



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

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May 14, 2017 — 5th Sunday of Easter

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend, May 14 after the 10 AM Mass in the St. Catherine vestibule.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, May 14 is for the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* collection.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. will be preaching a three-night Parish Mission at St. Francis of Assisi (135 W. 31st Street) from Monday, May 15 - Wednesday May 17, beginning at 6:30 PM each evening. Fr. Innocent will preach on the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, May 21, there will be a second collection to help the **Parish's Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

Next weekend, May 21, is **Food Sunday**. We will collect money for the New York Common Food Pantry.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Ascension Thursday (May 25th) is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Wednesday, May 24th, the 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena and the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be Vigil Masses for the Ascension. On Thursday, May 25th, in addition to the regularly scheduled Masses, we will have a Sung Mass at 12:10 PM at St. Vincent's, a Low Mass at 1 PM at St. Catherine's, and a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's with the Schola Cantorum singing Grayston Ives' *Missa Brevis*, Charles Stanford's *Caelos ascendit hodie*, and Malcolm Williamson's *Dignus est Agnus*. A parish party will follow in the Priory Parlors.

SOLEMN VIGIL OF PENTECOST

On Saturday, June 3rd, in addition to the regular evening Masses, there will be a Solemn Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost at 7:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Vigil Mass, similar in form to the Easter Vigil (but much more brief), includes readings and prayers added by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. It will fulfill the Sunday obligation. The readings will be chanted and accompanied by chants from the Dominican *Graduale*. The Schola Cantorum will sing Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Dum complerentur*, Hans Leo Hassler's *Dum complerentur*, and Giovanni Gabrieli's *Jubilate Deo á 8*.

PARISHPAY

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. ParishPay allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll visit <http://parishpay.com> and scroll down to the link to get started, or visit the parish office.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,

6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,

6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:30 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS &

OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:40 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS
AND EVENING PRAYER)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

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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, MAY 14

6:00 pm (Vigil) Star Sharbel (D)
8:00 am Dorothy O'Connor (D)
12 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm Lydia Andrade
de Sanctis (D)

MONDAY, MAY 15

8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm Sylvia Irrizary (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:00 am Judge Edmund L.
Palmieri (D)
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm Mark Flesher (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00 am Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm Margaret Bruns (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00 am Catherine & Patrick
Naughton (D)
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Mary Louise Montigny (D)
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena
6:00 pm Geordie Delaporte &
Leon A. Delaporte (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 14

4:00 pm (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish
10:00 am Julia Monico (D)
5:00 pm For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude

MONDAY, MAY 15

7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Marina Lucido & Maria
Cecilla Punzalan (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:00 am Eleanore McKaigney &
Mary Marino (D)
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:00 am Fr. Peter McGeory
5:15 pm Emilia Brodzinska Humm

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00 am Fr. Dawson Ambosto
5:15 pm Anacleto Hernandez (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 19

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Fr. Fitzsimmons, OP,
Fr. McHenry, OP,
& Fr. Conroy, OP (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 am Peter Joseph (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

William Alonzo, Adrienne Carhart,
Joseph Robert Cusimano, Vincent
DiMaio, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P.,
Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly, John
Langelier, Marie-Louise Leschallas,
Terry Lorinio, Kathleen Nelli, Ollie
Singer, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Andrew Chavez, Edith
Cucciniello, Ethel Garcia, Lillian
Krasnov, Ellorine Martinez, Carmen
Leticia Negron, & Abby O'Neill, 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); Mary
McCarthy (d); Anthony Mortelliti;
William J. Schwede, Jr. (d); For the
People of the Parish; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Catherine - Sanctuary Lamp
Priscila Ventigan

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Priscila 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.

A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

I always write these lines on Monday morning and as I craft them I wonder what will transpire before the congregation actually reads them. On the other hand, this means that the events of the previous weekend are fresh in mind. In fact, yesterday, Sunday, is on my mind because I had the 5 PM Mass at St. Catherine's.

