



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

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June 18, 2017 — The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

A Dominican Rite Missa Cantata will be offered for the monthly New York Purgatorial Society Requiem Mass at 7 PM on Monday, June 19.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE MADE!

Since September your generosity has enabled the Social Concerns Committee to:

- CONTRIBUTE \$29,000 to the New York Common Pantry through monthly Food Sunday collections
- PROVIDE 400 Christmas gifts for children at the Pantry
- DONATE \$968 and 210 pounds of food at Thanksgiving for families who depend on the Pantry for nutritious meals
- PRESENT 50 women who reside at the Park Avenue Armory Women's Shelter with a gift box containing three coordinated gifts at Christmas
- PROVIDE 2000 items as prizes for 31 bingo games we hosted at the Armory shelter
- FILL 60 gift bags of about 8 toiletries each for the elderly poor at the Jeanne Jugan Home in the Bronx
- DISTRIBUTE 800 information packets synthesizing the Social Concerns Committee's study on Human Trafficking

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the work of the Socials Concerns Committee. Because of you, our outreach has touched many people in varied ways. We are most grateful!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 21 at St. Catherine of Siena. It will begin with the Rosary at 5 PM, followed by a Solemn Mass at 5:15 PM, and Exposition and a candlelight procession with Benediction at 5:45 PM. A reception will follow.

JUNE PARISH STUDY

Continuing this Tuesday, June 20th, we are having the second of the 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 are 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 is held each Tuesday evening during the month of June at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

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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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
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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, JUNE 18
6:00 pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the T.J. Cunningham Family (D)
12 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Thomas J. Lenihan (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 19
9:00 am Frank & Frances McGuinness (D)
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Samuel D. Williams (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Jose Miranda (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Bernard Doherty Family (D)
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Consorcia Miranda (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
8:00 am Angelina Finguerra
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Edward C. Perry (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23
8:00 am Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Arthur C. Heller (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
8:00 am Father's Day Novena

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
4:00 pm (Vigil) Vincent Costello
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Ronni Orlosky (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 19
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Fr. McHenry, O.P., Fr. Fitzsimmons, O.P., & Fr. Conroy, O.P. (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
7:00 am Sabatino Corrado (D)
5:15 pm Maria F. Nash

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
7:00 am Kelly DelGreco (D)
5:15 pm Jose Luis Perez (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
7:00 am Dr. Robert Stefano (D)
5:15 pm Marina (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Marina (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
9:00 am Marion McParland (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Grace Gray Bowers, Sally Brown, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Br. Michael Downey, O.P., David Gale, Louis "Tom" Gimbel, Rev. John Jager, Fr. Chris Johnson, O.P., Carolyn Kelly, Haesoon Chun Lee, Alberto Ortiz, Bithya Srikumar, Carolyn Wilcher, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ileana Aste, Donald Doherty, Libet Johnson, John Kelly, Carmen Leticia Negron, Helen Norman, & 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

Bro. Michael Downey, O.P. (I); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (I); Jack Ryan Keegan (I); Anna Joaquina Laguna (d); Edward C. Perry; Anna Schwede (d); The People of the Parish

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jacqueline Piraquire (I)

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp

Well-being of Christians in the Middle East

St. Catherine - Sanctuary Lamp
Priscila Ventigan

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Priscila Ventigan

St. Catherine - Purgatorial Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (d)
Rosa J. Silan (d)

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.

STEPPING BACK TO COME CLOSER

Here we are at the last big celebration of the parish year. By convention we try to lay off at this point and take a programmatic siesta until Holy Cross Day (September 14) bestirs us back into vigorous common life. Parish life gains health from this hiatus. It's not just that we need a rest: we also need to absorb and integrate nine months of intensity. Such a remove makes for deeper living. I have learned this lesson from my experience and from my self. Standing at the cusp of summer allows me to explore the paradox of introversion that has shaped my life and ministry, for at this time we give people permission to uncage their inner partier, and also their inner hermit.

