



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

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April 23, 2017 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Divine Mercy Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Today, 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

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

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

## EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER TO OUR PATRON SAINTS

From April 28 through May 5, our parish will undertake an Octave of Prayer to our Patrons St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. The communal intention of our prayer will be to pray that through the intercession of St. Catherine and St. Vincent the Holy Spirit may enable our preaching to truly reach the men and women of our age. We invite you to bring your own intentions to the novena, which may be written down on envelopes submitted to the parish.

The Octave begins with a Solemn Mass at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine's on Friday, April 28, celebrating the Vigil of the Solemnity of St. Catherine. On Saturday, April 29, special preaching will take place at the 9 AM Mass at St. Catherine's and at the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent's. On Sunday, April 30, special preaching will take place at 10 AM at St. Catherine's and at NOON at St. Vincent's. From Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4, special preaching will take place at the 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent's and the 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine's. The Octave will conclude with a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's celebrating the Solemnity of St. Vincent Ferrer.

## 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*, Morales's *Missa L'homme armé*, Peter Philips' *Beati estis*, and Orlando di Lasso's *Vere Dominus est in loco isto*.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION

You have donated toys for children, money for food for those in need, bingo gifts and presents for women living in a shelter, now as our season of work comes to a close (until the Fall), we have a request for the elderly poor – those who are ministered by the wonderful Little Sisters of the Poor - at the Jeanne Jugan Home in the Bronx.

We ask for donations of toiletries, preferably non-scented and gentle.

Some suggestions are: shampoo, body wash, dove soap (unscented), toothpaste, toothbrushes, denture cleaners, denture adhesives, deodorant, and shaving cream.

There are approximately 58 women living there now and there are Sisters. We include the Sisters because it would be nice to give them some also.

Our collection runs from Monday, April 24 through Wednesday, May 10.

There will be bins at the back of the churches or you may leave your donations at the church offices. Please be as generous as you usually are. Thank you.

## SOLEMN MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. VINCENT FERRER

On Friday, May 5 at 6 PM, there will be a special Solemn Mass and Procession for the Solemnity of St. Vincent Ferrer at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Schola Cantorum will sing Felix Mendelssohn's *Mass for Double Choir* and Anton Bruckner's *Locus iste* and *Os justi*. A parish party will follow in the Priory Parlors.

## 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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Office Hours:  
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](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, APRIL 23  
6:00 pm (Vigil) Joseph Sharbel (D)  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams Families  
12 pm For the People of the Parish  
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 24  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)  
6:00 pm Margaret Castello Healy (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Barbetta & Rizzo Families (D)  
12:10 pm Luke Sinishtaj (D)  
6:00 pm Stuart Polivka

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26  
8:00 am Florentina Fordan (D)  
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)  
6:00 pm Frances & Richard Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27  
8:00 am Mary McCrystal (D)  
12:10 pm Msgr. Donald J. Pryor (D)  
6:00 pm Ryan Monaghan (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28  
8:00 am Sean Gargan  
12:10 pm Mary McCauliff (D)  
6:00 pm Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 29  
8:00 am Marie Ogaldez (D)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23  
4:00 pm (Vigil) St. Catherine Novena  
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm St. Catherine Novena

MONDAY, APRIL 24  
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

TUESDAY, APRIL 25  
7:00 am Mary Fornd  
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26  
7:00 am Rose Rita Dufrenese  
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

THURSDAY, APRIL 27  
7:00 am Laura Gomes  
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

FRIDAY, APRIL 28  
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 pm St. Catherine Novena

SATURDAY, APRIL 29  
9:00 am Peter Kim

**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, Kathleen Nelli, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Andrew Chavez, Edith Cucciniello, Elizabeth Fonduras, Ethel Garcia, Shea Johnson, Lillian Krasnov, Ellorine Martinez, & Carmen Leticia Negrón, 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 Chestaro; Santiago Cordal; Sean Gargan (I); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (I); Anthony Mortelliti; Robert J. Schwede (d)

*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.*

## WHY PRAY FOR PREACHERS?

If you were here for any of the Triduum services, I imagine that the numbers in attendance amazed you as they did me. When the great feasts bring non-churchgoers to church they offer us a heaven-sent chance to connect. To me this year's Holy Week gave our whole parish community, laity, religious, and clergy, a singular chance to testify that Jesus lives and calls us to life. Succinctly put, the days were beautiful and they were effective; one could catalogue aesthetic successes, but one could also feel the conviction behind them. In this lies the difference between celebrating mysteries and executing ceremonies. Thanks go to the Holy Spirit for having gathered us all in such marvelous fashion and for having woven so many personal gifts into a fabric that is "revealing" in a whole new way. Certainly, I will never express adequately my gratitude to Him for including me in your company.

