



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

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January 22, 2017 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017

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

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, January 22, there will be a second collection to help the parish's Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your support.

FOOD SUNDAY

Money for the NY Common Pantry will be collected this weekend at all Masses of our Parish.

The Pantry can buy food in bulk at a lower cost. So please do donate money in place of the food. Whatever amount you choose to give will be put to good use feeding the hungry.

PARISH STUDY: PRAY WITH UNDERSTANDING

The first session of our Spring Parish Study program continues this Tuesday at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. will speak on the Dominican Tradition and the Liturgy of the Church.

PURGATORIAL CANDLES

St. Catherine's remembers our deceased with a weekly Mass celebrated at 7 AM on Friday for those who have been enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. In conjunction with these remembrances, we have restored 6 Requiem candlesticks, which allows the burning of memorial candles for our beloved dead. These candles are now available for \$10 each, and can be arranged through the parish office.

VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle invites single, widowed and divorced women of our parish to the next meeting on Saturday, February 4. The program will begin at the Rosary Altar at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary. This is followed by Mass at 12 NOON. A coffee gathering and meeting immediately follow in the priory parlors.

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. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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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 22
6:00 pm (Vigil) Walter Fitzgerald (D)
8:00 am Jayne Wrightsman
12 pm Christina Zuckermann (D)
6:00 pm Edward C. Perry (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
8:00 am Paul C. McKenna, O.P. (D)
12:10 pm Peter Diamond (D)
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 pm Natalie P. O'Brien (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
8:00 am Louise & Richard Buckley (D)
12:10 pm Lucille Hickey (D)
6:00 pm Anna & Philip Donohoe (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
8:00 am Jayne Wrightsman
12:10 pm Fr. Raymond C. Finn, O.P. (D)
6:00 pm In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
8:00 am Claro Avendanio (D)
12:10 pm Rose Malcolm (D)
6:00 pm Fr. William Gannon, O.P. (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
8:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
4:00 pm (Vigil) Letty Dolan
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Emma Morales (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
7:00 am Annette de la Renta (D)
5:15 pm Angelito Abrera (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
7:00 am Alice Kilkee (D)
5:15 pm Frank Skerletts

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00 am Michael McMahan (D)
5:15 pm Nedy Eliqzo (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Raul Calvo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
9:00 am Shaun, Arlene, Angeline, Teo Lian Koon Special Intentions

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Hank Fins, 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
Tom Clestavo; Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Robert D. Lubash (d); Anthony Mortelliti; Robert J. Schwede (l); For the People of the Parish

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Margaret Mintz

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 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

“The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §820).

It is easy to ignore the divisions that have rent the Church; they have become so much a part of the experience of Christians that their continued presence seems unremarkable. When we call to mind Christ’s fervent prayer at the Last Supper that His disciples may be one, however, we begin to realize that our composure in the face of division and misunderstanding is unwarranted. Christ wills that we should be One, and the Holy Spirit calls us to work and pray for that unity.

How can we respond to this call to work for the unity of Christians? The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us several helpful areas to consider: “This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue” (§164).

Conversion of heart means striving to live out more deeply the holiness to which we are called by means of our baptism, to avoid letting our own unfaithfulness to Christ scandalize others.

By praying for unity, we unite our prayers to those of Christ for the unity of the Church; we join ourselves to the Holy Spirit who is the one who unifies and sanctifies the Church. When we pray together with Christians of other churches or communities, we manifest an aspect of the unity we already share, while still acknowledging the ever expanding unity to which we are called.

Fraternal knowledge of each other, whether achieved through simply spending time with those of other traditions or through more formal ecclesial encounters, enables the banishment of simple prejudice. While doctrinal divisions may still remain, fraternal knowledge reminds us of the good will shared by those who may disagree with us, even on important matters, and at times gives those we encounter a chance to overcome their own overly simple notions of Catholic beliefs and practices. The unity to which we are ultimately called is the unity of the whole human race, united in God; fraternal encounters promote on a human and supernatural level this ultimate unity.

Theological dialogue, when pursued with a sense of realism and good will by those who are already well grounded in their own traditions, helps to distinguish between divisive issues that are merely a result of historical misunderstanding and those which are in fact deeply rooted in divergent interpretations of the Christian faith. By engaging in serious and charitable dialogue, the authentic positions of various groups becomes more clear, and steps may be taken which can help alleviate certain ongoing divisions or misunderstandings.

“The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity” (Compendium, §161).

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may we work and pray that all Christians may become more fully rooted in the unity of the Trinity, One God, forever and ever!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Innocent Smith, OP

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSO 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://archny.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.

SIGN UP NOW!

ONLINE FAITH FORMATION COURSES

The Archdiocese of New York and Fordham University have partnered to offer new online courses for those in parish ministry and those who simply wish to learn more about their faith. Courses which are: **Relevant** to contemporary people, **Convenient** for busy schedules, and **Faithful** to the Church.

For a limited time, these courses are being offered for FREE! To learn more and sign up visit www.nycatholicfaith.org/learn.

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Loyola Grammar School - 48 East 84th Street. Sponsored by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Register in advance at: <http://tinyurl.com/SocietySVdPGives>. Reference group code 06239. Walk-ins are welcome. For questions regarding medical eligibility, call 800-688-0900.

Eat well and drink fluids before donating. No tattoos for the past twelve months. Bring photo ID and your donor card if have one.

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