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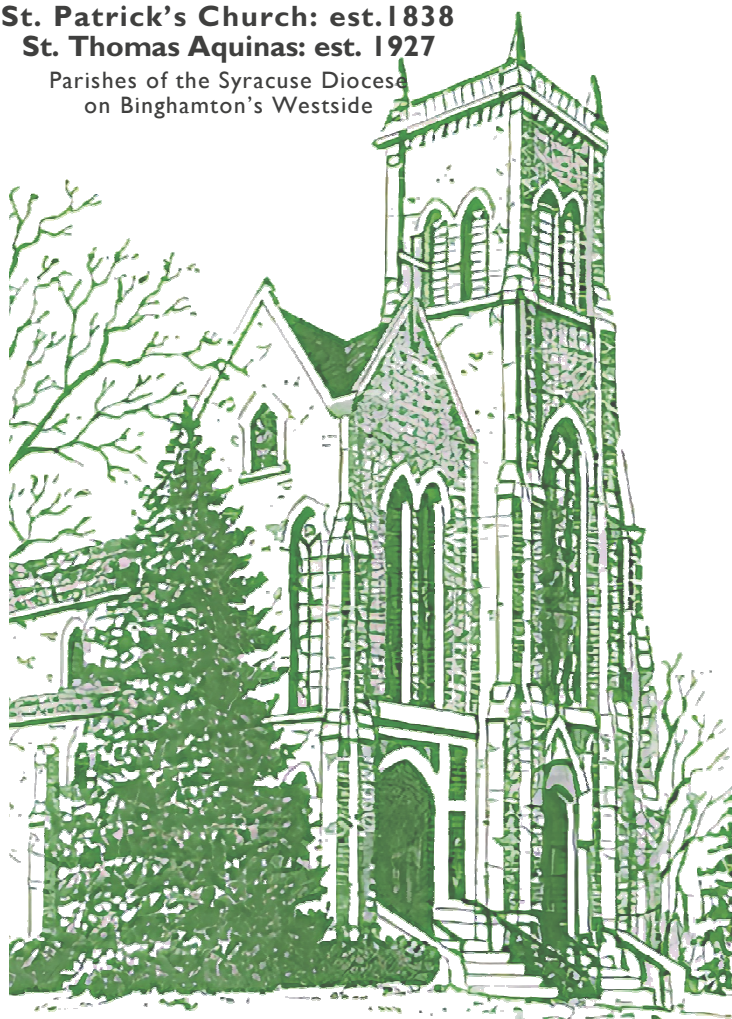
St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas

August 29th 2021
22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Patrick's Church: est. 1838

St. Thomas Aquinas: est. 1927

Parishes of the Syracuse Diocese
on Binghamton's Westside



WEDDINGS: Couples should call the parish secretary at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Parents should inform the parish of the birth of the child and to make arrangement for Baptism.

RCIA: For inquiries regarding Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or for Children, please call the parish office.

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Temporary Schedule during the Pandemic

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas
	5:15 pm	St. Patrick's
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Patrick's
	11:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas
	4:00 pm	St. Patrick's
Mon-Fri	7:00 am	St. Patrick's
	10:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas
	8:00 am	St. Patrick's

Saturday Morning

ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon-Fri	7:30am—9:00pm
Sat	8:30am—5:00pm
Sun	10:00am—4:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays	11:30 am St. Patrick's; 3:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas
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Other times by appointment, please call the rectory.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS:

Every first Friday after the 10am Mass at St. Thomas

PARISH CLERGY & RELIGIOUS:

Very Rev. Msgr. John P. Putano, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Stephen Nyamweya-Ogaro, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Paul Machira, Priest-in-Residence
Rev. Mr. Les Distin, Deacon Emeritus
Sr. Mary Jane Athieno, LSOF, St. Patrick's Pastoral Care
Sr. Teresia Mutiso, LSOF, St. Thomas Pastoral Care

IN RESIDENCE:

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Little Sisters of St. Francis, St. Thomas Aquinas Convent

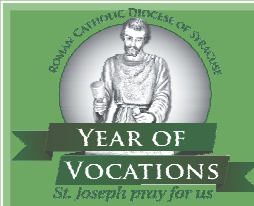


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SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES—BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

AUGUST 29, 2021



Bishop Lucia declares the
Year of Vocations
Find out more at:
www.vocations-syracuse.org

Prayer for the Year of Vocations

God, my Father, you created me
with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation.
By following Your plan,
I will be happy on earth,
earn the reward of heaven,
and help others to do the same.
Please help me to hear, understand, and follow
your call with my whole heart, especially
when it seems most difficult.
Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church,
pray for me to know and accept,
God's will for my life. Amen.