Perhaps Holy Week 2017 can teach us about our capacity to bear effective witness all year long. To that end, I invite you to participate in eight days of prayer for a new Pentecost.

Consider some things so deeply implanted in us that they often go un-named. If you are reading these lines, faith probably makes a significant difference in your life. On the Cross you recognize your Savior, and in the Eucharist you experience His support and companionship. It is a fair bet that you have persevered in parish life because you are reorganizing your life around the truth of the Resurrection. Simply, you have the Easter Faith.

From this gift we derive comfort and enlightenment, challenge and nourishment: faith gives confidence in believing. But why is this gift so hard to share in our times? God is allowing you and me to live in a society that finds it difficult to believe. That which gives coherence and direction to our lives, eludes our contemporaries. So I ask: how do we react to living with secular people who do not "get it"? We could become defensive and circle the wagons against our age, or we could become angry and belligerent toward it. We could resign ourselves to being old fashioned, or we could decide that every age does its own thing and worry no longer.

But from the very frustration of not being able to share belief, we might also discover a whole new avenue of growth for ourselves, and find the depth of believing that shines forth in the Saints. When the Saints recognize the doubt, indifference, or error of their neighbors, they love all the more, and longing for the belief of their companions deepens their life of prayer. Standouts in this category are the two patrons of our parish,

St. Vincent Ferrer (1357-1411) and St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) were Dominican preachers who lived in a plague-ravaged Europe and sharply divided church. Both burned with desire that others would come to know the God who brought them so much joy and fulfillment. God responded to each with a singular gift of communicating the Gospel to their contemporaries.

I feel we have the task of begging God for the words, images and insights that will help the people of this time connect with the timeless content of what Christ reveals. I am inviting you to join me in prayer for this intention during the eight days that connect the two feasts of our patrons. We can ask these two holy preachers to pray that we share their zeal for truth, their love of souls, and their empathy with their contemporaries.

Mass will be offered each day for your intentions, starting on April 28, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, and concluding on May 5, the Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer in the calendar of the order. (We also celebrated a feast day for St. Vincent Ferrer on April 5 according to the traditional calendar.) Prayers for this intention will be said at all our parish Masses and a sermon related to this octave of prayer will be preached daily in both of our churches. Please make use of the envelopes available at the shrines of St. Vincent and St. Catherine to let us know of your personal intentions. Please know also that the Friars in our community will be joining in eight days of pleading for the spread of the Gospel, so that more and more people may live serenely on the foundation of Christ's promise of life.

I believe that when, from the gut, we desire others to have what we have, we have it all the more.

These days of prayer will open our Parish Jubilee, connecting the 150th anniversary of Dominican parish ministry in New York with the 100th anniversary of St. Vincent Ferrer church.

Easter Peace!

  
Fr. Walter

### VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle, "VC" invites single, widowed and divorced women of our parish to the next meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2016. We will begin our program at the Rosary Altar at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary. This is followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Our coffee gathering and meeting follow immediately in the priory parlors.

### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend our archdiocese takes up the special *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)*. This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region.

In Estonia, for instance, religious observance is rare, and very little funding is available to assist youth in learning about Christianity or the Catholic faith. Last year, the collection for *CCEE* provided support to a summer camp program for youth. Some thirty middle-school aged boys attended the camp where they not only learned about the Catholic faith but also had opportunities to attend Mass and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once they are in high school, the boys who previously attended are excited to return as staff members to lead and help the new group of campers grow in their faith. With your support, the faith is able to flourish through this younger generation.

Your generous donations will make the difference for those who are still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe* this year. For more information about the collection and those supported by it, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

Thank you for your assistance in restoring the Church in building its future in Central and Eastern Europe.

### 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.

### WETHERSFIELD FOUNDATION MEMORIAL MASS

On Thursday, April 27 at 7 PM, the Wethersfield Foundation will have a Solemn Memorial Mass for the repose of its benefactor Chauncey Devereaux Stillman at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Foundation's chaplain Fr. George Rutler will be the celebrant and homilist. The Schola Cantorum will sing the New York premiere of Victorian English composer Charles V. Stanford's *Mass in G*, Op. 46, as well as motets by C.H.H. Parry. All are welcome to attend.

### 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>.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.formed.org) and input the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Code: 2ZFMH7.

### 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.

## COLLECTION

APRIL 9, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$19,089

Attendance: 1629

JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. JOHN  
PAUL II-FATIMA SHRINE AT ST. VINCENT FERRER



On the 100th Anniversary Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

- 2:30PM FATIMA ROSARY
- 3:00PM MASS AND VENERATION OF 1ST-CLASS RELIC OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
- RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

VISIT [WWW.STJOHNPOL/DEDICATION](http://WWW.STJOHNPOL/DEDICATION) TO LEARN MORE



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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.