



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

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May 28, 2017 — 7th Sunday of Easter

MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day, Masses will be said at **St. Vincent Ferrer at 9 AM**, and at **St. Catherine of Siena at 7 AM**. The churches will close for the day following these Masses. The parish offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

HOLY HOUR - WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will resume this week, Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30 PM.

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 à 8*.

JUNE PARISH STUDY

Beginning on Tuesday, June 6th, we will be having a four-week Parish Study course titled "**Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament.**" During this course, we will explore the way each of the four evangelists use the Old Testament to help us better understand Christ's identity.

The sessions will be led by Br. Isaac Morales, O.P., a Dominican friar who will be serving at our parish throughout the summer. Before entering the Order of Preachers, Br. Isaac received a Ph.D. in New Testament from Duke University and worked as an assistant professor in the Department of Theology at Marquette University. In March, Br. Isaac was ordained to the diaconate, and is preparing for ordination to the priesthood in 2018.

The course will be held each Tuesday evening during the month of June at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle invites single, widowed and divorced women to our next meeting and fellowship on Saturday, June 3rd. We will begin our program at the Rosary Altar of St. Vincent Ferrer Church at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Our coffee gathering with light lunch and meeting immediately follow in the priory parlors. Free will offering. We look forward to seeing you then.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY - JUNE 8

Thursday, June 8 the Parish clergy and staff invites all of our Parish Volunteers to the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors following the 6 PM Mass. Please come and attend this celebration of your dedicated work to the Parish. We look forward to seeing you!

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
Pastor

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Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
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Youth Ministry

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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 28

6:00 pm (Vigil) Anton Dedvukaj
 8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
 12 pm Leona Wicklow (D)
 6:00 pm Tom & Ann Bittner

MONDAY, MAY 29

9:00 am Anthony May (D)
 12:10 pm No Mass
 6:00 pm No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 30

8:00 am Sue Redding Brandt (D)
 12:10 pm Marie Powers (D)
 6:00 pm Mary Louise
 Montigny (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

8:00 am For the Deceased members
 of the Parish & the Order
 12:10 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)
 6:00 pm Frances & Richard
 Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 am Dr. Michael & Mrs. Ida
 Marion Bruno (D)
 12:10 pm Jack Powers (D)
 6:00 pm Mary Louise
 Montigny (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 am Dr. Paul Russo
 12:10 pm Peter Garcia & Patrick
 Martin (D)
 6:00 pm For the Members of the St.
 John Paul II Society

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 am Bart & Bridget
 McGovern (D)

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MAY 28

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

MONDAY, MAY 29

7:00 am Leonardo C.
 Hernandez (D)
 5:15 pm No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00 am For the Province of
 St. Joseph
 5:15 pm Asuncion Obcemea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00 am Donal DeCoursey (D)
 5:15 pm Katherine Power (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 am Ruby & Archibald
 Williams (D)
 5:15 pm Daniel Capozzi (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
 Purgatorial Society (D)
 5:15 pm Fr. John Moran

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 am Natalie Frankowski

PARISH PRAYER**INTENTIONS**

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

William Alonzo, Joseph Robert
 Cusimano, Vincent DiMaio, Br.
 Michael Downey, O.P., Sally Francis,
 Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P., Elizabeth
 Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, John Kelly,
 John Langelier, Haesoon Chun
 Lee, Marie-Louise Leschallas, Ulla,
 Nannestad, Kathleen Nelli, Alberto
 Ortiz, Philip Paris, Ali Selby, Ollie
 Singer, Bithya Srikumar, Alexis
 Tango, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
 of Ileana Aste, Donald Doherty,
 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

Tom Chestaro; Rene
 Concepcion (d); Ramon & Fernando
 Gonzalez (l); Anthony Mortelliti;
 Robert J. Schwede (l); Mary Wilson
 (d); 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 - 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.*

THE PROPER OF THE MASS

A few months ago, after the 6 PM Mass, one of our parish lectors shared with me that he had been struck by the text of the Communion antiphon that had been sung by the cantor that evening. This was music to my ears – it was delightful to hear how this individual had found new insight into the Gospel through the liturgical texts appointed by the Church for that particular Sunday.

Over the past year, our new music program has placed special emphasis on the “Propers” of the Mass – the antiphons and verses selected by the Church to harmonize with the readings and themes of the liturgical year. In this case, the lector was responding not to a brilliant insight from the preacher or a moving improvisation on the organ – he was responding to the liturgical synthesis offered by the Church herself.

