



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

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April 16, 2017 — Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 17. The offices will open again on Tuesday, April 18.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection taken up on Easter Sunday will be to help meet the expenses of the special music program and flowers for Easter. Envelopes for this collection are available at the entrances of each church.

BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO MASS

On Wednesday, April 19, at 5:15 PM, the Annual Blessed Margaret of Castello Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena.

ST. VINCENT FERRER HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will resume on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, April 23, at 3 PM, Fr. John Devaney, O.P., will lead a Holy Hour with confessions for Divine Mercy Sunday at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. Parish Vespers will be sung at 5:30 PM in the choir stalls at St. Vincent Ferrer with the chant class preceding it at 5 PM.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, April 23, there will be a second collection to help the **Parish's Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

Next weekend, April 23, is **Food Sunday**. We will collect money for the New York Common Food Pantry.

EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR PATRON SAINTS

An Octave of Prayer for our Patron Saints will feature a series of special preachings. We invite you to come to it with your prayer intentions, and we will also have a common intention as a Parish, to pray for a new Pentecost; to ask the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer, that the preaching of our church may truly reach the men and women of this age.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

A Dominican Rite Missa cantata will be offered for the monthly New York Purgatorial Society Requiem Mass at 7 PM on Monday, April 24.

SOLEMN MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

On Friday, April 28 at 6:30 PM, there will be a special Solemn Mass and Procession for the Vigil of St. Catherine of Siena at St. Catherine of Siena. The Schola Cantorum will sing Cristóbal de Morales's *Missa L'homme armé*, Peter Philips' *Beati estis*, and Orlando di Lasso's *Vere Dominus est in loco isto*.

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

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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
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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 16
No Announced Masses

MONDAY, APRIL 17
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 pm Guadalupe Soastti
Aguinaga (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
8:00 am Lily Szule (D)
12:10 pm For the Living &
Deceased members of the
Gorski Family
6:00 pm Michael Lorig (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
8:00 am James R. Fay, Jr. (D)
12:10 pm Pat & Josie
O'Donovan (D)
6:00 pm Eden Mariano (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
8:00 am For the Christians in the
Middle East
12:10 pm Charles Devlin (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
8:00 am Msgr. Edwin V. Hoover (D)
12:10 pm Arnulfo & Luceola
Ortiz (D)
6:00 pm Agnes W. Kammerer &
Judith (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
8:00 am Edward C. Perry (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, APRIL 16
No Announced Masses

MONDAY, APRIL 17
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Eugene Martin (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
7:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, O.P. (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
7:00 am Victoria Corradini
5:15 pm Fr. McHenry, OP,
Fr. Fitzsimmons, OP, &
Fr. Conroy, OP (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
7:00 am Jean Belony
5:15 pm David Johnson (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
9:00 am Joseph Pline (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Adrienne Carhart, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P.,
Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly,
Marie-Louise Leschallas, Terry
Lorinio, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Andrew Chavez, Edith
Cucciniello, Elizabeth Fonduras,
Ethel Garcia, Shea Johnson, &
Ellorine Martinez, 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); Anthony
Mortelliti; Joseph & Angeline Sabo;
Raymond J. Schwede (l); Peter J.
Zacharilla; For the People of the
Parish

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.*

THE EASTER PREACHING

By tradition, "The Lord is Risen," supplants conventional greetings during these days of joy ("He is truly Risen" providing the venerable response.) It is also the first Christian sermon, preached by Mary Magdalene to the Apostles, garnering her the grand title of Apostle to the Apostles (Apostola Apostolorum) and the co-patronage of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). She announced not just a fact, but a life. As He passes through doors and remains unrecognizable to His followers until the Holy Spirit lowers the barrier, Jesus without losing His humanity, has entered upon a new mode of life.

