



# THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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August 14, 2016 — 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Sunday, August 14, there will be a second collection to help reduce the parish's Operating Deficit at St. Vincent's, H.E.L.P. collection at St. Catherine's. Thank you for your support.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic. Our parish RCIA program will begin in mid-September 2016. Those who are considering enrolling should contact the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.

## PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir seeks additional members! The Parish Choir will begin its season by singing for a Mass at 10:00 AM for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Saint Catherine of Siena. Rehearsals for Mass will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM in Saint Dominic's Hall in the Priory of Saint Catherine's; there will be no weeknight rehearsals, which we hope will allow more people to participate! Anyone interested in finding out more or joining the Choir should contact James Wetzel, the Director of Music, at jwetzel@svsc.info or (412) 951-7441.

## PARISH INVOLVEMENT

After all Masses the weekend of September 18, representatives of our various committees will be available to speak with those who would like to deepen their involvement in the parish.

## PARISH WIDE DRIVE

During the Month of October we will have a parish wide drive for baby supplies for the Sisters of Life to use in their ministry to pregnant women.

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Each Friday, the 7 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena is offered for the deceased enrolled in the St. Catherine's Purgatorial Society. Enrollment of a deceased family member or friend is available in the church office for \$35.

## AUGUST 28 RECITAL

The benefit concert for Elizabeth Derham, which was announced in last week's bulletin has been indefinitely postponed. Thank you for your understanding.

## MASS AND CONFESSIONS

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,  
6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,  
6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

*Confessions*

SATURDAY: 5:00-5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20-5:50 PM

*Adoration*

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

*Confessions*

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40-5:05 PM

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYER

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

7:40 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS  
AND EVENING PRAYER)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

THURSDAY:

4:00 PM (HOLY HOUR)

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

## PARISH OFFICE

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9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

St. Catherine of Siena  
411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10065  
Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP  
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP  
Vicar

Rev. Albert Paretsky, OP,  
Vicar

Rev. Jonah Pollock, OP  
Vicar

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP  
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP  
Sacristan

Deacon John F. Powers

Lee Ann Rubino  
Business Manager

James D. Wetzel  
Director of Music and Organist

Lisa Harrelson  
Director of Catechesis and  
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller  
Administrative Assistant

Sr. Padraic Mary McGuinness  
Receptionist

Tony Hicks  
Church Custodian

Tracy Hicks  
Church Custodian

## PARISH INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

Please register as a member of our parish if this is where you regularly attend Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, or online at [www.svsc.info/register](http://www.svsc.info/register).

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child, call the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Saturdays, but other arrangements may be made depending upon the circumstances. A baptism preparation class is held at St. Vincent Ferrer on the second Saturday of the month at 12 PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson ([lharrelson@svsc.info](mailto:lharrelson@svsc.info)).

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson ([lharrelson@svsc.info](mailto:lharrelson@svsc.info)). Adults who have not been confirmed should inquire with the Parish Office about preparing for confirmation.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin making arrangements for a wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a priest. More information is available at [www.svsc.info/weddings](http://www.svsc.info/weddings).

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the parish, at a nearby hospital, or at home (for those who are homebound).

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a class for adults interested in becoming Catholic. To learn more, contact Fr. Innocent Smith, OP, at the Parish Office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

For information and/or registration for classes held at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact Lisa Harrelson ([lharrelson@svsc.info](mailto:lharrelson@svsc.info)).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Parish Study is a program for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and Spring. To learn more, contact the Parish Office or check our website at [www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info).

### YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit [www.frassatiny.com](http://www.frassatiny.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00 pm (Vigil) Jake Phelan

8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)

12 pm Eileen Gotz (D)

6:00 pm Elias Ramalas (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 am Mary & Patrick

McCullough (D)

12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)

6:00 pm Mrs. Molly O'Hara (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

12:10 pm Mark Flesher (D)

6:00 pm Sr. Kevin Marie

McGuinness, O.P. (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Sr. Mary Attracta (D)

12:10 pm Nell Evans Thomas (D)

6:00 pm Gilma Mujica

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Linda Mulligan Freiday (D)

12:10 pm Marie Powers (D)

