



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

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March 5, 2017 — 1st Sunday in Lent

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation today, March 5 after the 12:00 Noon Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 12, there will be a second collection to help the parish's Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your support.

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 Collects of the Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Continuing this Friday, March 10, 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.

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.

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.

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
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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, MARCH 5
6:00 pm (Vigil) Albina Belardinelli (D)
8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
12 pm Leucadia O'Neil (D)
6:00 pm Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 6
8:00 am Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)
12:10 pm Concepcion De La Cruz
6:00 pm Eileen O'Keefe (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
8:00 am Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 pm Sr. Josita Marie Ogaldez
6:00 pm Charles & Marjorie Barrett (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
8:00 am St. Vincent Ferrer
12:10 pm Yvonne Brandt
6:00 pm Rev. Joseph J. McEvoy, sj (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)
6:00 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, & Fracis Egan O'Brien (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
8:00 am Etna & Martin Conroy
12:10 pm Herman & Wilhelmina Schwede (D)
6:00 pm Margarita Ortiz (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
8:00 am Dr. Rafael Urquia (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
4:00 pm (Vigil) Mr. & Mrs. Paul Romano (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 6
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Gene Reichardt (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
7:00 am Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, OP (D)
5:15 pm Luis Perez (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
7:00 am Helen Catlen (D)
5:15 pm Candell Family, Jose & Matthew (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
7:00 am Richard Overguard (D)
5:15 pm Fred Pantojas (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Bill Peffley

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
9:00 am Lorenzo Celiz

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bishop Martin, Rita Mountain, Mildred Moscarello, Charlene Payne, Ann Peabody, Fr. Oswald Reyes, & Sophia Stainton, 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
Rene Concepcion (d); Aidan Conroy & Family (l); Etna & Martin Conroy (l); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Raymond J. Schwede (l); Margaret Williams (d); Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan (l)

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.

DEDICATION

If you are reading this, you probably received “your ashes” a few days ago, and you became thereby a public penitent. An essential part of our Christian practice is the admission that we do not live up to our own teaching, and this is because Jesus did not give the kind of straightforward, easily-mastered morality that would allow us to celebrate proficiency. The law of Jesus is less a code of behavior than a preparation for being with God, and so it is a work never finished.

If we take Christ’s teaching as a dynamic practice and not as static legislation, then we will perceive spurs to growth more often and more deeply. To opened eyes, moments of ordinary life mete out inspiration and challenge all at the same time. Recently my own trajectory of awareness has focused on dedication, and I have been invited to ponder how ordinary people set themselves to a task beyond their self-interest, with as much energy and focus as if it were.

In my seventh year as Pastor, the dedication of parish volunteers still amazes and humbles me. Last Saturday evening we celebrated an elegantly and lovingly executed Mardi Gras. From beginning to end, the evening was parishioner dreamed and driven, and the success of the evening flowed from equal parts talent and grit, all of it contributed. So at 11 PM I am watching people in their good clothes hauling loaded garbage bags and mopping floors, all the while smiling, and I am thinking to myself, “this is the real face of Christ in the world.” Perhaps this is an ordinary part of parish life, but I find it an amazing testimony to the power which the Gospel has to re-orient life. I cite the example of one event, but it typifies happenings I see all the time, but will not attempt to list for fear of omission. The vitality of the living Church flows from what God does with the leisure time parishioners dedicate (oblate) to Him

We set this contributed generosity alongside Christ’s own self-gift in the offering of each parish Mass. But also resting there on the altar is the dedication people have to their “day jobs.” With each passing year I am more aware of the self-donation people bring to their work.

On Friday of last week, I stopped by the Waldorf-Astoria for a last good-bye before it closed on March 1 for a three-year renovation and conversion. During my visit I spoke with a desk clerk, a white-gloved bell captain, a host, and a waiter. Even with their jobs set to end in a few days’ time, each of these people showed smiling attentiveness to hotel guests and to strays like me. (The New York Post reported that the closure of the Waldorf will put 1,441 people out of work.) In them I encountered nothing perfunctory, resigned, or even fatigued. How much sense of self these people have: they maintained their own standards to the end. These are people who valued their work, which made their work valuable.

I bring these two vignettes to the beginning of Lent and recognize how they invite me to dedication as a way of life. Lent brings me once again to the Sermon on the Mount, the great text of the dedicated person. Here, Jesus as the “New Moses” shows me my own capacity for an ever-widening circle of availability, generosity, and focus. Each year He seems to show me a horizon of growth I could not have imagined the year before. Chapters 5-7 of St. Matthew’s Gospel will definitely repay the effort of a reading at the outset of this holy season.

The mechanics of becoming more dedicated consist in connecting more and more aspects of life directly to the Gospel and of segregating fewer parts from it. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving work powerful effects in us when ordered to this purpose. They reveal that each of us has a need to grow, but also a longing to grow. When allowed to surface, this desire for holiness gives the most eloquent of testimonies that Christ is present in the world, and at work in us.

In a world of shouting, we offer a true witness when we live as those who seek.

Lenten Peace.



Fr. Walter

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 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.

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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.

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.emfsgp.org/archny
Or, contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator, Parenting and Family Life Education at 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>.

CORRECTION

The 6:00 PM Mass on Monday, February 27, at St. Vincent Ferrer was said for the repose of the soul of Nell Logan-Evans Thomas.

COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$11,735
Attendance: 1049

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,069
Operating Deficit: \$6,287
Food Sunday: \$1,369
Attendance: 1029



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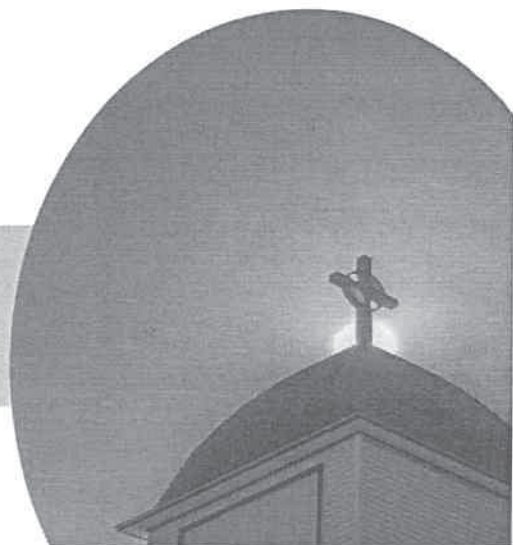
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LENTEN PENANCE: SUFFERING *in UNION with CHRIST*

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).