



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

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November 27, 2016 — 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Christmas Fair will take place at St. Catherine of Siena in St. Dominic Hall on Friday, December 2 - Sunday, December 4.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 4, there will be a second collection to help the parish's Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your support.

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation on Sunday, December 4 after the 12:00 Noon Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors.

PARISH VESPERS

Beginning Sunday, November 27th (First Sunday of Advent), Parish Vespers will begin at 5:30 PM and the chant class preceding it will begin at 5:00 PM. The coming few weeks of the class will focus specifically on the different chants sung at Vespers during the season of Advent.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, designed especially for the parish by Sister Mary Grace, O.P. at Caterina Benincasa Dominican Monastery, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS

Cards are now available at the St. Vincent Ferrer Church Office which enables one to remember the living and/or deceased in the Novena of Masses offered at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on Christmas Day.

THE ADVENT WREATH AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath around the base of the Statue of the Blessed Mary, Porta Caeli, to the right of the altar of sacrifice. The lamps of the wreath can be lit with an intention in the manner of the sanctuary lamps before the High Altar. We hope this will be an opportunity for spiritual giving during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Availability would be as follows:

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| The First Week of Advent | 1 lamp |
| The Second Week of Advent | 2 lamps |
| The Third Week of Advent | 3 lamps |
| The Fourth Week of Advent | 4 lamps |
| The Octave of Christmas | 5 lamps |
| The Second Week of Christmas | 5 lamps |

During these weeks, the Sanctuary Madonna lamp that usually hangs beside the Porta Caeli will not be lit.

St. Catherine's will use the traditional candles in the Advent wreath.

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: 5:30 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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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. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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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, OP
Receptionist

Tony Hicks
Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL

(212) 535-4680
Sr. Gail Morgan, OP
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, NOVEMBER 27
6:00 pm (Vigil) Jane Kroll (D)
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
12 pm Valeriana Gloria (D)
6:00 pm Bridgie Higgins (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00 am Margaret McGrath (D)
12:10 pm Elizabeth Madden (D)
6:00 pm Anne & Ciss Carrigan (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:00 am Gloria Bobeck
12:10 pm Concepcion G.
De La Cruz
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00 am Suzanne Wright (D)
12:10 pm Anne & Ciss
Carrigan (D)
6:00 pm Richard & Frances
Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00 am For the Living members of
the Redmond Family
12:10 pm Lorraine & Dorothy
Scurzi (D)
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick
Gorman (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Mrs. Paulson
6:00 pm Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Kirby Family (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
4:00 pm (Vigil) Martha & James K.
Costello
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Joan Donovan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Audrey Eleanor Robateau

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich
5:15 pm Elizabeth Baker

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich
5:15 pm Rev. John McCartney

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
9:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich
5:15 pm Phyllis Piazza (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Peter Dolan (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
9:00 am Eileen Neff

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Annamarie
Brancaccio, Christopher Heath,
Maggie Heath, Frances Jacobellis,
Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P., Helen
Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, John
Kelly, Sarah McDermott, Anthony
Mendola, Stephen Osso, Rosalia
Pernice, Maria Guillen de Ribone, &
Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Richard Eustace Parker
Bowles Leonina Santacroce, Ernest
Witty, & Lucille Witty, 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,
New York-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); Living &
Deceased members of the McGovern
Family; William J. Schwede, Jr. (d);
For the People of the Parish;
Intention of Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

Advent Wreath

1) Jack Ryan Keegan

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.

ADVENT IN OUR PARISH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

- Toy Drive** Sponsored by the New York Common Pantry
- Gifts for Women** Sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee for the Residents of the Park Avenue Armory Women's Shelter
These gifts are given at our Shelter Christmas Party Next Saturday, December 3.
- Gifts in the Parish** Please contribute to our Parish Christmas Fair to be held next weekend, December 2 - 4 at St. Catherine's.
Please: Bring items you would like to donate.
Consider working at the fair for some hours.
Bring friends to shop next weekend.
- Christmas Cards** Christmas cards, designed especially for the parish by Sister Mary Grace, O.P. at Caterina Benincasa Dominican Monastery, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule.