Prayers for Seminarians

Let us continually pray for vocations
and for our seminarians. This week,
especially for: Benjamin Schrantz
from St. Paul, Whitesboro who is in
his Second Year at Theological
College in Washington, DC.



Vocation Thought

In the second reading, James says,
"Be doers of the word and not hearers only."
Is God calling you to proclaim His Word
as a priest, deacon or religious?
Call Father Jason Hage (315)470-1468,
or write: vocations@syrdio.org

Please pray for the sick...

Helen Asbury, Olivia Behanick, Linda Bosch, Michael Capolupo, Debra Caporoso, Judy Chandanais, Susan Corner, William Coughlin, Jacob Devries, Deacon Les Distin, Mark Donovan, Julia Dwyer, David Eartly, Lincoln Elizabeth, Trish Ervay, Maria Evans, Patrick Fallin, Patricia Fallon, Anita Finch, Eugenia Margarita Cubillan Florez, Kathleen Foley, Kevin Foley, Michele Giblin, Matt Grasgruber, Caroline Hall, John Harding, Debbie Harendza, Pat Harnan, Fisher Harris, Debbie Hogan, Joan Holleran, Caleb Kuzel, Leah, Beth Levy, James Macchiano, Monica Mahoney, Hedy Martin, Stephanie Merenda, Donna Mooney, Joseph Munson, Boniface Owino, Judy Peacock, Kathleen Powers, Jeanette Raffa, Gabriele Reo, Elliot James Root, John Rush, Harry Silberberg, Teresa Slavetsky, Skylar Smith, Adeline Stafford, Sally Starkweather, **Joyce Steed**, Logan Stirr, Jess Supa, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Irene Vitkus, Liam Wagner, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick Weathersby, Joe & Betty Zdimal

New names are **bolded** when first added to the list.

If you would like to be added or removed,
please call the parish office.

A Prayer for those Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Lord God, Source of all love, Your providence
has brought this couple together.
As they have prepared for the Sacrament of
Marriage we pray for Your blessing, that they
may grow in respect for one another and
cherish each other with a sincere love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and peace abide in
Sarah & Patrick, guide their steps and confirm
their hearts in His love. Amen!

Our parish family congratulates and
offers best wishes to Sarah Glose & Patrick
McGinnis who will be married soon.
May God bless them and their marriage.



Let us pray for those who have died
recently, **Timothy Coffey and Maureen
Hanifin**. May their souls and the souls of all
the faithful departed through the mercy of
God rest in peace. Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Patrick's will burn
this week for: **Safety of College Students** as
they return to school.

The Sanctuary lamps at St. Thomas Aquinas
will burn this week for: **The Lehmanns**.



The truth is like a lion; you don't have to
defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself.
- St. Augustine



Adoration Chapel

The new hours for the Divine Mercy Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are as follows:

Monday—Friday: 7:30am—9:00 pm

Saturday's: 8:30am—5:00pm

Sunday's: 10:00am—4:00pm.

To register as an Adorer please contact the St.
Patrick's parish office.

St. Patrick's 'Prayer Chain'

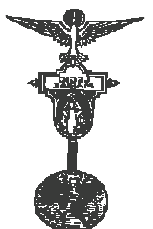
To become a prayer warrior or send in an intention, contact
Pat, send email to: muzzyg@stny.rr.com or call at 607-722-
6036.

St. Thomas Aquinas 'Prayer Network'

We are privileged to pray for your need. To send in your
prayer intention or to join our prayer network, please email
prayer@sta-sp.org or contact the parish office at 797-
4015.

Legion of Mary

A lay Catholic organization whose members
give voluntary service and pray for the Church.
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fice for more information; stthomas@sta-sp.org
or call 797-4015.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES — BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 29, 2021

Saturday, August 28th St. Augustine

SP 8:00 am 1st Anniversary, Marie McRory req. Family
STA 4:00 pm 3rd Anniv. Joseph Hubik req. Family
SP 5:15 pm JoAnn Kunkle req. family

Sunday, August 29th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00 am Margaret McCormack req. Haley family
STA 11:00 am Robert and Catherine McDevitt
SP 4:00 pm For The People of St. Patrick's

Monday, August 30th

SP 7:00am Mike Murray req. Matt and Mary Rose Gilroy
STA 10:00 am Lucille Kovacic req. Leo Kovacic

