

READINGS AND REFLECTION

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
and by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Wednesday 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
and by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Fri: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24 - 28

Responsorial Psalm: 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Reflection: Solemnity of Christmas, as it is the solemnity of Easter, is celebrated not as a single day celebration but rather as a cluster of 8 continuous days known as 'the octave of Christmas or octave of Easter. The octave of Christmas starts with the Christmas day itself and goes on to the New Year day (January 1). The celebration of the birth of Jesus continues beyond the octave of Christmas all the way to the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. During the octave of Christmas and the whole Christmas season, the church celebrates various feasts and solemnities surrounding the grand birth of Jesus. This Sunday the church celebrates the birth of Jesus as it is manifested in the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus was born and raised up not in isolation but in the neat family of Mary and Joseph who nurtured him as the baby, the child and later on as a grown up person. They raised him in their socio-cultural and shared with him those beliefs, attitudes, and values they believed and embraced in their lives. In today's Responsorial Psalm, we responded, "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord." Mary and Joseph walk with a young teenage Jesus into the temple in Jerusalem (the house of the Lord) to worship. Today's Gospel Reading starts with, "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feat of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to the customs." Jesus is raised up in a family which embraces social and religious customs/practices of the tribe. Not only Mary and Joseph share their beliefs to each other and to Jesus but we see that in every family system, parents also are able to learn from their children. In this Gospel Reading, Jesus remains in the temple in Jerusalem. His parents search for him for three days and find him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. As Mary questions Jesus, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." Jesus responds to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" This answer is too heavy for Mary and Joseph (and any other person) to assimilate but they keep it in their hearts and walk with him back to Nazareth. As we live in our families and communities, we need to open our minds and souls to learn from each other. Jesus is not only the child to Mary and Joseph but he is also their God and Savior. As Jesus is growing up in the house of his parents, Mary and Joseph grow up and become the first disciples of Jesus. Jesus opens to them the mysteries of eternal life. The main thing is not to comprehend what God is teaching us in our here and now moment. The main thing is to keep walking with him and spend quality time with God as our Father, creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. The more quality time spent with God as family, the more mature we become both with him and with each other. It is all about family as family is the foundation of all virtues.

Yes! Amen! Fr. Severine.

*Holy Hour: Every Thursday 6PM – 7PM.
Blessed Sacrament Church.*

MASS INTENTIONS—BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Saturday, December 25, 12:00AM: People of the Parish
 Saturday, December 25, 9:15AM: People of the Parish
 Sunday, December 26, 7:30AM: Virginia Cordone and Deceased Members of the Cordone Family—Estate
 Sunday, December 26: 9:15AM: Bernard Sweeney—The Sweeney Family
 Monday, December 27, 8AM: Tom White—John and Bea Keefe
 Tuesday, December 28, 8AM: Rose Rodgers—Blessed Sacrament Rosary and Altar Society
 Wednesday, December 29, 8AM: Bruce Dickenson—Amanda Vadala
 Thursday, December 30, 8AM: Barbara Knaul—Blessed Sacrament Outreach
 Friday, December 31, 8AM: Shirley Merritt—Tony and Mary Laneve
 Friday, December 31, 5:15PM: Ronald R. Spadafora Jr.—Dillon Family
 Saturday, January 1, 9:15AM: George and Anne Chase—Family
 Sunday, January 2, 7:30AM: Carl J. Dantonello—Dawn Firenstein
 Sunday, January 2, 9:15AM: Steven O'Donnell—Hilde Prior
 NOTE: There is no Christmas evening Vigil Mass for Sunday.



We pray for:
 Greg Regulbuto,
 Kara Horvath,
 Alex Helwig,
 Elizabeth
 Bucher, Carl

Price, Anika Johnson, Anna Ciccarelli, Kathleen Naughton, Abby, Sarah, Gerard Zutant, Mike, Mary, Larry, Kimberly Penny, Karen Ballog, Shari Rustay, Ann Folger, Sonny McCarthy, Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Margie McKeon, Carolyn Armstrong, 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, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Giavanna Regulbuto, Jean Suits, and Elizabeth Walrath.



Blessed Sacrament is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 28 from 1PM to 6PM in the ARoom

of the school. Long sleeve t-shirts will be given to donors (while supplies last.). Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CRESS (1-800-733-2767) or online at Red-CrossBlood.org and enter BSSSYR for our drive. If you could volunteer to help, please call the rectory (ask for Bobby) for more information.



