



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

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July 2, 2017 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day, there will be one Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer at 9:00 AM. The Church will open at 8:30 AM. and close for the day after the 9:00 AM Mass.

There will be one Mass at St. Catherine of Siena at 7:00 AM. The church will close for the day after the 7:00 AM Mass.

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - JULY & AUGUST

During July and August the parish office will be open
Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM, 2 PM - 5 PM, and Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM.

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

Today, Sunday, July 2nd, our parish will take up the collection to support the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your generosity will provide care for the people of Africa by funding catechesis materials, staff, workshops, retreats, and the construction of new churches. Please give generously.

SUMMER VESPERS

Over the summer, Sunday Parish Vespers continues at 5:30 PM. The 5:00 PM chant class will not meet again until the fall. The summer Sundays would be an excellent time to consider attending Vespers, as the music is simpler and much of it repeats week to week.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, Sunday, July 9, there will be a second collection to help the parish's Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your support.

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.

VISITING ORGANISTS IN JULY

Director of Music James Wetzel is away from the parish for the first part of July on his honeymoon. For the 12th and 13th Sundays in Ordinary Time, we welcome Jonathan Ryan as the substitute organist; he is Associate Director of Music of Christ Church, Greenwich. For the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we welcome Dr. Jennifer Donelson, Professor and Director of Music at St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie) in New York. Dr. Donelson also serves on the board of the Society for Catholic Liturgy and the Church Music Association of America.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,
6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:30 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:40 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

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

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

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St. Catherine of Siena
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Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
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Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
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Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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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, O.P., 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, JULY 2
6:00 pm (Vigil) Mary Louise
Montigny (D)
8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)
12 pm For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm Adelaide Bowler (D)

MONDAY, JULY 3
8:00 am Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 pm William J.
Schwede, Sr. (D)
6:00 pm Gloria Rosenberg (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 4
9:00 am Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 pm No Mass -
Independence Day
6:00 pm No Mass -
Independence Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Mirella Desilva
6:00 pm Alejandro Canessa (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 6
8:00 am Madeleine R. McGuiness
12:10 pm Robert Legrand (D)
6:00 pm John Langelier

FRIDAY, JULY 7
8:00 am Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 pm Dr. Paul Russo
6:00 pm For the members of the
St. John Paul II Society

SATURDAY, JULY 8
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Kirby Family (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JULY 2
4:00 pm (Vigil) Arnold
Gamusaran (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Colleen Truppo

MONDAY, JULY 3
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Marie DiCroce (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 4
7:00 am Tanya Haniff
5:15 pm No Mass -
Independence Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
7:00 am Catherine Lord
5:15 pm Denis d. Hynes (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 6
7:00 am Mike & Jose Mulligan (D)
5:15 pm Bertha Cruz

FRIDAY, JULY 7
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Maria Cozzani (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 8
9:00 am Teodora Casino (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, Carolyn
Kelly, Mary Reidy, Margot Slater, &
Carolyn Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Ileana Aste, Donald Doherty, Fr.
Chris Johnson, O.P., John Kelly, &
Helen Norman, 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 (I);
Frank Nordone (d); Edward C. Perry
(d); Florence J. Schwede (d); The
People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan (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.

REV. CHRIS JOHNSON, R.I.P.

A life among the Preaching Brothers offers the constant marvel of a Friar taking the pulpit.

Even initial forays in the seminary reveal that a Brother enters that precinct not so much to give a talk or to make a presentation, although he does talk, and he does present. He probably wants to tell you about a scripture, a doctrine, or a saint, but not in a way you could google. Rather, the *ambo* serves as a place of distillation for you and for him. Here he gives voice to intensity that would overwhelm an encounter in the vestibule after Mass, or a moment in the kitchen over coffee. Here observations about the Prophet Jeremiah, or the Immaculate Conception, or St. Jerome, serve to manifest the inner life of a man who has been summoned to a place of loving solitude by His God.

Each Friar seems to find this solitary place as God reveals it to him and he speaks out of it as the Lord graces his personality, his interests, and his methods. He may use a text, or not: he may employ humor, or not, but in the end he will preach as himself, out of a life he otherwise may not speak of. This is why habitués of our churches will have noticed that our preaching has no unified style, but the bottom line might be remarkably consistent.

Chris Johnson was a preacher's preacher because he showed us Friars the truth of ourselves in high definition. He lived to a singular degree the Dominican paradox of being a private person in public, a hermit on stage. Chris used the language and technique of theatre as he crafted the text and delivery of each preaching with exquisite care. But he never hid behind his art; he was never an actor playing a role. Rather, his sculpted words enabled him to share the fruits of his intimacy with God without compromising the profound exclusiveness of that intimacy. The result was that Chris's preaching and pastoral care possessed evident power to help you even as he protected himself. Most of the time we think of love and distance as opposites. For Chris distance was a way of loving. From a step back he preserved the clarity of insight he shared with you and maintained an eagle's eye view of you, your gifts, your foibles, and your challenges.

