



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

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January 1, 2017 — Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 2. They will be open Tuesday–Friday.

FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in the monthly Frassati Fellowship Dinner and Holy Hour on Sunday, January 8 following the 6 PM Mass.

PARISH VESPERS

Parish Vespers will resume this weekend, January 1 at 5:30 PM.

EPIPHANY PARISH COFFEE

Join us for an Epiphany Parish Party on Sunday, January 8 after the 12:00 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors. Coffee, tea, and delicious food will be available.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, January 8, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

ORGAN RECITAL

James D. Wetzel will give an organ recital at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin (145 West 46th Street, east of 7th Avenue) at 5:30 PM on Friday, January 6th, preceding their 6:00 PM Solemn Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany. All are welcome and the recital is free.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Christmas CDs, recorded by the Schola Cantorum of the Dominican Friars at the Dominican House Studies, are available in the back of St. Vincent Ferrer church for \$15.

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

St. Vincent Ferrer
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Office Hours: Monday–Friday:
9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

St. Catherine of Siena
411 East 68th 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. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

Deacon John M. 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

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Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER

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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. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest.

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.frassati.nyc.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
6:00 pm (Vigil) Edward Munshower,
Sr. (D)

8:00 am Christmas Novena
12 pm For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm Giovanni Stabile (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm For the Deceased
members of the Barbetta
Family (D)
6:00 pm Pat Keegan (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Rose & Fred Pesenti (D)
6:00 pm Donald A. Delaporte (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Kirby Family (D)
12:10 pm Rose & Andrew
Mennella (D)
6:00 pm Robert Mullen (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
8:00 am Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, o.p. (D)
12:10 pm Angelina Finguerra (D)
6:00 pm William James White (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the McGovern Family (D)
12:10 pm Daniel Sculli (D)
6:00 pm Celia Koenig (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 am Geraldine Quinn

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
4:00 pm (Vigil) Vito & Elizabeth
Irace

10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Shaun, Arlene, Angeline,
Teolian Koon

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm John C. Kachejian (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
7:00 am Andreas Hirsermann (D)
5:15 pm Katarina Dujmorre (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
7:00 am Ed Guarin (D)
5:15 pm Concetta Ubriaco (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
7:00 am Sr. Timothy Goettisheim,
o.p. (D)
5:15 pm Monica Farren (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Eliza Perez & Ignacio Cotts
(D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 am James Kent (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Margarita Bonilla,
Peter Gimbel, Isabel Gondres, Rev.
Chris Johnson, O.P., Helen Johnson,
Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, Anthony
Mendola, Maria Guillen de Ribone,
Raymond Wells, Carolyn Wilcher, &
Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Felicisimo Alcantara, Erin Brenner,
Robin Craddock, Francisca Garcia,
Lloyd Garcia, Rosemary Lapin, &
Bradford Charles Meckel, 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
Sr. Timothy Goettisheim, o.p. (d);
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l);
Edward C. Perry (d); Anna Schwede
(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
- 2) Margaret Williams (d)
- 3) Bro. Rumold Donaghue (d)
- 4) Patricia Keegan (d)
- 5) McCarthy Family (d)

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

After Christmas comes the season of resolutions, and about these we really can be too skeptical. Resolutions open a window onto the longings of the soul, often ignored in the workday world. They therefore demand respect in their own right, quite apart whether or not they are actually kept.

If we were to make a shared, parish-wide resolution for 2017, what might it be? Perhaps your answer to this question will reflect what you think we should have learned from 2016. We may take a long time, though, to boil that wisdom down to usable initiatives. In the meantime, St. Paul's words to the Philippians may be on target.

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence,
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

What we ponder shapes us. Recent times have taught us to be wary of ingesting toxic food and drink and thereby jeopardizing the healthfulness of our bodies. Do we get that words and images also make over our character in their image. So what has been our intellectual and spiritual diet of late? Can we resolve to improve it for the well being of our mind and imagination?

I propose nobility as a word for 2017 - noble objects, noble literature, noble thoughts, noble intentions, all begetting noble deeds and noble selves.

New Year's Peace!



Fr. Walter



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

7:30 PM: Holy Hour for Christian Unity
- Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday, January 19, 2017

6 PM: Votive Mass for Christian Unity
- Church of St. Vincent Ferrer
7 PM: Lecture by Dr. Christopher Ruddy (Catholic University of America): "That The World May Believe: Christian Unity and Evangelization"
- St. Vincent Ferrer Church Hall

Friday, January 20, 2017

7 PM: Lutheran-Catholic Prayer Service (led by Pastor Gregory P. Fryer and Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.)
- Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

Monday, January 23, 2017

5:15 PM: Mass for giving Thanks for the gift of Human life
-Church of St. Catherine of Siena
7 PM: Orthodox-Catholic Vigil of Prayer for the Unborn (with talks by Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, and Sister Virginia Joy, S.V.)
- St. John Nepomecene Church
411 East 66th St., New York, NY

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

6 PM: Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
- Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

PARISH CHOIR

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

63rd U.S. NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE LOURDES, FRANCE

Father Joseph Allen, O.P. invites you to join him on the 63rd U.S. National Pilgrimage to Lourdes: June 22 - July 1, 2017. Accompanied by a medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims. For details contact Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., email: Joseph.Allen@opeast.org or the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: Toll Free: 1-877-276-7279, email: lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net, website: www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. The deadline for reservations is March 15, 2017.

FAITH AND ETHICS FORUM – 2016-2017

An Open Invitation to All Students of the Health Professions

How can I guide patients, families and colleagues in decisions about complex moral issues?

Why are moral distress and moral relativism so evident in today's health care environment?

Why are conscience clauses important in the delivery of health care services?