Tuesday, August 31st

SP 7:00am 30 Day, Terry Joggerst req. Family
STA 10:00 am Helen L. Lehmann req. Mary Ann Lehmann

Wednesday, Sept 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

SP 7:00 am For an increase in vocations
STA 10:00 am Anthony Roma req. Michelle Dow

Thursday, Sept 2nd

SP 7:00 am For the faithful departed
STA 10:00 am Thomas Hull req. The Mathis Family

Friday, Sept 3rd

St. Gregory the Great

SP 7:00 am Lena Howard Garrison
STA 10:00 am Month's Mind Lorraine Johnson req. Family

Saturday, Sept 4th

SP 8:00am Robert & Catherine McDevitt
SP 2:00 pm Wedding: Patrick McGinnis & Sarah Glose
STA 4:00pm Gerald Gallagher req. Family
SP 5:15 pm Luis Alonso Navarro req. John & Judy Chianese

Sunday, Sept 5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00 am Hurbert and Catherine Gorman req.
Granddaughter
STA 11:00 am Dorothy Allen req. Susan & John Shea
SP 4:00 pm For the People of St. Patrick's

Hospital Visitation - Please be reminded that if you or a loved is admitted to Wilson Hospital or General, please indicate that you are Catholic, what parish you attend and if you would like to be visited by someone from your parish. The Pastoral Care chaplains will visit and we are working on how to contact parish.

We are grateful to the Pastoral Care Department of UHS and General under the direction of Dc. Bill Fitzpatrick, newly appointed Manager of Pastoral Care, for helping to facilitate spiritual care for our parishioners when hospitalized.

Stewardship Thought

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it.

August 22nd, 2021

St. Patrick's:

Envelopes \$ 3,562.00
Loose \$ 479.00
Online \$ 1,230.00
Total \$ 5,271.00

St. Thomas Aquinas:

\$ 2,905.50
\$ 488.00
\$ 1,100.00
\$ 4,493.50

Please know that you may place your envelope in whatever parish Mass you attend and it will be matched with your proper parish.

Have you considered giving your gift to your parish online? Hit the "Online Giving" button on the parish website:

for both St. Patrick's Parish and for St. Thomas Aquinas Joint Parish website at: www.sta-sp.org

Special thanks to those who have been sending in their envelopes and making up past envelopes, and for those using online giving.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available by calling the parish office. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. "Habits of the Hearth" are the most powerful influences on a child.

That is the good news!

That can also be the bad news!

Find Live Stream & Prior Services from SP & STA
10am Mon—Fri & 11am Sun from St. Thomas Aquinas
First Sunday of each month—4:00 pm from St. Patrick's
<https://tinyurl.com/12w5eun> or go to YouTube & search St. Thomas Aquinas Binghamton, NY

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SCHEDULE OF PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES—BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

AUGUST 29, 2021

**The parishes of St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas welcome
Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC & Fr. Pablo Escriva De Romani
For a very special Parish Mission ~ September 11th—15th 2021**



Special Ladies Event:

Sat, September 11th

**Syracuse Catholic Women
Conference
Mini-Conference**

**8:30am—12:30pm at
St. Thomas Aquinas**

(\$15.00 pre registration or
\$20 at door for mini
conference only)

www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org

Sr. Briege & Fr. Pablo will
be speaking at all
weekend Masses:

**Saturday,
September 11th**

4:00pm Vigil at STA

5:15pm Vigil at SP

**Sunday,
September 12th**

9am at St. Patrick's

11am at St. Thomas

4pm at St. Patrick's



Parish Mission ~ Monday, September 13th—Wednesday, September 15th

Monday, September 13th Theme: Reconciliation

DAY: 10am Morning Mass with Mission Talk at St. Thomas Aquinas

EVENING: 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Mission Talk with Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Pat's

Tuesday, September 14th Theme: Prayer and the Power of the Holy Spirit

DAY: 10am Morning Mass with Mission Talk at St. Thomas Aquinas

EVENING: 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Mass & Mission Talk at St. Patrick's

Wednesday, September 15th Theme: The Eucharist—The Source and Summit of our Faith

DAY: 10am Morning Mass with Mission Talk at St. Thomas Aquinas

EVENING: 6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Mass, Mission Talk & Eucharistic Healing Service at St. Pat's

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH 40TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, September 17th Ely Golf Course 12:30pm shotgun start

\$85 pp green fees, includes cart, dinner, prizes & skins.

Dinner follows at the Relief Pitcher.

Call Fran McManus at 222-3425 or St. Patrick's at 722-1060.