The gospels of the Easter Sundays to follow, six of them leading up to Pentecost, disclose the nature of that life and indicate that through the sacraments we have already begun to share in it. At Mass during the fifty days of Easter we always hear a first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, which chronicles how men and women organized their whole lives around the Resurrection from the moment of Pentecost. Without a word of the New Testament having been written, they become Christians, through Baptism and the Breaking of the Bread, the Teachings of the Apostles and the common life. Peter, Paul, and the other Apostles do not show up throughout the Roman world with a book to talk about, but with a life to share.

The saints who followed them through the ages turn our heads because we perceive in them a life reshaped by the fact of the Resurrection. Two such are the Patrons of our Parish, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer. Both of them are Easter preachers. Like the Apostles, they walked through the world proclaiming the victory of Christ. They did not ground their work in institutions, but claimed the sacramental life as their sustenance. Each of them represents itinerancy, that aspect of life the Dominicans have inherited from the Apostles. They possessed the singular grace of having no real home, but lived lives on the road for the sake of the Gospel. They trod the byways of late Fourteenth and early Fifteenth Century Europe, a world depopulated by the Black Death and sundered by schism. In fearful times they preached from the courage of the Good Shepherd. Each challenged the age prophetically to recover the confidence that comes from Faith.

In the formation of our new parish, we are blessed to have two Patrons who accepted from Christ the gift and challenge of a life in motion. We, ourselves, have been launched into change by the decision of Christ's Church. Our Patrons can teach us much about how to live in these times and preach to these times.

It comes to the Parish as a singular gift to the Parish that our Patrons have feast days so close together. St. Catherine's Day is April 29, while the Order now celebrates St. Vincent on May 5. (His feast in the general calendar is April 5, but Lent and Easter Week too frequently suppress it). This fortunate circumstance allows us to link the two feasts with a festival of prayer. So even today, as we begin the singular Octave of Easter, we will shortly celebrate our own parochial octave of prayer from April 28, the Vigil of St. Catherine, until May 5, the Feast of St. Vincent.

As with the St. Joseph and St. Jude Novenas we have already celebrated during this parish year, this Octave will be facilitated by our Dominican Shrine of St. Jude, and like the St. Jude Novena, this Octave will feature a series of special preachings. We will invite you to come to it with your prayer intentions, and we will also have a common intention as a Parish. This will be to pray for a new Pentecost; to ask the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer, that the preaching of our church may truly reach the men and women of this age.

These days of prayer will figure as the first event in a Jubilee of our own. The Dominican Friars took up their first parochial ministry in New York City in June of 1867, and the current Church of St. Vincent Ferrer was dedicated on May 5 of 1918. This gives a "Holy Year" between the 150th anniversary of our presence in the Archdiocese and the 100th anniversary of St. Vincent Ferrer Church. The Parish Year of 2017-2018 will have this Jubilee as its defining theme.

I believe that for a century and a half, Dominican women and men have undertaken in our city the Easter Preaching, after the pattern of Catherine and Vincent. I hope that our teaching, preaching, and our service in parishes and hospitals have all been a fulfillment of the Risen Lord's greeting, "Peace be with you."

Details on all of the above will follow soon.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter

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://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

APRIL 2, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$16,779
Collection for Military Services:
\$2,155
Attendance: 1236

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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.

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

- Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in parishes, nursing homes, child care agencies, and other institutions that care for the marginalized
- The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve
- Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers

For more information, or to become a Lady of Charity, please contact us.

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FORMED: ONLINE CATHOLIC LEARNING RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of New York has partnered with the online Catholic learning resource website FORMED to provide free access to the website for parishes across the Archdiocese. The website has videos, audio recordings, and books available for streaming and/or download on a variety of topics, including the Bible, the Sacraments, and the Saints. To register, visit www.formed.org and input the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Code: 2ZFMH7.

