



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

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October 29, 2017 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL SAINTS' VIGIL

On Tuesday, October 31st at 7 PM, the Parish will host an All Saints' Vigil at 7 PM at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. This will be a time of reflection and prayer on the lives of the saints, including the singing of the litany of the saints. The event is co-hosted with the New York Frassati Fellowship.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Wednesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Parish's Solemn Mass and Litany of the Saints in Procession (with the Schola Cantorum) is at 6 PM at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. A reception follows Mass in the Priory Parlors. Please see the Parish Calendar on Page 2 for the full Mass schedule.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Thursday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The Parish's Solemn Requiem Mass and Procession to the Purgatorial Altar (with the Schola Cantorum) is at 6:30 PM at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena. Please see the Parish Calendar on Page 2 for the full Mass schedule.

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS IN THE DOMINICAN RITE

On Monday, November 13 at 7 PM, a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite will be offered at the High Altar at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. The Schola Cantorum will sing the famous *Requiem in D minor*, K. 626 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). The Mass is co-sponsored by the Catholic Artists Society, the New York Purgatorial Society, and the Society of St. Hugh of Cluny. A reception will follow in the Lower Church.

THANKSGIVING DRIVE

Beginning October 28th and continuing through November 12th, our parish will hold its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the New York Common Pantry. Your gifts of food and money help feed the 1800 families that are dependent on the New York Common Pantry for food. A donation of \$40 will provide a full Thanksgiving dinner to a family in need.

Also needed is stuffing mix, oatmeal, (18 oz.) cake mix, brownie mix, frosting and 1 qt. shelf-stable milk.

We will have bins at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena to deposit your food items. Please, no glass bottles or jars.

Checks made payable to New York Common Pantry or cash can be left at the Priory at both churches, with the guard, or put in the collection marked "Thanksgiving Drive".

PARISH STUDY: BREAK

Our Parish Study series will take a break this week, Tuesday, October 31st. We will continue next week, Tuesday, November 7th, at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, focusing on paintings as a Path to God.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

12:00 NOON, 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 AND OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:35 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

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PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE MONTH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Presentation by the Finance Council

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Parish Study is Cancelled

7 PM All Saints' Vigil, with the Litany of the Saints in Procession
at St. Vincent Ferrer

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Hour is Cancelled

7 AM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

8 AM Low Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

5:15 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

6 PM Solemn Mass and Litany in Procession *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

7 AM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

8 AM Low Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

5:15 PM Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena is Cancelled*

6 PM Low Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

6:30 PM Solemn Requiem Mass and Procession to the Purgatorial Altar
at St. Catherine of Siena

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

7:30 PM Concert by Ensemble Musica Humana *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – VETERAN'S DAY

Parish Offices Closed

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Deficit Reduction Collection

Food Sunday

1 PM Parish Coffee following 12 NOON Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

3 PM Organ Recital by Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin
at St. Vincent Ferrer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7 PM New York Purgatorial Society Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 St. Albert the Great

7 PM Dominican Rite Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Rite of Acceptance *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 St. Cecilia

6:00 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

10:00 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

LIFE AS A JOURNEY

A popular metaphor compares life to a journey. Phrases that capture the comparison blazon images of daring climbers scaling steep mountain peaks, or ships afloat on the vast expanse of the ocean. The saying that 'life is a journey' is the kind of phrase that you might see written at the bottom of posters depicting an exhilarating scene, maybe one of jet plane launching into the open sky. It's the kind of saying found on pictures that hang in office hallways or doctor's waiting rooms, taking up filler space on the walls.

The popularity of the metaphor – life and journey – is reinforced by its near universal resonance. Cultures around the globe have embraced the image. "Life is just a journey" was a famous quote of England's beloved Princess Diana. The title of a popular Chinese TV sitcom translates to English as "A Journey Called Life." The metaphor is expressed in nearly every language and spread throughout the world.

Obviously, not all journeys take the same path. Few people climb the Himalayas, and sailing is an expensive hobby. Yet, while each life is a unique journey, regardless of the path taken all roads lead to the same spot.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote that "despite appearances that promise permanency, in this world nothing can be certain except death and taxes." There are loopholes that allow for some avoidance of the latter, but no one escapes the former. Regardless of who you are, your journey comes to an end at the same place.