The Miracle Life of Healing Sister Briege McKenna, OSC

The life story of Sister Briege McKenna is a truly remarkable one. Warned by doctors that she would be confined to a wheelchair by rheumatoid arthritis, she was cured by a miracle. Now she uses her God-given healing powers to help others.

EVERYTHING is possible to God we say - Sister Briege McKenna knows that God can do the impossible. Some believe in the theory of miracles, Sr. Briege believes in the reality of miracles because she sees them happen.

Sr. Briege has seen God intervene in the most remarkable ways since she was healed of crippling arthritis in 1970. Her own healing set her on a path that would take her to the ends of the earth - from huge rallies in Latin America to retreats in remote parts of Korea.

Briege McKenna was born in a remote part of Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland, on Pentecost Sunday in 1946. Briege lost her mother when she was only 13. She remembers it well, "As I cried that night, I heard a voice say, 'don't worry, I'll take care of you'. The next morning I knew I wanted to be a nun," she says. Briege went on to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Clare in her hometown. She remembers her first vows vividly, "As I knelt in the chapel, waiting to be called up, I saw Jesus dressed as the Good Shepherd coming to me to take my hand, saying 'come with me'."

Briege had several assignments in different convents, but was heartbroken in 1965 when she learned that she had developed rheumatoid arthritis. She went to Florida in 1967 but her condition gradually deteriorated, "I cried with the pain, the doctor said that there was no hope for me and that before long I would be confined to a wheelchair". Meanwhile Sr. Briege also began to experience immense spiritual pain and dryness. "I even began to ask myself whether I really believed in Jesus," she revealed. What happened next began a remarkable chapter in the life of this extraordinary woman. Sr. Briege explains: "I attended a retreat in December 1970. I listened to talks on the power of prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit. During the retreat I remember looking at the clock as I closed my eyes. It was 9:15am, December 9, 1970. The only prayer I said was 'Jesus, please help me'. At that moment, I felt a hand touch my head, I opened my eyes and no one was there, but there was a power going through my body. I looked down. My fingers had been stiff, but not deformed like my feet. There had been sores on my elbows. I looked at myself. My fingers were limber, the sores were gone and I could see that my feet, in sandals, were no longer deformed. I jumped up screaming, 'Jesus! You're really here'." Since that fateful day Sr. Briege has never had arthritis and carries out her ministry with a breathtaking energy and enthusiasm that would leave most people exhausted!

Doctors are baffled by her recovery, but Sr. Briege needs no explanation. For her it is simply the power of the touch of the healing hand of God. Sr. Briege's miraculous recovery was just the beginning of a whole new life for her. Not only had she been healed herself, but she had also received the gift of healing, and a powerful gift of insight. Sr. Briege was reluctant to take on a healing ministry, in fact she put the idea completely out of her head-but the Lord will not take no for an answer. She explains: "I was at a prayer meeting, I wasn't going to talk about healing, but as I got up a lady jumped up and said, 'Excuse me, Sister, I want to say something. You have the gift of healing. You know about it, but you are more worried about the approval of people than you are about God's will'. I looked at her and said, 'I've never seen you in my life, who are you?'" The lady had been inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal what was special about Sr. Briege.

Sr. Briege eventually embraced her gifts and God is doing wonderful things through her. It would be easy to get proud with such gifts, but Sr. Briege keeps her feet firmly on the ground. "I don't do anything" she says modestly, "it's all the healing power of Jesus. He's simply chosen me as an instrument."

Everywhere Sr. Briege goes she is met by countless people in need of healing. God is blessing people in a very special way through her ministry. Sr. Briege maintains a grueling schedule crisscrossing the globe bringing the power of Jesus to whomever she meets. She is as comfortable addressing an intimate gathering of bishops in Rome as she is addressing thousands of people in football stadiums in Latin America.

In her ministry, Sr. Briege has a special focus on priests. "Because the priesthood is under such severe attack, it needs, perhaps more than ever before, our encouragement and support," she says. A lot of Sr. Briege's work takes her to seminars and houses of formation for young men training to be priests. It is a ministry of comfort, a ministry of confirmation and a ministry of affirmation. Everywhere she goes is the same; one seminarian described her as "an inspiring signpost pointing to the Lord".