6:00 pm For the Deceased members  
of the Lay Fraternities of  
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 am For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski,  
OFM (D)

6:00 pm Molly Craycraft

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 am Teresa & Alice Crawford (D)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00 pm (Vigil) Mr. Jayner

Demeterio (D)

10:00 am For the patrons of the  
Shrine of Saint Jude

5:00 pm David Johnson

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 am For the Province of

St. Joseph

5:15 pm Hannah O'Donovan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 am Pat Keegan (D)

5:15 pm Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 am For Vocations to the

Dominican Order

5:15 pm Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 am For the Parish Employees

5:15 pm Fr. Conroy, Fr. McHenry, &  
Fr. Fitzsimmons

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena

Purgatorial Society (D)

5:15 pm Pedro Laureana Panopio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am Special Intention

## PARISH PRAYER

### INTENTIONS

*Contact the Parish Office to add a  
name to this list*

Specialist Jake Duncan, Arsev Eraslan, Henrietta Eraslan, Monica Farren, Adrienne Fashay, Sr. Timothy Goettisheim, O.P., Christopher Heath, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P., Helen Johnson, John Kelly, Tony King, Leondardo Lupac, Jr., Sarah McDermott, Stephen Osso, & Richard Sanchez.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dan Abbot, Nicholas Demasi, Tommy Gimbel, Pat Keegan, & Wayne Rudolph, and the souls of all our recently deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the dying, and their families in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the Hospital for Special Surgery, and Rockefeller University Hospital.

### CANDLE INTENTIONS

The seven-day candles are available for an offering of \$15 each.

*St. Vincent Sanctuary Lamps*

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Patricia Keegan (d); Anthony Morelleti (l); Edward C. Perry (d); Robert J. Schwede (d); Intention of Donor

*St. Vincent Sanctuary Madonna*

Molly O'Hara (d)

*St. Vincent Pieta Lamp*

Well-being of Christians in the Middle East

*St. Catherine Mary Candle*

Volten Brewster

*Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.*

# PASTOR'S LETTER

## JUST OVER THE HORIZON

I hate to intrude upon your summer reveries, but it will not be too early to mark your calendar for the month of September. In a strange political year, the rhythm of the church year may speak more eloquently than ever. We also have some important acknowledgments to make.

### **Monday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This year the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation, but that does not mean we cannot celebrate it. Please join us for a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. We will conclude with a procession to the statue of Our Lady Gate of Heaven, Porta Caeli.

### **Monday, September 5, Labor Day**

We will have Low Masses at 8 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena.

### **Tuesday, September 6, St. Vincent Ferrer High School begins a new year**

Here is a chance to welcome Fr. Matthew Carroll, O.P. He has been assigned to the Priory at St. Vincent Ferrer and will serve on the faculty of the High School as a religion teacher. We are delighted to have him.

### **Wednesday, September 7, RCIA begins**

Fr. Innocent Smith will coordinate this program, but other Friars will take part in the teaching. Sessions will begin at 6:45 PM in the Parish Council Room at St. Vincent Ferrer and they will end in time for participants to share in Adoration and Night Prayer in the church. Fr. Innocent will write to you shortly to introduce this program.

### **Thursday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We will have Sung Mass at 6 PM. at St. Vincent Ferrer

### **Saturday, September 10**

Visitation Circle, our association of single women, resumes its monthly fellowship with Mass at 12 PM at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please call Rachel Miller if you would like more information about this group which offers social, intellectual, and spiritual nourishment to its wide variety of members. All are welcome to join the ladies for Mass.

### **Sunday, September 11, the Fifteenth Anniversary of the terrorist attacks**

We will have a special Mass at St. Catherine of Siena, with a procession to the Purgatorial Altar and prayers for the dead. Our Parish Choir will sing at this Mass and will continue thereafter.

### **Monday, September 12, Meeting of the Parish Council**

### **Tuesday, September 13 - Friday, September 22**

Fr. Walter facilitates and preaches for the quadrennial assembly of the Association of Monasteries of Dominican Nuns of North America in Nashville. ( I am sorry for the unfortunate timing of this. Everyone I consulted felt we should not postpone the startup activities below.)

