



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

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January 15, 2017 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for Parish Coffee today, Sunday, January 15 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. Catherine vestibule.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of the federal and state holiday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church offices will also be closed on Monday, January 16th. There will be a regular Mass and confession schedule.

PARISH STUDY: PRAY WITH UNDERSTANDING

The first session of our Spring Parish Study program begins this Tuesday at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. and James Wetzel will give an overview of the outline of the Mass and seasons of the Church year.

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: Votive 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

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

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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
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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 15
6:00 pm (Vigil) Patricia, Richard, & Garrett Keegan (D)
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Bowles, Yerkes, & Williams Families (D)
12 pm Gunnar Eyjolfsson (D)
6:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 pm Robert Mullen (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00 am For the Christians in the Middle-East
12:10 pm Zygmunt Gorski (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
8:00 am Barbara Caspersen (D)
12:10 pm Sophie Kaplon (D)
6:00 pm Salvatore & Joan M. Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
8:00 am Jorge De La Torre (D)
12:10 pm Isabelle Mueller (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
8:00 am Jon William Paulson (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 pm Thomas Francis Foye (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
8:00 am Mary Hoare (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
4:00 pm (Vigil) Letty Dolan
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Marina Lucido (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Cecelia McCormick (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
7:00 am David Johnson (D)
5:15 pm Concetta Ubriaco (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
7:00 am Anthony Firmma (D)
5:15 pm Marcelino Bernardo (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
7:00 am For the Maloney Family
5:15 pm Fr. Fitzsimmons, O.P., Fr. McHenry, O.P., & Fr. Conway, O.P. (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Ellen Skerletts

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
9:00 am Bridie Busher (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Len Bencivenga, Isabel Gondres, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P., Helen Johnson, James Keegan, Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, Anthony Mendola, Maria Guillen de Ribone, Carolyn Wilcher, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Francisca Garcia, Lloyd Garcia, Peter Gimbel, Fr. John McGuire, O.P., Bradford Charles Meckel, Dr. Leslie Wise, & Teerapol Yodsi, 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 (I); Living & Deceased members of the McGovern Family; Edward C. Perry (d); Florence A. Schwede (d); For the People of the Parish; Intention of Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Fr. Walter has invited me to write this bulletin letter so that I can share with you information about two initiatives our parish is undertaking in the coming weeks: our Spring Parish Study program and our parish's events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Parish Study

The Church's liturgy sometimes feels mysterious. On one hand, this is fitting for what is, at heart, a participation in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. On the other hand, when we are mystified by the words and actions employed we can at times be distracted from the task at hand of entering into that Mystery more deeply - mysteries can obscure the Mystery. By learning why the liturgy employs the words and gestures that we encounter from week to week or from day to day, we can enter into the Mass with the conscious and active participation that Church desires for each member of the faithful.

This Spring, our Parish Study program aims to help members of our parish to come to a better understanding of the Mass, so that we may more fully follow St. Paul's exhortation to "pray with understanding" (1 Cor 14:15). Meeting each Tuesday evening in the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Hall from 6:45-7:45 PM, the twelve week class will give an overview of the parts of the Mass that we encounter each week: the "Ordinary of the Mass," which consists of the texts that we recite each week (e.g. the Lord have mercy, Glory to God in the highest, Lamb of God, etc.) and the "Propers of the Mass" which change from week to week (entrance chant, collect, readings, etc.). The class will be taught by me together with our director of music, James Wetzel. Each week we will consider different aspects of the words, actions, and music we encounter in the Mass. Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17, where James and I will give an overview of the Outline of the Mass and the Seasons of the Year, and will continue each Tuesday until April 4. You are most welcome to attend each class or to drop in from time to time as your schedule allows.