The Blessed Sacrament community would like to CONGRATULATE the Blessed Sacrament Outreach Food Pantry (especially their volunteers) for receiving a special recognition and appreciation as a HUNGER HERO from the Food Bank of Central New York. They are recognizing the Outreach Program and Food Pantry for their outstanding contributions and appreciate their service to the community. The Food Bank acknowledges the Outreach/Food Pantry for all they do in furthering the hunger-relief mission.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 9:15 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Each week we will share readings and engaging activities that are great for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Covid protocols: hand sanitizing upon entering and leaving the chapel; sitting 3 feet apart; and all in attendance must wear a mask.



Collections for the week of December 5:
 Regular: \$9,404
 Clerical: \$160.



There are no Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Penance, and First Communion classes on 12/26/21 and 1/2/22. Classes resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022. We hope your holiday is full of peace, joy and happiness!



Perhaps God said, what else can I do to show how much I love my people? I have given them a beautiful and bountiful home called the Earth, so many different types of life, and so many descendants from Adam and Abraham. I will send to them my Son to save them and show them the way. He shall be the human form of love, mercy, healing, and joy without fear and without end. With Him, they shall more fully understand and feel my love, hope and everlasting life. Let's embody Hope, Joy, and Love for ourselves and for others this Christmas season and throughout 2022. The Lord blesses us during this Christmas season and indeed during all the days of our lives. Let heaven and nature sing!



Hospitality (coffee and donuts) will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022 after the 9:15AM Mass in the back of Blessed Sacrament Church. Free will offering is appreciated. Join in fellowship with others in our parish after the holidays!

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am—Ernestine Lanza, req. by Bob & Joann Raus

Sunday, Dec. 26, 10:30am—John Barry (20th Anniversary), req. by Wife, Adleen Barry

Monday, Dec. 27, 12pm—Margaret Robinson, req. by the Adamitis Family

Tuesday Dec. 28, 12pm—Margaret Fitzgerald, req. by John & Carm Fitzgerald

Wed'day, Dec. 29, 12pm—Angela Marcoccia, req. by John & Carm Fitzgerald

Saturday, January 1, 4pm—Ernestine Lanza, req. by Caroline Blaine

Sunday, January 2, 10:30 am—Maryanne & John L. (Jack) Hines, req. by the Family

ALTAR SERVERS: 12/24, 12/25, 12/26: 4pm—Adult Servers; 10:30am—Youth Servers


LECTORS: 1/1 and 1/2 - Thank you to our volunteer lectors who are proclaiming the Word the Feast of the Epiphany weekend and to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enhance our celebrations.

GREETERS -1/2—10:30am - Kathy Morse




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


Lee Aragoni, Sandra Betts, Desiree Landers, Madeline Duda, Anne Marie Drury, Roseanne Vrolyk, Catherine O'Donnell, Nora Libertone, Charles Pontius, Hannah Sloan, John Ferguson (brother of Sue Overton and Linda James), Theresa Santillo, Kristen Berg (granddaughter of John and Carm Fitzgerald), Kara Horvath and Marian Brooks. Please pray for the Scullen family and for the repose of the soul of our faithful parishioners, Nancy Egerbrecht and Paul Delaney. Please include in your prayers John Baird, husband of 1963 alum Pauline (Dardino). (Please contact the rectory if you would like to add or remove a loved one to the prayer list.)




On Monday, December 27, we will celebrate the baptism of Ella McIntyre, Gianna Lis Tesorio and Ava Shelagh Tesorio. They are the great-grandchildren of parishioner Theresa Montalto and grandchildren of Alumni Lisa Tesorio., and children of Frank David Tesorio, Jr. and Julia McIntyre. Please join us in welcoming them into the Church



Remember, for just \$5.00 you could be the next winner. The December drawing will be Sunday December 26th. Thank you for your continued support!



We are putting together the next issue of our Newsletter and hope to get it out February 1st. If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please let us know by emailing your address to rbjames22@verizon.net. This will help us keep up with today's technology and cut down on the copies we will need. Thank you for your assistance.



Weeks of December 19th through the 31st—The Sanctuary Lamp is being lite for JoAnn and Jerry Griffin, sponsored by Betty and Joe Dunne

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.