### **Tuesday, September 13, Parish Study begins**

We will meet at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. This fall will be a study of the Psalms.

### **Wednesday, September 14, The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Sung Mass at St. Catherine of Siena at 6:30 PM, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and All Night watch in the church. The prayer intention for this vigil will be for an end to terrorism. The watch will conclude with the 7 AM Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows. Please note that there will be no Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer this evening.

### **Sunday, September 18**

Religious Education resumes. Lisa Harrelson, our Coordinator of Religious Education will write to you next week in these pages to introduce the program to you.

Family Coffee will take place in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's after the 10 AM Mass. This is a child friendly event open to everyone. We aim to have it on the third Sunday of the month.

At St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Coffee will also take place after the Noon Mass. Usually this coffee will take place on the first Sunday of the month.

Our weekly Parish Singing Class begins today at 4:30 PM under the direction of James Wetzel

Parish Vespers begins at 5:15 PM in the choir stalls at St. Vincent Ferrer. You may remember that this will now be a regular part of our Sunday Schedule.

### **Monday, September 26, Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite**

The New York Purgatorial Society will sponsor a Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite. This will take place at 7 PM at the Rosary Altar in St. Vincent Ferrer. The Society has the work of praying for the deceased, and will offer these masses once each month.

### **Sunday, October 2, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year**

Solemn Mass resumes at St. Vincent Ferrer at Noon. Bishop Gerald Walsh will join us to confirm our young people and we will also welcome the St. Vincent Ferrer High School class of 2020. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

### **The Thanks of the Parish**

We could never successfully foster the life of our new parish without remembering those whose work has brought us to this point.

By the time you read these lines, we will have celebrated the funeral for Pat Keegan, whose gracious service as Parish Secretary set the tone for St. Vincent Ferrer for 37 years. Pat's work enabled the service of innumerable Friars, Sisters, and Laypeople. It will be no exaggeration to say that Pat was the wind beneath the wings of the parish. My hope is that in God's mercy she may know how many of us love her and only wish we could have told her good-bye.

One thing we can do is thank Dolores Getcher. "Miss Dolores" has decided that after 10 years of running the religious education program at St. Vincent Ferrer she would like to pursue other avenues of generosity. She promises that these will include the Parish. Her work has made lots of kids feel loved in the presence of God, and her presence has allowed parents to drop off their children to learn sound things in a joyful mode. Dolores' smile, and her style, have made her a magical ambassador for Christ, and it will be a pleasure to carry a debt of gratitude to such a grand lady.

We can also pray for Fr. Jordan Kelly who has completed a sabbatical at Providence College and has moved to Washington, D.C. There he will begin a new ministry as chaplain at Archbishop Carroll High School. He also will introduce the Gospel with conviction and verve to many young people, who will benefit from his gifts for people and for worship. Once again we express gratitude for the way in which Fr. Jordan lavished these gifts upon the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena. Ad Multos Annos!

Peace!

Fr. Walter



### TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Registration is now in progress for the September 2016 - June 2017 session of our St. Jean's Toddler Play Group. Space is available in the Monday - Wednesday 10:45 am Group and the Tuesday - Thursday 10:45 am Group. Children from 18 months to 4 years are welcome.

We offer a loving atmosphere where the little ones can come and have their first school experience, making new friends and learning how nice it can be to go to school. Call the Director, Pauline Rednock, at 212-472-2853, ext 2 for more information and to arrange a visit.

### ARCHCARE CARE NAVIGATION CENTER: RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8 AM and 8 PM seven days a week.

### CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

### LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

- Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in parishes, nursing homes, child care agencies, and other institutions that care for the marginalized.
- The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve.
- Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers.

For more information, or to become a Lady of Charity, please contact us:

Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Charities of the  
Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022  
212-371-1000, ext 2542 or [loc@archny.org](mailto:loc@archny.org)

### LATIN AMERICA & HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support helps ensure that people have adequate catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and strong religious and seminarian formation among other programs. Thank you for taking this opportunity to share your faith. To learn more about how your donations are making a difference, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 7, 2016

*St. Vincent Ferrer*

Regular Offertory: \$10,613

Latin America/Home Missions: \$2,302

Attendance: 589

*St. Catherine of Siena*

Regular Offertory: \$4,691

Latin America/Home Missions: \$955

Attendance: 291



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DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE  
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

## Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

EDITOR: FR. JONAH POLLOCK, O.P., S.T.L.

