



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

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August 6th, 2017 — Transfiguration of the Lord

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Today, Sunday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated in place of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC

Tuesday, August 8, is the feast day of our Holy Father Dominic, raised to the rank of a Solemnity in the Dominican Order. There will be a 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. Also, on Monday, August 7, Solemn First Vespers of St. Dominic will be celebrated at 6:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15 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. 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 14 at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine and 6 PM at St. Vincent will fulfill the obligation.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

On September 10, 2017, a new weekend Mass schedule will take effect. Please see page 5 for more details.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group has been formed 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 28 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 5pm

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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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
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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 6
6:00 pm (Vigil) Jane Short (D)
8:00 am Aida Villanueva (D)
12 pm Natalie Gambino (D)
6:00 pm Norman McLaughlin (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Margaret Burns (D)
6:00 pm Rev. Patrick M. Durkin (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
8:00 am James J. & Irene M.
Clarke (D)
12:10 pm William C.
Cunningham, sj (D)
6:00 pm Ramonita Sierra (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
8:00 am Frank Patrick
McGuinness (D)
12:10 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, &
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
6:00 pm Mr. John Spencer (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
8:00 am George Sterling (D)
12:10 pm Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
6:00 pm Rose Hynes (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
8:00 am Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 pm Mrs. Dennis Carey (D)
6:00 pm For the Members of the
St. John Paul II Society

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
8:00 am Richard Onofrey (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
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 Anna Vernazza (D)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
7:00 am Mr. Jim Campbell (D)
5:15 pm Paolo Pulcini (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:00 am Mr. Eugene Luckie (D)
5:15 pm Anna Farino (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
7:00 am Vincenzo Farino (D)
5:15 pm Marino Spani-Molella (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Lenny Wu (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
9:00 am Elizabeth DePalma (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Sally Brown, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Susan Dorsey,
Carolyn Kelly, Linda Merone, Margot
Slater, & Carolyn Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Anthony Baring, 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 (I); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (I); William J.
Schwede, Jr. (d); The People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor; Special
Intention; Special Intention

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.

LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL

Among other things this mountaintop Feast positions itself as a vantage point for looking backwards and forwards. Christ dazzles as the fulfillment of what God has already initiated in the covenant with Israel, and as the evidence for the new Promised Land of Resurrected life. In each Eucharist He presents Himself in the same

panoramic power, the past and the future belonging to Him, and to those He feeds with His very self.

The mystery also teaches about continuum. Taking flesh Christ entered into the movement of human time, and through the Holy Spirit, He continues to work with us on this basis. For humans things develop, and so God allows the whole Church to undergo development. By the same token a parish such as ours develops its practice. We have in the past two years experienced an accelerated pace of such movement, and hopefully will see its pace slow to a more manageable rate. However, we also need to continue the rethinking that rapid change demands.

To that end you will see on the next page a development of the Mass schedule to take place as of September 10, 2017.

Several general factors have influenced these decisions. First we promised that we would review the Mass schedule after its first year. Second, we have been blessed with several new priests and so have the capacity to offer more services. Finally, we have been able to reflect on our potential as a parish with two churches, one of which stands in the midst of a medical complex. Given all of the above we ask how we can serve people who live in our neighborhood, those whom the hospitals draw here, and how, with our resources, we can play a strategic role in the local Church.

A year ago, when we formed the current schedule, some of our best thinking took account of these factors. The 4 PM Vigil Mass at St. Catherine's meets the needs of those with family in the hospital, those who crave a quiet Mass, and those who must travel and work on Sunday. Most parishes would not place a Mass at this time because of weddings, but with two churches we can meet both needs. To my mind the 4 PM on Saturday has developed into a stable and prayerful liturgical community.

Utilizing this same thinking we would like to offer an early morning Mass at St. Catherine's to meet the needs of those who work Sunday shifts in the hospitals. Since the morning daytime shift often begins at 7 AM, we will make Mass available at 6 AM. We also hope that this Mass time will serve broader needs as it becomes known. We also think this is sustainable. Several of us at St. Catherine's are early risers and can commit to the task.

We see potential for growth in the midmorning Mass at St. Catherine's. The 10 AM Mass has accommodated families but we feel its growth has been limited by time. The time has been too late for some families, and we have to be on a strict budget here so that James Wetzel and the Cantor can depart for choir practice and the Noon Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. So, we have resolved to move this Mass to 9 AM. The religious education schedule will be integrated with this change, so as to give more room for interface between the Liturgy in the church and the work of catechesis. We also hope this will give young families longer blocks of free time for their Sunday and give Lisa Harrelson a more expansive catechetical day. Parish Coffee will continue to follow this Mass on the Third Sunday of the Month.

