



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

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August 21, 2016 — 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 Wetzal, the Director of Music, at jwetzal@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.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

To All Our Parishioners,

Before we know it, summer will be over and we will start our bingo games for the women living at the Park Avenue Armory

We will start on September 15.

Last bingo season (September until May) you provided enough items for almost 1100 prizes. For 31 Thursdays we ran games and awarded 35 gifts each week. These gifts were greatly appreciated by the women.

As usual we need handbags, baseball caps, tops, sweat pants, sox, medium to large size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, face wash, body wash, body lotion, hair brushes and combs... tooth brushes and toothpaste...cologne, and slightly used jewelry. Anything you think the women would use.

Thank you very much. You have always been so very generous. Kindly leave your donations at the Priory Office.

## 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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(212) 744-2080 | parish@svsc.info  
Office Hours: Monday–Friday:  
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 21

6:00 pm (Vigil) Star Sharbel (D)  
8:00 am Peter Priolo (D)  
12 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)  
6:00 pm Dorothy Collins (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)  
6:00 pm John Ulbrich

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 am Sara Doherty  
Cunningham (D)  
12:10 pm Monica Gorski (D)  
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 am Madlyn Pannier (D)  
12:10 pm Andrew Williams (D)  
6:00 pm Rene Concepcion (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Anna & Zygmunt  
Warszawski (D)  
12:10 pm Assunta Moreno (D)  
6:00 pm Maria Serrano (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm Robert J. Schwede (D)  
6:00 pm Maria Serrano (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 am Catalina Santos  
De Hoyas (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

4:00 pm (Vigil) Clarita Casino (D)  
10:00 am For the patrons of the  
Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm Eleanor LaPorte (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 am For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 pm Ana Lauria

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 am Margaret Ryan  
5:15 pm Beatrice McGuchin (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 am Monica Espeja  
5:15 pm Antonia Marini

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 am Margaret Ryan  
5:15 pm Steve Braunstein

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena  
Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 pm Antoinette Coffey

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 am Estella Simona (D)

**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, Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, Tony King, Leondardo Lupac, Jr., Sarah McDermott, Ann Morris, Stephen Osso, & Richard Sanchez.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Keegan, Wayne Rudolph, & Gerald Westminster, 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*

Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); William J. Schwede, Sr. (d); Margaret Williams (d); Intention of Donor; Intention of Donor; Special Intention

*St. Vincent Sanctuary Madonna*

Jack Ryan Keegan (l)

*St. Vincent Pieta Lamp*

Well-being of Christians in the Middle East

*St. Catherine Mary Candle*

Priscilla Ventigan

Wendy Noel

*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.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For those who don't yet know me, my name is Lisa Harrelson. I'm honored and humbled to serve as Coordinator of Religious Education for our parish, and to follow in the footsteps of our beloved Miss Dolores. I was born and mostly raised in Houston, Texas, but I've lived in New York for the past eight years. By now, I'm both a Texan and a New Yorker at heart!

I began my career as a CPA and started volunteering as a catechist as a way to relieve the stress of working long hours for a public accounting firm. After six years of corporate life, I answered God's call to return to graduate school to study elementary education. I spent the next decade as both a classroom teacher and an elementary school librarian in Houston and here in New York. During this time, I spent eight years studying the Bible through an intensive, interdenominational Bible study program and six years learning about Catholic Liturgy and the Sacraments as a sponsor for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at my home parish on the West Side.

I often wondered why God gave me such an unusual mix of education and experience. He answered that question for me when I began in this role at St. Catherine's two years ago. I've been able to put my administrative, education, and volunteer experience to good use in service to His Church, and am so grateful for the gift of this ministry.

Our team has been busy this summer formulating a vision for our combined religious education program. For the upcoming school year, we're pleased to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Levels 1, 2, and 3 for children from 3-years-old to sixth grade. Level 1 serves children from 3-years-old through Kindergarten. Level 2 serves first through third grades. Level 3 serves fourth through sixth grades.

In addition to CGS, we'll also continue to offer our Graded Program at St. Vincent Ferrer for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. I will facilitate our CGS sessions, while our familiar and dedicated team of catechists will lead our Graded Program. Ruth De Paula will teach fourth grade, Vincent Basilici will teach fifth grade, and Joan Carvo will teach sixth grade. I will also continue to facilitate the Ignite Middle School Youth Ministry program for seventh and eighth graders.