Through the Propers of the Mass, the Church enriches our encounter with Christ and the Word of God by synthesizing themes and texts from through the Scriptures into a harmony of word and melody. Following the principle of using scripture to interpret scripture, the Propers draw principally on the Psalms, revealing the ways in which the mysteries of Christ fulfill the Law and the Prophets. When sung, the Propers extend our meditation on these scriptural texts, enabling us to find further insights into their meaning revealed by the melodic settings.

There are five parts of the liturgy that call for the use of the Propers: the Entrance Rite, the Psalm after the first reading, the Alleluia verse or Verse before the Gospel, the Offertory Rites, and the Communion Rites. Chants are provided for each of these parts in the Graduale, the Church’s book of chants for the Mass, and some of them are also found in alternate versions in the Lectionary, the book of readings used at Mass. Each Sunday and Feast Day of the Liturgical Year has its own chants that have been carefully chosen to provide text and music that enriches these liturgical moments.

In our Parish, we draw on the Propers in a variety of modes: at our Solemn Masses (12 NOON at St. Vincent), the Propers are sung in Latin by the Schola (with the Responsorial Psalm in English); at our Sung Masses (6 PM at St. Vincent; 10 AM and 5:15 PM at St. Catherine), they are sung in English by the Cantor; at our Low Masses (4 PM at St. Catherine and 8 AM at St. Vincent) they are spoken by the Lector. This variety is based on the dual principles that 1) the Propers are privileged texts of the Church 2) that our parishioners have a diversity of responses to the variety of languages and musical styles that make up the our liturgical and musical patrimony.

During the Entrance Rites, the Introit (known in the Dominican tradition as the Officium) antiphon and verse serve to “open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal §47). For instance, the Introit *Viri Galilaei* (Men of Galilee) of the Ascension draws on the Acts of the Apostles in order to begin the celebration of that feast with the invitation of the angels to look forward to the triumphant return of Christ at the end of time. The Introit of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, *Exaudi, Domine* (Hear, O Lord) draws on Psalm 26 to capture the longing of the Apostles after the Ascension of Christ: “Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to You, alleluia. My heart has said to You, ‘I have sought Your face, Your face, O Lord, I will seek; turn not away Your face from me,’ alleluia, alleluia.” Jesus Christ, the Visible Face of the Invisible Father, has departed from their midst, and yet they still joyfully seek to see the Face of God. Next Sunday, for Pentecost, the Introit *Spiritus Domini* (The Spirit of the Lord) will describe the mystery of the ever-expanding presence of the Spirit, drawing on the Book of Wisdom: “The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole earth, alleluia, and that which contains all things has knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”

In the case of the Psalm after the first reading, our Parish usually uses the Responsorial Psalm appointed in the Lectionary. These psalms are chosen by the Church to be linked thematically with the readings for the individual day, often constituting a reflection on the passage that has just been proclaimed.

After the second reading, the Alleluia verse (or the Verse before the Gospel during Lent) prepares us for the Gospel. At Low Masses and Sung Masses, we draw this verse from the Lectionary, while at the Solemn Masses we use the version found in the Graduale.

During the Preparation of the Gifts following the Prayer of the Faithful, the Offertory chant provides a further scriptural context for the offering that is being prepared. Compared to the Introit, the Offertory chants tend to be more ornate, giving a meditative exposition of the scriptural text that accompanies the gestures of offering.

During the distribution of Communion, the Communion antiphon gives a further reflection on the theme of the day. Sometimes the Communion antiphon is drawn from the Psalms, but occasionally it is drawn from the Gospel that was proclaimed that day.

In addition to the Propers, which are appointed by the Church in her official liturgical books, we also have other songs and hymns that are chosen by the Director of Music for each individual liturgy. At the Solemn Mass, we often have motets sung by the choir after the Offertory and Communion chants. At the Solemn and Sung Masses, we sing a congregational Post-Communion Hymn (and on occasion an additional hymn after the Offertory chant). These motets and hymns harmonize with the other elements of the liturgy, drawing on the Church's wonderful patrimony of choral music and hymnody.

The Propers of the Mass are a wonderful treasure provided by the Church for our spiritual enrichment. As we enter into the second year of our new music program, we will begin to encounter anew the same cycle of chants and texts we have been hearing for the past year. I hope that this letter helps you to continue to enter into these parts of the Mass more deeply.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Innocent Smith, OP

COLLECTION

MAY 21, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$13,628

Deficit Reduction: \$5,771

Attendance: 1137

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.

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>.

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.

ARCHCARE CARE NAVIGATION CENTER: RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call (855) 951-2273 between 8 AM and 8 PM seven days a week.

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.

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.

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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.

Ladies of Charity

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CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP at (212) 371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at (917) 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



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“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.”