



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

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December 4, 2016 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

SECOND COLLECTION

This 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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please joins us for Marian Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. A reception will follow in the Priory Parlors.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, December 11, we will be collecting alms for the Retirement Fund for Religious that benefits 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your support is deeply appreciated.

PARISH VESPERS

Parish Vespers now 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:

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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Director of Catechesis and
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
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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, DECEMBER 4
6:00 pm (Vigil) Rose Ann
Sharbel (D)
8:00 am For the Christians in the
Middle East
12 pm Sal & Annamarie Brancaccio
6:00 pm John Pagnotta, Antonio
Pagnotta, & Pino Pagnotta (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 am Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 pm Mitzi H. Drew (D)
6:00 pm James Burke (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
12:10 pm Anthony Torrusio (D)
6:00 pm Brother Christopher
McCabe, o.p. (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
12:10 pm Mary & John Scurzi (D)
6:00 pm John Patrick Foye (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:00 am Luoise & Charles
Buckley (D)
12:10 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
8:00 am Mary Cunningham
Luby (D)
12:10 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, &
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
6:00 pm Claude Toussaint (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
8:00 am Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
4:00 pm (Vigil) Eileen Donovan
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Josefina C. Hernandez (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Michael Costello

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:00 am Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, o.p. (D)
5:15 pm Ana Maria Lauria

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich
5:15 pm For the Deceased members
of the Supan Family (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:00 am David Johnson
5:15 pm John Lynch (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, o.p. (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
9:00 am Mary Padovano (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Maggie Heath, Rev.
Chris Johnson, O.P., Helen Johnson,
Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, Anthony
Mendola, Maria Guillen de Ribone,
& Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Richard Eustace Parker
Bowles, Edgar Brandau, Bradford
Meckel, Rosemarie Morace, Leonina
Santacroce, Archangel Sebastian,
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,
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the
Hospital for Special Surgery, and
Rockefeller University Hospital.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l);
Edward C. Perry (d); Florence A.
Schwede (d); For the People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor; Intention
of Donor; Special Intention

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

Advent Wreath
1) Jack Ryan Keegan
2) Mercedes

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this bulletin you will find two financial reports. These tell you the story of the last fiscal year, September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016, for our two former parishes of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena.

These reports have been compiled by our Business Manager, Lee Ann Rubino, and our accountant, Lani Cosme. Each report has also been reviewed by the Finance Council of the appropriate former parish.

Each report represents years of effort by the Finance Councils, Pastors, and Administrators of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer Parishes to bring ordinary income and expenses into line with each other. In both cases the story is of great progress toward real solvency through the practice of careful stewardship. For the news these reports give we are indebted to many people.

For the first time in many years St. Vincent Ferrer had an operating surplus, and this includes significant expenses for retirement and severance. St. Catherine of Siena had an operating deficit cut by more than half from the previous year. In this effort both parishes relied on donations that supplemented the offertory. Worthy of note is the significant amount of money raised by the HELP (St. Catherine) and Operating Deficit (St. Vincent) Collections.

Our current financial posture has evolved significantly from that portrayed in these reports. We have unified the parish administration with one Business Manager, one Music Director, one body of paid singers, and one Religious Education Coordinator. Further, the combining of the Mass schedule has meant that we no longer have two distinct worshipping congregations. From now on it will be more important to look at finances in terms of one revenue stream and one set of expenses.

Once again, let me thank the men and women who have so generously taken on the stewardship of parish finance, and called us to discipline and courage in the handling of financial resources. This is a debt we cannot repay except by thanks, and a gift to be reaped by future generations of the parish.

We will now need to provide for the administration of the unified resources of our parish. More information about this project will come to you in these pages in the weeks ahead.

Advent Peace!



Fr. Walter

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

December 2 - 4

Parish Christmas Fair
December 2
December 3 - 4

12 PM - 4 PM
9 AM - 8 PM

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Dominic Hall

continued.

December 4 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 à 8* and Jacobus Clemens non Papa *Ego flos campi à 7*.

December 10

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

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

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

December 17

Advent Lessons and Carols	7:30 PM	St. Catherine of Siena
		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*

Family Mass and Coffee	10 AM	St. Catherine of Siena
		Music of Tomás Luis de Victoria, Cristóbal de Morales, and Francisco Guerrero at the Solemn Mass
Parish Vespers	5:30 PM	St. Vincent Ferrer

December 19

Reconciliation Monday	4 - 8 PM	Confessions heard in both churches
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FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Would you believeanother request!!!!!!

TOYS (unwrapped) for young children and GIFT CARDS (\$25) for pre-teens for the New York Common Pantry to distribute. Please turn in items before December 13 to the Parish Office.