### JESUS FEEDS *the* MULTITUDE: a Reflection for Ministers of Communion - Part II

By Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., S.T.L., Associate Director, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York

WE HAVE RECENTLY REFLECTED ON the profound connections between the gospel accounts of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the multitude and Jesus' wondrous feeding of his disciples with his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Because of this connection, we are able to draw upon the gospel accounts of the feeding of the multitudes to deepen our understanding of Jesus' feeding of his disciples with his own Body and Blood in Holy Communion. For those of us who administer Holy Communion to others, we can also draw upon these gospel passages to reflect on the way that Jesus uses us as his instruments in feeding his people.

THE GOSPELS CONTAIN SIX ACCOUNTS OF JESUS feeding the multitude. All four gospels have accounts of Jesus feeding the five thousand (Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:5-15) and the gospels of Matthew and Mark have additional accounts of Jesus feeding the four thousand (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10). We have already reflected upon some of the passages in these gospel accounts. We considered Jesus' pity for the crowd as related in Mark 6:34, Jesus' enlisting of the disciples in the work of feeding the crowd in Matthew 14:16, and Jesus' instruction to "gather the fragments" in John 6:12. Let us continue these reflections by considering four additional gospel passages.

*"He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds" (Matt 14:19).* Before the disciples give the loaves to the crowd, they first receive them from Jesus. In order to give, they must first receive. Here is another echo of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He gave the bread, which had become his Body, to his disciples and said, "Do this in memory of me." As ministers of Holy Communion, we give to others what we have first received. To be excellent ministers of Holy Communion, we must be faithful and frequent recipients of Holy Communion. We who are called to give the Bread of Life to the multitudes must first know in our own lives the profound impact of receiving it from Jesus.

*"They all ate and were satisfied" (Mark 6:42).* All four gospels contain a version of this remark. Those who are miraculously fed by Jesus go away satisfied. In the Gospel of John, Jesus distinguishes between the bread that satisfies only for a time and the Bread that satisfies forever: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you" (John 6:27). The Eucharist is the food that

really satisfies. The Body and Blood of Christ that we consume in Holy Communion endure in our souls long after the physical elements are assimilated into our bodies. As ministers of Holy Communion we have the privilege of feeding others with "the food that endures for eternal life."

*"When the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets" (Luke 9:17).* This observation concludes the accounts of the feeding of the five thousand in all four gospels. In Matthew and Mark, the accounts of the feeding of the four thousand conclude with the statement, "They picked up the fragments left over – seven baskets full" (Matthew 15:37; Mark 8:7). These numbers are significant because, in Jewish tradition, both twelve and seven represent fullness or completion. Twelve is the number of the tribes of Israel, the full assembly of God's people. Seven is the number of the days of creation that culminated with the Sabbath day, when God rested after completing his work. When the gospels tell us that twelve or seven baskets of fragments were left over after Jesus' miraculous feeding, it suggests the fullness and superabundance of the food that Jesus gives. In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with the fullness of who he is. Our hearts cannot even begin to contain the abundance of what Jesus gives us. As in Psalm 23, our cups "overflow" with the fullness of God when we receive our Lord in Holy Communion.

*"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world'" (John 6:14).* According to the Gospel of John, the reaction of the people to Jesus' miraculous feeding was to believe in him. In like manner, when Jesus wondrously feeds his people with his body and blood, he increases the faith of those who receive him faithfully. The Eucharist is a sacrament that both presupposes faith and strengthens faith. To receive Communion worthily we must possess faith already, the faith we received through baptism and by which we "discern the body" of the Lord (1 Cor 11:29). Then, when we faithfully receive Jesus in Holy Communion, that heavenly food nourishes in us the faith we already had. Our faith is strengthened and increased in our reception of the Lord's Body and Blood. Having been fed with the Bread of Life, we too see the sign that Jesus has done and, with increased faith, confess that he is truly the Prophet, the Messiah, the Son of God and Savior of the world.