In the Middle Ages, an unknown author wrote a treatise on the liturgy called the Liber Quare - the "Book of Why?" In this book, the author posed a series of questions as to "Why" such and such was done in the liturgy. In the spirit of this inquiry, I'd like to invite you to submit your own questions about the liturgy by email to parish@svsc.info or in written form to the Parish Office. James and I can then draw on these specific questions as we prepare our talks over the course of the class sessions.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year, the Catholic Church dedicates the week of January 18-25 to praying for Christian Unity, alongside other Christian churches and communities. Last year, our parish hosted a special series of events to commemorate and participate in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, including a lecture on St. Catherine and St. Vincent in the context of the Western Schism and a Holy Hour for Christian Unity. This year, we'll host another series of events at both churches as well as with our neighbors at St. John Nepomucene. The full schedule can be found on the front page of the bulletin, but I'd like to draw your attention to three special events.

On Thursday, January 19 at St. Vincent Ferrer, we'll celebrate a 6 PM Sung Votive Mass for Christian Unity followed by a 7 PM lecture on Christian Unity and Evangelization by Dr. Christopher Ruddy. Dr. Ruddy was one of my professors at Catholic University of America during my graduate studies in Washington, DC, and he is a man of great wisdom and insight into the nature of the Church and the mystery of Christian unity. His talk will draw on the seminal text of John 17, focusing on the phrase "That The World May Believe," signaling the relation in the mind of Christ between the unity of Christians and the effectiveness of their participation in Christ's mission of evangelization.

On Friday, January 20 at St. Vincent Ferrer, we'll host an evening of Lutheran - Catholic Prayer, focused on the theme of music and Christian unity. Pastor Gregory Fryer of Immanuel Lutheran Church will speak on music in the Lutheran tradition, while I will speak on music in the Catholic tradition. In addition, we'll have the chance to hear beautiful organ music from Lutheran and Catholic composers played by James Wetzel.

On Monday, January 23, we'll celebrate a 5:15 PM Sung Votive Mass for Giving Thanks for the Gift of Human Life at St. Catherine of Siena, followed by a 7 PM Orthodox - Catholic Prayer service at St. John Nepomucene. The latter event will include a talk by Sr. Virginia Joy, one of the Sisters of Life at the Visitation Mission on 71st Street, as well as a talk by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America. These events will be a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for the gifts of unity and life, and ask him to make us instruments of hope and healing in the midst of the difficulties we and our society experience in these areas.

Yours in the unity of Christ,

Fr. Innocent Smith, OP

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (ccc). Your support will help CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSFD meets on the third Thursday of each month for approximately two hours, directly after attending the 6:00 PM parish Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer Church (meeting in Parish Center, street level left of Priory stairs). Dominican Laity share deeply the spiritual charisms of the Dominican Order while remaining in the lay state. More information is available at <http://www.laydominicans.com>.

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima Portugal. On May 13, 2017, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a special Mass, Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please save the date! For more information visit: <https://archnyc.org/events/100th-anniversary-of-our-lady-of-fatima>

"A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BERRIGAN, S.J., AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THOMAS MERTON"

NYC Thomas Merton Society will reinforce non-violence as a path to social justice in "A Tribute to Daniel Berrigan, S.J., and His Relationship to Thomas Merton".

Rev. John Dear, internationally recognized voice for peace and nonviolence, priest, retreat leader and author, will reflect on Fr. Berrigan's significance for the Church, the nation and the world, and what Thomas Merton meant to him personally. Gordon Oyer, author of *Pursuing the Spiritual Roots of Protest*, will recount the 1964 retreat Thomas Merton hosted at Gethsemani Abbey for 13 peace and civil rights activists including Merton's friend Fr. Berrigan. It will take place on Saturday, January 28, from 2 - 4 PM at Corpus Christi Church (529 West 121st Street, NYC).

FRASSATI MISSION TRIP

Join the Frassati Fellowship of NYC for an 11-day mission trip to Lima, Peru, August 3 -13, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$2000. We will serve the community of Laderas de Chillón where we will build homes, visit the sick and homebound, celebrate Mass with the people and share in the lives of the community. After our time in Laderas, we will spend a day visiting and serving at Hogar Francisco de Asís, a home for sick and destitute children. Our last day will be spent with a city tour of Lima with Mass at the national cathedral and visits to the convents of St. Dominic and St. Francis where relics of St. Martin de Porres and St. Rose of Lima are housed.

Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from JFK, in-land transportation, meals and accommodations
- Mass and Holy Hour each day
- Priests for Confession and spiritual direction

Non-refundable deposit of \$450 is due February 9. Second payment of \$775 is due April 6. Remaining balance of \$775 is due May 18.

For more information, contact us at missions@frassati.nyc.

COLLECTION

DECEMBER 25, 2016

Regular Offertory:
\$198,123

JANUARY 1, 2017

Regular Offertory:
\$14,149

JANUARY 8, 2017

Regular Offertory:
\$14,850

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



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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES *in* HEALTH CARE: MAKING *the* BEST DECISIONS

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

HAVING CONSIDERED THE TOPIC of advanced directives in health care in general, and the kinds of directives that can be made, let us draw some practical conclusions about what is to be done and when. Are there directives you should be making now, in advance of serious illness or injury? Are there directives you are better off postponing until you are diagnosed with serious illness or affected by serious injury? What are you to do?

Do Nothing?

DOING NOTHING IS A DECISION YOU CAN MAKE. If you do not make any directives about your health care in advance, and you become unable to make decisions about your own health care, a surrogate decision maker will be appointed. According to New York State law, that person would be (in order of priority): your legal guardian, your spouse or domestic partner, an adult child, a parent, an adult sibling, or a close friend. Most other U.S. states have similar laws. If you trust your spouse, adult children, or other default legal surrogates to understand your values and preferences and to be able to make good decisions on your behalf, doing nothing might not be such a bad decision. However, there are many reasons why designating a health care proxy could be a better decision.

Designate a Health Care Proxy?

BY DESIGNATING A HEALTH CARE PROXY, you can ensure that, if you are unable to decide for yourself, the person making health care decisions on your behalf is someone you trust to do that well. Your designated proxy (a.k.a. “agent,” “surrogate,” “power of attorney”) will only be able to act on your behalf when you are incapacitated. When your proxy is empowered to act, that person can generally make all the health care decisions you would otherwise make for yourself. You can also designate one or more alternate proxies in case the first person or persons you designate are unable to assume that role. In addition to ensuring that your proxy is someone you trust, designating a health care proxy can give your loved ones clarity about who will have final decision making responsibility, which could help to prevent confusion or conflict.

IT IS IMPORTANT that your health care proxy have a clear understanding of your values and preferences. Perhaps the person you designate already knows you well and understands your wishes. Nevertheless, it is always good to speak with your

proxy about the kinds of health care decisions that might need to be made. Some of those decisions, at least for Catholic Christians, have to do with what is always right and wrong. For example, we always want to have ordinary life sustaining care and we never want to do anything intended to cause death. Other decisions have to do with legitimate preferences. For example, you might not want to be resuscitated when you are terminally ill, or you might want to donate organs after your death, or be buried in a particular cemetery. These are the kinds of things you should talk your health care proxy about. They are also the kinds of things you might include in a living will.

Make a Living Will?

BY MAKING A LIVING WILL, you can indicate your preferences in a written document that has legal force. A living will can be a good way to ensure your wishes are carried out, but it can also lead to unintended wrongdoing. A directive written in advance of being carried out is incapable of accounting for the circumstances of the present. A written document can also be subject to conflicting interpretations. A term like, “quality of life,” for example, might mean one thing to you and something else to the doctor who interprets your living will. Making a living will can be good, but you have to be careful to designate your preferences in such a way that they will not be misapplied. You should be even more cautious about designating health care preferences in a POLST form, since those preferences would take the form of doctor’s orders to be applied in unforeseen circumstances. For these reasons, designating a health care proxy is generally a much better way of giving advanced directives about your health care than communicating your preferences in writing.

Helpful Resources

THE RESOURCES I MOST HIGHLY RECOMMEND regarding advanced directives and end-of-life decisions in general are:

1. “Now and at the Hour of Our Death: *Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making*,” which includes an excellent video as well as state-by-state resources, and can be found at catholicendoflife.org
2. “A Catholic Guide of End-of-Life Decisions,” which can be ordered or printed from ncbcenter.org