



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

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June 4, 2017 — Pentecost Sunday

FESTIVE PARISH COFFEE

Please join us for a festive Parish Coffee today, Sunday, June 4th, after the NOON Mass in the Priory Parlors. Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation!

JUBILEE CELEBRATION!

We are very happy to announce that at the 12:00 NOON Mass on Sunday, June 11th we are celebrating the 50TH JUBILEE Mass of Father Joseph, Allen, o.p.

Father Joseph Allen started his distinguished ministry at St. Vincent Ferrer. It is with great joy that we have Father Allen back with us in our Parish where he began his vocation.

Join us in the Celebration of the Mass to congratulate Father Allen, o.p. on 50 wonderful years.

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.

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!

FAMILY COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next Sunday, June 11 after the 10 AM Mass in the St. Catherine of Siena Vestibule.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN THE DOMINICAN RITE

On Thursday, June 15 at 7 PM, a Dominican Rite Missa Cantata will be celebrated for the feast of Corpus Christi. The Mass will take place at the high altar of St. Vincent Ferrer, followed by a Eucharistic procession to the Church of St. Catherine of Siena.

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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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, JUNE 4
6:00 pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
12 pm Julia Pais (D)
6:00 pm Betsy Dedvukaj

MONDAY, JUNE 5
9:00 am James J. & Irene M. Clarke (D)
12:10 pm Deacon John M. Powers
6:00 pm Mary Louise Montigny (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 6
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order
12:10 pm Concepcion G. De La Cruz
6:00 pm Jorge Miranda, Jr. (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
8:00 am Mary Louise Montigny (D)
12:10 pm For the Deceased members of the Greason & Twomey Families (D)
6:00 pm Charlotte P. Rudner (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 am Hugh Martin (D)
12:10 pm Col. Joseph Ralph Scurzi (D)
6:00 pm Edwin Rustum (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
8:00 am Father Fred D. Hoesli, OP (D)
12:10 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, & Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
6:00 pm William C. Cunningham, Jr. SJ (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
8:00 am Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
4:00 pm (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm In Honor of St. Catherine of Siena

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 6
7:00 am For the Family of Bill O'Connor
5:15 pm Ellen & George R. Skerletts

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
7:00 am Ileana Aste (D)
5:15 pm Marina Spani-Molella (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
7:00 am Fr. John Langlois, OP
5:15 pm Daniel Capozzi (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Frank Skerletts

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
9:00 am Sr. Timothy Goettisheim (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Sally Brown, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Br. Michael Downey, O.P., Sally Francis, Louis "Tom" Gimbel, 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, Bithya Srikumar, Alexis Tango, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ileana Aste, Donald Doherty, Susan Hill, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Anthony Mortelliti; Edward C. Perry (d); Robert J. Schwede (d); The People of the Parish; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jacquelyn Piraquive

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 WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WILLS

In our Dominican Life, we Friars present ourselves to be Spirit-led and Spirit-driven. His response becomes real in innumerable comings and goings in the life of our communities. Since two Dominican communities serve this parish you experience our ongoing pentecost in spades. Of late, many changes have come, some permanent and some seasonal. This letter seeks to catch you up.

First, let me ask your prayers of our Brother, Michael Downey. Many will remember Br. Michael from the 8 AM Community Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer, and from the old 10 AM Sunday Mass there, when he always took up the collection in such cheerful fashion. After a lengthy stay in New York Hospital, he has now moved to Rosary Hill Home in Westchester County. Here he will receive the loving care of our Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne who spend their lives caring for those with cancer.

Last month a new assignment took from us Br. Ignatius Perkins who was living at St. Catherine's and serving as Executive Director of the Dominican Friars Healthcare Ministry of New York. Brother is now directing our Center for Assisted Living at St. Dominic Priory in Washington. We who shared common life with him at St. Catherine's will miss his resourceful presence.

Fr. Jonah Pollock has taken Brother Ignatius' place as Executive Director of the healthcare ministry. Fr. Jonah will continue to be active as a hospital chaplain and his work will include directing our Student Brothers, diocesan seminarians, and other religious in internship programs for hospital ministry. He will be the one to work with the many lay women and men who carry the Eucharist to the patients at Sloan Kettering, New York Presbyterian, and the Hospital for Special Surgery. We are also grateful that he continues to help us with masses and confessions.

Fr. John Devaney will serve as his associate in directing the ministry. He has just completed a new unit of supervised ministry at Columbia and so will bring yet greater qualifications to his work with patients and seminarians.

At St. Catherine's we have been joined by Fr. Dominic Bump, who will both serve you in the Parish and assist in the work of the hospital chaplains. He has already been zealous in introducing himself to the Community of the Parish.

At St. Vincent Ferrer, Fr. Thomas More Garrett has joined the Community to assist with the work of the Dominican Foundation, but he also graciously helps us with Mass and Confessions. Fr. Garrett played a major role in the Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and St. John Paul II held on May 13.

You will also hear a voice already familiar to many. Fr. Bill Holt has returned to St. Vincent Ferrer and is assisting with his accustomed generosity at the altar and in the confessional.

Each summer our ranks swell with Student Brothers from our House of Studies in Washington. Experience in Priors and Parishes such as ours plays a great part in their formation, for these summers give them the chance to integrate pastoral experience with pastoral and theological study.

This year one of the Brothers will serve his diaconate with us. Br. Isaac Morales will take his proper place as Deacon at the Eucharist and he will preach on Sundays and weekdays. Brother will extend Parish Study into the Summer for the first time, with a four-week Bible Study. You will see details on this elsewhere in these pages. He will also preside at our Wednesday Holy Hour, at which his seven Brothers will preach.

The Brothers receive a variety of ministries during their summer weeks. The years of formation feature a progression of summer experiences leading up to that of the diaconate in which the Brother gives voice as a preacher to what he has absorbed over six years of living and learning as a Dominican.