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

November 29 The First Sunday of Advent

Music of William Byrd at the Solemn Mass

Parish Vespers *New time of 5:30 PM* St. Vincent Ferrer
With the chant class at 5 PM

December 2 - 4

Parish Christmas Fair St. Catherine of Siena - St. Dominic Hall

December 2 12 PM - 4 PM

December 3 - 4 9 AM - 8 PM

December 3 The Second Sunday of Advent

Music of Josef Rheinberger at the Solemn Mass

Parish Coffee 1 PM St. Vincent Ferrer - Parlors of the Priory
Parish Vespers 5:30 PM St. Vincent Ferrer

December 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

*A Holy Day of Obligation

On the Vigil, Wednesday, December 7

Low Masses of the Vigil 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena
6 PM St. Vincent Ferrer

Lessons and Carols 7 PM St. Vincent Ferrer

This hour-long service will consist of a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns celebrating the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Choral works of Bassi, Billings, Cleobury, Dawson, Hawley, Howells, Joubert, Willan, and Wood. A reception will follow in the Priory Parlors.

On the Day, Thursday, December 8

Low Mass 7 AM St. Catherine of Siena
Low Mass 8 AM St. Vincent Ferrer
Sung Mass 12:10 PM St. Vincent Ferrer - With St. Vincent Ferrer High School
Low Mass 1 PM St. Catherine of Siena
Low Mass 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena
Solemn Mass 6 PM St. Vincent Ferrer

At the Solemn Mass the Schola Cantorum will sing music of the Flemish Renaissance: Orlando di Lasso's *Missa Qual donna* and *Alma Redemptoris Mater* á 8 and Jacobus Clemens non Papa *Ego flos campi* á 7.

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December 10

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| Rorate Mass | 6:30 AM | St. Vincent Ferrer |
| Parish Advent Retreat | 9 AM - 12:30 PM | St. Vincent Ferrer |

To You O Lord I Lift up my Soul: Longing as the Antidote for Despair

December 11 The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Music of Healey Willan, William McKie, and Edward Bairstow at the Solemn Mass

December 12 The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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| Sung Mass and Procession | 6 PM | St. Vincent Ferrer |
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December 16 - 24

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| Misa de Gallo | 6 AM | St. Vincent Ferrer - Rosary Altar |
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A Novena of prayer for safe childhood

December 17

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| Advent Lessons and Carols | 7:30 PM | St. Catherine of Siena |
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Reception follows in St. Dominic's Hall

This service will make a scriptural and musical pilgrimage through Advent, with lessons from the Old Testament prophets, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns. Choral works of Manz, Mendelssohn, Neswick, Ord, Preston, and others. A reception follows in St. Dominic Hall.

December 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reconciliation Sunday

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| Family Mass and Coffee | 10 AM | St. Catherine of Siena |
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Music of Tomás Luis de Victoria, Cristóbal de Morales, and Francisco Guerrero at the Solemn Mass

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| Parish Vespers | 5:30 PM | St. Vincent Ferrer |
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December 19

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| Reconciliation Monday | 4 - 8 PM | Confessions heard in both churches |
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VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed and divorced women of our parish to our next meeting and fellowship on Saturday, December 3rd. We will begin our program at the Rosary Altar at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Our coffee gathering with light lunch and meeting immediately follow in the priory parlors. Free will offering.

LECTURE BY FR. INNOCENT AT NYU

On December 3 at the Catholic Center at NYU (238 Thompson Street, New York, NY), Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. will give an afternoon presentation titled: "The Rest is Said in Praise to God: Thomas Aquinas on the Rites of the Mass." The presentation consists of two talks at 1 PM and 2:30 PM, followed by Mass at 3:45 PM. All are welcome.

THANK YOU

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank ENZO at LITTLE VINCENT'S PIZZA (73rd & 2nd Ave) for generously donating pizzas this year and every year for our Halloween Party at the Park Avenue Armory Women's Shelter. They were truly enjoyed with gusto by all the women there!

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, December 7th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, New York, NY for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Mass begins at 7:30 PM. Music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit www.catholicnyc.com.

PARISH CHOIR

Join the Parish Choir: Please consider joining the volunteer Parish Choir that sings for the Sunday 10:00 AM Family Mass at St. Catherine of Siena. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM in the choir loft at St. Catherine's; there is no weeknight rehearsal. The ensemble is open to all adults, regardless of previous experience. Anyone interested in finding out more or joining the Choir should contact James Wetzels, the Director of Music, at jwetzels@svsc.info or (412) 951-7441.