We have seven Masses on our weekend schedule, and this is the one I have least often because I am on the team promoting Vespers, which takes place at nearly the same time. At this Mass, uniquely, the Cantor leads the singing a cappella, that is, without the accompaniment of the organ. This arrangement began as an experiment to see if we could have convenient and complementary Mass times in both churches, and do it with one organist. I for one have never seen an arrangement quite like this.

I came tired to an afternoon Mass on a gray and rainy Sunday, and probably so did many of the 125 people in the congregation. But by the time Josh Simka, that Mass' regular cantor, had led us all in Kyrie eleison and Gloria in excelsis, I was totally awake and energized as the singing of the assembly filled St. Catherine's with the beautiful sound of the Mass. Here was a "poster congregation" for the second wave of liturgical development in the wake of Vatican II. If the first concern was to get people to "sing at Mass," the next is to enable them to "sing the Mass." This is the vocal movement from "going to church" to mindfully undertaking one's baptismal part in the Eucharistic worship commissioned by Jesus at the Last Supper.

If in the natural realm common singing provides emotional release and deepened connection, then in the service of God feeling and human connection attach to vocation, the common calling we have to acknowledge God. With all the others, each of us sings the Mass because at our baptism God commissioned us to be a priest of Jesus Christ, and with that, we are called before God to acknowledge the gift of our life with our whole self: body and mind.

The chants Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei (known collectively as the "Ordinary" of the Mass) give each of us a voice in this work and join our voices to others. The singing of the texts makes us aware, at a level beyond conventional speech, of the power of God as the source of amazing, blessings, the answer to constant need, and the dispenser of unimaginable healing. We acknowledge God in song, not because He needs to hear it: being complete in Himself, He is beyond need. Rather, the acknowledgement connects us to the essential truth of ourselves as both gifted and needy, successful and failed, unique and completed by others.

Singing of this kind possesses special beauty because it does not manipulate. It is not calculated to get the congregation to feel triumphant, or joyful, or ashamed, or sad. Rather, singing – and especially chanting – elicits our participation in the common work but also gives us freedom to discover what lies within us at a given time and place. Of all the singing we do at Mass, the responses, the Pater noster, and the Ordinary take pride of place because they pertain most directly to the work God has appointed for us. Put most simply, this music serves not our feelings but our worship.

I note that what is said of singing the Mass could also be said of good preaching. Both decline to exercise emotional coercion. Neither do they settle for the easy trade of giving people a "feel good" experience. Instead, preaching and singing connect each participant to the wider world to the human community and to the inner world of our soul, showing more clearly God at work in both. These evangelical tools pull the worshipper out of himself and deeper into himself. When both "systems are go," people leave Mass more human, because they are more aware of themselves and their God.

This perspective on worship rebukes Karl Marx's assertion that religion is the "opiate of the masses."

The word "liturgy" captures this work of acknowledgement. When we sing the Mass we unite ourselves not only to those who carry out the liturgy in the next pew, but in the next parish, the next state, and the next country. This is why we sing the texts of the Ordinary not only in English, which is essential to our comprehension of them, but also in Latin so that we have a palpable connection to the church in every time and place.

Next week, James Wetzel will follow these comments with more detail and insight into the three Ordinaries of the Mass we now use in the parish.

This weekend I am away from the parish with our Nuns in Buffalo. These are women who spend their whole lives in the work of acknowledgement: for them liturgy and life interpenetrate. Please know that they and I will have all of you in our prayers on this Easter day.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

The completion of the the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the *National Shrine* in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place this Mother's Day, May 14.

The *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. Mary's Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than eighty chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

This one-time national collection for the Trinity Dome offers all of us an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring our Catholic heritage and entrusting ourselves and our families to the Mother of God.

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 and input the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Code: 2ZFMH7.

HYMNALS AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

The worship leaflets that we have been using at both churches since last summer have turned-out to be an enormous success. Congregational participation, particularly noticeable in the singing of the Mass Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.), has been wonderful! During this time the red Worship hymnals in the pews at St. Vincent's have been sitting unused. They were printed before the retranslation of the Mass in 2011, rendering much of the content obsolete.

