



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

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October 30, 2016 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL SAINTS' DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints' Day at 6:00 PM we will celebrate a Solemn Mass with the Litany of the Saints in Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer, followed by a Parish Party in the Priory Parlors. The Schola will sing the *Mass in F* by Charles Wood (1866-1926). In addition to the regularly scheduled Masses, there will be a low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena at 1 PM. *Parish Study will not meet this evening.*

ALL SOULS' DAY - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

On All Souls' Day at 6:30 PM we will celebrate a Solemn Mass at St. Catherine of Siena with a procession to the Purgatorial Altar. The Schola will sing the *Missa pro defunctis* by Giovanni Francesco Anerio (c. 1567–1630). *There will be no Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer this evening.*

FEAST OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

On November 3 at 6:00 PM we will celebrate a Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer followed by a procession to St. Martin's Shrine.

VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed and divorced women of our parish to the next meeting on Saturday, November 5. We will begin our program at the Rosary Altar at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary. This is followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Our coffee gathering and meeting immediately follow in the Priory parlors. For further information, please call Rachel at the Parish office.

We look forward to seeing you then.

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS IN THE DOMINICAN RITE

On Monday, November 7 at 7:00 PM, a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite will be offered at the High Altar at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. The Schola Cantorum of St. Vincent Ferrer will sing the *Missa pro Defunctis* a 6 by Manuel Cardoso (1566-1650) accompanied by period instruments. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. The Mass is co-sponsored by the Catholic Artists Society, the New York Purgatorial Society, and the Society of Saint Hugh of Cluny.

PARISH VESPERS

Parish Vespers are being held every Sunday at St. Vincent Ferrer. A chant class is taught by our Music Director, James Wetzel, at 4:30 PM, followed by Vespers at 5:15 PM.

PARISH STUDY

On Tuesday, November 1 at 6:45 PM we will continue our series of Parish Study lectures in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. We are focusing on the Book of Psalms.

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

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:15 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)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

St. Catherine of Siena
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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
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Vicar

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

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Youth Ministry

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Principal

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.

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).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (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.

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).

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit www.frassatiny.com.

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 pm (Vigil) Vahe Ishanian (D)
 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 12 pm Raquel Taton &
 Aida Villeneuve (D)
 6:00 pm Patrick O'Brien (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 am For the Deceased members
 of the Parish & the Order (D)
 12:10 pm Helen Saulnier (D)
 6:00 pm Eddy Justice (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 am For Christians in the
 Middle East (L)
 12:10 pm For the People of the
 Parish (L)
 6:00 pm Janina Pieczara (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 am For All Souls in
 Purgatory (D)
 12:10 pm For All Souls in
 Purgatory (D)
 6:00 pm For All Souls in
 Purgatory (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 am All Souls Novena
 12:10 pm Zygmunt & Monica
 Gorski (D)
 6:00 pm Frances McGuinness (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 am All Souls Novena
 12:10 pm Cecilia McKillop (D)
 6:00 pm Sheila Mary Smyth (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 am William Cunningham,
 Jr. (D)

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00 pm (Vigil) Kevin P. Callahan
 (L)
 10:00 am For the patrons of the
 Shrine of Saint Jude
 5:00 pm Amelia Humm (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 am For the Province of
 St. Joseph
 5:15 pm Stephen Osso (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 am Benjamin Tequintina (D)
 1:00 pm Sr. Timothy
 Goettisheim (D)
 5:15 pm Dorothy Huber (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 am For the Deceased members
 of the Koestner Eleanor Fahey
 Family (D)
 5:15 pm For All Souls of the Legion
 of Mary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 am Priscilla Gravel
 5:15 pm For the Deceased members
 of the Legion of Mary (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
 Purgatorial Society (D)
 5:15 pm Carlos R. Khelawan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 am Thomas J. Fahey

