



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

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July 9, 2017 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 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.

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.

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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PARISH STAFF

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

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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 9
6:00 pm (Vigil) Janina Pieczara (D)
8:00 am Anthony May (D)
12 pm For the Deceased members of
the Greason & Twomey
Families (D)
6:00 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, &
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)

MONDAY, JULY 10
8:00 am Joe Dwyer (D)
12:10 pm Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
6:00 pm Josephome Allulli (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 11
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Fred Wicklow (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
8:00 am Josephine, Massab, & Rose
Makula
12:10 pm Harry McKillop, Sr. (D)
6:00 pm Mirella Desilva

THURSDAY, JULY 13
8:00 am Mary Silvestro (D)
12:10 pm Susan Jennifer Makin Van
Remmen (D)
6:00 pm Gloria Alvarado (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 14
8:00 am Peggy Ziady (D)
12:10 pm John & Joan Hoaglund
6:00 pm Claire Mackey (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 15
8:00 am Jolene Marie Kehoe (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JULY 9
4:00 pm (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm David Johnson (D)

MONDAY, JULY 10
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Miguel & Teodora
Lucido (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 11
7:00 am Mrs. Helen O'Brien (D)
5:15 pm Sr. Timothy
Goettisheim, O.P. (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
7:00 am Dossi Donkdegan & Denis
Sognenni (D)
5:15 pm Marina Spani-Molella (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 13
7:00 am Josephine Sisto (D)
5:15 pm Mrs. Owen Smyth

FRIDAY, JULY 14
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Mary Ann Cullen (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 15
9:00 am Mrs. Owen Smyth

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, Mary Reidy, Margot
Slater, & Carolyn Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of 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); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Living &
Deceased Members of the McGovern
Family; Raymond J. Schwede (l); The
People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan (l)

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.

I HANDED ON TO YOU WHAT I FIRST RECEIVED.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, you read words from June 29. Further, this essay hails from Louisville, where I was gathered with my family to celebrate my father's 85th birthday.

He rates organizing such celebrations as one of life's happiest tasks, and he tackled this one with the vim of a much younger person. Dad hosted a pre-birthday dinner for out of town guests. Then, on the day itself we celebrated Mass in Louisville's Cathedral of the Assumption, where he is a parishioner. We concluded with an al fresco party for 90. Dad drew all his worlds together. He had children, grandchildren, and long-time friends from each chapter of his life, all the way back to Notre Dame in the 50's. But he also had the people of his present, those who work with him in business, his doctors and physical therapists.

Such a roster of guests gives a panorama of life we do not see on any given day. Surveying the yard, I perceived that one vibrant life touches many people, and draws on those encounters to reach out yet more widely. My dad's has been a transactional life. People have met him as buyers and sellers, owners and tenants, employees and providers of services, and they have stayed on for decades as friends. There they were sharing the happy twilight with him and with each other. They were tucking into biscuits packed with Country Ham (the prosciutto of the Bluegrass) and washed down by "Walt's Old Fashioneds." This was summer happiness purveyed by one in whom such happiness abides all year long.

The scene showed me the gulf between my father's life and mine. My dad's celebration showcased the fruits of constancy in life, building a business, improving a home, fostering a parish and widening a circle of friends. His is a rooted life, lived in place and relationships attach themselves to it like ornaments on a Christmas tree. By my choice, and through the nature of my vocation, I have reached my mid-fifties as an unestablished person and wanderer through life. At the stroke of a pen I could be in a different city, with a different assignment.

But for all the differences, his life shaped mine. As reveler after reveler recounted the story of "knowing Walt," I realized that without any lesson plan I had learned from Dad how to live the transactional life that is ministry. I enter people's lives as the purveyor of an event. They come to me looking for a baptism, a wedding, or a house blessing, and sometimes the encounter ends with a handshake and a "Thank you, Father." At other times it becomes the first of many chapters in an ongoing relationship. All as God disposes! Such a training leads one to take each encounter seriously by meeting its demands and respecting its limits.

As I look back I see the practice of civility giving backbone to my parents' way of life and providing a seed ground for the enduring relationships that anchor them to this day. Civility lies at the core of their traditio, that which they received and handed on. Though I have no lasting dwelling, and will bequeath neither money nor monument, I nevertheless carry around with me a real rootedness, and that I operate out of all the time, often without realizing it. How many times have I entered a stranger's living room, or welcomed a couple into my parlor, or entered the melee of a crowded ballroom and not realized that I was prepared for this by my Dad's gift of knowing no stranger and my mother's understanding that friendliness is an obligation, not a favor.

I am mindful that we are about to enter upon July, the month of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus. What a great time to recognize the living tradition that has stealthily equipped us for life, so that we navigate life's ways without a map. To ponder one's ancestry is to survey a procession of gifted and challenged people, and to discover oneself as the bearer of an inner heritage that enables and limits invisibly. What a blessing to reflect on this patrimony in the light of faith and to realize that both its gifts and its deficits provide ways to God. In a culture that is unsettled it becomes helpful to realize that we are grounded relationships of nature, and in that amazing relationship imparted by grace.

Summer 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 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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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.