The early part of November is a time when the Church devotes particular attention to those whose journey has taken them into the next life. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday, a holy day of obligation in which we celebrate the lives of the saints, especially those unknown to us and those without a particular feast day on the Church's calendar. This year, as something of a liturgical prelude to the solemnity, St. Vincent Ferrer will host an All Saints' Vigil beginning at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. The vigil is not a Mass (and so participation does not satisfy the obligation), but will be an opportunity to hear some of the songs and writings of the saints. The relics of several saints will also be available for veneration.

All Saints' Day is followed by the Commemoration of All Souls on Thursday, November 2nd. Christian prayer for the souls of the dead has its roots in early Jewish practices recorded in the Old Testament. One of the ways in which the early Church continued the custom was by setting aside a particular day for the purpose of offering prayers for those whose life on this earth has ended, while the journey to heaven goes on.

Our pastor, Fr. Walter, invited me to write the bulletin letter this week in order to highlight a special program that I will be offering immediately after the conclusion of the Commemoration of All Souls' Day liturgy that begins at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena on Tuesday, November 2nd. This program, titled "Into the Light," is designed to be a kind of informational workshop that sheds light on end-of-life planning from a theological, but practical, point of view. The presentation will discuss topics such as funeral planning, advance care directives, senior care and asset management, etc. The discussion will aim to highlight the Church's guidance in end-of-life care and offer some practical steps toward preparing for the passage from this life to the next. Joining me for parts of the presentation will be an elder and estates law specialist Michael N. Connors from Connors and Sullivan PLLC and Tommy Kritl from John Kritl Funeral Home. The program will begin at 7:30 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena Priory.

The metaphor of life and journey makes little sense without heaven because without heaven, life would lack a destination worthy of our striving in this life. With the prospect of heaven though, death need not be the end; in fact it becomes what we have been aiming for all along. Join us this month as we turn special attention toward preparing ourselves and our loved ones for reaching that heavenly destination.

May we one day, together with our loved ones, be merry together in heaven.

Wishing you all the blessings that I can give,

Fr. Thomas More Garrett, O.P.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
6:00 pm (Vigil) Umberto Del Ciglio (D)
8:00 am Sarah Blanchfield (D)
9:30 am Josephina Bella (D)
12 pm For the deceased members of the Greason & Toomey Families (D)
6:00 pm Vahe Ishkanian (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Fr. Tobias Unnerstal
6:00 pm George & Dorothy Seeman (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Healy Family (D)
12:10 pm Helen Saulnier (D)
6:00 pm John Patrick Foye (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory (D)
12:10 pm Zygmunt & Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory (D)
12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory (D)
6:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:00 am All Souls Novena
12:10 pm Cecilia McKillop (D)
6:00 pm Frances McGuinness (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:00 am All Souls Novena

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
4:00 pm (Vigil) St. Jude Novena
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Federico Bustria & Juanita Bustria (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:00 am Vera Fisher
5:15 pm Trinidad Lagoc Marcelino (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:00 am Francis Lim & Anna Goh (D)
1:00 pm For the People of the Parish
5:15 pm Luigi Diesco (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:00 am All Souls in Purgatory
1:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory
6:30 pm For the Deceased members of the Legion of Mary (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Felipe Salgado

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
9:00 am Carolyn Byrne

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Carole Cusa, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Mary Grace, William Heath, Adeline Heurteau, Marie-Therese Johnston, John Langelier, Felicity Loudon, Shirley Miller, Stanley Nadel, Mariel O'Donnell, & Sue Sangster.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jessica Consigli, Edda Maartens, John O. Stenning, Earl Pettelio, Isabela Pettelio, Barbara Turner, & Emma Ver Reyes, 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); William J. Schwede, Jr. (d); Aquila Zacharilla (d); For the People of Puerto Rico; Intention of Donor; 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)

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

Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NOTES

For your consideration, below are the next four points of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 32 Points of Reflection.

13. There is a retreat for first communion.

14. The celebration of first reconciliation is solemnly linked to the baptismal signs of the white garment and the light, and, in the case of catechumens, of the celebration of baptism.

15. The attention given to communication with families intensifies during the period leading up to first communion.

16. The catechesis continues in the years which follow first communion, returning to and enlarging upon themes already introduced and presenting other themes according to the new needs of the emerging developmental period.

If you have any questions regarding these points, please contact Lisa Harrelson.

