Share the Wealth” drawing will take place on June 12, 2021 in the Parish Center at the Spring Fling dinner at 8pm. We are currently looking for donations to be used as Auction items for the Spring Fling Dinner. If you have anything that you can contribute, we would be incredibly grateful. Any questions please call the rectory at 315-437-3394.

Building Projects

There are several items that need attention. Donations are always appreciated.

- Cameras in church for livestreaming
- Brick Pointing of the Buildings (currently have \$4,100 in improvement fund to help cover this cost)
- Repair church and school steps
- Repair / Replace Rectory sidewalk
- Install lights around Rectory entrance

UNITY ACRES.

Coffee of any kind and size is always welcomed at Unity Acres, a shelter for homeless men with addictions in Oswego County. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory during business hours.

COLLECTIONS

Due to Covid restrictions, passing of the collection basket is prohibited. Please place your donation in the baskets in the front of church when entering. Obviously, continued restrictions on attendance due to Covid 19 continues to have a negative impact on our collections. Over 75 parishioners give electronically through our “We Share” electronic giving site and many others, even if not able to attend Mass in person, mail in their weekly envelope. I thank you for your continued support knowing how these times continue to cause a great hardship on many of you. Fr. Severine



Blessed Sacrament Church Prayer Requests

We Pray for *Pat Laun, Gerard Zutant, Steven O'Donnell, Mike, Mary, Larry, Kimberly Penny, Karen Ballog, Shari Rustay, Ann Folger, Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel, Sonny McCarthy, Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Roslyn Antonacci, Margie McKeon, Carolyn Armstrong, Patrick Brewer, Rita Bross, Marlene Brush, Susan Moro Campbell, Terri Close, Ann Cook, Mary Extale, John Fortino, Mary Anne Garrett, Mary Gersbacher, John Gersbacher, Elizabeth Gilbert,, Mary Griffin, Mary Ingalls, Yang Juan, Mary Linehan, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Giavanna Regulbuto, Jean Suits, and Elizabeth Walrath.*

Centennial Prayer of Blessed Sacrament Parish Syracuse, New York (1921 - 2021)

Gracious Father, We your children humbly ask your blessing upon us as we celebrate a century of Faith, Hope and Love since the founding of our Blessed Sacrament Parish. You have shaped us into a community where the dignity of each person is respected, where one can feel at home and worship you with joy and peace. By your grace we have responded to your call to bring all people into your family, the Church. We desire to reach out to the least among us, to the poor, the marginalized and the alienated. As your faithful, we gather and are nourished by your Word and the Sacraments so that we may bring your love and healing to others. Rooted in your Holy Spirit, may we face our future with the same faith, hope and vision of those who have preceded us, and may we commit ourselves to a new century of service. Like the Holy Family of Nazareth, may we live humbly and simply as instruments of your grace, your peace. We make this prayer through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, her husband, Joseph, and in the name of the One who is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever - Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Saturday, May 15, 4pm: Beverly Giangiobbe, anniversary, req. by her sister, Jane Caltabiano
Sunday, May 16, 9:30am: James Maroney, req. by his family
Monday, May 17, 12pm: Victoria Surace, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker
Tuesday, May 18, 12pm: Ruth Kennedy, req. by Rosemary & Peter Carr
Wednesday, May 19, 12pm: Mary Ballarin, req. by the Cilento family
Saturday, May 22, 4pm: Sr. Gloria DeCotis, req. by the Adamitis family
Sunday, May 23, 9:30am: Chuck Liggett, req. by Kathleen Kelly & family

ALTAR SERVERS: 5/22-5/23— 4pm: Adult Servers; 9:30am- Call Bang
LECTORS: 5/22-5/23—4pm- Bob James; 9:30am - Ray Shandorf
GREETERS: 5/23/21 - 9:30am - Lisa Blake



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

EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, Holy patron saint of our parish, which was founded as a visible beacon to those seeking respite, solace and care, intercede in the name of those in need. Implore His divine assistance in the continuation of the mission of this church to spread His loving message, provide relief to the needy and console the troubled. Our dedicated saint, Apostle of charity, instill in us your same commitment to carry out your mission in whatever capacity the Lord instructs. Help us to be an inviting and welcoming parish open to all seeking a spiritual home and zealous in our outreach. May your caring spirit always remain in our hearts,, on our lips, and in our actions. Amen.

Weekly Envelopes

During this time of struggle, we hope that you're able to continue supporting St. Vincent's church monetarily with your weekly envelopes. The bills are high. You may continue to be updated and read the bulletin at our website
www.stvincentdepaulchurchsyr.org
You may also view daily and Sunday Masses with our Bishop Lucia at
www.youtube.com/syrdio.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, May 18th, at 6:00pm in the church hall.

