



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

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August 13th, 2017 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The 12:10 PM Mass will be a Sung Mass and 6 PM Mass will be a Solemn Mass, with the Schola Cantorum singing Marian music from the Spanish Renaissance: Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Missa Trahe me*, Juan Escribano's *Paradisi ports*, and Francisco Guerrero's *Ave Virgo sanctissima*. In addition to the regularly scheduled Masses, there will be an additional 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena. Both evening Masses on Monday, August 14th will fulfill the obligation.

SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Sunday, August 13, there will be a second collection to help the parish's **Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER VESPERS

Over the summer, Sunday Parish Vespers continues at 5:30 PM. The 5 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for adults who were not raised Catholic or for Catholic individuals who have not yet received the sacrament of confirmation. Beginning on September 20, 2017, our parish RCIA program will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:45 PM – 7:45 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The goal of the program is threefold:

- 1) to convey the breadth and depth of the Catholic faith through instruction in the Church's doctrines and practices, using the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our starting point;
- 2) to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Easter Season;
- 3) to create a sense of belonging and participation in our local parish community.

I would like to encourage you to consider speaking to family or friends who live near our parish who may be interested to share with them this opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. I would like to especially encourage non-Catholic spouses of parishioners to consider taking part in the program. It is possible to come to the first several meetings on a trial basis; no commitments will be made until several months into the program, when the "Rite of Acceptance" allows an individual to signal his or her decision to formally enter the RCIA program. All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call me at the Parish Office at (212) 744-2080 or send an email to rcia@svsc.info. Please visit www.svsc.info/rcia to register.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.

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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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

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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, AUGUST 13

6:00 pm (Vigil) Mark Flesher (D)

8:00 am Christopher Dominiak (D)

12 pm For the People of
the Parish

6:00 pm Jake Phelan (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 am For the Christians in the
Middle East

12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)

6:00 pm Sam Price (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 am Mary & Patrick
McCullough (D)

12:10 pm Eileen Gotz (D)

6:00 pm Mr. John Jacobson (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 am Sr. Kevin Marie
McGuinness, O.P. (D)

12:10 pm Mark Flesher (D)

6:00 pm Denise Naggar (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Sr. Mary Attracta (D)

12:10 pm Marie Vogel (D)

6:00 pm For the Deceased Members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 pm Jose Ma. Labayen (D)

6:00 pm Edward Zelenick (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 am Angelina Finguerra

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

4:00 pm (Vigil) Patricia Anne

Rehak (D)

10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude

5:00 pm John F. Kelly (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph

5:15 pm David Johnson (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 am Sophia Schuster (D)

1:00 pm Virgilio Talaid (D)

5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 am Victoria Hosny (S)

5:15 pm Fr. George Concordia, O.P.
& Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, O.P. (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 am Juan G. Friualdo, Jr. (D)

5:15 pm Phyllis Iacuzzi (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)

5:15 pm Larry (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 am Paula Carnazza (D)

PARISH PRAYER**INTENTIONS***Contact the Parish Office to add a
name to this list*Sally Brown, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Janie Dixon, Susan
Dorsey, Diane Hanus, Carolyn Kelly,
Linda Merone, Bibi Niedzielski,
Brian Praetzel, Margot Slater, &
Carolyn Wilcher.Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Anthony Baring, Mark Birri,
John Carranza, Br. Michael
Downey, O.P., John Kelly, & Barbara
Loughlin, 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); Living &
Deceased Members of the McGovern
Family; Anthony Mortelliti; Florence
A. Schwede (d); The People of the
Parish*St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna*
Molly O'Hara (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.*

GIVING THANKS

When you think of “prayer,” what comes to mind? I think for most of us prayer consists in asking: asking for help, asking for a favor, asking for forgiveness. We tend to start praying when we reach the borders of our self-sufficiency. I ask for help when I cannot do for myself. We never admit this, but that makes prayer vaguely uncomfortable, like having to ask a relative for a loan because I am overdrawn at the bank. How much more satisfying to look upon my possessions, my body, and even my relationships, and be able to say, “Look what I did.” But the truth of our efforts always runs up against the truth of limits and we are back to prayer, and we are still sheepish in God’s presence. I am praying because I have failed, or someone else has failed, or nature has failed me.

But take a second look; human nature is designed with limits. We live within boundaries of longevity and strength, understanding and communication. So we might ask whether the One who crafted our nature intended us to be uncomfortable within its confines. That Christ assumed this nature testifies to the contrary. His Gospel represents an invitation to embrace it, with all its limitations, as our way to God, and so the Scriptures and the Sacraments intimate a deep transformation of how we see our humanity and our prayer. In the light of faith we come to see our limits not as frustrations but as openings to the personal experience of God’s goodness.

Humanly we know this truth. When I fall in love I recognize someone who supplies for what I like, who complements my own real but limited gifts. God acts in Christ to widen this realization to include the whole of life. So He invites us to befriend the deepest truth of ourselves, and to do this by recognizing how much we have received that we could never have received by toil, ingenuity, or merit. This is not putting us in our place, but helping us see how privileged is our place from the very beginning.

So I ask you: how is your own life shaped by the truth of favor, for favor tells the truth of you and me. If we have received Christ in the Eucharist, then unqualified love has entered the very heart of us as a consolation and liberation, as a summons to change and a gift of understanding. When we “taste and see that the Lord is good,” we remember that Jesus made a banquet of his blood for us in the past, and that we savor it in the present moment as a real pledge of life beyond the limits that now define me.

