



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

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August 20th, 2017 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

We 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. We 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 the Parish Office at (212) 744-2080 or send an email to rcia@svsc.info. Please visit www.svsc.info/rcia to register.

NATIVITY OF MARY

Friday, September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a special 7 PM Mass in the Dominican Rite at the High Altar of St. Vincent Ferrer. The gentlemen of the Schola Cantorum will sing Maurice Duruflé's famous *Messe cum jubilo*, Op. 11, Andrea Gabrieli's *Nativitas tua Dei genitrix á 7*, and Vincenzo Bertolusi's *Ego flos campi*.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration for the 2017-2018 school year is currently underway. A registration form is included in this bulletin. Lisa Harrelson, Coordinator of Religious Education, will also be present at all of the Masses on Sunday, September 10 if you wish to register your child in person. If you would like to visit the Atrium at St. Catherine's, need additional information, or have any questions, please contact Lisa at lharrelson@svsc.info.

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

St. Catherine of Siena
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Office Hours:
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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Director of Catechesis and
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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, AUGUST 20
6:00 pm (Vigil) Star Sharbel (D)
8:00 am For the Deceased Members
of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams
Families (D)
12 pm Paul Tran & Christina
Lipari (D)
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick
Gorman (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Irma Bastadas (D)
6:00 pm Jamie, JC Barcelon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
8:00 am Amel M. Marciniak (D)
12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 pm Teresa & Alice
Crawford (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
8:00 am Sara Doherty
Cunningham (D)
12:10 pm Mr. Neal Prince (D)
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
8:00 am Mary Elizabeth Letoile (D)
12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 pm In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
8:00 am Anna & Zygmunt
Warszawski (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 pm Valerie Greason (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
8:00 am St. Martin de Porres

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
4:00 pm (Vigil) Pedro & Laureana
Panopio (D)
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of
the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Clarita Casino (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
7:00 am John Hyland (D)
5:15 pm Marina

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
7:00 am Tom Noonan
5:15 pm John Hickey (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
7:00 am Ann Kelly (D)
5:15 pm Elizabeth McMillan (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Nell Evans Thomas (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
9:00 am Moloney Family

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, Shirley Miller, 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
Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Dr. Donald &
Mary Lintner (l); Living & Deceased
Members of the McGovern Family;
Anthony Mortelliti; Raymond J.
Schwede (l); The People of the Parish;
Intention of Donor

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)

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.

THE HOLY PREACHING: PONDERING 150 YEARS OF DOMINICAN PARISH LIFE

The Dominican Friars have exercised parish ministry in this area since 1867. We were joined by our Sisters in 1880s and since then primary and secondary education have formed part of the ministry here. As the hospital complex emerged along York Avenue, tending the sick came to be a signature work of the Dominicans. Today, our parish holds two Dominican churches, two communities of Friars, two communities of Sisters, two high schools, and a hospital chaplaincy. It also contains an administrative center for the Order. But what has shaped the whole enterprise over these generations is the common life the Brothers and Sisters share at home.

Today, if you walk into the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer or the Church of St. Catherine of Siena you will find outstanding architecture, and you will find paintings, carvings, and stained glass deployed in beautiful and evangelical ways. But these elements serve a purpose beyond pleasing the eye and informing the mind. The agenda of our churches, and hence of our parish, comes clear in a paradox you can see played out all day long. On the one hand St. Catherine's and St. Vincent's are places of great grandeur and they accommodate crowds gathered for solemn worship. On the other hand, someone can walk off the street into either church, for the first time, stand alone in it, and feel instantly at home.

Put simply, the churches preach. They proclaim to you the all-powerful and all-knowing God, and they make you at home with Him. Neither part of this paradox compromises the other. God is awesome, and close enough to sit with for a good cry. Our buildings convey this perception of God to you, because the life of our Order conveys it to us.