Chris can teach all of us, preacher and congregant alike, how to befriend our solitude and to find in it the one intimacy that orders all the others. He is the one who heard Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me more than these," and joined in the latter's "yes" as we read in John 21, this exclusive love nourishes all the sheep.

As he struggled in his last years with the devastating ravages of cancer and diabetes, this core remained intact so that even his struggles gave a witness that strengthened others. In these times Chris grew from a preaching of words to a preaching of the whole of life. The weakening of his body laid bare the strength of soul God's grace had crafted with his ongoing assent. He no longer needed to present himself through the medium of craft, because God's craft had become so evident.

May he now behold that mystery he preached in power and in weakness.

These thoughts may be familiar to anyone who attended Chris' funeral Mass on June 21 when on his 85th birthday we entrusted him to his God. Nevertheless, I would like make an essay of them for those who could not be free on that day.

May he rest in peace.



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>.

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:

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For more information, or to become a lady of Charity, please contact us.

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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.

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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/>.



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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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TOWARD a SPIRITUALITY of HEALTH CARE

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

CHRISTIAN REVELATION TELLS US that seeking what is truly good – and seeking the One who is Truth and Goodness – is not just something we do, but something God does in us. It is only by the power of God's grace, with which we must freely cooperate, that we are made able to attain the goal for which we were created, which is God Himself.

THIS MEANS THAT ETHICS IN GENERAL, and medical ethics in particular, is closely related to what we might call "Christian spirituality." Studying what is good for us to do, it turns out, has everything to do with how God is acting in our lives and leading us more deeply into relationship with Himself. For Christians, doing what is good is always about cooperating with God's grace. We recognize that in our weak and fallen state we cannot direct ourselves toward God through our own feeble efforts. We need the transforming power of God's grace in order to do the good that will lead to true happiness. Infused with God's grace, our good deeds transcend the limits of our natural capabilities. Our actions are no longer limited to what we can do on our own, but are elevated by what God can do in us. In the light of Christ, ethics opens out into spirituality; human action is infused with the Spirit of God.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS GIVES US an illuminating way of understanding this dynamic when he says that charity is the form of all the virtues. Now charity, for St. Thomas, "is the friendship of man for God" (*Summa Theologiae* II-II q. 23 a. 1). It is "the movement of love whereby we love God" (*ST* II-II 23.2). Charity is the love that God creates in us, which elevates our ability to love and so makes us capable of loving God truly. It is therefore charity above all that makes us able to attain our ultimate goal, which is God Himself. In St. Thomas' words, "The ultimate and principal good of man is the enjoyment of God . . . and to this good man is ordered by charity" (*ST* II-II 23.7). This means that charity is not only the greatest of the virtues, since it directs us to our greatest good, it is also the form of all the other virtues, because "it is charity which directs the acts of all other virtues to the last end" (*ST* II-II 23.8).

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US IS THAT every good action we perform can be an act of love for God. When our souls are enlivened with charity, all our virtuous deeds are informed by our friendship with God and contribute to the attainment of that perfect enjoyment of God that is our principal good and ultimate end. This is not to say that our good actions are any less ours. What God does in us by his grace does not cancel or diminish the freedom God has given us as integral to our

human nature. Rather, the grace of God elevates and perfects our God-given freedom, making it capable of the love for which God made it. In addition, to say that charity is the form of all the other virtues is not to say that those virtues lose their distinctiveness or their distinctive importance. The diverse virtues that order different human actions toward their common goal remain diverse. The virtue of chastity, for example, by which we do what is good in matters of sexuality, is not less important for being informed by charity, but more important. We would be wrong to think, "It doesn't matter so much if I'm chaste as long as I love God." The correct conclusion is rather, "Chastity matters more to me because being chaste is one way I can live in friendship with God."

APPLYING THIS TO THE PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE, we can conclude that our daily activities matter much more than we might have previously thought. When our actions are right and good, we don't just serve our patients well, we also render to God acts of supernatural love and advance toward our ultimate purpose. Conversely, when our actions are unjust, unkind, or poorly considered, we fail not just to be good clinicians, but to love God and to advance on our way toward Him. By the grace of God, we have the opportunity each day to care for others in a way that can have eternal importance both for them and for us. This should motivate us to come to the practice of health care with both generous hearts and ethically informed minds. For when we care for the health of others in a way that is truly good – caring, competent, and ethical – our seemingly mundane actions can be elevated by the infusion of divine love to become deeds of supernatural consequence. When we allow God to work in us and through us, ethically informed practice becomes a spirituality of health care. When we do what is good in our everyday actions and decisions, we can recognize with eyes of faith the presence of the Spirit of God, who elevates our human actions beyond the limits of human achievement and transforms them into expressions of divine friendship.