This perspective grows each time we make a practice of gratitude. Here is the real conscious work of remembering and recognizing. When I set my mind to it I recognize that for all the time I spend with my problems, the deepest truth of me is gift. It has been good to live, and to live as myself. It has been good to share life with those confided to me, and with those to whom I have been confided. I also wonder what my very struggles with handicap and circumstance have taught me about the reality of life.

At the height of summer there is an opportunity for gratitude for the gifts at the foundation of our lives. Its practice will give us the wherewithal to keep growing through another winter.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter".

Fr. Walter

160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF LOURDES

Fr. Joseph Allen, o.p., invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to Paris, Nevers, Lisieux, and Lourdes, February 5–13, 2018. Pilgrims will visit the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Notre Dame and other sites in Paris, as well as the convent where St. Bernadette lived in Nevers, where her incorrupt body rests. They will also visit Lisieux, and the places associated with the life of St. Therese, "The Little Flower," before continuing to Lourdes to join in the celebrations for the Feast and the 160TH Anniversary of the Apparitions. Contact Catholic Travel Office at 1-877-276-7279 or catholictraveloffice@comcast.net, or Fr. Allen at joseph.allen@opeast.org.

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>.

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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group has been organized at the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena for all persons grieving the death of a loved one. The weekly sessions will help guide people through their grieving process in a safe and supportive environment.

It takes courage to face the many feelings and life changes resulting from the death of a loved one. By participating in a support group, you will have the opportunity to share with others who are grieving, learn about the process of grief, and be supported during a difficult time. Confidentiality is a key component to success of the group process.

The group will be facilitated by members of our parish, Ms. Susan Parker and Ms. Sarah McDermott, who have completed the Archdiocesan training program in Pastoral Bereavement Ministry. The 10 week program will begin on Thursday September 28th at 7 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena Church, located at 68th Street off 1st Avenue. Registration prior to participation in the sessions is required.

For more information or to register for the group, please call the parish office at 212-744-2080, between the hours of 9 AM and 1 PM and 2 PM to 5 PM. Thank you.

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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

AUGUST 6, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$14,093

Attendance: 953



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—*Matthew 5:4*

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

HELPING EACH OTHER *with* PRAYER

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

“I will pray for you.” I say this often, especially when visiting people who are sick. I imagine most of the people reading this also say this often, especially to loved ones who are seriously ill. Serious illness has a way of eliciting our prayer for one another and our assurances of prayer for one another. I frequently find that, for the hospital patients I visit, the experience of being prayed for is a profound one. When I myself was a patient with serious illness, I was overwhelmed by the number of people who said they were praying for me. I was deeply moved by the enormous amount of love and care that all those prayers expressed. I also believed those prayers amounted to more than what they expressed; that they really helped.

How can we help each other by our prayers? That’s a difficult thing to understand. After all, we believe that God is all-knowing and therefore doesn’t have to be told about our needs, and that God is all-loving and therefore doesn’t need to be persuaded to do what is good. God doesn’t need our prayers, yet it is abundantly clear to every Christian believer that God wants us to pray and to pray for each other. God has determined that we should be able to help each other with our prayers. But how can we begin to understand that mystery?

I recently re-read a passage in Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians that gave me a new insight into the mystery of intercessory prayer, especially on behalf of the sick. There he tells the Corinthians about the life-threatening affliction that he had recently to endure, saying:

Indeed, we had accepted within ourselves the sentence of death, that we might trust not in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. He rescued us from such great danger of death, and he will continue to rescue us; in him we have put our hope that he will rescue us again, as you help us with prayer, so that thanks might be given on our behalf for the gift granted us through the prayers of many (2 Cor 1:9-11).

Saint Paul gives all the credit for his rescue to God and places all his hope for future rescue in God. Nevertheless, he adds in the same sentence, “as you help us with prayer.” Saint Paul does not speak of the Corinthian’s prayers as something apart from the help he hopes for from God. It’s not like he hopes for 90% of the help he will need from God and 10% from their prayers. Rather, Saint Paul hopes in God entirely, and he understands the Corinthian’s prayers as included in the help God will give.

Saint Paul then speaks of another hope. He says, “I hope that you will understand completely, as you have come to understand us partially, that we are your boast as you also are ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus” (2 Cor 1:13-14). I think we can only appreciate what Saint Paul is saying here when we consider how he elsewhere uses the word “boast.”

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul quoted Jeremiah, saying, “Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord” (1 Cor 1:31). In his Letter to the Galatians, he says, “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal 6:14). In his Letter to the Romans, he asks, “What occasion is there then for boasting?”, and declares, “It is ruled out . . . on the principle of faith” (Rom 3:27). In all these passages, Saint Paul uses the work “boast” to indicate how we should credit God for accomplishing our salvation and not take credit for ourselves.

The image suggested to me by Saint Paul’s words is this: We are boosting each other up by our prayers, but the ground that makes this boosting possible is God. We are lifting, but only by God’s strength. We are helping, but our help is part of God’s help. We are delivered from affliction and illness and are raised to eternal life only by God through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Yet, that is a gift God grants “through the prayers of many.” In God alone do we boast. Yet, in Him, “we are your boast and you ours.” “In God who raises the dead,” we help each other with our prayers.