By St. Dominic's design, dating from 1216, the men and women of the Order live an intense life in common. We pray together, and we place our income at the disposal of the Community. We share our working lives in ministry and our leisure hours at the end of the day. We all receive training in a very ancient way of life, and each community shares the task of applying that tradition in our time and place. Most religious orders could claim this list of traits, but St. Dominic added to them the work of study. Every Dominican accepts study as his or her manual labor, and so we should study assiduously even when there is nothing to prepare. Here is the intimacy of the Order; the Dominican, the book, and God. Here we learn to be in awe before Him and to befriend Him at the same time.

This common life, especially study, ordered the environment in which you pray, as it continues to order the preaching you hear on Sunday and the education our students receive on Monday. It gives shape to the way we form the faith of adults and children: it molds the way we steward resources, and collaborate with staff and volunteers.

In the ancient days of our Order, our houses were often referred to as a "Holy Preaching," not just because the Dominicans gave sermons but because their way of life proclaimed the Gospel to their contemporaries. Our hope is that this parish will preach by what we say and sing, by how we invest our resources, by how we treat our elders and our young, members of long-standing and those who just joined.

If we take this mission seriously then we can set about deepening our own life of faith, and we can present that faith to those who have left its practice, or who know nothing of Christ and His Gospel. The key to all preaching, whether individual or communal, is recognizing that we have wealth to share.

Summer Peace!



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.

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.

COLLECTION

AUGUST 13, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$12,689

Deficit Reduction: \$6,146

Attendance: 980

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE:

"COME AND SEE" VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Vocation Retreat—September 8--10, 2017: "Be Bold. Respond to God's Call: A Discernment Weekend."

Do you feel God is calling you to something more? Join with other women discerning a call and explore life in a religious community. What does it mean to be a contemporary Dominican Sister? How do you go about prayerfully discerning what God is calling you to? On this weekend retreat, you will learn some of the answers to these questions and more about the heritage, prayer and community life of the Dominican Sisters of Peace today.

Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free "Come and See" Discernment Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. The retreat begins at 5:30 PM Friday, September 8 and concludes at 1pm, Sunday, September 10 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Rosary Manor, 1 Rosary Drive, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzgerald@oppeace.org. Participants may register online for using the registration form here. (We can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)

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>.

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.

Religious Education

at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Registration Form • 2017-2018

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Child's School for 2017-2018 _____ Grade in School 2017-2018 _____ Parish _____

I am interested in registering my child for: (*Sessions begin the Week of September 17, 2017*)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 for 3-year-olds – Kindergarten:

- Sundays 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 for 1st grade – 2nd grade:

- Sundays 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (*Combined Levels 2 & 3*) Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Thursdays 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 3 for 3rd grade – 6th grade:

- Sundays 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (*Combined Levels 2 & 3*) Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graded Program for 4th grade /5th grade /6th grade at St. Vincent Ferrer:

- Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please indicate which grade level: _____

Ignite Youth Ministry for 7th grade – 8th grade:

- Sundays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Mondays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Sacramental information about my child – Please list the Sacraments your child has already received (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation):

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| Annual Fee for 2017-2018 – \$250 per child | Amount paid: _____ |
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Please make checks payable to **St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena Parish**. Tuition is due in full on the first day of the session. We accept registrations on a first come, first served basis. Please contact us within the first 3 weeks to receive a 75% refund of the annual fee. After the first 3 weeks, fees are non-refundable. *CGS Level 1 only:* In the first 3 weeks of the CGS Level 1 sessions, we assess if the child is ready. If the child is too young (i.e., not potty-trained, not able to follow instructions), we will ask them to wait 6 months. Please contact **Lisa Harrelson, Coordinator of Religious Education**, with any questions you may have at: **(212) 988-8300, ext. 186 or lharrelson@svsc.info**.
Other than the Graded Program on Tuesdays, all sessions will be held at St. Catherine of Siena.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the policies above.

Parent Name (*print*) _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please return your completed form and payment to:
Lisa Harrelson • 411 E. 68th Street • New York, NY 10065



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DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE
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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.