On Fridays in summer these two kinds of release become palpable to me. I love to walk Midtown at 1 or 2 PM and watch the laughing, luggage-bearing crowds empty office towers and fill cafes and Jitneys. It brings me such joy to observe their happy anticipation of a weekend at the beach: more satisfying yet is the knowledge that they are leaving, and I am not. By Friday evening another lively scene will have absorbed them at journey's end and I will have my city to myself. The sparkling crowd offers such delight, but its departure even more. Having observed them on Friday, I can think about them on Saturday, and by the time they are sitting in front of me on a Sunday I might have something helpful to offer them. To people-watch is to people-love. To go away and think about them is to love again. To come back to them with a homily offers yet a third love.

On those Fridays, as the river of happiness flows past me down Park Avenue toward Grand Central I gain a fresh perception of my love of people and, at the same time, my need to have some periodic distance from them. Without significant conflict these two stances have been neighbors in my heart since childhood, as they are in many other introverted hearts. Articulating their relationship has provided the real challenge. When I was about 10 or 11 my mother said to me, "Why do you keep your door closed so much? You shut out the people who love you." I do not remember having any good answer to that question: now I realize that time apart is what gives me the wherewithal to express love. Indeed, I have come to see how introversion offers gifts to those who possess it and to others. One of the mottoes of our Order captures the evangelical fruitfulness of my temperament: "To contemplate, and to share with others, the fruits of one's contemplation."

If we unpack this phrase we get the insight that stepping back can be as loving a posture as drawing near. The practice of "cloister" teaches this wisdom. For religious, authentic withdrawal neither stems from fear, nor seeks an escape. Rather, it claims a vantage point for loving. I am a preacher who also goes home to a cloister and so it is imperative for me to understand how profoundly loving and withdrawal complement each other.

In a homily the other day I made an observation about a particular practice of generosity, and one of the hearers responded, "Well, yes, I do this, but I never think about it." I answered that this was my job. I am the one who stands back, beholds the beauty of your life, and helps you to see it.

Here lies the beautiful relation of love and rumination. I love you enough to go off to my room and think about you. In summer, Central Park will suffice for that room, or Riverside Drive, or perhaps Park Avenue in the evening. Such urban cloisters help the ministry of preaching, but they also can help lots of other people. In an age of instant response don't we need to recover the space for reflecting before communicating? Perhaps the silence of summer will call more eloquently this year. We have more to ponder than usual, and our times need loving response, even if they have never noticed it.

Summer Peace!



Fr. Walter

As we submit this bulletin on Monday, June 12, I am sad to report to you that Fr. Chris Johnson will be leaving St. Vincent Ferrer Priory and will now live at Rosary Hill Home in Westchester County. Many of us have profited from Fr. Chris' wonderful preaching and compassion in the confessional. Please pray that in this new chapter of life he will come to know even more intimately the God he has proclaimed to many others.

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 LFSF 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>.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE APOSTOLATES

The Family Life Respect Life Office works in collaboration with the Courage and Encourage Apostolates to support those with same-sex attractions and their families, in fidelity to Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality.

Encourage is a Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same sex attraction. A new website has been created to help the faithful who are searching for information about Encourage, the Church's teachings on same sex attraction and spiritual support: www.encourageny.com.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parish has recently launched a new Facebook page to help spread the word about special liturgies, talks, and social events at the Parish. To find the page, search @StVincentAndStCatherine within Facebook.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, June 21st at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, New York, NY for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30-7:30 PM Mass begins at 7:30 PM. Music by Matt Maher. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit www.catholicnyc.com.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Legislation has been introduced in New York State (the so-called "Medical Aid in Dying Act", A.2383/S. 3151) that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed, and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that depression and other mental illnesses untreated. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. We encourage you to contact your state legislators and urge them to oppose assisted suicide legislation. Please inform yourself about the dangers in this bill by visiting <https://archny.org/assisted-suicide> or <http://noassisted-suicideny.org/>.

