



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

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## September 17, 2017 — 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, is our first collection for **Food Sunday** for the year. Please let us make this a wonderful beginning... The money is given to the New York Common Pantry, the wonderful food pantry on East 108<sup>th</sup> Street.

This weekend, Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection to help the parish's **Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

### PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation this weekend, September 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10 AM Mass in the St. Catherine of Siena Vestibule.

### PARISH STUDY: THE ARTS AS PATHS TO GOD

This Fall, Fr. Innocent will lead a Parish Study course titled "The Arts as Paths to God: Secular and Sacred Art and the Spiritual Life." This course will explore the ways in which the visual and performing arts can lead us to encounter the Truth, Goodness, and Beauty of God. The class will meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45-7:45 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on September 19. The first class will be an introduction to the variety of arts and give an overview of the series.

### MINISTRY FAIR

After all Masses the weekend of September 24, representatives of our various committees and groups will be available to speak with those who would like to deepen their involvement in the parish.

### MICHAELMAS

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels, commonly known as Michaelmas. There will be a 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer.

### SOLEMN MASS RETURNS AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Schola Cantorum and the full ceremonial return to the 12 Noon Solemn Mass. Also at the Solemn Mass on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Most Reverend Gerald T. Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will confirm our young adults. A music list for all choral services will be published in the coming weeks.

### 160<sup>TH</sup> 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 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions. Contact Catholic Travel Office at 1-877-276-7279 or [catholictraveloffice@comcast.net](mailto:catholictraveloffice@comcast.net), or Fr. Allen at [joseph.allen@opeast.org](mailto:joseph.allen@opeast.org).

## 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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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

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

Sr. Padraic Mary McGuinness, OP  
Receptionist

Tony Hicks  
Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks  
Church Custodian

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

### HIGH SCHOOL

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Sr. Gail Morgan, OP  
Principal

## DOMINICAN SHRINE OF

### ST. JUDE

(212) 249-6067  
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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](http://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](mailto:lharrelson@svsc.info)).

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson ([lharrelson@svsc.info](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.svsc.info).

### YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit [www.frassati.nyc](http://www.frassati.nyc).

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
6:00 pm (Vigil) Mark Flesher (D)  
8:00 am For the Deceased members  
of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams  
Families (D)  
12 pm Ralph Sanchez (D)  
6:00 pm Noreen Vall (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
8:00 am For the Deceased members  
of the McGovern Family (D)  
12:10 pm Isabel Gomez (D)  
6:00 pm For the Family of Metteo  
Benedict Donnelly

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
8:00 am For the Deceased members  
of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm Concepcion G.  
De La Cruz  
6:00 pm Joan Sunderland  
Scribner (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
8:00 am Joseph Garrison (D)  
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas  
Gorski, OFM (D)  
6:00 pm Raul Castells, IV (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
8:00 am Frank & Frances  
McGuinness (D)  
12:10 pm Maria M. Malafrente (D)  
6:00 pm For the Deceased members  
of the Lay Fraternities of  
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
8:00 am Mary B. Jennings (D)  
12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)  
6:00 pm Anna Twomey (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
8:00 am Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
4:00 pm (Vigil) Maria Cecila  
Punzalan & Marina Lucido (D)  
10:00 am For the patrons of the  
Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm For the People of  
the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
7:00 am For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 pm For the members of the  
Leonard Lee Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
7:00 am Brian McLaughlin (D)  
5:15 pm Gretta Lodes (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
7:00 am Gertrude Murdock (D)  
5:15 pm Lucille Jiambrone (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
7:00 am Gavino Cenon Abaya (D)  
5:15 pm Luz Balagtas &  
Claire Capitan (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena  
Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 pm Stephen Boyle (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
9:00 am Alfredo Ortiz (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Sally Brown, Joseph Robert  
Cusimano, Evelyn Gusi, Yuri Gussa-  
koff, Adeline Heurteau, Carolyn  
Kelly, Shirley Miller, & Carolyn  
Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the  
souls of Mark Birri, Louis Dejesus,  
Ethel Garcia, Matthew Martinez, &  
Peter Strife, 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); Anthony  
Mortalliti; William J. Schwede (d);  
The People of the Parish; Intention of  
Donor; 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); Rosa J.  
Silan(d); Nirza Kresta (d)

*St. Catherine - Rosary Altar Candle*  
Maria Marta Litrenta; The intention  
of the donor

*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.*

## LIVING IN THE ECONOMY OF GIFT

It has been said that we begin to worship when we realize that we have received as gifts what we could never buy, earn, take, or make. Once begun, the life of worship intensifies this very awareness. We begin to recognize the gifts of the elements, then the nurture and beauty that flow from them. I am quick to recognize sun, air, and water as gifts, then I realize that even though I paid for my bread, that loaf has origins in what has been freely bestowed. Next, I realize that you are a gift, for you supply what lacks in me. Most slowly I perceive the gift of my life, not only in general but in particular.