As usual, and again and again, MANY THANKS in advance for your generosity

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 Wetzel, the Director of Music, at jwetzel@svsc.info or (412) 951-7441.

ANGELICA CHOIR

Angelica Women's Chamber Choir, directed by Marie Caruso, presents a December concert, "Sweet Was the Song," in New York City. The program celebrates Yuletide with medieval, renaissance, and contemporary selections, including music from the Cistercian convent of Las Huelgas de Burgos in Spain, and the Benedictine convent of St. Mary-on-the-Hill in Chester, England. The group will also sing Francisco Guerrero's "Gabriel Archangelus," as well as contemporary works by Stephen Caracciolo, William Hawley, and Joan Szymko.

Please join Angelica, a group hailed for its "perfect blend" and "beautiful, transcendent sound," at this upcoming concert:

Date: Sunday, December 18th, 3:00 PM

Location: Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, 869 Lexington Ave. at E. 66th St., NYC 10065

Suggested Donation: \$20; \$10 seniors & students. Tickets sold at the door.

**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.

COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Regular Offertory: \$10,575
Human Development: \$4,387
Attendance: 1254



**THE PARISH OF
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******* REMINDER *******

**The Act of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ
through Mary**

Takes place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, 8 December 2016, after the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 East 68th Street, New York. Father Walter will lead us in praying the Act of Total Consecration.



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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.

FACING ILLNESS *and* DARING to HOPE

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

*For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh,
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,
and opened the way to eternal salvation,
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty
and all is at last made manifest,
we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise
in which we now dare to hope.*

THESE WORDS ARE TAKEN from Preface I of Advent, which begins the Eucharistic Prayer of the Catholic Mass from the First Sunday of Advent until December 16. In the Roman Missal, this preface is subtitled, “The two comings of Christ.” Praying this prayer, we are situated in between those two comings. We gratefully recall “his first coming” and hopefully look forward to “when he comes again.” We remember how, in his first coming, Christ “fulfilled the design” that the Father “formed long ago.” Remembering God’s faithfulness in that first coming, we have renewed confidence that, “when he comes again in glory and majesty,” Christ will again – once and for all – fulfill the “great promise in which we now dare to hope.”

What is that “great promise”? Here are just a few of the New Testament tests that answer that question:

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matt 25:34)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. (John 6:54)

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

The victor shall inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son. (Rev 21:7)

GOD’S “GREAT PROMISE” TO US is eternal life, happiness in His kingdom, beatific vision. We are made for God: to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, to share in His life, and to live in His kingdom. This is God’s great promise; this is our great hope. But why must we “dare to hope” in this great promise? “Daring” suggests something difficult. It suggests

that there are obstacles that threaten to impede our hope and turn us to despair. What might those obstacles be?

ONE OBSTACLE IS OUR OWN INABILITY to achieve what we hope for. By our own power, we cannot attain eternal happiness. Hoping to “inherit the great promise,” therefore, requires faith that God is able to give us what we are unable to acquire for ourselves. It also requires trust that God will be faithful, that His love will be steadfast, and that He will give to us what He has promised to give. Another obstacle to hoping in God’s great promise is the experience of illness.

ILLNESS CAN TEMPT US TO DESPAIR. The Advent preface calls us to a hope for the future that is rooted in the saving events of the past. Illness can make past and present seem bleak and the future hopeless. In the face of serious, debilitating, even life-threatening illness, God might seem absent. Prayers seem to have gone unanswered. What God has done in the past seems to offer little hope for what God might do in the future.

IT IS ONE THING TO FEEL the sorrow, grief, and apparent God-forsakenness that can result from illness. It is another thing to despair. Jesus himself heard the silence of what seemed like unanswered prayer and experienced the torture of what felt like abandonment. *My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me (Matt 26:38-39). My God, my God, why have you forsaken me (Matt 27:46)?* Yet his faith and trust remained firm. The prayer that began with, *let this cup pass from me*, ended with, *not as I will, but as you will*. Psalm 22, which Jesus starts reciting on the cross, ends with hope-filled praise. Jesus experienced human sorrow and grief in full measure, but his feelings could never undercut his faith or cause him to lose hope in the promise of his heavenly Father.

IN THE FACE OF ILLNESS, Christians dare to hope. We know that God is faithful. God has been faithful to His promises in the past, God is faithful in His pledge to remain with us in the present, and God will be faithful to His great promise for our future. Illness can be devastating. It robs us of our health. It can even rob us of our mortal lives. But nothing, not even the worst of illnesses, *will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:39).*

Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord (Ps 31:25).