



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

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March 26, 2017 — 4th Sunday in Lent

SECOND COLLECTION

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

The New York Purgatorial Society will have its monthly Sung Mass at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer on Monday, March 27 at 7 PM.

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. and James Wetzel will speak on the Prayers over the Gifts and Prefaces of the Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will continue this Friday, March 31. The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday of Lent after the evening Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer (6 PM) and St. Catherine of Siena (5:15 PM).

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 2, is Reconciliation Sunday. Confessions will be heard during all Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena.

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend April 2 after the NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Parlors.

DOMINICAN RITE MASS FOR ST. VINCENT FERRER

On April 5, 2017 at 7 PM, a Solemn Dominican Rite Mass will be offered in commemoration of St. Vincent Ferrer.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Please join us on Saturday, April 1 at 9 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer for our Parish Lenten Retreat. If you would like to join us please contact the Parish Office at (212) 744-2080.

REFLECTION ON THE TRIDUUM

On Tuesday, April 11, following the 5:15 Mass in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena the Parish will host a simple supper and reflection on the liturgies of the Triduum. Please contact the Parish Office at (212) 744-2080 so that we can plan properly.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parish has recently launched a new Facebook page to help spread the word about special liturgies, talks, and social events at the Parish. To find the page, search @StVincentAndStCatherine within Facebook.

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
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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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Youth Ministry

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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, MARCH 26
6:00 pm (Vigil) Miguel Angel
Cevallos Vazquez (D)
8:00 am Raquel Taton (D)
12 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Lydia Ogaldez (D)
6:00 pm Excelina Rodriguez Viuda
de Lesmes (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
8:00 am Michael & Sophie
Tobin (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 pm For the Souls in
Purgatory (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
8:00 am Sean O'Dwyer (D)
12:10 pm Mary Greason (D)
6:00 pm Frances & Richard
Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 am Vincent Cannariato, Jr. (D)
12:10 pm Daniel & Hannah
O'Donovan (D)
6:00 pm Kathleen McKeon (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
8:00 am Richard & Gilbert
Rodriguez (D)
12:10 pm Margaret Sullivan (D)
6:00 pm Susan Benton (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
8:00 am Joseph Harnach, Jr. (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
4:00 pm (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Edward Peter Giamo (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Anne Kelly

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
7:00 am Margaret Mintz (D)
5:15 pm Fr. George Concordio &
Fr. Thaddeus Murphy (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
7:00 am Gloria Palmer (D)
5:15 pm Natalie Frankowski (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
7:00 am Eleanor & George
Hawkins (D)
5:15 pm Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Thomas M. O'Connor (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
9:00 am Marion Mangan (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, Marie-Louise
Leschallas, Anthony Mendola, Marie
Dolores Rivera, Yuri Yeom, & Aquila
Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Elizabeth Fonduras, Shea Johnson,
Bishop Martin, Donna Martinez,
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
Elizabeth Donnelly (d); Patrick &
Agnes Donoghue (d); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Edward C.
Perry (d); Anna Schwede (d); For
the People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor

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.

EASTER IN LENT

When you read these lines Easter will be on the horizon at three weeks' distance. For me winter has flown and three weeks of Lent have evaporated. Our absorbing politics no doubt greased the wheels of time. The newsfeed on the phone has delivered almost hourly fascinations and amazements. Of course at some point the preoccupation with events ceases to be productive. Now is the time to deal with this. I realize that to enter into Holy Week and Easter I need to challenge the compelling power of the news. Spiritual convention says to shut off the information and focus on the cross and empty tomb. But perhaps I give the events of Holy Week their full power by using them as a most accurate lens through which to perceive the events of the time. I move beyond seeking a refuge to finding a response.

Holy Week celebrates not only the truth of eternity but its victory. That means we not only remember its past effect but access its current power. The Resurrection gives us power to hope in Heaven, but also the capacity to see beyond what is not heavenward in this life. The resurrection currently has more power than whatever intimidates, shames, belittles, or manipulates.

It will be timely to use our Parish Lenten Retreat to draw on the present power of eternal life so that we have the serenity to be peaceful in ourselves and a heaven in our times.

Please join us on Saturday, April 1, at St. Vincent Ferrer to ponder

Easter in Lent

Christ's Resurrection as power for serene living now

Schedule	9 AM	Welcome
	9:45	Conference
	10:15	Shared silence
	10:45	Conference
	11:15	Stations of the Cross
	Noon	Mass of Our Lady in Lent

If you would like to join us, please call Rachel at (212) 744-2080, just so that we can plan.

Holy Week will give us an opportunity to look further into the lived reality of the Resurrection. For some years now we have gathered on the Tuesday of Holy Week for a simple supper and reflection that gives new insight into the familiar liturgies of the Triduum. This year Holy Tuesday falls on April 11.

We will gather in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's after the 5:15 Mass. Together we will make a study of the beautiful Chapter 21 of St. John's Gospel, in which unfolds an extended encounter between the Risen Lord and His disciples, it is a passage which teaches us much about how Jesus has equipped us with distinct means to now live a life shaped by Resurrection.

