



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

CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER: 869 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10065

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December 25, 2016 — The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. They will be open Tuesday–Friday both weeks.

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 not be celebrated on the evening of December 25. They will resume on 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.

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.

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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2016-17

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Low Mass

St. Vincent 8 AM

St. Catherine 9 AM

Low Vigil Mass - The Solemnity of Mary

St. Catherine 4 PM

Sung Vigil Mass - The Solemnity of Mary

St. Vincent 6 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Low Mass

8 AM

St. Vincent

High Mass

10 AM

St. Catherine

Solemn Mass

12 NOON

St. Vincent

Sung Mass

5 PM

St. Catherine

Sung Mass

6 PM

St. Vincent

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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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. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

Deacon John M. Powers

Lee Ann Rubino
Business Manager

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Director of Music and Organist

Lisa Harrelson
Director of Catechesis and
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
Administrative Assistant

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Receptionist

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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER

HIGH SCHOOL

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ST. JUDE

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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, DECEMBER 25
6:00 pm (Vigil) No Announced Mass
8:00 am No Announced Mass
10:00 am No Announced Mass
12 pm No Announced Mass
6:00 pm **No Mass**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm For the Living &
Deceased members of the Gorski
Family
6:00 pm For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm Anna Schwede (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm Alice & William
Monahan (D)
6:00 pm Noreen Vall (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm For the Moreno-Paganelli
Families
6:00 pm Mary Catherine
Murray (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm Frank Jordan (D)
6:00 pm Richard & Frances
Reynolds (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:00 am Christmas Novena

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
4:00 pm (Vigil) No Announced Mass
12:00 am (Vigil) No Announced
Mass
10:00 am No Announced Mass
5:00 pm **No Mass**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Susing Cagaanan (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:00 am Catherine & Philip Lord
5:15 pm Peter J. Patirnostio (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:00 am Margaret Mintz
5:15 pm John Smith (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 am Patrick O'Brien
5:15 pm Angel Smith

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Rodolfo Cotto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:00 am Theresa Quinn

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Peter Gimbel,
Isabel Gondres, Maggie Heath, 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 Edgar Brandau, Erin Brenner,
Robin Craddock, Francisca Garcia,
Lloyd Garcia, Rosemary Lapin,
Bradford Meckel, RoseMarie Morace,
& Archangel Sebastian, and the souls
of all our recently deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the
dying, and their families in Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the
Hospital for Special Surgery, and
Rockefeller University Hospital.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Lamps
Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Living &
Deceased members of the McGovern
Family; William J. Schwede, Sr. (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) Patricia Stinsman (d)
- 3) John Downey (d)
- 4) Mary Wilson (d)
- 5) Elizabeth Donnelly (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.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas serves up a feast of preaching in which the words of clergy figure only as a side dish. Consider how eloquently the music of the season ponders the mystery of the Incarnation: Christmas carols join play to doctrinal sophistication, saucing instruction with delight. Think too of how adroitly the creche persuades with its wordless oratory.

Each of us also preach Christ as we make our love tangible to people in the gifts we select, wrap, and deliver. In our decorated homes our loved ones find welcome and safety, and from our abundant tables they derive well-being that will carry them through winter. By card, call, or computer we put new life into old relationships. In all of this activity we echo the message of the Christmas Gospel.

Without words the Christ child tells us we are as safe in the Father's care as He is in Mary's. As we extend ourselves this Christmas we show this promise to be reliable as a basis for living in the present.

If you are visiting our parish we hope that you find evidence in our celebrations that the Incarnation of the Lord continues to inspire and shape people in our time.

In what we hear and say, give and receive; in how we welcome and are welcomed, may we experience the most eloquent of seasons.

Merry Christmas.



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

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

VISITATION CIRCLE'S 5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 17th, the Visitation Circle celebrated the milestone of its 5th Annual Christmas Party in the parlors of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory. The priory's magnificent Christmas tree raised everyone's holiday spirits, with all enjoying the party lunch, desserts and sparkling wine. The convivial afternoon gathering, capped by Christmas carolling, closed an active year of monthly fellowship and events in this parish program dedicated to serving single, widowed and divorced women - modeled on the friendship between the Blessed Mother and her cousin, St. Elizabeth.

Our thanks to Father Walter for his ongoing support of our program. The monthly fellowship is complemented by a calendar of local social and cultural activities. Our next Mass and coffee gathering will be on Saturday, February 4, 2017. To receive an invitation, please leave your name and email address with the parish office.

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 (gamac612@gmail.com), Jessica Edgecomb (Jessica_Edgecomb@nymc.edu).

COLLECTION

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Regular Offertory: \$13,643

Attendance: 1104

Christmas Prayer for Peace

Let us pray that strength and
courage abundant be given to each of us
as we work together to heal and renew our world where
human dignity, freedom, and human flourishing prevail.



