



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

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February 19, 2017 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAMILY COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation today, Sunday, February 19 after the 10 AM Mass in the St. Catherine of Siena Vestibule.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Presidents' Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th. There will be a regular Mass and confession schedule.

PARISH STUDY: PRAY WITH UNDERSTANDING

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 Propers of the Mass.

MARDI GRAS - SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Mardi Gras Party, with buffet dinner, music, and raffles, will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at 6:30 PM, in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. Tickets for the party can be purchased for \$30 per person for adults in advance (through February 20, and \$40 after, and at the door). To encourage our parish families this year, a Family Ticket (for 2 adults and up to 4 children of any age) can be purchased for \$50, only available through February 20. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses beginning this weekend, as well as in the Parish Office at St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's during the week. Please join us for what will surely be a fun-filled evening!

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

On Monday, February 27 at 7 PM, the monthly New York Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer in the Dominican Rite.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be imposed at all of the Parish's masses. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer will be at 8 AM (Solemn), 10 AM (Sung), 12:10 PM (Low), and 6 PM (Solemn). Masses at St. Catherine of Siena will be at 7 AM (Low), 1 PM (Sung), and 5:15 PM (Low). Ashes will also be imposed before the 7:30 PM Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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.

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

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
411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065
Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

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Vicar

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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, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 pm (Vigil) Mary DeFranca (D)

8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)

12 pm Luke Matthew Brown (D)

6:00 pm Nancy & Luke A.

Foye, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 pm Elizabeth M. Yerkes (D)

6:00 pm Robert William Surrey (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am For Christians in the
Middle East

12:10 pm Mary Hoare (D)

6:00 pm Dr. Leslie Wise (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 am Sr. Judith Savard, RSHM (D)

12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)

6:00 pm Salvatore & Joan M.
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 am Kathleen Redmond (D)

12:10 pm In Thanksgiving

6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 am Anna Warszawska (D)

12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)

6:00 pm John O'Neil (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am John Valickas, Sr. (D)

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:00 pm (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude

5:00 pm Norman Jackowski (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph

5:15 pm Patrick J. Maguire (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 am Peter Damiami (D)

5:15 pm Marco Tulio Guzman (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 am Alexander S. Regala (D)

5:15 pm Mary Lajnak (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 am For the Holy Souls in
Purgatory (D)

5:15 pm Rufina C. Hernandez (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)

5:15 pm James Connon Meehan (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Nilda Inghirami

PARISH PRAYER**INTENTIONS***Contact the Parish Office to add a
name to this list*

Len Bencivenga, Joseph Cannistraci,
Joseph Robert Cusimano, Maria
Gruziano, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P.,
Helen Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, John
Kelly, Anthony Mendola, Maria
Guillen de Ribone, Anchalee Sae-
Lim, Wasinee Wannapahul, & Aquila
Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Fr. Lararus Augustine, Matthew
Martinez, Margartet Mintz, Rita
Mountain, Mildred Moscarello,
Sophia Stainton, & 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

Tom Chestaro; Rene Concepcion
(d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez
(l); Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Anthony
Mortelliti; William J. Schwede, Jr.
(d); For the People of the Parish

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna

Our Lady of Mercy & Immigrants &
Refugees

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.*

TO BE A PART OF

I write to you from San Francisco, where I have snatched a few days of vacation before the annual Council meeting of our Association of Cloistered Nuns. You may remember that I moonlight as their advisor. Yesterday (Sunday) I walked from Union Square through the neighborhoods of the city to the Golden Gate Bridge. Then I crossed the bridge to Marin County and walked to the charming, bayside town of Sausalito, from which I returned to San Francisco by ferry. A head-clearing and a visual banquet all in one!

One of the many delectable courses the walk served up to me was the approach to the bridge. The pedestrian approaches it by walking alongside the Crissy Field Wetlands and then climbing a wooded hill. The journey yields vista after vista of the bridge in its setting at the majestic break in the coastal hills that gives San Francisco Bay its entrance. What struck me as I walked, and later as I studied the pictures I took, was the essential unity of what I saw. The bridge, as a marvel of human design and construction, has so bonded with the water and hills of the Golden Gate as to become a unified composition.