For the evening, St. Dominic's Hall will be our own Upper Room.

So that we can plan properly please call Rachel Miller at (212) 744-2080 if you would like to join us.

I hope that both of these events will afford us a significant pause before the intensity of the Triduum.

May this second half of Lent give you a deep longing for the Easter 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 for details and to register.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 22.

The pilgrimage costs \$50. The bus will leave from in front of Citibank at 68th Street and 1st Avenue at 7:30 AM sharp! Participants should dress warmly and bring an umbrella and food.

To register or receive more information please contact Arlene at (917) 533-6531 or the St. Catherine Office at (212) 988-8300. Jesus, I trust in you!

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 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>.

LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY SEMINAR

Join Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D., Professor of Liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary and Director of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office, for an informative discussion of the history, theology, reforms, and pastoral implementation of the solemn celebration of the Friday of the Passion of the Lord during the Sacred Triduum. The seminar will be held on Friday, March 24 at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. For more information visit <http://nyliturgy.org/workshops/>.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited to the 2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, April 1, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The lineup of speakers includes Mr. Alfred Kelly, CEO of Visa and Director of the 2015 Visit of Pope Francis to New York City; Fr. Jonathan Morris, pastor, author, and media personality; and Mr. Ryan Young, director of the well-renowned Camp Veritas – a youth ministry retreat program. In addition to Mass, there will also be the opportunity to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The theme for the conference is "Faith Every Day."

For more information about the conference and to register, please visit: www.ArchNYMensConference.eventbrite.com.

It is my prayer that your Lent be filled with many graces as we focus our gaze on Jesus Crucified sent for our salvation!

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.

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

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.

COLLECTION

MARCH 19, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,535

Attendance: 1110



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MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

DEATH *with* DIGNITY

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

Proponents of physician-assisted suicide have used the term “death with dignity” to present their cause in a positive way. The Catholic Church uses the word “dignity” to articulate the exact opposite view about assisted suicide. According to the Church’s official teaching, “An act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator” (CCC 2277).

The word “dignity” is used in very different ways and assigned very different meanings by those on opposite sides of contemporary disputes about the morality and legality of assisted suicide. “Human dignity” is cited by the Catholic Church as a reason to oppose assisted suicide. The Church uses this phrase frequently when presenting its teachings on the immorality of intentionally harming or destroying innocent human beings. Human “dignity” has a definite meaning in this context, a meaning that is rooted in a Christian anthropology, which is to say, a Christian understanding of what a human being is and what human life is for.

A Catholic Christian anthropology proceeds from the understanding that human life is a gift. As human beings, we are who we are because of how God has made us. We are, as the Bible says, “wonderfully made” (Ps 139:14), unique among the beings of earth in our understanding and freedom. The human being’s unique status (human exceptionalism, if you will) is expressed in many ways in the creation accounts in the Book of Genesis. There, God declares, “Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness” (Gen 1:26). The Book of Genesis later states, “The Lord God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life” (Gen 2:7). Uniquely created in God’s image and after God’s likeness, human beings have a value and dignity surpassing all other beings on earth. Gifted with God’s breath of life, human beings are endowed with unique spiritual souls.

According to this Christian anthropology, human dignity is expressed and manifested by its characteristically human activities. Human understanding and free will are especially God-like capacities that show forth the God-imagining quality of the human soul. However – and this is a crucial point – a human being is not accorded dignity because she can

demonstrate her humanity through those activities. A human being is accorded dignity simply because she is human. God gives His breath of life to every human being. As human beings, our dignity is based on who we are and the unique and wonderful way in which God has made us. It does not depend on whether or in what degree we are currently able to express our humanity through characteristic activities.

Consequent upon this understanding of human beings and human dignity is the Christian notion of human inviolability. Because human beings have the dignity of being God’s image-bearing creatures, human life ought not be violated. This is expressed retributively in God’s words to Noah: “Anyone who sheds the blood of a human being, by a human being shall that one’s blood be shed; for in the image of God have human beings been made” (Gen 9:6). It is expressed more famously in the commandment God issued through Moses: “You shall not kill” (Ex 20:13). Because human beings have the dignity of being made in God’s image, the human being should not be killed.

In contrast to this Christian anthropology is the anthropology in which it is possible to call assisted suicide “death with dignity.” According to this way of thinking, “dignity” is a quality that a human being may or may not possess. To say assisted suicide enables “death with dignity,” implies that, if a person is not made able to kill himself, he might suffer and die without dignity. Dignity, so understood, is not something that human beings possess by virtue of being human. Dignity is accorded to human beings based on what is judged to be their quality of life. A person’s dignity thus depends on his ability to function in characteristically human ways: to think and choose and be a productive member of society.

Those who promote “death with dignity” imply that the lives of those who suffer terminal illness may not be dignified or have worth. The Catholic Christian view is that human dignity is the inalienable possession of every human person whom God has created in His image. The dignity of the dying person is not lessened by the condition of her health. God has gifted her with His breath of life and God will never revoke that gift.