



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

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July 23, 2017 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY EVENING MASS AND HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, July 23, the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be celebrated by Fr. John-Mary, CFR, a newly-ordained Franciscan Friar of the Renewal who has often visited our parish over the past several years to assist with the Frassati Fellowship. After Mass, a Holy Hour will be celebrated in the church with the Frassati Fellowship. All are welcome!

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.

NEXT WEEKEND - PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MEMBERSHIP

Join in the worldwide mission of Jesus! By our Baptism, we are all missionaries -- called to share our faith in Jesus Christ with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Propagation of the Faith.

In making this commitment, we pledge to...

- PRAY daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.
- OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters throughout the Missions.

Please say "yes" to this special missionary call next weekend. Envelopes are available for your mission gift. Thank you very much!

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.

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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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

Deacon John M. Powers
Lee Ann Rubino

Business Manager
James D. Wetzel

Director of Music and Organist
Lisa Harrelson

Director of Catechesis and
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
Administrative Assistant

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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER

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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 23
6:00 pm (Vigil) Edward C. Perry (D)
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams Families (D)
12 pm Helene Brandt (D)
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

MONDAY, JULY 24
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 pm Rose & Saverio Lunetta (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 25
8:00 am Livia Andreotti (D)
12:10 pm Norman Cohen & Beatrice Milberg (D)
6:00 pm Anne & Celia Carrigan (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
8:00 am Anne & Celia Carrigan (D)
12:10 pm Helen & Charles Hoertkorn (D)
6:00 pm Frances & Richard Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 27
8:00 am Patricia Hughes (D)
12:10 pm Lillian Franco (D)
6:00 pm Jorge Miranda (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 28
8:00 am Martin Slattery & Joel Crager (D)
12:10 pm Timothy Twomey (D)
6:00 pm Arthur & HuaLing Tsoi

SATURDAY, JULY 29
8:00 am Joan Facey (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JULY 23
4:00 pm (Vigil) Arnold Gamusaran (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 24
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Jenara Medina (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 25
7:00 am Anthony Beantoni (D)
5:15 pm For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
7:00 am Susan Komar (D)
5:15 pm Frederick Fletcher, Sr. (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 27
7:00 am John Matos, Jr. (D)
5:15 pm Lorraine Scully (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 28
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Luis Z. Irizarry (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 29
9:00 am For the 27th Anniversary of the St. Catherine's Prayer Group

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Sally Brown, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Carolyn Kelly, Barbara Loughlin, Linda Merone, Mary Reidy, Margot Slater, & Carolyn Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony Baring, Br. Michael Downey, O.P., 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
Rene Concepcion (d); Brother Michael Downey, o.p. (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Anthony Mortelliti; William J. Schwede, Sr. (d); The People of the Parish; Intention of Donor

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

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.

VISITOR'S REFLECTIONS ON THE SANCTUARY AT LOURDES

It is with a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother Mary and Saint Bernadette that I share with you the message of Lourdes on my return from that special place of prayer. The Virgin Mary greeted St. Bernadette Soubirous in the Grotto of Marsabielle on 11th February 1858 and for a total of eighteen apparitions ending on 16th July, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. During these special moments Mary gave Bernadette numerous messages and identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception."

The Blessed Virgin asked St. Bernadette to arrange with the parish priest to build a chapel on the location of the apparitions, and that people be invited to come in Procession, offer prayers and petitions as well as to do penance for sinners. Sixty-three years ago the U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage in response to this plea began by taking small groups of pilgrims from the U.S. and Canada to visit and pray at this holy grotto, and today we continue this very impressive project. I have personally made fifty-four pilgrimages to Lourdes in the past forty years as part of the National Rosary group.

The nineteenth century Lourdes of Bernadette's time was a small community of a few hundred people and from these simple and humble beginnings we have a town that swells to 5 million annually during the pilgrimage season. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary, 2008, more than 6.5 million pilgrims came to Lourdes.

