



## Saint Vincent de Paul Baldwinville, MA

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Francis A. Roberge, *Pastor***

Rev. Mr. James A. Connor, *Deacon*

Mrs. Jennifer McNeaney, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Rosemary Reynolds, Mrs. Susan Sawyer and

Mrs. Gerri Wheeler, *Music Ministers*

### RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS

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### TELEPHONES

Rectory	(978) 939-8851
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 AM  
Weekday: 9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
Holy day: 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Plans may be made by contacting the pastor or deacon at least one month ahead.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Plans may be made by contacting pastor at least one year prior to the intended wedding date.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit and offer the sacraments of the Church.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (C.C.D.)

Held Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45 September - May  
Mrs. Jennifer McNeaney, *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
Mrs. MaryRose Sideleau, *Sacraments Catechist*  
Ms. Lynn Murray, *Confirmation Catechist*

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in the process leading to membership in the Catholic Church, please contact Mrs. Susan Turcotte, *R.C.I.A. Coordinator* at (978) 939-8969.

### REGISTRATION & E-MAIL

All are welcome to join our parish family.  
Please call the rectory at 978-939-8851 or fill out a registration form found at church entrances.  
E-mail us at [stvindepaul05@aol.com](mailto:stvindepaul05@aol.com)  
Follow our website at [saintvincentcatholicchurch.com](http://saintvincentcatholicchurch.com)

### BULLETIN COPY DEADLINE

All items for the parish bulletin must be submitted in writing to the rectory office by the previous Sunday.



## Mass Intentions



Saturday	April 18	~ Rose & Emile Ledoux by their grandson, Frank Edmands
Sunday	April 19	~ Alexander Norskey (73rd anniv) by his daughter, JoAnne Tiihonen
Monday	April 20	~
Tuesday	April 21	~
Wednesday	April 22	~ Massie Hunt by his family
Thursday	April 23	~
Friday	April 24	~
Saturday	April 25	~ Wilfred "Sonny" Martin by the parish
Sunday	April 26	~ Anna Carpenter by the family

### YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

*Special thanks to everyone who makes-up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacations, illness or weather.* Our weekly bills average \$3,000 year round (not including oil).

*Last weekend's collection was \$1984*

*The Monthly was \$115*

*The Fuel was \$265*

*The Easter collection totaled \$487*

*Good Friday Collection was \$125*

*Our Online donations were \$315*

*Thank you very much!*



### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 26 - "Catholic Education"

### MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Fran is celebrating private daily mass and has been using the intentions. However, if you have had a Mass Intention go by that you have booked and will like to reschedule, we will reschedule them when we are able to resume our daily activity.

### THANK YOU!!

Thank you very much to all who have mailed in or dropped off their weekly stewardship offerings. Just a gentle reminder that the expenses of our church and the welfare of our employees of the church continue regardless of attendance. We ask and pray that all our members continue to be good stewards and keep up with their commitment to God's work through the church. We have set up an online account for giving. Please check our website [saintvincentcatholicchurch.com](http://saintvincentcatholicchurch.com) click GIVE ONLINE/DONATIONS and a secure form will appear. Your Member # is your envelope number. You do not need to fill out that field if you are unsure of your number we will credit your account.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD CLASSES

Confirmation and First Communion classes will be notified once the virus ban has been lifted.





**EASTER BLESSINGS FROM FR FRAN & DEACON JIM**

Special thanks to all who came to the "Drive by" Easter Blessing. The numbers were very encouraging. It was nice to see and be with you. We miss you so much! For those who were not able to be there, we send Easter Blessings your way!

*On this Glorious Easter morning,  
may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord let his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.*

*May the Lord look upon you and grant you his peace.  
May God's Easter Blessings be with you always.  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit, AMEN.*

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

Church will be open for private prayer from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, assuming there are not over 5 people at any given time.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO CHURCH OFFICES**

In order to minimize the risk to yourself and to parish staff, all church offices are closed from the public. Parishioners can contact the office by phone 978-939-8851, email:stvindepaul05@aol.com, or by website:saintvincentcatholicchurch.com The diocese has taking steps to do the same with the Chancery.

**FUNERAL MASSES**

Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the immediate family only (limited to 5 people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations provided by the Office for Divine Worship. Families may also be provided with the opportunity to celebrate only the Rites of Committal at the cemetery with a Funeral Mass to be scheduled sometime on the future. Families should be assured that a Mass will, will be offered for the deceased person on the day of their choice.



**PASCAL CANDLE**

Thanks to Dr. Coral M. Grout for the donation of the new Pascal Candle this year in memory of Mrs. Rachel Grout.

**In cooperation with Governor Baker's announcements, the Diocese of Worcester has issued the following statement by Bishop Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester:**

***"I have decided to suspend all public celebrations of Mass until further notice in the hope of slowing and, God willing, halting the spread of this disease. The obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is thereby lifted."***

In the meantime, the Bishop is encouraging all Catholics to continue to pray with the local Catholic community by virtual attendance at the Sunday Mass and Daily Mass which is carried on Spectrum (Charter) Channel 193 each weekday morning at 9 am and Sundays at 6 pm, and also streaming on [worcesterdioocese.org](http://worcesterdioocese.org) and on parish websites.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been called the "unseen enemy." The coronavirus has brought illness and death to the afflicted; fear, isolation and disruption to us all.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus' first followers saw the remedy for their fears. Days before, beginning with the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane and His Crucifixion on Calvary, they had experienced fear and seen death. Indeed, the threat of death caused not only fear but isolation and disruption as they ran from Jesus in the garden and nearly all abandoned Him at the Cross.

But on Easter Sunday He was there again, in their midst, back from the dead, bringing them together and reassuring them with His words, "peace be with you." Today he says the same to us. He is present to us. We do not see Him with our eyes. But with faith we know Him to be among us, risen and triumphant. He is the unseen ally, always present, always able to help us against all enemies, seen and unseen.

The presence of the coronavirus has and will shape our lives for a time. Even more so, may the presence of the Risen Christ at all times shape our lives, our outlook and our confidence.

Scientists work to develop a vaccine to prevent further infections of our bodies from viruses around us. We pray for those scientists and heed their sound advice. Jesus Christ is the complementary antidote for our souls to strengthen us spiritually against all the inevitable things in life that we face and fear - sickness, isolation, sin, uncertainty and even death.

While this is a very different Easter, in its essence it is the same. *How* we celebrate differs but *what* we celebrate and its meaning for us remain the same. May the Triumph of the Risen Christ give you and your loved one's peace, hope and confidence. I pray that God will protect you and your loved ones along with all who strive to maintain public health, order, and the necessities of life. May it be God's will that before this Easter Season is over, we will be through the worst of this pandemic so that we can gather again, stronger in faith, united in Christ, to give joyful thanks to God around the altar in the Eucharist.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus