



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

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## March 12, 2017 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, March 12, 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 next weekend, March 19, 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

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 Readings of the Mass.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be no Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 17. Stations of the Cross will continue Friday, March 24, the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent after the evening Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer (6 PM) and St. Catherine of Siena (5:15 PM).

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

The Solemnity of St. Patrick will be celebrated on Friday, March 17, at St. Vincent Ferrer with a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM. There will be no Stations of the Cross that evening.

### LECTOR'S RETREAT

The retreat for Lectors will be on Saturday, March 25 at 10 AM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena.

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted (CCL, Nos. 1251 – 1252).

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

## 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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Office Hours: Monday–Friday:  
9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

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411 East 68<sup>th</sup> 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

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Director of Catechesis and  
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller  
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Sr. Padraic Mary McGuinness, OP  
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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks  
Church Custodian

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

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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](http://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](mailto:lharrelson@svsc.info)).

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson ([lharrelson@svsc.info](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.svsc.info).

### YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit [www.frassati.nyc](http://www.frassati.nyc).

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12  
6:00 pm (Vigil) Aidan Conroy & Family  
8:00 am For the deceased members of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams Families (D)  
12 pm For the People of the Parish  
6:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kellner

MONDAY, MARCH 13  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 pm Charles & Marjorie Barrett (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14  
8:00 am Angelina Finguerra  
12:10 pm Owen Smyth (D)  
6:00 pm Patricia, Richard, & Garrett Keegan (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15  
8:00 am Rose & Andrew Memrele  
12:10 pm Mary & Edward Lynagh (D)  
6:00 pm Salvatore & Joan M. Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16  
8:00 am Helen Sadlowski & Mariusz Yakimowicz (D)  
12:10 pm Mark Flesher (D)  
6:00 pm For the deceased members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
8:00 am William C. Cunningham, SJ (D)  
12:10 pm Ann Marcianti & Margaret DeFazio (D)  
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 18  
8:00 am Chad Hilton (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12  
4:00 pm (Vigil) Nick Romano (D)  
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm Josephine Corti (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 13  
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 pm Julie Perdomo (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14  
7:00 am Julia Monaco (D)  
5:15 pm Tranquilino Madamba (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15  
7:00 am Leonardo L. Salud (D)  
5:15 pm Marina Lucido & Maria Cecelia Punzalan (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16  
7:00 am Patric Bohan (D)  
5:15 pm Francis Xavier Devanney (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 pm For the deceased of St. Catherine's Church (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 18  
9:00 am Arnold Gamusaran (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Nancy Falconer, Caroline Grant, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P., Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, Anthony Mendola, Marie Dolores Rivera, Yuri Yeom, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bishop Martin, Donna Martinez, Charlene Payne, Ann Peabody, Fr. Oswald Reyes, & Nicholas Romanelli, 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 Chestario (d); Richard J. Corallo (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Edward C. Perry (d); Joseph Sabo; Robert J. Schwede (d)

*St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna*  
Sonia Simoes

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

*St. Catherine - Mary Candle*  
Priscilla Ventigan

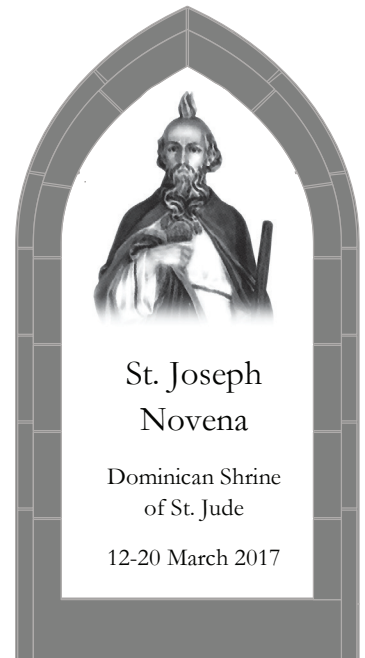
*Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.*

## ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Let me invite you to lend your spiritual energy to an important work of prayer. Each year, as winter yields to spring, our Shrine of St. Jude celebrates a novena of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 20. This year we are seeking his prayers for our loved ones who no longer practice their faith.

We honor St. Joseph as husband of Mary, and as Patron of the Universal Church. Appointed to pray for the whole church, Joseph surely will not neglect those of her members who are far from her life. Ever since he became the most intimate companion of Jesus and Mary, Joseph has kept safe God's beloved. He loved as his own those who were not his own and so demonstrated a way of loving - opened up to us by our baptism.

God draws that love out of us by showing us people to care for. In the conventional way of things we do this by presenting the faith. With our children, our students, and our parishioners we seek to share our faith as well as we might. We count it a precious blessing when those we have loved in this way make the faith their own so that its practice becomes their happiness.



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Yet sometimes our lavish outlay of care seems to go for naught, and even years of exposure to church life do not connect people to the faith in such a way that they make it their own. Thousands upon thousands of people were "raised Catholic" and never got it. How do we respond to them? Are we indignant, or wrathful? Do we dismiss or threaten?

An alternative is to let pain and disappointment open up a deeper way of loving. Such a love will demand two things. First, it will mean showing people how much joy we have in the practice of our faith. Second, that we actively entrust them to God's love. This will mean praying for those who are alienated from God and living without the Gospel. As we pray in this way, we grow in faith ourselves, for we discern if God chooses to make our prayer of intercession effective in His plan.

Mass will be offered each day for your intentions, starting on March 12 and culminating in our celebration of the Solemnity on March 20. Please make use of the envelopes in both churches to inform us of your intentions. Please know that the Friars in our community, and our parishioners will be joining you in nine days of pleading for the healing of Christ's body in the world.

Take advantage of this solemn novena, invoking his prayer for yourself and for your family members, those who need St. Joseph's intercession to find their way back to church. Just as St. Joseph provided for the needs of Mary and of our Redeemer, he will intercede for you, your family and your needs.

Lenten Peace!



Fr. Walter

### FRASSATI SPRING RETREAT

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in the Frassati Spring Retreat from April 7-9 at the Sisters of Life Retreat Center in Stamford, CT. There are still spots available for men and for women who are first-time attendees. Please visit [cometothefeast.eventbrite.com](http://cometothefeast.eventbrite.com) for details and to register.

### LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSM 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.

### 63<sup>RD</sup> U.S. NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE LOURDES, FRANCE

Father Joseph Allen, O.P. invites you to join him on the 63<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Joseph.Allen@opeast.org) or the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: Toll Free: 1-877-276-7279, email: [lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net](mailto:lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net), website: [www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com](http://www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com). The deadline for reservations is March 15, 2017.

## COLLECTION

MARCH 5, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$16,091

Attendance: 1202

Ash Wednesday: \$6,150

Attendance: 1331

### 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](http://www.nycatholicfaith.org/learn).

### 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.

#### 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](http://www.emfgp.org/archny)  
Or, contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator, Parenting and Family Life Education at [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or (646) 794-3191.

### SAVE THE DATE

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>.

### PURGATORIAL CANDLES

The 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.



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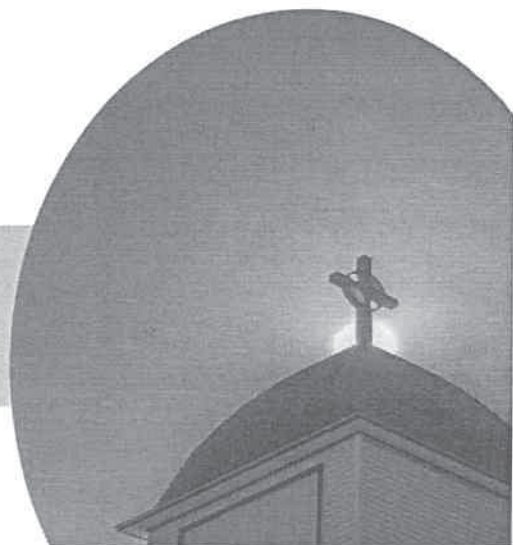
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## *Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care*

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

### LENTEN PENANCE: SUFFERING *in UNION with* CHRIST

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

Throughout the forty days of Lent, the Church invites us to practice penance by praying, fasting, and giving alms. As the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (see Matt 6:1-6, 16-18) reminds us, that penance is not meant to be a matter of merely external observances, but is to proceed from a true conversion of heart that our outward observances are meant to express. Conversion of heart leads us to joy and the fulfillment of God's loving purpose for our lives. For sinners like ourselves, however, conversion of heart also involves suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Conversion of heart is accompanied by salutary pain and sadness" (CCC 1431). That is because, "It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him" (CCC 1432). It is that interior suffering that we express outwardly in our penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Acts of penance express the sorrow for sin that is the fruit of the conversion of our hearts. Acts of penance are also ways that we seek to make satisfaction for our sins, to make amends for the ways in which our sins have caused harm to others and to ourselves. Making satisfaction for sin through penance, however, is not something we do by ourselves. Jesus is the one who has atoned for the sins of the world and our acts of penance are only efficacious through his grace and in union with his sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus' saving sacrifice is all sufficient for the redemption of the world and the atonement of the world's sin. The only thing that is lacking in the suffering of Christ is our participation in it. It is in this way that we are to understand the words of Saint Paul: "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24). It is not as though Jesus needs our suffering because his suffering wasn't enough; it is that Jesus invites us to suffer with him so that we can participate in his work of salvation.

Penance is a way in which we share in Jesus' own sorrow for our sins and the sins of the world. Recall Jesus' words in the garden of Gethsemane: "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." Jesus suffered agony as he prepared to take upon himself the weight of the world's sin and he invited his disciples to share that agony with him. When we

do penance, that's what we are doing. We are sharing in Jesus' suffering. What is more, we are sharing in the purpose of Jesus' suffering: the redemption and expiation of sin that Jesus accomplished for the sake of his body, which is the Church. By our penance we participate in the saving sacrifice of Jesus that atones for our sins and the sins of the world.

The penitential practices that we adopt in the season of Lent are voluntary acts of self-denial. They help to unite us with Christ and with his saving passion. But they are not the most important forms of penance. More important than the penances we willingly impose upon ourselves are the sufferings that are imposed on us against our will, but which we willingly accept and offer to God as penance. Penance, as the Catechism says, "can consist of prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear" (CCC 1460).

In the hospitals served by Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York, I frequently hear the confessions of patients who are suffering from serious illnesses, invasive surgeries, and aggressive treatments. Part of the celebration of that sacrament includes the imposition of a penance. And while I may ask patients to say an "Our Father" or "Hail Mary" when they have a moment of peace, I always tell them that the most meaningful penance that they will be doing is to endure their suffering patiently in union with Christ.

In our observance of the season of Lent, we are invited to do the same: to endure the suffering and pain that comes our way and to make of it a penitential offering to God in union with Jesus, who suffered torture and death for the forgiveness of our sins. Whatever sorrow is ours to bear, let us bear it as an expression of our sorrow for our sins, offering it in union with Christ, who, for our sake, was "sorrowful even to death." Not least, let us remember our brothers and sisters who suffer physical pain and mental anguish that is often far beyond the measure of our own suffering. Let us pray for them and fast and sacrifice and practice self-denial on their behalf. Let us pray that their suffering may be alleviated and that the suffering that they must endure they may endure with patience and in union with Jesus. In his name and through his cross, may the sorrow and suffering that is theirs and ours "produce good fruit as evidence of repentance" (Luke 3:8).