We will then make available a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Mass would have the basic shape and duration of the two 6 PM Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer. We will hire an assistant organist to play for this Eucharist. During this time James can make his way to St. Vincent's and organize the choir for a solid practice before the Noon Mass. This means the Sunday offerings of our parish are 6 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, NOON, 5 PM, and 6 PM. Our hope is not only to make things convenient for the parishioners we have, but also to invite more people to the practice of the Faith.

We have also been looking to re-establish Eucharistic adoration at St. Catherine's. St. Vincent Ferrer offers a Wednesday evening Holy Hour which has become well established. We have wanted to find a similarly effective time for St. Catherine's. This year we will expose the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 3 PM to 5 PM. Again, we hope that this can anchor a time of prayer for those who are visiting the hospitals and for those in the neighborhood might be at leisure for prayer at this time.

Finally, during this past year we have been offering a 1 PM Mass at St. Catherine's on Holy Days, and have found successful results. This year we would like to make this available on the weekdays of Advent and Lent, and during the days of our Novenas. We hope this helps those who take a later lunch.

Thanks for taking some time to read through this material, and for dedication to the life of our parish.

Summer Peace!



Fr. Walter

The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena

Mass Schedule (Beginning September 10, 2017)

Saturday Vigil

Time	Liturgy	Location
3:00 pm	Confessions	St. Catherine of Siena
4:00 pm	Vigil Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 pm	Confessions	St. Vincent Ferrer
6:00 pm	Sung Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

Sunday

6:00 am	Low Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
8:00 am	Low Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
9:00 am	High Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
10:00 am	Sung Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
12:00 pm	Solemn Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
3:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 pm	Sung Mass (a capella)	St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 pm	Parish Vespers Chant Class	St. Vincent Ferrer
5:30 pm	Parish Vespers	St. Vincent Ferrer
6:00 pm	Sung Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

Monday – Friday

7:00 am	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
8:00 am	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
12:10 pm	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
4:40 pm	Confessions	St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 pm	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
5:20 pm	Confessions	St. Vincent Ferrer
6:00 pm	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

Saturday

8:00 am	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
9:00 am	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena

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 catholic-traveloffice@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>.

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.

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.

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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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 30, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$13,565

Propagation of Faith: \$3,043

Attendance: 1,044



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DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

WHAT IS DEATH?

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

A great many of the questions with which medical ethics is concerned can be grouped under the title, “end of life.” The answers to these questions largely depend on what we think happens at the end of life. In other words, what is death? This question might seem morbid and distasteful and, for that reason, we might be inclined to avoid it or talk around it. For people of Christian faith, however, death should not be a taboo or mystifying subject. On the contrary, death is something we can understand and overcome.

Separation of Soul and Body

The Catholic Church teaches that the death of a human person is to be defined as the separation of his soul from his body. This teaching is rooted both in philosophical reflection and in Christian revelation. Philosophers have defined the soul of a living thing as the “form” of the “matter” that is its body. It is the principle of the life of that thing and the source of the integral unity of the matter that constitutes its body. When the soul separates from the body, the body dies and decomposes, losing its integral unity as the body of this or that sort of thing.

In a human being, the soul that “informs” the body is a rational soul. Like the souls of other living things, it is the principle of the life and integral unity of the body. Unlike other souls, the rational soul of a human being is also the principle of the human capacities of understanding and freedom of will that don’t depend on a body. The death of a human being, as for other living things, is defined as the separation of the soul from the body. Unlike the souls of other living things, however, the human soul does not pass away when separated from the body.

In the light of faith, we can better understand human life and death in terms of the union and disunion of soul and body. In the Biblical account of creation, God breathed life into the human body formed from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7). Then, after the first human’s sinned, God declared that to dust they

would return (Gen 3:19). The material body was destined for decay. Nevertheless, “The souls of the just are in the hands of God” (Wis 3:1) and, as Jesus tells us, God “is not the God of the dead but of the living” (Mk 12:27).

God Did Not Make Death

The Book of Wisdom declares, “God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living” (Wis 1:13). Human death, as we find in the creation account in Genesis, is not part of God’s creative purpose; it is a consequence of human sin. God is the maker of life, and everything God made He declared to be good (Gen 1). God did not make death and death is not good.

Since death is not among the good things God made, but rather an evil that God temporarily permits, we are right to oppose it. When we work to sustain and restore the life and health of the human body, we are on the side of the creator God. Jesus showed himself the Son of God through that kind of work: healing the sick and even raising the dead. At his word, death was unmade: “He cried . . . ‘Lazarus, come out!’ [And] the dead man came out.” (Jn 11:43-44).

The Last Enemy to be Destroyed

Jesus undid death by raising Lazarus, but his own resurrection did more than that: it destroyed death. “We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him” (Rom 6:9) Jesus is victorious over death not only for himself, but for us too: “Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life” (1 Cor 15:22). “He must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death” (1 Cor 15). For a Christian, therefore, death is not something to be shied away from or to be feared. It is rather to be taunted: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 15: 55-57).