PARISH PRAYER**INTENTIONS**

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

Len Bencivenga, Christopher
 Heath, Frances Jacobellis, Rev. Chris
 Johnson, O.P., Elizabeth Johnson,
 Helen Johnson, John Kelly, Cobby
 Knight, Raisa Kokareva, Sarah
 McDermott, Stephen Osso, Chantale
 Pierre, Ramon E. Reyes, Anchalee
 Sae-Lim, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
 of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Monica
 Farren, Sr. Margaret Ann Landry,
 RSHM, Seangdoen Naempranam,
 Emma Ver Reyes, & William James
 White, 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 & Fer-
 nando Gonzalez (l); Laura Noboa (l);
 Raymond J. Schwede (l); Philomena
 & August Siconolfi; For the People of
 the Parish; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp

Well-being of Christians in the
 Middle East

St. Catherine - Mary Candle

Priscilla Ventigan

*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.*

COMMUNION IN SPIRITUAL GOODS

These lines come to you from the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, where I sit, preparing to return to New York. The Dominicans of our St. Martin de Porres Province hosted a beautiful weekend conference to celebrate the 800th anniversary of our Order of Preachers. The gathering included Friars, Sisters and Dominican Laity. Even the Master of the Order came from Rome to participate. Our Brothers lavished the best of southern hospitality on us. Indeed their welcome, and their careful planning, came as a powerful “preaching to preachers.”

It was my honor to give one of the “breakout” presentations at this event.

Preaching to one’s own always comes as a great gift and a deep challenge. Such preaching bestows the honor and the demand to do new thinking. This past weekend we were all trying to pray about, and reflect upon, a very ancient life, which we live out as denizens of the present age. At such a moment, I ask myself, “what does my life offer to my times?” The question touches all of you, since you receive our preaching and our pastoral care. At one level, a homily is a talk one needs to prepare, drawing upon theological training, scriptural commentaries and the rest. At a deeper level, preaching comes as the fruit of a whole way of life, which includes study but also touches on every aspect of existence. Words uttered in our pulpit on a Sunday morning, in our confessional on a Wednesday afternoon, or in parish study on a Tuesday evening emerge from a life of study, prayer, and domestic life held in common.

Obviously Dominican life has evolved considerably over the last eight centuries, yet we identify elements that define it consistently in each age. If these sine qua non attributes of the Order affect the way the Friars preach and teach on a routine basis, they necessarily shape the development of our new parish. Over time we hope this makes for genuine coherence of life, in which preaching, music, social life, and educational life become more and more of a piece.

Tapping Dominican principles of life also enables our parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena to enhance the beautiful mosaic that is the local church of New York. Indeed, the very splendor of Pentecost surrounds us. Consider that the Jesuits, have a magnificent parish 1 mile from us, while just 10 blocks away the Blessed Sacrament Fathers have St. Jean Baptiste with a common life arranged around adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Meanwhile St. John Nepomucene– St-John the Martyr–St. Frances Cabrini is administered by diocesan priests. I ponder this with delight, happy in the thought of how different these parishes are.

Our role in such a singular setting is not to compete with other institutions, but to accept the challenge of being our collective best self. Since, in our city there is such a freedom of movement, we have even more opportunity to pursue this development. Indeed, the jubilee of the Order invites us to shape our growth with ever greater attention and intention.

You will remember that last spring we had a beautiful solemn celebration of the jubilee, presided over by Cardinal Dolan. To complement this, as we move toward the actual anniversary on December 22, I would like to speak to the community in an extended fashion about this connection of Dominican life and our parochial life. An opportunity offers itself in the week ahead.

November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offer us a remarkable triduum, three days, for reflecting on communion in spiritual things. An order or a parish can certainly be assessed in material terms, but we only fully grasp either as a specific, real spiritual connection between people. The same holds true for marriages. On All Saints Day we celebrate not only that innumerable men and women have achieved Christian holiness but that they spend eternity wanting to share it with us. Their intercession is a spiritual good upon which we rely and God has made it effective for us. On All Souls Day we take up our own call to share the good of our prayers with those on the way of purgation, for God has made our prayer effective in their crossing the final threshold. On November 3, we honor St. Martin de Porres a Brother of our Order who shared extraordinary spiritual goods with his fellow Dominicans and with the poor of Lima.