Many people will ask me "have you witnessed any miracles?" My immediate response is to make a distinction between a miracle and a cure. Then I add that every pilgrim, in a real sense, has experienced a cure whether that be in some way physical, spiritual, or even emotional. One would have to have a certain hardness of heart not to return home from Lourdes differently because of the experience. That is what a pilgrimage is all about. That we are open to God's benevolent love and the promptings of the Holy Spirit as it moves within us. I thank Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Bernadette for the many special graces which have accrued to me in my past forty years as a result of my sharing my priestly ministry with so many people who have become part of our Lourdes Family.

- **Fr. Joseph P. Allen, O.P.**

My recent experience in Lourdes was comprised of a number of "firsts": my first trip outside the continental U.S., my first pilgrimage; and the first time I would not be able to joyfully recount my travel experiences to my mother.

So, instead, I will joyfully recount my experience in Lourdes to you. Where to start? First, my travel companions are, without exception, the finest people I have ever met. Special mention must be made of Fr. Joseph Allen, who made this pilgrimage to Lourdes both possible and beautiful. The French people that we met along the way treated us with much warmth and affection and made us all feel as though we were home, and not in a foreign country. Lourdes, itself, is a beautiful country village, nestled at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains. Lourdes has changed very little since the time of Saint Bernadette Soubirous (January 7, 1844 – April 16, 1879), from the cobblestone streets to the charming village homes and store fronts.

As you can imagine, Lourdes is adorned with many beautiful churches, as well as a magnificent Basilica. But, of course, the focus of our pilgrimage was the Grotto, where our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadette. The Grotto is a natural cave, made from rock. An altar has been placed within the Grotto, so that Mass may, and is, celebrated throughout the day there. Being in a place where our Blessed Mother appeared is an extraordinary experience, which words cannot adequately describe. And, so, I pray that one day you also will have the opportunity to experience for yourselves and imagine the joy of what it must have been like for Saint Bernadette, at the Grotto, being in the holy presence of Our Blessed Mother.

- **Michael Silverstein**

Our pilgrimage to Lourdes with Father Allen was a spiritually beautiful and peaceful trip. The deep beauty of the daily masses and the candlelight processions, as well as being with people of the same faith from all over the world, was very moving. Having mass in the grotto, as well as Sunday Mass in an underground cathedral with 18,000 people in all different languages, was amazing. And learning more about Saint Bernadette's story and seeing where she lived was inspiring. Also, our group was wonderful and we had a lot of fun together. The trip made me feel closer to God and renewed my spirit. All in all, the pilgrimage was heavenly!

- **Katie O'Neill**

When I reflect on the trip to Lourdes a few things rise to the surface. First, a change of heart; seeing so many in wheelchairs and stretchers, and various differently abled people of all ages and races, swiftly caused a change in heart regarding my health situation. I immediately became grateful for all the blessings in my life and will no longer focus on what I have or don't have. Second, the idea of service; assisting another person by wheeling them to various sites and activities became an opportunity for me to reach beyond my own self-interest and be aware of and serve another without judgment or reward. Third, the power of prayer; the awesome nature of praying the same prayer with thousands of others in the same place in multiple languages was powerful and moving. Though, I have a long way to go and a lot to learn, this trip has provided me with a focus and desire to know God is alive in my life.

- **Charlie Rubino**

My trip to Lourdes was an unanticipated pleasure. You are joined and united with people, from throughout the world in faith, mind, and spirit. There are so many services that one does not have the opportunity to engage in on a regular basis, Mass in multiple languages, anointing of the sick, and a candlelight procession with thousands of people. It is a powerful experience to break down all walls and boundaries and experience love for all. Your mind becomes uncluttered as you receive a spiritual gift of clarity and love and our Lord in the present. It is a trip I will treasure, one that I was able to experience it with Father Allen and friends and a new path that I will be able to follow throughout my life.

- **Lee Ann Rubino**

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSO 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.

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.

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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.

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.

COLLECTION

JULY 16, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$12,949

Attendance: 962



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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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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 of 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.