*The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena
invites you to our*

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:00 PM * 4:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 3 AND 4

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

*Make your Christmas shopping
for friends and family
easy this year!*

The Fair offers a great selection of:

- Beautiful gift basket raffles from local businesses*
- Handcrafted crocheted and knitted gifts*
- Jewelry and accessories*
- Christmas ornaments*
- Holiday religious items*
- Rosaries, medals and prayer cards*
- Homemade baked treats*
- \$10 and under table*
- A 50/50 Raffle*

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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EXCELLENT MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION: Part 2

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

THE VIRTUES THAT CHARACTERIZE excellent ministers of Holy Communion was the subject of one of our recent reflections. We considered the virtue of religion, by which human beings render fitting reverence to God, and also adoration, an exterior act of religion by which human beings show reverence to God with their bodies. We also considered the virtue of magnanimity, according to which men and women undertake great deeds. With the help of St. Thomas Aquinas, let us now consider two additional virtues by which ministers of Holy Communion readily and consistently do what is good, confirm their good character, are built up in Christian holiness, and perform their ministry with excellence.

Humility

HUMILITY MIGHT SEEM LIKE THE OPPOSITE of magnanimity and, in a certain way, it is. According to St. Thomas, when a good thing is difficult to accomplish, it is by the virtue of magnanimity that a person overcomes the feeling of despair that tempts him to give up on accomplishing the good thing. It is by the virtue of humility that a person overcomes the feeling of hope that tempts him to go after the good thing that he cannot rightly accomplish. It is by magnanimity that one pursues the difficult good that is rightly pursued. It is by humility that one withdraws from a difficult good that cannot rightly be pursued.

HOW MIGHT THIS APPLY to the administration of Holy Communion? We have seen that the virtue of magnanimity inclines the minister of Holy Communion to undertake the great deed of feeding God's faithful people with God's very self in the sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. One might easily shrink from such a lofty task, not so much because it is hard to do, but because one might feel unworthy of doing it. The virtue of magnanimity enables one overcome such feelings of inadequacy and undertake this great task, confident that, with the Church's ordination or commissioning, even a lowly sinner can carry out this sacred charge. But in addition to the magnanimity that spurs them on, excellent ministers of Holy Communion also need the humility that holds them back.

ST. THOMAS SAYS, "Humility, considered as a special virtue, regards chiefly the subjection of man to God" (*Summa Theologiae* II-II q.161 a.1 *ad* 5). Humility means subjecting oneself to God and holding back from claiming for oneself what belongs to God. That was the sin of Adam and Eve. They grasped for the

fruit of knowledge in defiance of God. Jesus, by contrast, "Did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself" (Phil. 2:6-7).

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IMITATE the humility of Jesus when they understand their ministry as a participation in what God does for His people. Jesus says, "My Father gives you the true bread from heaven" (Jn. 6:32). When human beings, ordained or commissioned by the Church, administer Holy Communion, they participate in an act of God, who feeds His people with the true bread from heaven: the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. The human ministers of that divine gift exercise their ministry with excellence when they exercise humility. Ministers of Holy Communion undertake a great deed. They do it well when they humbly recognize that it is God, first and foremost, who does it.

Circumspection

ST. THOMAS LISTS CIRCUMSPECTION as one of the integral parts of prudence. He follows Aristotle in defining prudence as "right reason applied to action" (*ST* II-II q.47 a.2). The prudent person is able to make true practical judgments translate into good moral actions. In order to do that, she must be circumspect. She must carefully consider the circumstances in which she finds herself. "It belongs to circumspection," St. Thomas says, "to consider what is suitable to the end in view of the circumstances" (*ST* II-II q.49 a.7 *ad* 3).

WHEN HOLY COMMUNION IS ADMINISTERED during Mass, the circumstances are fairly predictable and circumspection might not be such an essential virtue. However, when Holy Communion is administered in a health care setting, the circumstances are much less predictable and can vary greatly between one potential recipient of Holy Communion and the next. The man in bed 1 may have had a successful surgery and be optimistic about long term recovery, while the woman in bed 2 may have exhausted her medical options and preparing to go to hospice. The one may be a daily communicant; the other may have been away from the Church for 50 years. The excellent minister of Holy Communion never presumes. Rather, he is sensitive to the diverse sets of circumstances that he encounters and responds with circumspect care, bearing the presence of Christ in the best way to every unique person to whom he ministers.