We have festive masses planned for each of these days, and I hope these celebrations can serve as a parochial festival of the Jubilee. Specifically, I would like to use the preaching at these Masses to speak about how a Dominican parish, such as ours, is a community in which the Order of Preachers shares spiritual goods intimately with a portion of God’s people. It is so important to add right here that the traffic goes in two directions! Also, to speak about our particular spiritual riches pays homage to spiritual abundance in other parts of the Church, which in fact are only blocks away.

Let me close with a vignette that I think illustrates these things. Parishioners have been asking that we develop our practice of “Family Mass.” This request has come at several times over recent years. I have always agreed in principle, but I have never seen my way clear to implementing this project with a shape congenial to my Brothers and me. Recently, it came to me how I might do this, and the upshot was our 10 AM Mass on October 16, with which I was more than pleased. It took me time, but this development did occur through the meeting of minds between Dominicans and Parishioners.

I hope the St. Jude Novena brought some prayerful calm to these difficult pre-election days. Do let us keep the matter in prayer as the time draws near.

Autumn Peace!



Fr. Walter

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place from Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4, in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena. This festive event is an opportunity to shop for holiday gifts, enjoy seasonal treats, try a chance at winning one of our many raffle baskets, or simply savor the season.

Parishioners are invited to support this event by donating new or gently used items which can be sold or raffled at the Christmas Fair. Popular items in past years have included jewelry, handmade items, electronics, women's handbags, sports memorabilia or tickets, bottles of wine or liquor, kitchen or household items, children and baby items, and restaurant gift certificates. All donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, either at St. Catherine's or St. Vincent's. While items will be accepted anytime before the fair, please try to drop off your donation before the weekend of November 12-13, so that items can be sorted in advance of the fair.

The next meeting of the Christmas Fair Planning Committee will take place on Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. For more information about how you can get involved with the fair, please e-mail Kim Quatela at kburde3@gmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH MOMS AND BABIES GIFT DRIVE

During the month of October, the Church invites the faithful to become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, the gift of every person's life. As part of our parish's commemoration of Respect Life Month, new items will be collected for the moms and babies served by the Sisters of Life. These gifts will be distributed to moms and their children at an annual Christmas Party the Sisters have for them each December. A playpen with tags will be set up in the vestibules of both St. Catherine's and St. Vincent's during the month of October. Parishioners are invited to take one or more tags from the playpen, purchase the specified gift, and return the new, wrapped gift with the tag attached to the playpen. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for these moms and babies!

TO OUR PARISHIONERS.....

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Even though we just asked you for bingo gifts which you so wonderfully donated, we are asking again.

For many years, the Social Concerns Committee has hosted a Christmas party for the residents of the Park Avenue Women's Shelter and, as part of the celebration, we have been fortunate enough to provide a gift package containing one large and two smaller gifts for each of our guests. As we start preparing for this year's event taking place on Saturday, December 3rd, we would welcome any donations from the parish to put toward our gifts.

Please note that all donated gifts must be brand new. Examples of good gift items include:

- Sweaters (sizes M, L, XL, 1X)
- Small bottles of perfume
- Scarves
- Sweat suits (sizes L, XL, 1X)
- Pajama sets (sizes L, XL, 1X)
- Hats and gloves
- Jackets (sizes L, XL, 1X)
- Purses
- Lightly worn costume jewelry
- Gift boxes (all sizes; in particular need large boxes)

If you are interested in contributing, please drop off the gifts at the Priory labelled Shelter Party (if it is a weekend, please leave with the guards) no later than Friday, November 18th.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make this holiday season extra special for the shelter residents!

