



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

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## April 30, 2017 — 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today, April 30, there will be a second collection for Aid for the Eastern Europe. Your donations help restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please be generous.

### 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 in envelopes submitted to the parish.

The Octave continues 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. 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.

### TO OUR PARISHIONERS FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

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 60 women living there now and there are 9 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.

### PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend, May 7 after the 12 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Parlors.

### VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle invites single, widowed, and divorced women to our meeting and fellowship on Saturday, May 6. We will begin our program at the Rosary Altar of St. Vincent Ferrer Church at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary, and Mass at 12 NOON. A coffee gathering with light lunch and meeting follow in the priory parlors. Free will offering.

### 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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411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10065  
Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP  
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP  
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Rev. Innocent Smith, OP  
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP  
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Rachel Miller  
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Church Custodian

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

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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 30  
6:00 pm (Vigil) Claudia Corradini (D)  
8:00 am Letizia B. Rizzo (D)  
12 pm Mary McEnery (D)  
6:00 pm Ralphy Sanchez (D)

MONDAY, MAY 1  
8:00 am Marie du Sacre Coeur Smith, RSHM (D)  
12:10 pm Linda Joan Kehoe (D)  
6:00 pm Alicia Maria Conill (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 2  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm Concepcion G. De La Cruz  
6:00 pm Marie-Louise Leschallas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Kirby Family (D)  
12:10 pm Josefa Masseda (D)  
6:00 pm Jimmy Reilly (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 4  
8:00 am Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)  
12:10 pm Eloisa Fernandez (D)  
6:00 pm Nati Catalan (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 5  
8:00 am Dr. Paul Russo  
12:10 pm Sr. Timothy Goettisheim (D)  
6:00 pm Miguel Velazquez (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 6  
8:00 am Jon Schneider (D)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30  
4:00 pm (Vigil) St. Catherine Novena  
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 1  
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 pm Philomena Rodgers (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 2  
7:00 am Eileen Courtney (D)  
5:15 pm Raymond LaRose (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3  
7:00 am Cathal Keely (D)  
5:15 pm Herninigildo Marcelino (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 4  
7:00 am Eileen Courtney (D)  
5:15 pm Grace Catherine Quatela

FRIDAY, MAY 5  
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 pm James Mulholland (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 6  
9:00 am Josefina Maoamba (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, John Langelier, Marie-Louise Leschallas, Terry Lorinio, Kathleen Nelli, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Andrew Chavez, Edith Cucciniello, Ethel Garcia, 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*  
Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Ryan Monaghan (l); Angeline Sabo; William J. Schwede, Sr. (d); 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.*

## ALL AGES BELONG TO HIM

As I write these lines on Monday, April 24, we have come to the end of the Easter Octave. For those of us who try to live by the liturgical cycle this marks the first full tilt work day since before Holy Thursday. Clergy are expected to be recovered from their paschal exertions and at their stations, ready to do business. World events conspire with the calendar to keep us vigilant.

Currently, we wonder about a shutdown of the federal government, and we ponder the second round of France's Armageddon of a presidential election. Everywhere there appear new things to no longer be taken for granted. But if the sinews of the present grow brittle, the eternity operating within us offers a crucial perspective on the fragility of the moment. Answering that question, and delivering that answer, will be the work of preachers. Our own preaching patrons, Catherine of Siena and Vincent Ferrer addressed their times with prophetic authority precisely because they regarded eternity as more real than their immediate crises.

This issue becomes important for us in marking out the middle ground between obsessing about our situation and hiding from it. Our summons to witness demands that we engage with social realities as people for whom eternal life has become tangible already through the sacraments. The principles of this encounter flow from the ancient words we speak in the dark every Easter Vigil. As the celebrant carves the four numerals of the current year into the wax of the Paschal Candle he says, "Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Him, and all the ages. To Him be glory and power through every age. Amen."

This establishes the principle that every age of culture, politics, commerce, and science serves God's plan for the human race. If God uses each age, we must live in each age. Consider that the Church was persecuted by the Roman Empire, then became an institution of it, and ultimately lived through the trauma of its fall. In the Middle Ages the Church became integrated into the feudal system and in the Renaissance as a major patron of the arts. Christ's Body has passed through the storms of Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and Revolution. In succession Capitalism, Nationalism, Fascism, Communism, and Secularism have each challenged our place in the social fabric. In each of these ages, and from each of these movements, we have learned more about Christ and His Gospel, and about the essential power of the sacramental way of life He bequeathed to us.

At the same time, carrying with us the vocation of prophecy, the Church also offers a critique of her times as to mores, methods, and convictions.

If she had not the promise of the Resurrection we could not fulfill this complicated vocation. As it is, we already carry with us eternal life – the one thing that no age can take from us; and so the Church can be humbly and authoritatively present in each age. When we draw on this tremendous heritage, we learn from every movement but do not allow ourselves to be co-opted by any of them.

The Second Vatican Council offers a sterling example of the Church serenely learning from the times and critiquing them. But think how much has changed since 1965! We will not be done with the work of engagement until days are done.

In this age we, the Church, behold a technological revolution and its ramifications for each aspect of human life. The work place is not the same, nor is politics. The patterns of domestic life have changed, but then so has the way people relate to social institutions, including religious ones. The pace and expanse of communication continues to accelerate. It will be for us to learn from these developments and not just in practical ways like online donation and having a Facebook page. We also have to survey these changes in the light of the Easter Candle. They will give us new insights into Christ as He comes to us in the Scriptures and Sacraments. We will gain new perceptions of what it means to be just, temperate, courageous, and prudent, and new forms of art will serve the presentation of the Gospel. The significance of the human person will become more apparent, not less.