Brs. Reginald Hoefler and Barnabas McHenry will be working with the Missionaries of Charity, the Community founded by St. Theresa of Calcutta, in the extraordinary direct service to the poor.

This summer four Brothers, Albert Dempsey, Irenaeus Denlevy, Joseph Graziano, and Ephrem Reese, will work with our hospital chaplains. They will have the experience of direct service to patients, and of shared reflection on that service. Such an experience gives a wonderful foundation for any ministry one may receive.

Br. Daniel Traceski will have an experience of internal ministry as he helps with the work of the Dominican Foundation.

This whole range of new experience comes to our summer dinner table and gives new life to the local community. We we can offer in return is an open ear, along with encouragement to partake of the many joys of summer in New York.

May your own summer be blessed.



Fr. Walter

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.

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

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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FINANCIAL WRONGDOING HOTLINE

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at (877) 820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

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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May 19, 2017

Rev. Walter Wagner
St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena
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Dear Fr. Wagner,

Thank you for welcoming us to St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine's Parish for a collection. Each year your parishioners are very generous to us, but with the second church involved, we certainly had a tremendous collection. It totaled \$11,213.00 which includes your own generous donation from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As usual, your Social Concerns Committee never forgets us, and the lovely gift bags are wonderful – we will probably distribute them this Sunday to the Residents. The bulletin for the weekend we were there was filled with appeals for us and our ministry and for that we are so grateful! We are continually edified by how much your people embrace us.

Please express our gratitude to all of them – for the collection and the toiletries – we really cannot continue this beautiful vocation of love and care without their help! Let them know that we pray daily for all of our benefactors and have a monthly Mass offered for them. God bless you and all the Dominicans and the good people there at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Mary John, I.S.P.



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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 RIGHT to LIFE: A RIGHT of a CHILD, Not a RIGHT to a CHILD

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

That illnesses can now be diagnosed and treated when a child is still in the womb represents a significant advance in modern medicine. Some diagnoses can be achieved by testing the genetic make-up of an unborn child either *in utero* (in the womb) or *in vitro* (in a test tube). Pre-natal diagnosis and treatment are, as I say, significant medical advances. However, they also raise significant ethical questions.

In vitro diagnoses frequently accompany *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), which itself presents ethical problems that we will not consider here. When IVF is accompanied by prenatal genetic testing, additional ethical problems can occur. An embryo that is found genetically undesirable is likely to be destroyed precisely for that reason. In such a case, the injustice of discrimination is added to the injustice of killing. Moreover, the attempt to identify and implant a genetically desirable embryo is likely to lead to the fertilization and destruction of increased numbers of newly conceived human beings.

Prenatal genetic diagnoses during pregnancy are not so ethically problematic. Genetic diagnostic testing is commonly administered as a standard aspect of prenatal care. It can be of help to parents in preparing to cope with the challenges of raising children with genetic disorders such as Down syndrome. In some cases, prenatal genetic testing can even lead to the diagnosis of disorders that can be successfully treated by gene therapy. In these cases, prenatal genetic diagnoses can be morally good. Difficulties arise when prenatal genetic diagnoses are made for the purpose of aborting unborn children that are found genetically undesirable. As in cases of genetic testing *in vitro*, this use of genetic testing *in utero* compounds the evil of killing the innocent with the evil of unjust discrimination. It also leads to the proliferation of abortions.

The ethical problems presented by prenatal genetic diagnosis seem to be rooted in a kind of mindset that people can have about bearing children. Many people, especially married couples, want very much to have children. This desire is natural and good. Having children is something to which we are naturally inclined. Having children is also a task given us by God, whose first words to the human beings He created were, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen 1: 28). So when couples find themselves unable to have children it can be a source of great sorrow. Married couples faced with this situation deserve compassion and can often profit from the assistance of natural methods and medical specialists to achieve pregnancy through their acts of conjugal love.

The desire to have children is good. It becomes ethically problematic when their desire for a child leads a couple to suppose they have a right to a child. When a couple thinks they have a right to a child, they necessarily think of the child they might conceive in a false way. In their minds, their potential child is no longer someone they might receive as a gift from God, but someone they might produce with the assistance of technicians. The child is then thought of not as a human subject possessing rights of his own, but as an object that his parents have the right to possess. As *Donum Vitae* puts it,

A true and proper right to a child would be contrary to the child's dignity and nature. The child is not an object to which one has a right, nor can he be considered an object of ownership: rather, a child is a gift, 'the supreme gift' and the most gratuitous gift of marriage, and is a living testimony of the mutual giving of his parents (CDF, Donum Vitae II, 8.).

This kind of mindset becomes even more troublesome when people imagine they not only have a right to a child, but a right to the child they want: the perfect child. Coupled with the practice of prenatal genetic testing, this way of thinking can lead to tragic results. If a couple imagines they have a right to a genetically flawless child, they can use genetic testing as a means of producing such a child. The tragedy is that to produce the "right" child, it is often found necessary to destroy the "wrong" child, if not multiple "wrong" or "unnecessary" children. This misuse of prenatal genetic testing can, in turn, reinforce the troublesome mentality. Insuring the genetic wellbeing of one's children is a desirable thing. Now that this desire can be fulfilled through prenatal testing, it becomes tempting to fulfill this desire at all costs, even the cost of unborn human lives.

The right to life is the right of every human being, including unborn children. It is the right to have own life valued and respected. It is not the right of one human being to the life of another. Human beings should be valued for who they are themselves, not for the fulfillment they bring to others. Human beings are subjects to be loved, not objects to be used. Human life is not a commodity. Having children is not like picking apples. We can't just keep the one's we want and throw out the ones we don't.