ALL SOULS PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we prepare for All Souls' Day on November 2, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry invites you to submit the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer. All intentions submitted will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance set upon the Holy Souls Altar at St. Catherine of Siena throughout the month of November. They will also be remembered in the Parish All Souls' Novena celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer. To submit intentions, please complete the online form at WWW.DFHCMNY.ORG/ALLSOULS, or complete an "All Souls Remembrance" form found in the back of church and return it to St. Catherine of Siena.

COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 23, 2016

Regular Offertory: \$17,137

Food Sunday: \$2,439

Attendance: 1203

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Friars invite you on a pilgrimage to the 44th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, on Thursday, January 26 – Friday, January 27, 2017. This overnight pilgrimage will depart from St. Catherine of Siena Thursday morning and return Friday night. In addition to the March for Life, it will include a visit to the St. John Paul II National Shrine and the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For a more detailed itinerary and pricing, please see the flyer and registration form in the bulletin or in church. For more information, please contact Kelly McNamee or Steven Picciano at Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York: 212.988.8303 or info@dfhcmny.org.

CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? Check our *RESPONSE 2017*, a free guide listing nearly 200 faith-based volunteer programs and thousands of opportunities. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life - from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children.

Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of *RESPONSE 2017*. Call 800-543-5046 or email infor@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also search *RESPONSE 2017* online at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - SEPT. 28 - NOV. 6

This fall's "40 Days for Life" campaign will be held September 28 - November 6, 2016. "40 Days for Life" is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. At least 11,796 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns, and 75 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life Campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

For information about participating in the 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Archdiocese, contact the following leaders:

Bronx: Fr. Peter Pilsner (718) 881-8000, ext. 451
frpilsner@cardinalspellman.org

Manhattan: Jill Gadwood (949) 280-9494
Jill.Gadwood@gmail.com

LAY FRATERNITIES OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSM meets on the third Thursday, for approximately two hours each month, directly after attending the 6:00 PM parish Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer Church (meeting in the Parish Center, street level, left of Priory stairs). Dominican Laity share deeply the spiritual charisms of the Dominican Order, while remaining in the lay state. More information is available at <http://www.laydominicans.com>.

FORMED: ONLINE CATHOLIC LEARNING RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of New York has partnered with the online Catholic learning resource website FORMED to provide free access for parishes across the Archdiocese. The website has videos, audio recordings, and books available for streaming and/or download on a variety of topics, including the Bible, the Sacraments, and the Saints. To register, visit www.formed.org and input the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Code: 2ZFMH7.

NEUMANN CLASSICAL SCHOOL: YOUR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE TO COMMON CORE

Neumann Classical School (Tuckahoe, NY), the New York City area's only classical-curriculum, faithfully Catholic primary school, is hosting an open house for the parents of prospective kindergarten, first and second grade students Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 2-4 PM. Neumann offers your child an outstanding academic curriculum in a joyful learning environment, faithfully Catholic teachers, and tuition fees lower than most area Catholic schools. RSVP: admin@neumannschool.org

THOMISTIC INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM - THE PROLOGUE OF ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL: REASON AND INTERPRETATION IN CATHOLIC THOUGHT

On Saturday, November 5th, the Thomistic Institute is hosting a symposium entitled "The Prologue of St. John's Gospel: Reason and Interpretation in Catholic Thought." The event will take place from 1-5 PM at the Catholic Center at NYU. The symposium is co-sponsored by St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the International Society for Medieval Hermeneutics.

This event is free and open to the public. Pre-register online for speedy check in at www.thomisticinstitute.org/upcoming-events

THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY RETREAT DAY

Retreat Day: Saturday, November 12. In celebration of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society will host an all-day retreat entitled "In Everything Mercy: Thomas Merton and Pope Francis on the Merciful Heart of God", presented by Dr. Christopher Pramuk, professor of theology and spirituality at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. Recently honored as Xavier's 2015 Teacher of the Year, Dr. Pramuk writes extensively on Merton's spirituality and is also the recipient of the International Thomas Merton Society's 2011 "Thomas Merton Award," a.k.a., "The Louie," its highest honor. This retreat will be a sustained meditation on Mercy in Merton's writings as the very Name and Life of God, and the difficult but beautiful call to become ourselves with Mercy as our "Kairos" and path to peace. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street @ Broadway. 9:30 - 4:00 p.m. For more information on this and other events, and to reserve your place, please visit <http://www.thomasmertonnyc.org/events>.