Our Worship hymnals are being donated to St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen, New York. For a parish that does not have the facilities to print a weekly leaflet nor the funds to purchase new hymnals, they would be a great resource. Their pastor Fr. George Hafemann had been praying for such a gift when we approached the Archdiocesan Music Commission about a possible repurposing. Fr. Hafemann will offer a Mass at St. George's this spring for the intentions of those who originally donated the hymnals to St. Vincent's and in thanksgiving for their generosity.

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 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.

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

MAY 7, 2017

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

“PEACE BE *with* YOU”: *the* GIFT JESUS KEEPS ON GIVING

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

The risen Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). And again, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:22-23). Each of these statements is composed of two sentences that communicate a twofold gift. There is the gift of Jesus *to* those disciples: *Peace be with you. . . Receive the Holy Spirit*. Then there is the gift of Jesus *through* those disciples: *As the Father has sent me, so I send you. . . Whose sins you forgive are forgiven*. Saint Paul says the same thing: “God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18). Through Christ, God grants reconciliation *to* Saint Paul and his fellow apostles and *through* them to others.

These gifts of God through Christ – His peace, His Spirit, reconciliation with Him – granted *to* and *through* the apostles, are likewise granted *to* and *through* those to whom the apostles are sent. This further extension of God’s gifts through Christ happens in at least two ways.

One way this happens is through what Catholic Christians call “apostolic succession.” That means the successive handing on of the specific ministry that Jesus entrusted to the apostles – the authentic, Spirit-led ministry of teaching, sanctifying, and governing – that assures the unity of the body of Christ. The beginnings of this successive handing on can be recognized in Saint Paul’s exhortations to Saint Timothy: “Stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands” (2 Tim 1:6) and, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus . . . proclaim the word . . . convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching” (2 Tim 4:1-2). In the Catholic Church, that succession is understood to have continued down through time even to the bishops of today.

Another way this happens is through the witness of believers. There are many examples of this in the gospels, but consider the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of John (John 4:1-44). After encountering Jesus at the well, “The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, ‘Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?’” (John 4:28-29). As a result, “Many of the Samaritans in that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified” (John 4:39).

One of the great joys of my life as a Catholic priest, Dominican friar, and health care minister is seeing how the people to whom Jesus has sent me have, in turn, been sent to others. Jesus

says, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). Jesus sends his disciples and Jesus, in turn, sends those to whom his disciples are sent. Jesus is the one who does the sending. He bestows his gifts – including the gift of being sent – through the disciples he sends. But it is he, not they, who is the giver and the sender. I have received the gracious gifts of God through Christ, who has sent me many faithful ministers of his Church and witnesses to his love. I am grateful to all of them, and all of them would gratefully acknowledge that the gifts they bore me were from Jesus and not themselves. Jesus’ gifts to me have included the gift of being sent and the gift of seeing how some of the people to whom Jesus has sent me have, in turn, been sent by Jesus to others.

I would like to share two specific ways in which I am currently able to appreciate this gift. One of these concerns the ordinations to the Catholic priesthood that will take place at St. Dominic’s Church in Washington, DC on May 20, 2017 and at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City on May 27, 2017. I intend to concelebrate both ordinations, joining my brother priests in imposing my hands upon the newly ordained who will have just received “the gift of God . . . through the imposition of” the bishop’s hands (2 Tim 1:6). Eight of those newly ordained priests – three in Washington and five in New York – will have completed our Health Care Ministry Internship Program. I, who along with other Dominican friars and collaborators have helped form these eight men for their future ministry in health care, will be deeply gratified to see them sent forth by Jesus through the grace of holy orders.

Another way that I am privileged to see Jesus sending those to whom he sent me is by visiting sick people in the hospitals we serve. I often encounter people who, through their own experiences of suffering and loss, are given newfound concern for others who experience suffering and loss. Two recent examples: One, I had an unexpected meeting after Palm Sunday Mass with a young woman who, having accompanied her mother through illness and death, is now studying to be a nurse in hopes of helping those who undergo similar suffering. Two, I visited a man who was hospitalized due to complications following a major surgery. He was reluctant to take Holy Communion or pray for himself because of his awareness of others in the hospital who needed God’s blessings more than he did. He agreed to receive Communion if he could offer the graces of that sacrament for the children in the pediatric unit and their families. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”