Mass Attendance

The amount of people attending the in-church Masses is 80 parishioners with the following schedule:
Saturdays 4:00pm at St. Vincent and 5:00pm at Blessed Sacrament.
Sundays: 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am at Blessed Sacrament and 9:30am at St. Vincent's. The following are A-B-Cs. You need to do: Wear a Mask, Sanitize your hands and Social Distance!

We ask your prayers for the spiritual comfort and restoration of health for:



Sandra Betts,
Desiree Landers, Nate Wagner,
Madeline Duda, Anne Marie Drury,
and Mary Ann Caruso.

Recitation of the Rosary

Since May is the month of Mary, Sister Joana will be leading the recitation of the Rosary on the Sundays of May about 25 minutes before Mass.

From the office of Paul Welch:

"May the prophetic voices of the hibakusha survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki continue to serve as a warning to us and for coming generations!"
Francis said.

Below is a statement by Stephen Young, senior Washington representative and acting co-director of the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists:

"It is far past time for the United States to reconsider its nonsensical plans to spend a trillion dollars to build thousands of new nuclear warheads, hundreds of new long-range nuclear-armed missiles, a hundred long-range nuclear-armed bombers, and a dozen new submarines each carrying 16 nuclear-armed missiles. The world survived one massive nuclear arms race during the Cold War; but we should not tempt fate again. That money could be much better invested in protecting everyone in the United States from this pandemic and the next, from the ravages of climate change, and from the injustice of racial inequality. The United States spends more on national defense than China, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea, and Brazil - combined.

HOLY HOUR

Welcome to spend quality time with Jesus Christ our brother and friend, in the Most Holy Eucharist every Thursday from 6:00P to 7:00P at Blessed Sacrament Church.



Purchase your ticket(s) for Blessed Sacrament's annual Share the

Wealth drawing! Tickets are \$75.00 and only 750 will be sold. 1st Prize is \$10,000 / 2nd Prize is (2) \$2,500 / 3rd Prize is (5) \$1,000 / 4th Prize is (10) \$75 (Dinner Attendees Only). The total payout will be \$20,750. Any tickets purchased between March 18, 2021 and June 10, 2021 will be entered into a separate drawing for 5 people to win a \$25 Wegmans gift card. You can purchase online at: <https://www.bscstvsyr.org/> or <https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org/>. Tickets may also be placed in the collection basket at church or dropped off at the rectory (3127 James Street, Syracuse). Checks should be made out to Blessed Sacrament. Additional tickets needed or any questions about the raffle? Contact the rectory at 315.437.3394. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Handicap Parking

Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces in both the back lot and in front of the rectory at Blessed Sacrament. We have several parishioners who are in need of these spaces and at times, there are parked cars in these areas which do not have the handicap placard. Please be sensitive to those who are in need of these spots.

Formation for Ministry

Information Seminar, June 13, 1:00 - 3:30, St. Stephen/St. Patrick, Whitney Point. Are you curious about Formation for Ministry? Are you discerning the diaconate? Sessions include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. Note Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon. Those interested in the diaconate should attend with their wives if married. Additional sessions are scheduled for August 8 (Syracuse), and October 24 (Fulton). Register for the session of your choice at formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1479.

Branch Out and Grow-

Renewed! For those who are Separated & Divorced. The Branch Out and Grow Support Group has been renewed. No matter where you are in the process, a whole new set of DivorceCare topics and resources are now available to help. Participation in the group is easy and FREE. These interactive sessions are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month on ZOOM from 7:00PM-8:00PM.

The Third Option

A program to build better marriages - June 2021 Schedule "COPING WITH CONTROL ISSUES IN MARRIAGE: It Doesn't Have to Be That Way." Meeting is online, Sunday, June 6, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrдио.org or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.

"MARRIAGE MEANS LISTENING BEYOND WORDS: Learn The Miracle Skill. Meeting is online, Sunday, June 27, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome.

Wanted Golfers:



St. Vincent's/Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament is set for Sunday June 13th at Westvale Golf Course. It is Captain and Crew and the cost is \$75. This includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch and a steak and bake dinner. Don't have a foursome....not to worry as we will match you. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent's Youth Programs and Blessed Sacrament's Eagle Fund. So please join us for a fun day and support two great causes. For more information please contact Jerry Ball 315 4638410 or Bob James 315 471-0818. Registration cut off is Monday June 7th.

PACE CNY (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a part of the Loretto Family of Care. PACE CNY, based on a national model known as PACE, provides an alternative to placement in a nursing home. PACE CNY is particularly helpful to families desiring to keep their aging loved ones at home. Participants receive the home care, medical, rehabilitative, social, transportation, and support services needed to remain at home. For more information or to make a referral, please call Ginny Turley, Intake Specialist, at (315) 452-5800.

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SUNDAY, JULY 25TH | 5:30 PM
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Each year, members of the vocation team and guests and seminarians of the Diocese of Syracuse face off against adults and youth representing a parish during the Men in Black softball game. The annual game is both a fun activity and a special way to support and raise awareness of vocations.

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