Christian worship, as established by Jesus in his own humanity, has at its roots an intense gratitude for the works of God, and this comes from souls who have received themselves as one of those works. When I accept how the divine artisanship has molded my individuality, then I can be free from the spirit of comparison that stifles so much of our real thriving. Grateful for myself, I come to the Mass as a response of thanksgiving to God's initiatives and so fulfill the commission given to me in my baptism. This, more than hearing a sermon, or singing a hymn, comprises the essential work of those who attend Mass. This posture is more than prayerful. Grateful people live differently.

If I receive myself as a gift, I give myself as a gift. If I recognize the gift of God in me then I perceive myself as a living surplus. This outlook marks the People of God. If the Eucharist is the food of the Church then self-donation is the strength it nourishes. Christian women and men have cheerfully given their lives away as martyrs, missionaries, and as every kind of religious. They have done the same as Christian spouses, and this same spirit impels many professionals to take less pay and work for the Church. Self-reception and self-donation sets in motion the phalanx of volunteers, without which the life of the Church cannot be imagined, and without which the life of our parish simply is not possible.

In coming days, the parish will present you with opportunities to make a donation of your time, your talent, and your energy. God invites each of us to fulfillment through self-donation, but His call comes to each of us in His time and in His way. The parish needs you to help, but even more it needs you to discern the ways in which you are called to help.

Any self-giving brings us full circle. Having recognized abundance we become part of abundance. I perceive that I live because of gifts more than because of earnings and makings, and that perception impels me to become part of the giftedness of others. As I survey our parish I perceive that it thrives on an array of services it could never pay for, and by that it testifies to the God who has gathered it.

Next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, please come with open ears and an open heart to consider what growth God has readied you for.

Peace!



Fr. Walter

### CATHOLIC ARTISTS SOCIETY LECTURE

Mother Dolores Hart, O.S.B., Dean of Education at the Abbey of Regina Laudis, is giving a presentation and book-signing of her autobiography *The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows* (2013) sponsored by the Catholic Artists Society on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Catholic Center of N.Y.U. (238 Thompson Street, south of Washington Square Park).

### REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 4th, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. For additional information, please write, e-mail, or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100 ext. 2057, [edimichele@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimichele@regis-nyc.org)

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group will begin at the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena for all persons grieving the death of a loved one. These sessions will help guide people through their grieving process in a safe and supportive environment. The 10 week program will begin on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena Church, located at 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration prior to participation in the sessions is required. To register for the group, please call the Parish Office at 212-744-2080. Thank you.

### NIGHTFEVER NYC IS COMING BACK TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017

On this night, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7 PM and end at 9 PM. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at [nightfevernyc@gmail.com](mailto:nightfevernyc@gmail.com).

## COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$14,865  
Attendance: 889

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,028  
Latin American & Home  
Missions: \$3,135  
Attendance: 1093

### SONGS FOR STUDENTS:

#### HARRY CONNICK JR. & HIS BAND

The Manhattan Catholic School Region is hosting Songs for Students, a benefit concert featuring Harry Connick Jr. at the Apollo Theatre on Monday, September 25 at 7 PM. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in Manhattan. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.SongsForStudents.org](http://www.SongsForStudents.org) and use offer code MANHATTAN. For more information, please contact Alyson Vetter at [Alyson.Vetter@archny.org](mailto:Alyson.Vetter@archny.org) or 646-794-3330.

### DOMINICAN FOUNDATION EXHIBIT

The Dominican Foundation will be holding in the north aisle of St. Vincent Ferrer Church beginning Monday, September 11.

As some of you may know, this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. In 1917, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May - October, Mary appeared to three young children named Lucia, Jacinto and Francisco. The latter two, who died in their childhood shortly following the apparition, were canonized by Pope Francis in May of this year.

