



## 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	May 2	~ Andrew McGrath by his family
Sunday	May 3	~ Mildred Ladeau (30th anniv) by her family
Monday	May 4	~
Tuesday	May 5	~
Wednesday	May 6	~ Anna Carpenter by her family
Thursday	May 7	~ Pearl Hunt by her family
Friday	May 8	~
Saturday	May 9	~ Anna Carpenter by her family
Sunday	May 10	~ Pauline Hopkins by her 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 \$1,719*

*Catholic Education \$48*

*The Fuel was \$86*

*Our Online donations were \$100*

*Thank you very much!*

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY

With your support, "*faith in action*" is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Our parish goal this year is \$20,000. We have received \$8,700 in pledges and donations.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 10 - "Maintenance & Repairs"

"Mother's Day"

May 21 - "Ascension of the Lord"

June 7 - "Catholic Communication Campaign"

June 21 - "Maintenance & Repairs"

"Father's Day"

June 28 - "Peter's Pence"

### 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.

### 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.

Bishop McManus 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.

**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](mailto:stvindepaul05@aol.com), or by website: [saintvincentcatholicchurch.com](http://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.

**Church Ladies With Typewriters . . .**

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.  
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The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'  
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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.  
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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

*For several months now, the whole world has been dealing with life under lockdown. All of our lives have been disrupted by this pandemic. We cannot see it, we do not fully understand it, yet it has brought the whole world to a standstill.*

*It will take many more months for us to fully understand the effect that this virus has had on our world. So many families have lost loved ones whom they were not able to say goodbye to. They will be dealing with their grief for years. So many people have lost their jobs and used up their savings. All their plans for the future are now on hold. The economy is in upheaval. It will take many years for us to recover.*

*As believers in Jesus Christ, this time has also been one of pain and confusion. Something that many of us have taken for granted our whole lives - the freedom to go to church and receive the sacraments - has been taken from us. During the holiest time of the year, we were not able to receive palms or gather with other believers to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We have had to stop so much of our charitable work whether it be providing meals to the homeless, visiting the sick, or teaching our children the faith. We have had to question how we are to fulfill our mission to bring the sacraments to the sick in the face of such a dangerous and contagious virus.*

*Our faith teaches us that God makes everything work for good for those who are called according to his plan. But it is fair to say that we are still reflecting on what good can come from such a devastating pandemic as Covid-19. What is God trying to tell us?*

*To be Church means to be called out of darkness. Our faith in Jesus Christ calls us out of the darkness of sin so that we can live holy lives. It calls us out of the darkness of fear so that we can entrust our lives to God's care. It calls us out of selfishness so that we can serve others. As a Church we are also called forth to bring that light to others. Particularly, in these days, we are called to give comfort to those who are grieving and walk with those who are distressed. What we have been through these past weeks - and what we are continuing to go through - can inspire us to see ourselves differently - as people called to scatter the darkness all around us with the undying light of Jesus Christ.*

*God bless you all, we miss you! Fr. Fran*