



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

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April 2, 2017 — 5th Sunday in Lent

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

Today, 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 today, April 2 after the NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Parlors.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, Sunday, April 2, there will be a second Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services.

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 STUDY: PRAY WITH UNDERSTANDING

Our Spring Parish Study program concludes this Tuesday at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. James Wetzel will speak on motets and hymns used at Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered for the final time this Lent on Friday, April 7 after the evening Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer (6 PM) and St. Catherine of Siena (5:15 PM).

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, April 10, confessions will be available from 3 pm - 9 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena for those who would like to receive the great gift of God's mercy.

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 soup 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.

***The Schedule for Palm Sunday and Holy Week can be found on page 6 of this bulletin.**

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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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
Vicar

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Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

Deacon John M. Powers

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Director of Catechesis and
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Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

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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, APRIL 2
6:00 pm (Vigil) Rafael & Angela
Rosa Ortiz (D)
8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
12 pm Charles H. Drew (D)
6:00 pm Maria Gadioma

MONDAY, APRIL 3
8:00 am Charles Formosa (D)
12:10 pm Patricia Harper (D)
6:00 pm Victor Hugo Cevallos
Soastti (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Concepcion G.
De La Cruz
6:00 pm Patricia, Richard, & Garrett
Keegan (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
8:00 am James J. & Irene M.
Clarke (D)
12:10 pm Alice Monahan (D)
6:00 pm Charles Formosa (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
8:00 am Ann McCooey Driscoll (D)
12:10 pm James Folster
6:00 pm Anne Peabody (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
8:00 am Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Dr. Paul Russo

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
8:00 am Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
4:00 pm (Vigil) Yola Wilczak (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 3
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Fr. George Concoria &
Fr. Thaddeus Murphy (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
7:00 am Eugene Martin (D)
5:15 pm Rosalee & Pat Kearny

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
7:00 am Angelo Scalise (D)
5:15 pm Ricardo Abella (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7:00 am Anna Foti (D)
5:15 pm Kathleen & Eugene
McElroy

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Augusta & Robert
Quinn (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
9:00 am Maria Szwajgler

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, Marie-Louise Leschallas, Terry
Lorinio, Anthony Mendola, Marie
Dolores Rivera, Yuri Yeom, & Aquila
Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Elizabeth Fonduras, Shea Johnson,
Donna Martinez, & 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
Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan
Keegan (l); Anthony Mortelliti;
William J. Schwede, Jr. (d); For the
People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jackie Piraquire

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.

PASSIONTIDE

Tomorrow, Monday, April 3 opens a new phase in the Lenten cycle which we call "Passiontide." The liturgical focus now shifts from moral conversion to a contemplation of the suffering and death of Jesus. At Mass every day this week you will hear a distinctive Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer. Each Mass contains such a preface, and it indicates the particular reason for which we give thanks at a given Eucharist. It is worth noting we take the stance of gratitude at every Mass, even when we commemorate something as terrible as the Suffering (Passion) and Death of the Lord. The preface reads as follows:

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God.

For through the saving Passion of your Son
the whole world has received a heart
to confess the infinite power of your majesty,
since by the wondrous power of the Cross
your judgment on the world is now revealed
and the authority of Christ crucified.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks,
as in exultation we acclaim:

Put simply, I am thankful at this time because the Death of Jesus has caused me to perceive the power of God in a particular way. In Passiontide, I recognize His power over power. He has subjugated what has subjugated me.

The Cross channels the human power to dominate. Jesus walks the Via Dolorosa carrying the weight of Imperial Rome, official religion, and the crowd. Each claims control over life, and the three have colluded to "get" Jesus. Jesus Crucified is bound in the place of all those who pay the price for life having the order that someone else thinks it should have. But since we look at the Cross through the lens of the Resurrection we recognize that God has judged all of this power to be futile and responds to it with His own unfailing power to give life. God judges our efforts to dominate, to overawe, and to manipulate to be vain, and yet He loves us and calls to a life beyond such dead stratagems.

By contrast we are amazed by the authority of Jesus who has lost every shred of His own human power, save the power to love which serves for the healing of the rest. We smirk at the idea of love having power but look how it has reoriented our lives. The helplessness of Jesus has transformed our behavior, our thinking, and our longing in a way that no totalitarian or revolutionary could ever dream of. You read these lines not because you are afraid of God, but because you love Him and desire Him.

By the life of the sacraments this perspective of God is now ours. We are equipped by Him to see through, lovingly, the vanities of our own time and to confess that the victory of Jesus is more real than they.

Next Sunday it will be time to acknowledge the power in us of the powerlessness of Christ. On Palm Sunday we walk in procession and confess to the world that Christ's transformation of us has begun, but is incomplete. We celebrate another Holy Week because we need to, and our witness is not our triumph but His.

Consider gathering at St. Catherine's and walking to St. Vincent's next Sunday, April 9, to testify to the one who has the power to keep you in motion toward the highest of goals.

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>.

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://archnyc.org/events/100th-anniversary-of-our-lady-of-fatima>.

COLLECTION

MARCH 26, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$13,280
Catholic Relief Services: \$6,052
Attendance: 1178

MARCH 19, 2017

Food Sunday: \$3,261

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.

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.

"WHY DID JESUS DIE? A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC BELIEFS"

At 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 6, Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP will give a lecture entitled "Why Did Jesus Die? A Short Introduction to Catholic Beliefs." The event will be at Corpus Christi Church in Morningside Heights (529 W 121st St, New York, NY 10027). The lecture is co-sponsored by the Thomistic Institute and Columbia Catholic Ministry.