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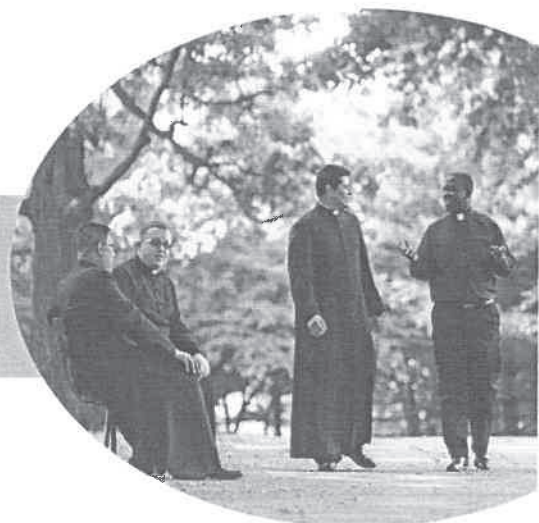
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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

O HAPPY FAULT!

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

On Easter Sunday the Church is full of rejoicing! That rejoicing is expressed in many ways, but never more beautifully than in the *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation, which is sung at the solemn beginning of the Easter Vigil. In the *Exultet*, Mother Church unites with all heaven and earth in exulting with full-throated gladness in the triumph of our mighty King, Christ the Morning Star, *who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on all humanity*. The *Exultet* names multiple causes for rejoicing. We are invited to rejoice that Jesus *wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness... banished the darkness of sin... broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld*. We cry out, *O wonder of your humble care for us... O love, O charity beyond all telling... O truly blessed night!* But amidst these jubilant outbursts, the *Exultet* names something that might not strike us as joyful: *O truly necessary sin of Adam... O happy fault!*

Why is the sin of Adam necessary? Why is the fault of our first parents happy? And why is it named along with all those other reasons for Easter joy? The answers are right in the *Exultet*. It sings, *O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!* The sin of Adam was necessary so that it could be destroyed by the death of Christ. Adam's fault is happy because it necessitated Christ's redemption. The sin of Adam is greeted with jubilation because it created the problem to which Christ's redeeming death and resurrection is the solution. It brought on the disease for which Easter is the cure.

To be sure, the sin of Adam is not itself good. It is not, in itself, a cause for rejoicing. It is, rather, an occasion for good. It is the tragic plot twist that sets the stage for the story's glorious resolution. Our rejoicing is therefore not that Adam sinned, but that, out of Adam's sin, God brought about a greater good. Indeed, in the redeeming death and resurrection of Christ, God brought to humanity a good far greater than the paradise Adam lost by his sin.

Adam's fault is happy because it is the occasion for the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the first and most consequential human sin that, as a sickness calls for a remedy, called forth the greatest and most consequential act of love. Adam's fault is happy because it is a great evil that God turned to even greater good. It shows us how God has turned evil to good in the great story of human salvation that finds its

climax at Easter. It can also show us how God can and does turn evil into good in our own lives.

God allowed the evil of Adam's sin to take place, and God allows evils to take place in our lives as well. Those evils include the harm we do to ourselves through sin, as well as the harms that come to us in the form of persecution, heartbreak, sickness, pain, and loss. God allows those evils, but only in order to bring about greater goods. Just as God did in the case of Adam's sin, so He will do for us. That is the faith that we joyfully profess in the light of Easter. It is the faith articulated by the Apostle Paul when he wrote, "We know all things work for the good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

Sometimes we can see how God turns evil to good, working all for the good of those who love Him. Sometimes we stand at a vantage point from which God's redeeming purposes are visible. That is happily the case with the fault of Adam. The Church, standing in the light of Easter, is able to see why God allowed Adam's sin and to exult in the wonder of God's providence. That is also the case with some of the events in our lives. All of us can reflect of events in our lives and recognize instances when God has brought good out of evil.

However, sometimes – perhaps most of the time – we cannot see how God brings good out of the evils in our lives. We are not yet at the vantage point from which God's providential purposes are made visible to us. At these times, we are invited to trust in the God who showed His love for us in the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. We are called to rely upon the God who has brought untold good out of the sin of Adam and the crucifixion of Jesus and who has turned evil to good in my life and in yours. And we are encouraged to believe that one day we will be led to the heavenly vantage from which we will look back on the entire course of our lives in the radiant light of Easter.