That the good that is in our hearts may day by day be magnified
and generously shared with others especially the unwanted and
unloved in our midst and those who have no place to call home;



That each of us will come to see more clearly not that which
divides us, but that which unites us;



That each hour and day may bring us closer to a greater understanding
and mutual respect for one another, not of one against another;



That the true spirit of this Christmas Season, the Commemoration of the Birth of Jesus, its joy,
its beauty, its hope, and above all His abiding love of every person who has ever been born,
may live within each of us and to those entrusted to our care;



That the blessings of peace be ours, the peace to build and grow,
to care and to comfort one another with compassion, to live in harmony
and humility with those with ideas and dreams different than our own, of age, color,
ethnicity, gender, religious beliefs, and lifestyle, so that we might pray, live
and work together and to plan our future with confidence. Amen.



*“Let us make our way to Bethlehem and look earnestly upon this Word,
which has been made flesh, the immense God who has been made a little
Child”* (Gueric of Igny, Christmas Sermons)

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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SHARING *the* CHRISTMAS GIFT

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

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING. It is the celebration of the greatest gift of all: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us at his birth on Christmas day. One of the ways we celebrate that great gift is by the giving and receiving of lesser gifts.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING can take different forms and give rise to different kinds of anticipation. Children look forward to receiving gifts on Christmas morning. They long for this most joyful and wonderful day of the year with such intensity that time seems to be in slow motion, as if that longed-for day might never arrive. Parents might also look forward to receiving gifts. For them, however, the anticipation of Christmas is more centered on the giving of gifts. How many shopping days do I have left? Will everything be ready in time? These kinds of anxious thoughts make time seem to move in fast forward, as if the long-prepared-for day were closing in like a trap. But parents also experience the joyful anticipation of seeing the happiness on the faces of their children as they open their gifts and are filled with the wonder and gratitude that pervade that joyful day.

AS WE MATURE, Christmas becomes less and less about receiving and more and more about giving. In a similar way, Christmas gift giving becomes less and less about the material gifts that we exchange and more and more about the love with which we exchange them. Most profoundly, Christmas gift giving becomes less and less about the gifts we exchange with each other and more and more about the gift we have all received from God: the gift of the Incarnation of Jesus, by which God has entered into our world as a helpless little child in order to save us from sin and fill with new life, new hope and lasting joy. This is the real gift of Christmas. This is the gift that invests every Christmas gift with meaning and stands behind every expression of love.

CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT the gift of the Christ Child, our newborn savior and king. But even though the gift we receive for Christmas is God in the flesh, Christmas is not just about receiving. As Jesus said when he was sending his disciples on mission, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matt 10:8). We receive at Christmas the gift of the Jesus' birth. We receive this as a free gift from God at no cost to ourselves. What can we give in response to the one who literally has everything? How can we give in a way that reflects God's gracious gift to us?

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE RIGHT ANSWER to these questions. Perhaps the best answer is that our giving in response to God's gift to us takes the form of thanksgiving. We do this most especially at the Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist, a word that means "thanksgiving." On Christmas Eve, and again on Christmas Day, we come together to give thanks to God in our solemn and joy filled Eucharistic celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Giving back to God in this way is a vital and necessary part of responding to His Christmas gift. Still, Jesus' instruction to give without cost was less about giving back to him and more about extending his gifts to others. We give in this way when we share with others the gifts the Lord has given us. We do this by giving gifts to our families and friends in the spirit of love that Christ shows to us. We also do this by giving to those in need.

JESUS TELLS US THAT GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED is a way that we can imitate the love of God. He says, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and . . . lend expecting nothing back" (Luke 6:30-35). In that way, we can "be merciful, just as [our] Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

THERE ARE MANY WAYS in which we can extend our Christmas giving to those in need. There is no shortage of needy people in our world. There are also many worthy charities to which one might contribute. In the way that seems best to you and in to the extent possible for you, I hope you will make giving to the needy an important part of your gift giving at Christmas and throughout every new year. In that way, you will give in the way you have received from God: without cost, without repayment, with the mercy of the Father who, in giving us his Son, has shown us the greatest of all mercies.

AS YOU THINK AND PRAY about how you can give to those in need, I commend to you a group of people whose needs are particularly dire: those who suffer illness, whether in health care facilities or in their homes. You can give these brothers and sisters of yours the gift of your prayers, your time, and your love. Perhaps you have special talents or training that you can put at their service. Or maybe you have the ability to give them the gift of the Eucharist by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In whatever way you give, you will discover in the giving of yourself to your sick brothers and sisters, the deeper meaning of Christmas. In this way, you can make your whole life a time of giving.