What is happening to the dignity and freedom of the sick in the new health reform agenda?

How does the Catholic moral tradition inform and guide my practice?

These and many more questions are the focus of a series of small group discussions facilitated by the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York. Monthly discussions provide a vehicle and a place where all students of the health professions (including interns, residents and fellows) of all faiths can come together for discussions about faith and contemporary ethical issues in health care which affect their lives as persons and as clinicians in a continuously changing health care delivery system.

As a reminder Forums are held on the third Sunday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM (except for June, July and August) in St. Dominic Hall following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 E. 68th Street, New York, NY. There is no charge for this series but an RSVP email is required. Light refreshments are served. Forums for the 2016-17 academic year are scheduled for: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 23 and May 21.

For more information or if you would like to participate please contact Bro. Ignatius Perkins, OP, Executive Director (brotherignatius@dfhcmny.org) or one of the Student Coordinators: Grace McInerney (gemac612@gmail.com), Jessica Edgecomb (Jessica_Edgecomb@nymc.edu).

The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena
Parish Study — Spring 2017

**Pray with Understanding:
Participating in the Mysteries of the Mass**



*"So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding;
I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding." (1 Cor 14:15).*

Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 pm
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Hall

1/17/17	Outline of the Mass and the Seasons of the Year	Fr. Innocent Smith, op and James Wetzel
1/24/17	Dominican Tradition and the Liturgy of the Church	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
1/31/17	The Ordinary of the Mass - History and Texts	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
2/7/17	The Ordinary of the Mass - Chant settings	James Wetzel
2/14/17	The Ordinary of the Mass - Polyphonic settings	James Wetzel
2/21/17	The Propers of the Mass - Part I	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
2/28/17	The Propers of the Mass - Part II	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
3/7/17	Collects	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
3/14/17	Readings	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
3/21/17	Prayers over the Gifts and Prefaces	Fr. Innocent Smith, op and James Wetzel
3/28/17	Eucharistic Prayers and Postcommunion Prayers	Fr. Innocent Smith, op
4/4/17	Hymns and Motets	James Wetzel



Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

PATIENTS *and their* FAMILIES

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

ONE OF THE SADDEST EXPERIENCES I HAVE as a hospital chaplain is ministering to patients who die alone. Thankfully, that is unusual. In the great majority of cases, the dying person is surrounded by family. Friends are often there too, but mostly family: the people who have been with that person all through life and who are present to the end. In fact, I am writing this having just returned from a hospital where a recently deceased man lay surrounded by the love of his intensely grieving wife and daughters. As they wept, they held onto his hands and caressed his face and covered his dead body with kisses. There was a lot of sadness in that room: intense sadness bitterly felt. But it would have been sadder – there would have been a sadder kind of sadness – if his family were not there, if there were no one to grieve this man’s death and surround him with so much love.

I HAVE ALSO HAD THE EXPERIENCE of being a patient. In that time of great crisis in my life, I was the recipient of extraordinary love on the part of my family. There were friends too for whose presence, kindness, and support I will always be grateful. But it was family most of all: my parents for whom my care became the all-important concern, my sister who scarcely left my side, my cousins who make their home mine when I needed to undergo treatment far from my own home.

FAMILY IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT. It is especially important when someone is sick. It is important to the sick person who relies on the love, support, and assistance of family. It is important to the family members whose love and concern for the sick person is revealed and intensified through that person’s illness. Family has this importance because the relationships that are established within a family tend to be the strongest and most enduring. At any given time in a person’s life, she may have numerous friends, acquaintances and colleagues with whom she spends more time and with whom she may even have stronger emotional connections than she does with members of her family. But the bonds with family tend to be deeper and last longer. Family ties are more likely to endure despite conflict, disagreement, or misunderstanding. The love of family is more likely to continue across years and decades. When times of crisis come, especially the time of final crisis, it is the family that tends to be there.

THE CARE THAT FAMILY MEMBERS PROVIDE is extremely important to people who are sick and dying. Therefore, the care that is given by families is an extremely important part of what can rightly be called “health care.” Therefore, a crisis for the family is likewise a crisis for health care. And, according to Pope Francis, a crisis for the family is taking place in our society. In an address from November 2014, the Pope declared,

In our day, marriage and the family are in crisis. The “culture of the temporary” has led many people to give up on marriage as a public commitment. “This revolution in manners and morals has often flown the flag of freedom, but in fact it has brought spiritual and material devastation to countless human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.”¹

WHAT THE POPE CALLS “the culture of the temporary” has the effect of replacing enduring family relationships with more fleeting bonds. The family unit is more and more likely to be fractured by divorce or avoided altogether as fewer and fewer young people chose to marry and have children. As Pope Francis says, this shift in cultural mores has the most devastating consequences for “the poorest and most vulnerable.” I think we can safely include the sick and the dying in the category of “most vulnerable.”

THE SICK AND THE DYING, like others who are “most vulnerable,” are especially dependent on the care of family members. The more temporary relationships they have established in their lives are less likely to endure in time of crisis or last until the end. Absent the loving and supporting presence of family, doctors and other health care professionals may be able to provide sick and dying persons with the same procedures, treatments, and therapies. But they will not be able to replace the human care and personal attention that are a vital part of what health care ought to be. The enduring bonds of love that constitute a family are needed by everyone, but they are especially necessary for the sick and the dying.

IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE SADNESS INDEED – to use Pope Francis’ word, it would be “devastating” – if we were to allow our “culture of the temporary” to condemn more of our sick brothers and sisters to the unhappy fate of dying alone.

¹http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/11/17/pope_francis_marriage_and_the_family_are_in_crisis/1111371