



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

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May 7, 2017 — 4th Sunday of Easter

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation today, May 7 after the 12 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent 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 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 COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

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

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. Since then, congregational participation, particularly noticeable in the singing of the Mass Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.), has improved dramatically! So it is that the red Worship hymnals in the pews at St. Vincent's have been sitting unused. Furthermore, they were printed before the retranslation of the Mass in 2011, rendering much of the content obsolete.

However, 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. To that end, our Worship hymnals are being donated to St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen, New York. 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.

For those services at St. Vincent's for which a hymnal may be needed, some copies of the blue St. Michael Hymnal from St. Catherine's will be brought over and kept on a cart.

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

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
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Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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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 7
6:00 pm (Vigil) Giulio
Andreotti (D)
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams
Families (D)
12 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 8
8:00 am For the Living members of
the Mullen Family
12:10 pm Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 9
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, &
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
6:00 pm Maria d Jesus Afonso (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
8:00 am Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, O.P. (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Hugh
Halton, O.P. (D)
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 11
8:00 am Janina Pieczara (D)
12:10 pm RoseMarie Morace (D)
6:00 pm Mary Louise de
Montigny (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 12
8:00 am For the Living & Deceased
members of the Deeney &
McGuinness Families
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Patricia, Richard, & Garrett
Keegan (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 13
8:00 am For the members of the St.
John Paul II Society

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 7
4:00 pm (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Samantha Hawkins (D)

MONDAY, MAY 8
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Fr. George Concordia & Fr.
Thaddeus Murphy (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 9
7:00 am Julia Monico (D)
5:15 pm Timothy Lynch (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
7:00 am Margaret Munoz (D)
5:15 pm Fidencia Peregrino
Veloso (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 11
7:00 am Margaret Munoz (D)
5:15 pm Patrick Patten (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 12
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Rebecca Reyes (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 13
9:00 am Barney Taylor (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
Mary & Daniel Donoghue (d);
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l);
Edward C. Perry (d); Anna Schwede
(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.*

ATTUNED TO THE MASTER'S CHOICE

The Sunday of Good Shepherd invites us to believe that the Lord really is present, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to all the particularities of our individual lives, and our common life.

First among these this weekend will be the First Penance and First Communion of our young people. Heartfelt congratulations to:

Olivia Arpaia	Sophie Kashou
Sofia Arpaia	Caroline Mitek
Davin Benitez	Sophia Pelligrini
Lucia Hufnagel Cano	Tyler Pinniger
David Curanovic	Caroline Powers
Carolina Dominguez	Adrian Pozo
Miles Fink	Cora Riely
Mollie Fink	Connor Searcy
Massimo Gardella	Laurel Shaffer
Aoibhin Graham	Alexander Spataro

We draw nigh to the completion of our first, fully-merged parish year. Now is a good time to update you on as much as possible before the great dispersal sets in.

All the data on Holy Week and Easter seems well in place. I feel that our whole parish community gave an excellent testimony of faith. Since we sit at a crossroads of the city, part of our mission will be to welcome visitors of all kinds. From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday 3,674 people worshipped in our churches. Many people, in many ways, made them welcome and that surely counts as a proclamation of the Gospel.

Our new Finance Council met for the first time on April 24. We were able to update them on the first half of the fiscal year and to begin looking at the budgeting process for the new parish. Normally, the Council meets quarterly but we will meet more frequently over the next several months to get the group's ongoing conversation up and running. The members of our Finance Council are Lois Deming (Chair), Laretta Bruno (ex-officio as Trustee), Michael Silverstein (ex-officio as Trustee), Daniel Dunay, Charles Earle, Karen Kardos, and Jean-Hughes Monier. Upcoming on the Council's agenda will be the development of a strategy for managing the holdings of the parish. On behalf of us all I extend my gratitude to these men and women who place their expertise at our service.

As indicated above, Laretta Bruno and Michael Silverstein have agreed to serve as Trustees of the Parish. They have the task of signing off on our financial report to the Archdiocese for each fiscal year. To do this they need to have a comprehensive perspective on the life of the parish. Therefore, they will attend, ex-officio, the meetings of both the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council.

Expanding upon this statutory role, I have asked them to monitor our compliance with Archdiocesan and state regulations. They will review our practices and documents as these emerge.

There will be more to say next month in these pages about the Pastoral Council and some other committee developments.

I will be absent from the parish from May 10 -18 doing a formal "visitation" of our monastery of nuns in Buffalo.

In the monastic quiet, I hope there will time for me to reflect on the profound experience of this past year, and then the opportunity to put those reflections in some usable order.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
-MAY 13, 2017**

St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5st Street & 5th Avenue: This celebration will take place on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be Mass at 12 PM, followed by the Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession. The United Nations International Pilgrim Statue of the World Apostolate of Fatima and the first class relics of Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto will be present at the Cathedral for prayer and veneration before Mass from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and after the Holy Hour from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. You will also have the opportunity to leave prayer petitions which will be delivered to the apparition chapel in Fatima, Portugal

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

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$3,672 to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

COME AND SEE

DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE CHARITY VOCATION RETREAT

Discerning a Religious Vocation
As a Daughter of Divine Charity
St. Joseph Hill Retreat Center
850 Hylan Boulevard
Staten Island, NY 10305
May 12th and 13th

Registration: 4 PM Supper: 5 PM
Overnight accommodations provided
For further information please call:
Sr. Denise at (347) 224-4310
or Sr. Rita at (917) 940-0784

COLLECTION

APRIL 23, 2017

Food Sunday: \$1,522

APRIL 30, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$14,888

Church in Eastern Europe: \$3,672

Attendance: 1203

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.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT 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.

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 TO LEARN MORE



SAINT
JOHN PAUL II
— SOCIETY —



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DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

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).