The bridge does not dominate its setting by excessive monumentality, nor does it detract from it by artless utility of construction. I would go so far as to say that the bridge enhances its place. The advent of the bridge has made the Golden Gate even more of a gate.

No doubt, countless walkers before me have perceived this synergy of art and nature, and a similar epiphany has come to me walking in Central Park, where I view the architectural ranges on each side as enhancing the landscape. Where this harmony occurs there is not only beauty but comfort. Both settings visibly uplift thousands of people at a time, and make them feel at home. Neither the Golden Gate Bridge, nor Central Park is content to be gawked at, they both demand to be made use of, for transit, for exercise, for interpersonal conversation, and for personal space.

It strikes me that these two wonders, the park and the bridge, have something to teach me. Their timeless appeal gives them credibility as icons of the good life. They invite me to consider how I relate to my own setting, as a place, and as a landscape of relationships. I ponder that by my demeanor, deportment, or dress I may either detract, overwhelm, or enhance my context. Of course I will not insert myself successfully if I fail to perceive either myself or the context, but I will not even undertake the effort if my goal is not to be part of rather than the center of.

The Golden Gate Bridge does not exist as a monument to a person or an event, its genesis lies in being of service to the human community by addressing a fundamental issue of transportation. It is there and taking up space because it needs to be there for the economy and social connection of the Bay Area and the West Coast. But it remains remarkable because the community expended the resources to meet a need with the artistry and the diligence, indeed sacrifice, of human labor. The art of the bridge does not exceed the purpose of the bridge, but ennobles it. Commerce and society make crossing the bridge a necessity but by its design the bridge imparts dignity and beauty to the tasks it enables.

Those who practice ministry, or indeed any public service, sooner or later come to grips with the truth that they are servants of the experience of other people. In the work of the Liturgy, we priests work with many others to serve communal and personal interaction with God, and this truth applies in the public realm of the Mass, and in the intimacy of the confessional.

Over and over again we face the challenge of not making ourselves the point, and of not overwhelming the experience. But the proper response to this challenge is not to be a cypher. We fail in our role if, by pomposity or clownishness, we demand attention, and take it away from the real work of worship. On the other hand we received a vocation to ordained life so that we might use our God given talents and temperament to serve worship through the synergy we establish with our companions at that moment. Since we are human, and not steel, our engagement with our context will fluctuate from day to day and evolve from year to year.

The one constant, as a demand and as an art, is that one is present as a contributor. This serves God's purpose of making our transit through this life noble and beautiful in expectation of what lies upon the other shore.

Peace!



Fr. Walter

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSF meets on the third Thursday of each month for approximately two hours, directly after attending the 6 PM parish Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer Church (meeting in the Parish Center, at street level, to the left of the 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>.

MASS FOR COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS DURING 2017

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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.

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.

COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,508

Attendance: 1042

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP GIVEAWAY

The Archdiocese of New York's Family Life Respect Life Office is excited to announce that as part of World Marriage Week, we are offering 100 free codes for married couples to take the Catholic Couple Checkup!

What is the Catholic Couple Checkup?

The Catholic Couple Checkup is an online tool designed to identify the unique relationship strengths and growth areas of dating, engaged, or married couples. Research has shown this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding, and empowering couples. It's an enjoyable, easy, private way to take the temperature of your relationship and start some meaningful conversations. Best of all...it's on us!

Visit nyfamilylife.org during the month of February to get your free code. Don't miss out - the free codes are first come, first serve! For questions or further information, contact Izabella Nagle at izabella.nagle@archny.org.

THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died by any cause - no matter how long ago - the Family Life Respect Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique, faith-based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents offered by grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope. Join us at one of the following Emmaus Ministry Catholic retreats now being offered in the Archdiocese of New York.

St. Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Church of the Magdalene

525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills,
Tarrytown, NY 10591
Saturday, April 1, 2017


Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

Scholarships are available

To register online go to: www.emfgp.org/archny
Or, contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator, Parenting and Family Life Education at susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191.

"WISDOM OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS" LECTURE

On Saturday, March 4th, Fr. James Brent, O.P. will teach the final installment of this year's 'Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas' at the NYU Catholic Center. The topic is "The Presence of God: The Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas & the Witness of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity." Mass will be at 12 PM, followed by refreshments at 12:30 PM. The first lecture at 1 PM and the second at 2:30 PM. Register online at www.thomisticinstitute.org.



The Parish of
St. Vincent Ferrer
& St. Catherine of Siena

Saturday,
February 25 • 6:30 pm

Parish Mardi Gras Party

Buffet Dinner • Music • Raffles
Fun for the Whole Family

St. Dominic Hall
at the Church of
St. Catherine of Siena

**KIDS
FREE**

Individual Ticket:
\$30pp on or before 2/20
or \$40pp after 2/20

Family Ticket:
\$50 (2 adults and up to 4 kids)

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

HUMANS and DEATH: *the SECULAR, the SCIENTIST, the SUICIDE, and the SAINT*

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

IN THE EYES OF GOD, death is the negation of the life He created. Death is permitted as a consequence of sin, but only so God might destroy sin and death in and through Jesus Christ. What is death in our eyes? In what follows, I would like to examine four characteristic human responses to that question: those of the secular, the scientist, the suicide, and the saint.

The Secular

THE SECULAR RESPONSE TO DEATH is to ignore it as much as possible. "Secular" means "worldly" or "of this age." A secular society is not necessarily atheistic. In contemporary American society, most people profess belief in God. But I think it is safe to say that our society is predominantly secular, focusing its interests and energies on this world without much consideration of a world to come. In such a society, death, which Christians and other people of faith consider a passage between this world and the world to come, is devoid of any positive meaning. So we ignore it as best we can.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, however to ignore death all together. Death remains a fact of life. The secular response to death's persistent intrusion upon this world is to relegate it to specialists and insulate it from the wider world. Death becomes the business of hospice nurses and morticians, confined as far as possible to hospital rooms and funeral homes. To be sure, those professions and institutions are good and needed. What I do not think good are the ways in which such specializations insulate the reality of death from the thoughts and experiences of most people. When we have to deal with death or think about it, then we can focus our interests and energies on this world only.

The Scientist

THE SCIENTIFIC RESPONSE TO DEATH is to find ways to prevent it. This is a prevalent response to death in our society, which, in itself, is unquestionably good. We support scientific research through private donations and government funding. We participate in charity events to support experimentation aimed at curing cancer and treating life threatening diseases. We request, in lieu of flowers, that donations be given to support scientific research aimed at curing the disease that brought about the death of a loved one. In all of those ways and more, our society turns to science as a way of preventing death.

THE SCIENTIFIC RESPONSE TO DEATH aims to prevent it by controlling it. We seek to marshal the human resources of science and technology in order to defeat death. In this way, we

try to subject death to our power, to bring it under our control. But what do we do when death will not be subjected and evades our control? Do we regard death as the ultimate enemy and so persist in fighting against it at all costs? If we do, our aims will be shortsighted and even our victories will amount to varying degrees of defeat.

The Suicide

THE SUICIDAL RESPONSE TO DEATH is to cause it as a way of controlling it. The suicide, recognizing his powerlessness to defeat death or to prevent its sometimes painful and debilitating onset, asserts his power to deal death. He cannot control death by preventing it, so he controls death by inflicting it.

THE MOTIVES OF THE SUICIDE may be good: the avoidance of pain or a burdensome, debilitated form of life. He may also be afflicted with mental illness or influenced by external pressures that limit his freedom of his choice. Nevertheless, whether wittingly or not, the suicide treats death as something to be brought about, not something to be defeated. From a theological perspective, we might conclude that the death dealing impulse of the suicide is opposite to the life giving purpose of God.

The Saint

THE SAINTLY RESPONSE TO DEATH is to prepare for it. The saint does not avoid thinking and talking about the reality of her inevitable death. Contemplative monks and nuns are not known for being chatty, but one of the things they traditionally say to each other is "remember your death." The saint sees death as the culmination of life, the moment when she commends her spirit to God. For the saint, death is not something to fear but something to prepare for with hopeful anticipation.

THE SAINT RECOGNIZES that her life and her death are in God's hands and trusts God to make her life and her death beautiful and holy. The saint sees her life as meaningful even when she suffers, is debilitated, or faces the certainty of dying. Indeed, she sees her life as having a special meaning at these times, because those are the times when she can enter most fully into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. She joyfully accepts that part of her preparation for death may involve her bodily participation in the suffering of her Lord.