Sessions will begin the week of September 18 and run through the first week of June. The fee for religious education at any level is \$250 per child. The Graded Program will be held at St. Vincent Ferrer. CGS and Ignite will be held at St. Catherine of Siena.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

CGS was developed by two Catholic laywomen in Rome, guided by the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori. The resulting religious education materials are based on the Bible, Catholic Liturgy and Sacraments, Tradition, and Church teachings. CGS sessions are limited to twelve children each and are held in the Atrium, a sacred space designated for catechetical sessions intended to help children fully engage in their religious education, to develop their religious potential, and to facilitate their participation in the life of the Church. Preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion occurs within Level 2.

As a longtime educator, I believe in CGS because the hands-on, experiential learning environment is developmentally appropriate for children of all ages. CGS also addresses different learning modalities as the children have opportunities to express their knowledge through written, verbal, and artistic means. As a Catholic, I believe in CGS because it fosters a setting in which the children are able to get to know God, rather than simply knowing about God. Their experiences in CGS help build the foundation for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

If you'd like more information about CGS, please visit [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org). If you'd like to visit the Atrium and see a demonstration presentation of CGS materials, please contact me. All are welcome!

### 4th, 5th, AND 6th GRADED PROGRAM

The graded program is a more traditional, structured religious education program than CGS. In accordance with Archdiocese recommendations, our parish is moving toward having children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation following their eighth grade year. However, those children who have already participated in the graded program for at least one year may still be confirmed after completing the 6th Grade program, in the fall of their seventh grade year, if parents and children so choose. Those students will also have the option to continue on to Ignite Youth Ministry even if they've already been confirmed or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation after their eighth grade year. Children must participate in religious formation for at least two years leading up to Confirmation.

## **IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

Our Ignite Middle School Youth Ministry program serves as continuing religious education, as well as formation for youth who have not yet been confirmed. We cover the Old Testament, the New Testament and Life of Jesus, the Human Person, the Sacraments, Morality, Prayer, Church History and other relevant topics. Students also have social and service opportunities.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR 2016 – 2017**

Our schedule for the upcoming year is as follows:

### **CGS Level 1 (3-years-old – Kindergarten)**

Sundays at 10:00 – 11:15 am (During the 10:00 am Mass)

Thursdays at 3:00 – 4:00 pm

### **CGS Level 2 (1st grade – 3rd grade)**

Sundays at 11:15 am – 12:45 pm (Following the 10:00 am Mass)

Sundays at 3:30 – 5:00 pm (Preceding the 5:00 pm Mass)

Wednesdays at 3:30 – 5:00 pm (SESSION ALMOST FULL)

Wednesdays at 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Thursdays at 4:00 – 5:30 pm

### **CGS Level 3 (4th grade – 6th grade)**

Mondays at 3:30 – 5:00 pm

### **4th/5th/6th Graded Program (AT ST. VINCENT FERRER)**

Tuesdays at 3:30 – 5:00 pm

### **Ignite Youth (7th and 8th grades)**

Mondays at 5:00 – 6:30 pm

I will be at the Saturday Vigil Masses and each one of the Sunday Masses at both of our churches on September 10th and 11th to say hello and register your children for religious education. I'm excited to meet you all!

If you have any questions or wish to register your child before September 10th, please contact me at 212.988.8300, x186 or lharrelson@svsc.org. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!

Yours in Christ



### 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)

### TUITION-FREE JOB TRAINING

The Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. We teach the technical and professional skills that are in demand. We offer: five months of tuition-free computer and professional training (HRA-approved site), one year of job-placement services in administrative and customer-support positions, workshops with corporations and executives, Participant Assistance Program, a community of collaboration and confidence. Attend an Open House and learn more! Tour our classrooms, meet the staff and learn more about the application process. We are located at 40 Rector Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10006. Please visit our website to register for an Open House, [www.graceinstitute.org](http://www.graceinstitute.org). We can be contacted at 212-832-7605, or by email at [admissions@graceinstitute.org](mailto:admissions@graceinstitute.org).

### COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 14, 2016

*St. Vincent Ferrer*

Regular Offertory: \$10,677

Operating Deficit: \$4,425

Attendance: 546

*St. Catherine of Siena*

Regular Offertory: \$2,270

H.E.L.P.: \$1,056

Attendance: 329



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# Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

## *The DIGNITY of the HUMAN PERSON in HEALTH CARE: Patients as Agents*

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

**WE OFTEN USE THE WORD “PATIENT”** when speaking of men and women who are receiving medical care without giving much thought to what that word means. That is not necessarily a problem. The word “patient” is a helpful signifier in the context of healthcare. Everyone knows who is being referred to. Nevertheless, it is good for us to examine the meaning of this word and what it might imply about the human persons to whom it is applied.

**THE WORD “PATIENT” COMES FROM** a Latin word (*pati*, *patior*) that means, “to permit, undergo, or suffer,” the same word that is the root of the English word “passive.” To be a patient, according to the original meaning of the word, is to be a passive recipient of someone else’s action. In this sense, being a patient is the opposite of being an agent. An agent is one who acts. A patient is one who is acted upon.

**IT IS EASY TO SEE WHY** the word “patient” came to designate a person who receives medical care. Such a person is a passive recipient of the actions of medical professionals. Doctors, nurses, and technicians act; patients are acted upon. Medical professionals give medical care; patients receive it.

**ALL OF THAT IS WELL AND GOOD.** A problem arises, however, when we identify the person with the role he or she plays in the exchange of medical care. A man may be a passive recipient of a surgical procedure. In that instance, the surgeon acts and the man is acted upon. He is a patient. But what cannot be forgotten is that he is also a man. To put it another way, the man, as a patient, is the object of the surgeon’s action. The man, however, cannot be reduced to a mere object. He is also a subject of his own actions and must be treated with the dignity of a human subject. He is a patient. What must not be forgotten, however, is that he is also an agent.

**THE FACT THAT PATIENTS ARE ALSO AGENTS** has, in some ways, gained greater recognition in contemporary medical practice. This development is reflected in things like patient’s bills of rights, patient advocates, laws and policies protecting patient privacy, and various forms of advanced directives seeking to insure that patients’ wishes are respected. Medical ethicists have also emphasized the right of patients to be agents of decision making for their own medical care. The principle of autonomy is often invoked in advocating for this right.

**DESPITE THESE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS,** however, there are other ways in which contemporary medical practice militates against the recognition of patients as human

subjects. It does this, I would suggest, by making it more difficult for medical professionals to know their patients as human beings.

**CONTEMPORARY MEDICAL PRACTICE** has become increasingly specialized and increasingly corporate. Specialization means that patients are more likely to have multiple doctors and doctors are more likely to be responsible for only part of a patient’s care. Specialized medicine certainly has great benefits. It allows doctors to have greater knowledge and competency in their areas of specialty. Nevertheless, specialized medicine makes it less likely that doctors will have comprehensive knowledge of their patients’ overall medical condition. Not knowing their patient’s whole medical picture, doctors are less likely to know their patients as whole persons. Specialization also means spending less time with more patients, making it more difficult for doctors to appreciate the human dignity of every person in their care.

**THE INCREASINGLY CORPORATE NATURE** of medical practice is evidenced by the increasing number of physicians working in hospitals and hospital-owned practices. The shift toward practicing medicine in larger institutions means that doctors and other medical professionals are more likely to be caring for patients who come from greater distances and less likely to care for patients they see frequently and know personally. The growing influence of corporate structures, insurance companies, and government mandates also mean that policies and priorities governing medical practice are more and more being determined by people who are not directly involved in caring for the health of patients. Excessive interest in bottom lines, time spent in computerized charting, and concern for efficiency can make it more difficult for clinicians to know and treat their patients as agents, human subjects with personal dignity.

**WHEN DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE** professionals do not know their patients as human beings, they are less inclined to think of their patients as human beings and less disposed toward treating their patients as human beings. It is therefore imperative that they deliberately counteract the factors in contemporary medical practice that militate against knowing patients as human subjects. Health care professionals need to be reminded, and to remind themselves, that the human persons in their care are agents as well as patients, subjects as well as objects, and deserve to be treated with the respect and dignity that is rightly theirs.