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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.

The SAINTS of HEALTH CARE

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

EVERY YEAR ON THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, the great celebration of all the holy men and women whom God has raised up throughout the two thousand year history of the Church. These saints are many and varied, representing every time and place and walk of life. We celebrate the saints because they testify to God's goodness, because they are our brothers and sisters who never cease to pray for us, and because they give us examples of how to live holy lives in our own time, place, and circumstance. For this reason, the Church gives us certain saints as patrons of the particular places where we live and worship, the various circumstances in which we might find ourselves, and the diverse activities in which we are engaged. For example, St. Joseph is the patron of the universal Church and the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patroness of the Americas and of the United States. St. Patrick is the patron of Ireland and of New York City. St. Jude is the patron of hopeless causes and St. Anthony of Padua is the patron saint for the recovery of lost items. There are also patron saints of health care. Let us briefly consider the lives and patronage of some of these saints.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL is one of the three angels mentioned by name in Scripture. In the Book of Tobit, Raphael cured Tobit of his blindness and so is invoked as a patron of healers and of those who suffer blindness.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST is the author of the third gospel and was a companion of St. Paul. Paul calls him "the beloved physician" (Col 4:14) and St. Luke is therefore honored as a patron of doctors.

ST. AGATHA is a martyr from third century Sicily who consecrated her life to God. Young and beautiful, she refused the advances and attempted exploitation of local authorities. During her torture, her breasts were cut off and she rebuked her torturer for forgetting his mother and the breasts that nursed him. She is patroness of nurses and those with breast cancer.

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN are twin brothers who were trained as physicians in third-century Syria. They accepted no money for their services and are credited with a miraculous healing of a man with an ulcerated leg. They are patron saints of doctors and surgeons.

ST. PEREGRINE lived in present-day Italy at the turn of the 14th century. After a conversion in youth, he lived a life of severe penance and eventually suffered from a cancer in his right leg. The night before his leg was to be amputated, he prayed

before the crucifix and received a miracle of healing. He is a patron saint of those who suffer from cancer.

ST. JOHN OF GOD lived a dissolute youth in early 16th century Spain. He was converted by a vision of the child Jesus and began caring for the sick, poor, and homeless. He founded the Order of Charity and the Order of Hospitallers. He is a patron saint of nurses and of hospitals.

ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS was a military officer in the 16th century who was injured and subsequently hospitalized in Rome. He recovered, became the administrator of the hospital, and founded the Congregation of the Servants of the Sick. He is a patron of hospitals and hospital workers.

ST. RENE GOUPIL studied medicine in 17th century France and assisted St. Isaac Jogues as a medic in his missions to the Hurons in North America. St. Rene died a martyr, tomahawked by the Iroquois, and is a patron of anesthesiologists.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI was born and raised in 19th century Italy; there she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Pope Leo XIII then sent her to the United States where she founded dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages. She is a patron of orphans and of hospital administrators.

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA was born in Italy in the 20th century. She studied and practiced medicine, specializing in pediatrics. She was married and gave birth to three children before she died giving birth to her fourth, having refused any measures that might have saved her own life at the cost of her child's. She is a patron of physicians and of unborn children.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, known to the world as Mother Teresa, was born in Albania, professed vows as a member of an Irish religious community, and, after years of teaching in Calcutta, India, experienced "a call within a call" and devoted her life to caring for "the poorest of the poor." In 1948, she began following that call in the slums of Calcutta. Before long, she and the Missionaries of Charity she founded were caring for the poorest of the poor all over the world. Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died in 1997 and was canonized in 2016.

THESE SAINTS AND THE OTHER SAINTS of health care are heroes, models, friends, and intercessors to all of us who care for the sick. *Saints of health care, pray for us!*