Sr. Briege, while praying before the Blessed Sacrament had a vision about priesthood. "It was then that the Lord revealed to me that I couldn't just sit back and criticize the priesthood" she said. "Actually, in the sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest says yes to God so he can be a priest for me, for you, for every one of us." "Jesus led me into what seemed to be a sequence of images appearing over the tabernacle. There I saw the ordination of a priest-through the Lord's eyes." "When we look at a tapestry hanging on a wall, we see only the finished results of the labor of the artist. "We do not see all the labor and love that went into its making. However, on the reverse side, we see all the different threads and stitches and labor that went into the making of the beautiful work of art." "So, too, when we look at a priest, we see the obvious strengths and weaknesses. But we do not see behind the scenes where the Lord has, with love and faithfulness, endowed the soul with a priestly vocation and guided him to ordination. I found myself weeping as I watched the unfolding of this powerful revelation of the priesthood and what it means to a man to be ordained. "I had a sense that everyone in Heaven - Mary, the angels and all of the saints - were praising God's faithfulness to humanity in his call to men in every age to give them the power to make him present among his people." "Through this experience, I got a new understanding of the priesthood. I got a new love and a deep reverence for the sacrament of Holy Orders. I came to understand that priests were in need of great prayers, and great consolation." This started Sr. Briege on her mission to confirm priests in their vocation. "Too often priests get disheartened, they don't get enough support," she says. "Priests are human too, and weak, they need our constant help and support."

Sr. Briege McKenna is a remarkable woman; someone who puts Jesus first in her life, and her great gift is to bring others to Jesus. As she says in her own words: "I am convinced that no one can do more than become a signpost that points to Him, to help others discover Him in their own hearts and permit Him to give them great blessings." Sr. Briege truly is an outstanding witness to the power of Christ working in the modern world; God is doing great things for his people through her ministry.

By Michael Kelly of *The Universe*, Britain and Irelands best selling Catholic Paper Sunday, February 24, 2002 www.the-universe.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATRICK'S & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES, BINGHAMTON, NY

AUGUST 29, 2021

Youth Ministry Fun

Open Gym Nights-

7th-12th grade youth are welcome to come for fun and games- ping pong, spike ball, basketball, and more. Pizza, snacks and refreshment served.. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 8th & 22nd at St. Patrick's Gym 6-7:30pm

Family Movie Night-

Families with youth of all ages are welcome to enjoy MUANA. Bring your pillow and blanket or favorite lawn chair. Wednesday, September 1st Church of the Holy Trinity Church basement 6-8pm. Popcorn and other treats served.

NCYC-National Catholic Youth Conference

9th-12th grade youth- you don't want to miss the NCYC 2021 gathering! November 18th -20th Contact Karen@sta-sp.org with your interest or questions.

"Nothing is far from God."

- St. Monica

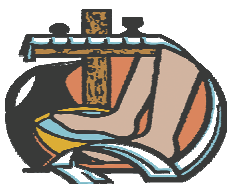
The Office of Liturgy - Formation Workshop

This workshop is for liturgical ministers of the word and sacrament and is being held on Saturday, September 11th at Holy Cross Parish in DeWitt for all current and new readers (lectors) and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

This workshop will provide both the basic theology and practice of these important ministries so that those who participate in them will have a solid foundation upon which individual parishes can build to train them well. For more information call the Office of Liturgy 315-470-1420.

Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation Information Seminars

Is God calling you to serve the church as a lay minister or deacon? Find out how Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation can help you answer that call. Note Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon. Register for an informational session of your choice. Call 315.470.1479 or visit us at formationforministrysyr.org.



The Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ

Saturday, September 11th 11am-2pm

Sacred Heart Ukrainian Church-Johnson City

Dinner includes 1/2 of chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans and roll. Dinners are take-out only. Proceeds to support their charitable causes. \$10.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians 17th Annual Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Hooley 7-11pm Friday, September 17th

American Legion Post 1645- 17 Robinson St, Binghamton Admission- Advance- \$15; \$18 at the door. Music by "Pat Kane & West O'Clare" For admission tickets call- (607)727-2262 or Pick up at AOH Hall, American Legion Post 1645, The Beef, or Irish Kevin's.

The Gospel of Luke Study of Scripture

Meetings will be Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the McDevitt Room at St. James beginning September 13th. We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Bible (vol.1) as our reference material, but you do not need to purchase it; you may use any Catholic Bible. We will be following CDC protocols that are in place at the time of the meetings. For reservations contact Hope at 729-6147 or Barb at 724-1372

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The Office of Safe Environment

Online initial and re-certification training sessions for those required or interested now available. Pre-registration is a must for all sessions. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page:

<https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

Contact Joelle Zarnowski, Safe Environment Program Coordinator: safeenvironment@syrдио.org



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