Our Church of St. Vincent Ferrer has a special connection to Fatima. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima (located along the 66<sup>th</sup> Street side of the church) was a model for the 15' 1/2" marble version of the same statue found on the façade of the basilica at Fatima. Both are the work of Fr. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. (1906-1977), a Dominican priest and sculptor, who carved the image under the direction of Lucia, the only witness to the apparition to live past childhood. The story of Fr. McGlynn and his work with Lucia in creating the statue is recounted in his book, *Vision of Fatima*, which was reprinted this year.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II placed in the crown of a statue at the Portugal Fatima shrine the bullet that struck him in the assassination attempt of May 13, 1981. The gesture was a sign of gratitude, as the Holy Father had attributed his survival to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the foot of our 5' version of the statue is a relic of St. John Paul II that consists of a portion of the sash he was wearing during the attempt on his life. The relic and the statute in our church create a unique parallel with the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

In cooperation with the St. John Paul II Society, to mark the occasion of the anniversary we will be hosting a small display of additional works of Fr. McGlynn's Fatima collection in our church. The pieces, on loan from Providence College, will arrive next week and will be with us through mid-October. We will also be having in our Church of St. Vincent Ferrer special liturgical events to mark the occasion, culminating in an anniversary Mass of the final apparition to be held on Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 PM. Monsignor Slawomir Oder, postulator of the cause of canonization for John Paul II, will be the homilist at that Mass.

Further information on the display and future liturgical events being held in connection with the anniversary will be made available in our two churches.

The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena  
Parish Study — Fall 2017

## The Arts as Paths to God: Secular and Sacred Art and the Spiritual Life



Johannes Vermeer, *Allegory of the Catholic Faith*, ca. 1670–72  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

“Created ‘in the image of God,’ man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2501). Led by Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P., this course will explore the ways in which the visual and performing arts can lead us to encounter the Truth, Goodness, and Beauty of God.

September 19: Introduction

September 26: Dance

October 3: Music

October 10: Sculpture

October 17: Poetry

October 24: Architecture

November 7: Painting

November 14: Literature

November 22 at 6 pm: Mass for the Feast of St. Cecilia

Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Hall

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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.

### CONTEMPORARY HEALTH CARE *and the CHOICE for LIFE*

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

*I have set before you life and death . . . choose life!*  
(Deut 30:19)

The choice that Moses set before the Israelites as they prepared to pass into the Promised Land is a choice that is set before us today in a variety of ways. The exhortation to choose life applies to the decisions we make to serve the Lord of life and treat others with the justice that human dignity demands. It applies to the choices we make in political life to secure the rights of the needy and defend the unborn, aged, infirmed, and disabled. We are called to choose life. We are to protect, nurture, and sustain our own lives and the lives of others, acting as faithful stewards of God, who is the Lord and giver of life.

We are not, however, to sustain bodily life at all costs. Consider the Passion of Christ and the death of the martyrs. Jesus and his faithful witnesses gave up their lives willingly, not by choosing to cause their own deaths, but by choosing that which is greater than bodily life: faithfulness, truth, the salvation of the world, eternal life in God's kingdom. For Christians, suicide and martyrdom are opposites. Suicide is the choice to cause one's own death. Martyrdom is the choice to allow one's death to be caused by others for the sake of greater life.

Most of us will not have the opportunity to die as martyrs. Many of us will, however, confront challenging circumstances that require us to distinguish between choosing to cause death and choosing to allow death to occur naturally for the sake of a greater good.

This dilemma occurs frequently in the world of contemporary health care. Medical technology has given us better methods for both preserving and destroying human life. People with terminal diseases have more ways of keeping themselves alive and more ways of hastening their deaths. Pregnant women have greater means at their disposal both to save the lives of their unborn children and to end them. How can these people know when allowing death is morally right? How can they distinguish between permitting of death as an

unfortunate side effect and choosing death in an act of killing?

The Catholic Church has the resources with which to answer these questions. The Church's moral tradition distinguishes between ordinary and extraordinary means of preserving life. It identifies the conditions according to which an evil result can be permitted as a side-effect of a good action. Often these principles can be applied easily and straightforwardly to the situation at hand. Sometimes applying such principles correctly is difficult and complicated. In every case, however, arriving at the right answer begins with asking the right question.

The right question is *not* the question of life or death: Should I live or should I die? Is life worth living or not? Does that person's life have any value? These are questions we have already answered in responding to the exhortation of Moses. We choose life! We choose to value, uphold and defend the dignity of all human life. We reject the choice to cause death. God is the master of life and death. We are not. Our task is to protect, nurture and sustain our lives as long as God's providence permits.

The question that is ours to ask and answer is not whether life is worthwhile; it is whether or this or that procedure, treatment, or intervention is worthwhile. We know that life is always good. Our question is whether this or that lifesaving measure is good or whether it is evil, overly burdensome, or otherwise unreasonable. It is to this question, not the question of life or death, that we apply the resources of the Church's moral tradition.

We start by choosing life, affirming its value and God-given dignity. We choose to protect, nurture and sustain life and never to make death our aim. If we are firm in this life-affirming choice and rely on the guidance of Catholic teaching we can be confident that, even when we decide to allow the natural process of death to occur and entrust our loved ones to mercy of God, we remain faithful to the exhortation of Moses:

*I have set before you life and death . . . choose life!*