



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

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July 16, 2017 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MEDICAL MEET & GREET COOKOUT

Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York invites all Health Care Professionals and Students of the Health Professions to the 8th annual Medical Meet & Greet Cookout on today, Sunday, July 16th, after the 5:00 PM Mass at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena. Join us for burgers, beer, and fellowship - bring a friend or make a new one! RSVP to info@dfhcmny.org or (212) 988-8303.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
Vicar

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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Youth Ministry

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Church Custodian

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Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER

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Principal

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ST. JUDE

(212) 249-6067
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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 16
6:00 pm (Vigil) Patricia, Richard,
and Garrett Keegan (D)
8:00 am For the People of
the Parish
12 pm Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 pm Josephine Sindoni
Tourre (D)

MONDAY, JULY 17
8:00 am Philomena McGovern
12:10 pm Raymond, Robert, &
William Schwede
6:00 pm Fernando Alvarado (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 18
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Concepcion G.
De La Cruz
6:00 pm Claude V. Palmieri (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
8:00 am Christians in the
Middle East
12:10 pm Jolene Marie Kehoe (D)
6:00 pm Dominic A. Lofaro (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 20
8:00 am Mary O'Conner
12:10 pm Harlan Johnson (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 21
8:00 am Jeff Moorman (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 pm Raymond Martin
Hicks, III (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 22
8:00 am Arnie Conte (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JULY 16
4:00 pm (Vigil) William Horhota
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Eloisa Kianzon (D)

MONDAY, JULY 17
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Catherine Moore (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 18
7:00 am Mildred Schley (D)
5:15 pm Marina Lucido & Moriq
Cecilia Punzalan (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
7:00 am Rose Anne Connolly
5:15 pm Dominador Nunez (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 20
7:00 am Ileana Aste (D)
5:15 pm Fr. George Concordia, O.P.
& Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, O.P. (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 21
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Antonia da Silva (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 22
9:00 am Marina

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Sally Brown, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Br. Michael Downey, O.P.,
Carolyn Kelly, Barbara Loughlin,
Mary Reidy, Margot Slater, &
Carolyn Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Anthony Baring, 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 (l);
Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Anthony Mor-
telliti; Edward C. Perry (d); Raymond
J. Schwede (d); The People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Anthony Morino (d)

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.*

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION

Last weekend favored me with a free Saturday. As is usual with me, I took the windfall in the form of a long walk. After aiming myself downtown in a general way, I settled on a goal and I picked up Broadway at Times Square with the determination to follow it all the way to Trinity Church at the corner of Broadway and Wall Street. As I made my way south, the sun lit a vibrant succession of neighborhoods. Broadway preserves much commercial architecture of the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries. How great that our forbears' legacy of fine facades has been claimed by the young who live and work in the spacious interiors behind them.

Trinity Church stands at the confluence of historical significance and present finance. On this Saturday lots of tourists flocked to this spot, so well placed on the way to the Stock Exchange, Ground Zero and the Battery. The doors were wide open and people streamed in and out. No doubt a similar scene played itself out many blocks north at St. Patrick's, and another many blocks further north at St. John the Divine. Just like the two cathedrals, Trinity was prepared to welcome its constant procession of visitors. I infer from my experience that part of their mission is to have doors open to the city. This edifies me deeply, and I regard it as essential to our own mission as a parish.

I value as priceless the position of our two churches at crossroads in the life of the city. (By the way, Trinity also has two fine contiguous churches, Trinity Church itself and St. Paul's Chapel. Both stand on Broadway, and each played a role in 9/11 and its aftermath.) The evangelical potential of our places of worship offers great promise. Our (My) hope is that if you come and admire the beauty, savor the quiet, and feel the welcome, you might want to find out about the faith behind it all. So we are asking our buildings not just to accommodate and affirm the regulars, but also to preach to the wider world through a range of artistic media, synthesized to welcome, orchestrated to elevate the mind and heart.

But for many of the unchurched in church, it never goes beyond beautiful and interesting. Others may leave with a deeper respect for the cultural heritage and social outreach of the Church. At the deepest level though it is God's initiative that imparts faith, and our most vibrant acres of stained glass only provide a meeting ground between the human soul and the One who loved it into being and wants to love it into His heaven.

Here I am challenged by my own reflections, because I wonder if churches still preach to me. How did I visit Trinity? Honestly, I showed up as a professional. Even on a Saturday jaunt I was asking clergy questions. How was the altar placed and vested? How was the sanctuary arranged? How were pamphlets displayed? How effective was the lighting? Put simply, I evaluated it. I did not allow it to speak to me and so ended up as an ecclesiastical tourist.

This did not make my experience bad; it was very informative and profitable; at the same time, I think that I limited the potential of the moment. I think I blow it when I put on the lens of preference. When I ask myself if I like a building, a painting, a mode of dress, a play, or a sermon, I make my comfort the measure. A very human reaction! At the same time, what speaks to me most deeply may be that which makes me uncomfortable. Here lies the ground of prophecy by which God challenges complacency, arrogance and prejudice. Here too is the place where God exposes fear in the soul, so as to overcome it.