Fr. Romanus Cessario is a Dominican priest and professor of systematic theology at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, as well as an associate editor of The Thomist and Senior Editor of Magnificat. He has served as a fellow of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas since 1999. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to scholarship, Father Cessario received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology, the highest academic honor of the Order of Preachers, in 2013. Among his numerous works are "Christian Faith and the Theological Life," "A Short History of Thomism," and forthcoming from Fortress Press, "Thomas and the Thomists."

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Holy Week 2017

PALM SUNDAY, April 9

11 AM Blessing of Palms at St. Catherine with
Procession through the streets to St. Vincent for **12 Noon** Solemn Mass

6 PM Saturday (April 8) Sung Vigil Mass,
8 AM Low Mass, **12 NOON** Low Mass,
6 PM Sung Mass - St. Vincent
4 PM Saturday (April 8) Vigil Mass,
10 AM Low Mass, **5 PM** Mass - St. Catherine

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

9 AM: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - St. Vincent & St. Catherine
4:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Catherine
6:30 PM: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Vincent
8:30 PM to Midnight: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository - St. Catherine
11 PM: Compline - St. Catherine

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

9 AM: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - St. Vincent & St. Catherine
12 NOON: Seven Last Words of Christ - St. Catherine
3 PM: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - St. Vincent
5:15 PM: Sung Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - St. Catherine
7 PM: Watch at the Sepulcher - St. Vincent
(Singing of the Lamentations and Compline)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

9 AM: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - St. Vincent & St. Catherine
The Church will close from 12:00 pm until 7 PM
9 PM: Solemn Vigil of Easter - St. Vincent
(This Liturgy lasts approximately 2 hours)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

8 AM Low Mass, **10 AM** Sung Mass
12 NOON Solemn Mass - St. Vincent
10 AM Sung Mass - St. Catherine

**ON EASTER SUNDAY THERE WILL BE
NO EVENING MASSES**



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ASSISTED SUICIDE: *the* WRONG ANSWER *to* REAL PROBLEMS

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

In a recent *Reflection*, I characterized four common attitudes about death as those of “the secular, the scientist, the suicide, and the saint.” I now wish to suggest that the proposals of the suicide are, in large measure, a wrongheaded response to real problems caused by the prevailing secular and scientific attitudes in our society. The right response to those problems is, of course, that of the saint.

Consider the following:

Death was not an end result Eddie’s doctors discussed or I planned for. There were numerous discussions with social workers and discharge planners about preparation for Eddie coming home, but never once was there a discussion about the very real possibility that he could actually die.

Eddie told every doctor who examined him that he knew that he was dying, and that he wanted to be allowed to return to his favorite place on earth – his home – to die peacefully with his wife and four dachsbunds by his side.

As he was wheeled into surgery, the vascular surgeon, who knew Eddie well, stated, “I will see you walking into my clinic three months from now on your prosthesis as if nothing had happened.” Twelve hours later, Eddie was dead.

I was not by my husband’s side when he died, as we had planned. Instead, he died alone, surrounded by machines.¹

These are excerpts from the testimony of a woman unhappy about the way her husband died and frustrated with the medical culture that, as she sees it, prevented her husband from dying in the way he wished. I found her story on the website of the Death with Dignity National Center, a nonprofit that defends and promotes what it calls, “physician-assisted dying.”²

I think this woman’s story bears articulate witness to real problems in our health care system and in our society. We are unable or unwilling to acknowledge the reality of death, even when a person’s death is an immanent likelihood. We are so determined to prevent death that we attempt every possible life-saving treatment and do not stop trying until it is too late for the dying person and his family to prepare for the kind of death they would have wished for.

These problems are characteristic of our secular and scientific society. We cannot or will not acknowledge death because, according to our secular worldview, it leads to nothing meaningful. We think and speak only about our life in this world because, whether theoretically or practically, we do not consider the life of the world to come to be real or to have real value. We are single-mindedly determined to prevent death because, according to our scientific worldview, science and technology should provide solutions to every problem. When they don’t, we perceive it as a failure: not only a failure for the dying person, but for science and for our worldview – failures we strive at any cost to avoid.

The woman who posted her story on the Death with Dignity website rightly identifies problems with the ways our secular and scientific society treats, and fails to treat, dying people. Death is a reality that should be acknowledged and prepared for. Death is not something to be prevented at any cost, but to be accepted and welcomed when the costs of life-sustaining treatments have ceased being reasonable.

Nevertheless, this woman wrongly concludes that the answer to these problems is passing “choice laws . . . that embrace the final wishes of the terminally ill to die on their own terms,” when those terms presumably include “physician-assisted dying.” She is right that we should stop ignoring death and trying to prevent it at any cost. She is wrong to think the way to do that is to plan the ideal settings for our suicides.

The better answer is the saintly answer. Rather than trying to describe it, I will ask you to consider a few more testimonies:

The sisters and staff are like angels on earth. Words can never express the love my brother or our family received during the last few months of his life. God bless Rosary Hill sisters and staff.

The good Dominican nuns provide one on one spiritual and physical assistance to patients . . . What a blessed place!

My brother-in-law received the best possible care {at Rosary Hill} . . . beyond clean, beyond caring staff, beyond allowing the patients to retain their dignity. We were fortunate to have their blessed assistance.³

¹ <https://www.deathwithdignity.org/stories/donna-burke-promise-immortality/>

² <https://www.deathwithdignity.org/about/>

³ <https://www.judysbook.com/BusinessProfile/V2.aspx?id=3501495&PageNum=1&Tab=0>