COLLECTION

JUNE 11, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$14,671

Deficit Reduction: \$5,532

Attendance: 1239



The Parish of Saint Vincent Ferrer & Saint Catherine of Siena
Dominican Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph

You are invited to attend the Solemn Mass and Novena for the
Feast Day in honor of

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



23rd ANNIVERSARY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017
The Church of St. Catherine of Siena 411
East 68th Street
New York, NY 10021 (212)
988-8300

Celebrant/Homilist

Very Reverend Father Walter Wagner, OP- Pastor
James D. Wetzel, Director of Music and Organist

Program

5:00pm	Holy Rosary
5:15pm	Solemn Mass
5:45pm	Exposition, Novena, Candlelight Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



DFHCM of NY

DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

HEALTH CARE *and the* HOLY SPIRIT

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

Every year at Pentecost the Church commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as they gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the “promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4): the gift of the Holy Spirit that continues to be poured out upon the disciples of Jesus. At Pentecost, we celebrate all the ways in which the Holy Spirit is present and active in our lives and in the lives of those we love and serve. For those who have devoted themselves to the service of the sick and suffering, we might reflect upon the ways in which the Holy Spirit is present and active in the lives of the persons for whom we care and how the Holy Spirit can work in us for them.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life

In the Nicene Creed we profess, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.” We see this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit in the creation of the world. Genesis tells us that when “God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen 1:1), “the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters” (Gen 1:2). We see the Holy Spirit’s role most especially in the creation of the human being. When God formed a man out of the dust of the ground, He “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” (Gen 2:7). In the Biblical languages, ‘breath’ and ‘spirit’ are signified by the same words. When we read that God breathed into the body of the man, we are meant to understand that God gave life to the man through the working of God’s life-giving Spirit. When the God’s people had fallen into sin, God promised to restore them by the gift of the Spirit: “I will put my spirit within you . . . and I will be your God” (Ezek 36:27-28). The Holy Spirit is also the giver of new life in Christ. We read in Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans, “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom 8:11).

The Holy Spirit is the giver of life, the restorer of life, and the renewer of life. When a person is sick, it the Holy Spirit who is able to restore again the life that is His gift. We do well to pray to the Holy Spirit for healing. In fact, “gifts of healing” are among the gifts of the Spirit enumerated by Saint Paul (see 1 Cor 12:9). We also pray to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the inner life of the sick person. Saint Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit dwells in us as in a temple. When a person is sick, especially if that person is in danger of death, we pray that the

Holy Spirit will be working in their hearts and giving life to their souls.

The Holy Spirit Speaks through the Prophets

We also profess in the Nicene Creed that the Holy Spirit has “spoken through the prophets.” This certainly means we believe the Holy Spirit has inspired the spoken and written words of the Old Testament prophets and the Biblical writers. But Scripture also says that the Holy Spirit speaks in us. Jesus tells his disciples, “Do not be anxious how or what you are to answer or what you are to say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say” (Luke 12:11-12). Saint Paul says, “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor 12:3).

It can be difficult to know what to say to a person who is sick and suffering. Yet, the kind words of a doctor or nurse can be a great consolation to a hospitalized patient. Words of encouragement, faith and prayer from a chaplain or Eucharistic minister can go a long way. The Holy Spirit can give us those words. The Holy Spirit can speak through us and give to our words the power of God’s Word.

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you” (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit is the Advocate. The Greek word we translate as “advocate” (*paracletos*) can also be translated using a variety of other English words, including “counselor”, ‘comforter’, ‘defender’, and ‘mediator’. This range of meanings suggests that we can call upon the Holy Spirit for different kinds of help in different sets of circumstances. Saint Paul tells us that “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” and “intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words” (Rom 8:26).

It is comforting to know that the Holy Spirit is an advocate and intercessor for the sick people in our care. We are all weak and in need of the Spirit’s comfort, counsel and protection. However, the sick and suffering are afflicted with different kinds of weakness and have a variety of particular needs. It is good to know that the Spirit helps them in their weakness. It is also good to remind our sick brothers and sisters of that promise. Come, Holy Spirit!