THERE WILL BE NO COFFE HOUR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S WEEK-ENDS. Thank you to all who volunteer and make our Coffee Hour happen. We need volunteers to Pick Up Donuts and to Host the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Sunday Mass.



Any donations toward holiday flowers or decorating can be placed in envelopes found on the back table or in the pews and placed in the collection basket. Merry Christmas & Thank You!

Legion of Mary will also meet on Wednesday, December 29th at 12:30pm in the church hall.



Have you noticed the transformation inside our Church for the Birth of Jesus? The beautiful results are the work of Kym Servello- Gardner. Kym owns The Tinsel Tree— on FaceBook or contact Kymser727@gmail.com or 315.391.0326. Enjoy Kym's artistic talents throughout the holidays.



Thank you to all of our Christmas Angels who contributed wrapped gifts to share with others this Christmas Season.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving. Peace on earth will come and stay when we live Christmas every day. I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.—Anonymous

New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday December 31, 2021 New Year's Vigil 5:15PM (BSC)

Saturday January 1, 2022 New Year's Day 9:15AM (BSC)

Note: Weekend Masses on January 1/2 (Epiphany of the Lord) are as usual: Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 4:00PM (SVC) and 5:15PM (BSC); Sunday, January 2, 2022: 7:30AM (BSC); 9:15AM (BSC), and 10:30AM (SVC)



The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Syracuse is accepting applications to join our service ministry. The Ignatian Volunteer

Corps (IVC) provides men and women, age 50 or above, opportunities to share their life skills and wisdom in service to our community's most vulnerable. IVC corps members' ministry of presence, upholds the dignity of those we serve and those with whom we serve while advancing our non-profit partners' mission. IVC corps members commit to serve in social service organizations, schools, and non-profits for 1 to 2 days weekly for ten months. In addition, we meet monthly, to prayerfully reflect on our service and to deepen our spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. Interested in Providing or Receiving Service? Contact: Linda Zimmerman, Regional Director at 315.480.4229 or lzimmerman@ivcusa.org.



Join us at Christ the King Retreat House on December 31, New Year's Eve Day, 10 am-2 pm for a day of reflection. "A Year filled with Hope." This past year has been a challenge for many. At our New Year's Eve day of reflection, with Chris Spilka, Director, we will look back on the year that was and lean on Christ for the coming year. Offering: \$30 includes a special lunch.



We have a few days remaining for the Hope Appeal 2021 contribution to wrap up. Up to this moment our linked parishes are trailing towards their assessed goals. St. Vincent DePaul has collected \$10,243.35 towards the assessed goal of \$15,703.35 (\$5,000 less). Blessed Sacrament has collected \$40,342.00 towards the assessed goal of \$50,484.88 (\$10,000.00 less). Thank you to all who have contributed or pledged and to those who would have not done so, you are welcome to make our parishes shine.



The clergy and staff of Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent de Paul wish all parishioners a most joyous and beautiful Christmas! Thank you for your constant support and prayers. We are grateful for your presence at our Masses and gatherings that are returning, and we hope the Christmas season and coming year 2022 bring peace and good health to you and those you hold dear.

"Share the Wealth" is a raffle for Blessed Sacrament School & Church Capital Improvement & Parish Operations. Tickets are \$75 each and only 750 tickets will be sold! Tickets can be purchased online by going to the following website: <https://www.bscstvsyr.org/> click on Share the Wealth or https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org/BlessedSacramentAnnualSharetheWealthRaffleandSpringFlingDinner_1 or calling the rectory at (315) 437-3394. Tickets are also available in the pews of Blessed Sacrament Church. Any tickets purchased prior to January 10, 2022 will be entered into a separate drawing to win 1 of 5 free tickets!

Top prize is \$10,000. Total Payout is \$20,750.

1st Prize (1) \$10,000 / 2nd Prize (2) \$2,500 / 3rd Prize (5) \$1,000 / 4th Prize (10) \$75 (Dinner Attendees Only)

The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Parish Center. For those attending the Spring Fling dinner your ticket not only covers the dinner but will be included in a separate drawing for the 10 winners of the 4th prize at \$75.00. RSVP for the dinner is required by May 30, 2022. Guest are \$10. "Share the Wealth" tickets make a great gift for the holidays, for birthdays, or for any special occasion. Tickets may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Checks should be made out to Blessed Sacrament. Additional tickets or any questions about the raffle please contact the rectory at 315-437-3394.



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