



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

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January 8, 2017 — The Epiphany of the Lord

EPIPHANY PARISH COFFEE

Join us for an Festive Epiphany Parish Coffee today, Sunday, January 8 after the 12:00 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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

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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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

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Director of Music and Organist

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Director of Catechesis and
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
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 8
6:00 pm (Vigil) Joseph & Albert
Sharbel (D)
8:00 am Patricia Keegan (D)
12 pm For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm Gabriella Sargenti
Lofaro (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 am Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 pm Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
6:00 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, &
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 am James R. Fay, Sr. (D)
12:10 pm Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Mary Greason (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm James Pecci, Sr. (D)
6:00 pm Mary O'Brien Heller (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
8:00 am Mirta Novoa (D)
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Emma Ver Reyes (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 am Charles Kelley (D)
12:10 pm Patricia, Richard, &
Garrett Keegan (D)
6:00 pm James Pecci, Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00 am Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
4:00 pm (Vigil) Vito & Elizabeth
Irace
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Roni Ronzoni (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Marina Lucido (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00 am Seamus McLaughlin
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, O.P. (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
7:00 am Peggy Curry & Family
5:15 pm Editha Baoguis (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00 am Hannah Kateri Sharp
5:15 pm Bobbie Sabbatini (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, O.P. (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
9:00 am Lily & Dante Cruz

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Peter Gimmel,
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,
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
Fr. Aloysius Budnik; Jane &
Joseph Budnick; Rene Concepcion
(d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez
(l); Joseph Norkiewicz; William J.
Schwede, Jr. (d); For the People of
the Parish;

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.

THE EYES OF MERCY

As we head into a new political era at home, and survey a volatile world beyond our borders I find that my gut response is to hope that other people change in a whole variety of ways. I perceive that my environment would be more healthful at all levels if only others recognized what they need to do, and not do. So long as I stick with this view I retain the luxury of blaming other people, high and low, near and far, for not heeding the obvious. But a far more insightful response comes when I realize that the first step toward world peace and domestic tranquility is for me to become more Christian.

This is why year after year I must celebrate the Epiphany and recognize Christ. For I discover each year that I have only begun to know Him and that He has something new to show me, something that has always been there, but that I have not always been ready to see or hear.

This means that I am always looking at the same surface, and also seeing further into what it reveals. This gets at what God intends by the mystery of the Epiphany, which is to make us able to see through appearances, not as through a facade to an interior, or as through makeup to a real face, but to recognize that what I look at actually discloses the shape of the invisible. In the light of this truth the Infant in the Manger, Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan, and Christ the wedding guest in Cana disclose the mind and plan of God, not once, but continuously.

This year at Epiphany, Christ is showing me the loving gaze He casts on every person: on those who follow Him and those who don't, on those who follow Him without qualification and those for whom life remains complicated. Christ reveals to me that not only is He recognized in the Epiphany, but that He recognizes. If Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist and the Magi, Andrew and Peter, James and John all come to see beyond the surface of Jesus' humanity to recognize the living Word of God, he also sees the depths of each of them.

That gaze beholds the complexity of each one of us, not to analyze it, but to work with it, as at Cana to make fine wine out of water.

I know this gaze to be the secret of Christian vocation. In my work with committed Christians in all states of life I have recognized God doing amazing things with quite ordinary people who have quite ordinary personal issues. I have come to see this as part of the ongoing Epiphany. God shows His power through the human vulnerability that becomes its instrument and vessel.

Here shines new light on the weakness of great people: there are two ways for us to look at it. We can discover their clay feet and write them off, or we can be amazed by what God builds on such a foundation. This change of perspective is a way of becoming more Christian, and it gives an anatomy to mercy. Mercy sees the truth more deeply.

Probably the news will show us the same surfaces in 2017 that it did last year, and probably in our own worlds what we behold will remain constant. But we, living the sacramental life, will not be static and will grow in our potential to recognize in the way we have been recognized.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter".

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

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

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| 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 |



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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.