

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs  
Easter Season, 2018

April 1 –Easter Sunday

Who raised Jesus from the dead? Sit with that for a second. It is important to get this correct. So, what say you? Still waiting for the answer? You gotta give your answer. OK, so why is it important? We live in a society of “DIY” but the resurrection wasn’t a Do-It-Yourself event. The Father raised Jesus from the dead. He will do miracles in your life if you let him. A life laid down is a vocation well lived. God will raise you up to glorious heights.

April 8 – The Second Sunday of Easter

In today’s Gospel, we hear about the risen Jesus who finds his disciples hiding in a locked room because they were afraid. Fear can often dominate our decisions in life, especially when it comes to our vocation. The great thing about Jesus is that he can walk through the barrier of fear that we create, and offer us an invitation to go out into the world and let His light shine into the dark places of the earth. Do you feel called to go out and spread the good news? Is Jesus calling you by name? For more information about vocations, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

April 15 – The Third Sunday of Easter

In today’s Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to the disciples while they are speaking about a previous encounter with him. It is when we begin to share with others about our experience of Jesus in our lives that Jesus will give us direction and guidance as to what he really desires for us. If you feel that Jesus might be knocking on your heart, seek out a trusted friend or a group where you can share openly about what you think Jesus might be calling you to in life. To find out more, call 315-470-1468.

April 22 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that sheep follow the voice of their shepherd because they recognize the shepherd’s voice. The sheep will never follow a stranger. Get to know your Shepherd. If you think God might be calling you to something more, but you are not quite sure what it is...just get to know Jesus! Spend some more time in silent prayer this week asking the Lord to quiet your heart and mind to hear His voice. Once you have heard it, don’t be afraid to follow Him with all of your heart. If you say yes, great and unexpected things will begin to happen in your life. For more information about vocations, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

### April 29 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

If you are pondering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, it is so important that you not only remain attached to the Lord, but that you also strive to grow closer to him each day. The more you strive to be one with the Lord, the more your actions and decisions will flow from your personal relationship with him. If you are close to the Lord, the easier it will be to respond to his invitations when he calls. And if you respond, the joy will be overwhelming. For more information about vocations, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

### May 6 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Take time this week to pray over the Gospel reading you heard today. It might seem odd at times, but Jesus teaches us that real freedom in life is not to be found in keeping our lives as our own, but in giving them away in loving service. The freedom that God offers us is only to be found when we make a loving self-gift to the Lord and His people. It is when we experience this authentic freedom, that we will also experience authentic joy. But before you can experience any of this, you must take a leap of faith. Give your life away, and you will find the Life that your heart has been searching for all along. To find out more, call 315-470-1468.

### May 13 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

You might think to yourself, “How could I ever be a priest or a religious when I am so unworthy?” Jesus responds, “It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you.” Jesus knows exactly whom he is calling when he calls. If he calls, then he will provide the means to live out the life he desires for you. All he looks for us to do is to give him our permission to work powerfully in our lives. If you give him permission to come into your life, trust me when I tell you, life will never be the same. The Joy! Call 315-470-1468.

### May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

Part of the vocation to the priesthood or religious life is the ability to help people be free of their bondage to despair, sin, and death. Our world sits in great darkness. It only takes one candle to conquer the darkness of an entire room. The darkness can never conquer the light. If only one person stepped up and lived out the vocation that God is calling them to, they have the potential to push away the darkness in their hearts, their families, their communities, and even the whole world. I can only think of a little woman from Calcutta who could make such a profound impact upon the world. What does God have in store for you? For more information about vocations, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).