The Catholic Community of St. Vincent de Paul

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Masses: Saturday Vigil at 5:15 p.m., Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., Thursday at 12 noon, First Friday at 9 a.m.

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Reconciliation: Available after 5:15 p.m. Mass weekly; by appointment; seasonal communal services
Sacrament of the Sick: Celebrated communally several times yearly and upon request
Parish Registration, Baptism and Marriage preparation: Please contact the Parish Office.
Engaged couples need to contact the parish at least SIX months before the proposed wedding date.
Godparents must be confirmed practicing Catholics over 16 years old.
Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Please contact the Parish Office or website for registration forms.

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Joseph Arockiasamy, *Pastor*
Gary Surman, *Deacon*

Trustees
Virginia Nyahay
Pete Nichols

Administrative Staff:
Kathy Burgin, *Music Director*
Rachael Surman Rys, *Office Manager*
Veronica Schmidt-Henzler, *Bookkeeper*
Patrick Kilpeck, *Youth Ministry*
Greg Rys, *Campus Ministry, SUNY Cobleskill*

Leo McAllister, *Finance Council Chairperson*

Please access our website

stvincentdepaulcobleskillny.com

for more detailed information about our parish, Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations, committees, parish events, and Prayer and Scripture groups, and for Parish/Faith Formation registration forms.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 18-19, 4th Sunday of Advent
Janet Boyle req. by her husband George
Bill Dooley req. by his sister Irene Dooley Garner
Joyce Steingraber req. by Mike and Liz Montario
Ann West req. by John and Joan Rose

Daily Mass - Tuesday, December 21
For the people

Daily Mass - Thursday, December 23
For the people

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
For the people

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family
Sheila Scully req. by Peggy White
Ann West req. by Ann and Gary DeSormeau

Every Wednesday we pray a Healing Rosary at 7 PM over Zoom.
Meeting ID: 284 242 6978
Passcode: 359189
Parishioners are also invited to pray the Rosary with us each Tuesday after the 9 am Mass

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Music Ministry

Thursday rehearsals are at 10:30 am.
Saturday rehearsals are at 4:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Masses are at
4 PM at St. Vincent and at St. Joseph, and
7 PM at St. Vincent and at St. Joseph

Christmas Day Masses are at
9 AM at St. Vincent and
11 AM at St. Joseph

Sunday, The Holy Family Masses are at
8:30 AM at St. Vincent and
10:30 AM at St. Joseph

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; show us your face and we shall be saved.

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

Gospel Meditation

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequality in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

Please join us for our **Hospitality Gathering** downstairs after Sunday Mass to have coffee, juice, and baked items.

Stewardship

Offertory Collection: December 11-12

This bulletin needed to be submitted to the publisher early, so the offertory collection will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Average weekly offertory needed to cover net operating expenses: $3345.37; monthly (December): $13,381.48. Current total for December: $7917.

Thank you very much for sharing your talents and treasure as a disciple of Jesus in the midst of your difficulties. Our parish administration, service programs, and outreach efforts are possible only through your regular participation and contributions.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

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Diocesan Appeal

Dear friends,

We would like to thank you for your generous giving in 2020-2021. We were over our assessment, so we are very grateful. Our Diocesan Appeal's assessment for 2021-2022 is $21,519.00. The Diocese will send you directly the pledge envelope and other materials. Please be generous in completing our assessment again this year. Thank you!

St. Peter Canisius- December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 - December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the University at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters - many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

Thank you very much for all those from St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's who helped out with the December 5th Advent Tea. It was an enjoyable afternoon for those who attended to relax with friends and share ideas to prepare the way of the Lord.

- The Christian Service Committee

Faith Formation

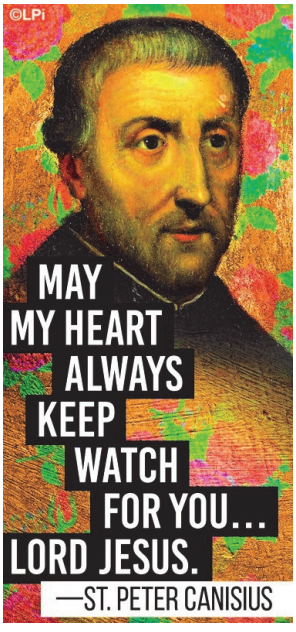
Faith Formation will be held after the 8:30 AM Mass on the following Sundays:

January 9	February 6
March 6	April 3
May 1	June 5

Youth Ministry will be held after the 8:30 AM Mass on the following Sundays:

January 23	February 13
March 13	April 10
May 15	June 12

First Reconciliation will be Thursday, January 20, 2022
First Eucharist will be Sunday, May 15, 2022

We have received a thank-you note from Catholic Charities:

Dear St. Vincent de Paul church members,
Thank you so very much for your donation of personal care products to Catholic Charities Food Pantry Program. We are so very grateful for your continued support, as are those who will benefit from your generosity. Individuals like you allow us to help our neighbors in their time of need. During this time of so much uncertainty and insecurity, donations to assist us to provide services are invaluable. The mission of Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties is to serve and empower the most vulnerable members of the community, and your gifts help us serve every person with dignity, justice, and mercy. Thank you again!
Sincerely,
Jessica Bouck