But as the age pushes us back to a rereading of all that has been given to us, our tradition will impel us toward a charitable critique of our times. This work of prophecy is ours from the Font, and we will not worship with integrity if we do not fulfill this commission.

The life flowing from Christ's Resurrection keeps us serenely in this place of engagement, because we have learned that there will be another age for us to deal with after this one. When no new age comes we will be home.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter



### SAVE THE DATE

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 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://archmy.org/events/100th-anniversary-of-our-lady-of-fatima>.

### LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSM 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>.

### 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 13, 2017

HOLY THURSDAY

Regular Offertory: \$2,042

Attendance: 675

APRIL 14, 2017

GOOD FRIDAY

Holy Land Collection: \$3,243

Attendance: 673

APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Offertory: \$71,044

Easter Flowers & Music: \$15,010

Attendance: 2055

APRIL 23, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$13,625

Deficit Reduction: \$7,004

Attendance: 675

### 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.

### 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.

### YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

The St. Jean's Players present *You Can't Take It With You*, one of the most honored and beloved plays in the canon of American stage comedies. The fast-paced, eventful plot revolves around the colorful adventures of the Sycamore household, presided over by Grandpa, who 35 years earlier abandoned a successful business career in favor a life devoted to an appreciation of human individuality and creativity; a flamboyant Russian ballet master fleeing the revolution; a Grand Duchess who now flips pancakes at a Children's restaurant; a furious government tax collector; a father who manufactures fireworks in the basement; a xylophone-playing son-in-law are just a few of the 19 characters populating this highly entertaining and life-affirming lark. Performances will be held May 5-7 and May 12-14, Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 PM, and Sunday performances will be at 3 PM at the theater at St. Jean Baptiste Church, the Church's High School auditorium, 167 E. 75th Street.

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.

### *The ROAD to EMMAUS: ACCOMPANYING the SICK on their JOURNEY*

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

In recounting the events of Easter Sunday, The Gospel of Luke presents us with the beautiful narrative in which Jesus walks with the two disciples travelling on the road to Emmaus. The disciples were speaking to each other about their sorrow and disappointment about what had happened to Jesus. They “were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel” (Luke 24:21). But his crucifixion led them to believe that their hopes had been dashed. The Risen Jesus walks with them unrecognized, opens the scriptures to them and shows them the necessity “that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory” (Luke 24:26). Then, he reveals himself “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35). This gospel narrative is marvelously rich and has so very much to teach us. For those of us who are involved in the ministry of health care, it has something special to teach us. We are invited to understand this gospel account of Jesus’ accompaniment of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus as a model for how we are called to accompany the persons in our care.

One of the words most frequently spoken by Pope Francis is the word “accompany.” To accompany is to be a companion on someone’s journey. When Pope Francis uses this word, he is often speaking about the call to accompany the poor and the needy, to walk with them and assist them in their journey through life.

People who suffer illness and are hospitalized are some of the neediest we are likely to encounter. They are in need of medical care, but they are also in need of comfort, consolation and the assurance that they are not alone in their struggle. They are on a journey. For many, the journey will take them down the path of suffering and fear, but will lead to recovery and health. For some, the hard road of suffering will lead to death and they and their loved ones will need to be assured that the journey will go on and that death is not the end. As disciples of Jesus, how are those of us involved in the ministry of health care to accompany these people?

As always, Jesus is our model. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus accompanies the disciples first of all by listening. “He drew near to them and walked with them” (Luke 24:15). He asks them what they are “discussing as they walk along” (Luke 24:17) and, when they tell him, he inquires further about “what sorts of things” (Luke 24:19) they are referring to. Jesus didn’t draw near to the disciples just to tell them something. He did

teach them, but only after he listened to them, taking an interest in their lives, their hopes, and their fears. This is what it means to accompany, to be a companion. We can only walk with a person along the journey of his or her life if we are willing to listen to that person’s story and hear that person’s concerns.

Having listened to the disciples, Jesus opens their minds to the truth of God’s word. “Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Luke 24:27). This was no mere academic exercise. What Jesus shows them is not just a timeless truth or a correct hermeneutical approach to Sacred Scripture. The truth of God’s word that Jesus reveals provides the answers to the very questions with which the disciples were struggling and shows the meaning and purpose of the events that had so discouraged them. Jesus words address their problems and give new direction to their journey. “They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem” (Luke 24:33). When, having first listened, we have the opportunity to speak to the sick persons we accompany, we are called to do likewise. We are to speak the word of God, expressing the truth that comes from God and not from ourselves. We are to demonstrate how the truth God reveals addresses the concerns of the persons we accompany and gives them new direction and new hope.

After Jesus “spoke to [the disciples] on the way and opened the scriptures to [them]” (Luke 24:32), he stayed with them and broke bread with them. It was only then that “their eyes were opened and they recognized him” (Luke 24:31). When we accompany the sick as disciples of Jesus, we bring the presence of Jesus with us. This is especially true for ministers of Holy Communion. When we administer Holy Communion, Jesus is most truly and really present to the sick persons we accompany. Through that ministry, and in all the ways we enabled to serve as his ministers to our sick brothers and sisters, Jesus uses us as his instruments to open their eyes to his presence. When we faithfully serve Jesus by accompanying the sick through listening, speaking God’s word, and administering Holy Communion, we can truly say of the persons we accompany what Saint Luke said of the disciples Jesus accompanied on the road to Emmaus: “He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).