My sense is that the "narrow way" to the power of an experience, whether visiting a church or hearing a sermon, or cooking dinner lies in the quest for understanding. When I attain this path I ask different questions. "What did they intend?" "What does this signify?" "How did this come into being?" These open me to learning, to surprise, and to change.

The vast majority of the interesting and beautiful buildings I passed on Broadway no longer serve their original purpose. They are attractive fronts for something else. But not Trinity, it stands as the visible expression of the community that built and has used it continually since 1846. (It is the third building so to serve the community of the Parish since 1697.) I owed it my amazement rather than the evaluation I gave it.

I wonder how the quest for understanding could deepen much more of life than visiting churches? How much potential have we lost by settling for likes and dislikes?

Summer Peace!



Fr. Walter

Please welcome Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P. Fr. Martin is a Friar of our Canadian Province. He will be living at St. Catherine's. He will assist in the hospital ministry and also say Mass in both of churches.

Please welcome Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P. Fr. Luke is newly ordained and will be helping us in the hospital and the parish, so that the regulars can get some time off. We are so blessed not only to have their help but their fresh perspective and their devotion to their calling.

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSFD 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>.

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.

COLLECTION

JULY 2, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$10,184

Pastoral Solidarity with the
Church in Africa: \$2,918

Attendance: 957

JULY 9, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$16,224

Operating Deficit: \$5,920

Attendance: 929

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.

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

of the Catholic Charities
of the Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue - NYC 10022
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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, o.p. 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 policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts



Our Parish's 2017 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* Update

Pledged: \$185,228 - Goal: \$232,500 (80% of goal)

Current Participation: 165 - Participation Goal: 195 (85% of goal)

WE NEED \$47,272 AND AT LEAST 29 MORE PARISHIONERS TO HELP US REACH OUR GOALS!

The time is now to make your gift TODAY!

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Tear off slip and place in the collection basket.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Please prayerfully consider your gift to
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*My gift should be applied to the
2017 Appeal effort at my parish,*

St. Vincent Ferrer-
St. Catharine of Siena
#136

Suggested total Pledge	5 Monthly payments of
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50
\$125	\$25

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
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My total pledge: \$ _____
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Thank you for YOUR participation! God bless you.



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.

REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES *and the* RIGHTS of PARENTS *and* CHILDREN

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

Our society generally uses the term “reproductive rights” to refer to the options that should be made available to a woman insofar as she is a potential (or sometimes actual) mother. The Catholic Church teaches that mothers and fathers and children all have rights regarding the manner of their reproduction. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a husband and wife have the “right to become a father and a mother only through each other” (CCC 2376). In the same paragraph, the *Catechism* refers to “the child’s right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage.” Both the rights of the parents and the rights of the child, according to CCC 2376, can be violated by the use of reproductive technologies. Here is the full paragraph, which quotes from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith’s document, *Donum Vitae*:

Technologies that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely immoral. These techniques infringe upon the child’s right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage. They betray the spouses’ “right to become a father and a mother only through each other.”

In what follows, I will expound upon this teaching by commenting upon the rights of the child and the spouses that are referred to in the *Catechism*.

The Rights of the Child

“The child’s right to be born of a father and a mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage” touches the heart of the Church’s teaching on marriage and human sexuality. The stable and exclusive union between husband and wife is the proper place for sexual activity largely because it is the proper setting for the rearing of children. The kind or reproductive technologies referred to in CCC 2376 intrude upon the exclusivity of the marital union. A child conceived by an anonymous biological father or born to a surrogate mother is deprived

of the unambiguous identity of being the child of one father and one mother in the security of one family. A child has a right to a family in which he or she is the fruit of the love of a husband and wife who become a mother and a father in the expression of their exclusive union. The right on the part of the child implies a corresponding obligation on the part of the parents. They are morally obliged to conceive children only through their shared acts of conjugal love and free from intrusive technologies or third parties.

The Rights of the Parents

The rights of spouses “to become a father and mother only through the other” are implicit in the vows they make at their wedding. Fidelity to those vows requires that their sexual relationship be exclusive. Even if they were to agree to do otherwise, their conduct would betray the vows they made to each other before God. Fidelity also requires that their child bearing be the fruit of that exclusive relationship. Even if they were to agree to bring in a third party to effect the fertilization or gestation of their child, it would be a violation of their vows and an intrusion into the exclusive relationship that is proper to husband and wife. A husband and wife have mutual rights and obligations that are definitive of their marriage. Among them are the right and obligation of both to become father and mother only through each other.

Husbands and wives have the right and obligation to give and receive the exclusive conjugal love by which a child might be conceived. They do not, however, have the right to conceive a child. Husbands and wives are right to want to have children. That is a natural and praiseworthy desire. But the desire that is praiseworthy is the desire to receive a child as a gift – a gift from God received through the mutual giving of husband and wife – not the desire to receive a child as an entitlement. Sadly, by asserting this false right to a child, potential parents can be inclined to make use of reproductive technologies in ways that violate the true rights of both parents and children to be gift and family only through each other.