RCIA UPDATE

In RCIA we have now covered the way in which Christ's message is conveyed in Scripture and Tradition. The candidates have been reading and discussing the Scriptures in the spirit of the exhortation of St. Paul to Timothy: "Until I arrive, devote yourself to the reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching. Do not neglect the gift you received when, as a result of prophecy, the presbyters laid their hands on you. Attend to your duties; let them absorb you, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch yourself and watch your teaching. Persevere at both tasks. By doing so you will bring to salvation yourself and all who hear you."

DFHCMNY – REFLECTION ON ETHICS, FAITH & HEALTH CARE

This week an article by Fr. Jonah Pollock of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry (DFHCMNY) can be found in the back of our churches and online at www.svsc.info/viaticum-the-last-sacrament-of-the-christian-dfhcmny/. He writes on *Viaticum: the Last Sacrament of the Christian*, on the Eucharist as "The last sacrament of the Christian".

COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 22, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,866

Mission Sunday: \$5,569

Attendance: 1155

MUSIC NOTES

These coming weeks offers a number of opportunities to hear excellent music in our parish, both at Mass and in concert.

Upcoming Choral Music:

At the 6 PM Solemn Mass on All Saints' Day:

Missa Brevis, Op. 57

– Sir Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

Justorum animae, Op. 38, No. 1

– Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Faire is the heaven

– Sir William H. Harris (1883-1973)

At the 6:30 PM Solemn Requiem Mass on All Souls' Day

Missa pro defunctis á 5

– Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

At next Sunday's Solemn Mass:

Cantate Domino á 6 – Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

In spiritu humilitatis á 8

– Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609)

ENSEMBLE MUSICA HUMANA CONCERT

On Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 PM, Ensemble Musica Humana, hailed for their "authenticity" (The Times Argus), brings their "gorgeous lines of plainchant" (Early Music America) to St. Vincent Ferrer. Told in Hildegard von Bingen's own words, the continuous and imaginative hour-long program entitled *Sybil of the Rhine* simultaneously explores the soundscape in which the celebrated Abbess lived, and the theology that she embraced. Dramatic readings from her "Scivias" with improvised instrumental accompaniment are interspersed with her own compositions as a means of interpreting her visions musically. For more information, visit: www.ensemblemusicahumana.com. Tickets at the door are \$20 for general seating and \$10 for students and seniors.

SOPHIE-VÉRONIQUE CAUCHEFER-CHOPLIN IN RECITAL

On Sunday, November 12th at 3 PM, famous French organist Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin will offer an organ recital on the Schantz organ of St. Vincent Ferrer. Works of Vierne, Franck, Ibert, Pierné, and improvisations on submitted themes. A graduate of the Paris Conservatoire, Sophie-Véronique is the co-titular organist of the Parisian Church of St. Sulpice where Widor and Dupré served in the 20th century. She also was titular of the Church of St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle in Paris from 1983 to 2013. She became the first woman to win the second prize in improvisation at the Chartres International Organ Improvisation Competition. Sophie-Véronique has an extensive international career, having given recitals worldwide in more than 30 countries. A free-will offering will be received.



2017 Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

Please Donate: *

- Stuffing Mix
- Oatmeal (18 oz)
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- Frosting
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INTO THE LIGHT
A WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO ILLUMINATE YOUR APPROACH
TOWARD LAST THINGS

Are you entering your twilight years?
Are you interested in planning ahead to prevent unwanted surprises?

Do you have aging parents?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, this presentation is for you. Join Fr. Thomas More Garrett, O.P. and his guests as they guide an informational workshop designed to shed light on end-of-life planning from a theological, but practical, point of view. The presentation will discuss topics such as funeral planning, advance care directives, senior care and asset management, etc. The talk will aim to highlight the Church's guidance in end-of-life care and offer some practical steps toward preparing for the passage from this life to the next.

WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM
(following the 6:30 PM All Souls' Day Mass)

WHERE: St. Dominic Hall
St. Catherine of Siena Church
411 E 68th Street
New York, NY 10065

VISITATION CIRCLE

Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed and divorced women to our next meeting and fellowship on Saturday, November 4th. The program will begin at the Rosary Altar of St. Vincent Ferrer Church at 11:40 AM with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Our coffee gathering with light lunch and meeting immediately follow in the priory parlors.

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT
– NYU CATHOLIC CENTER

NYU presents *The Sultan and The Saint*, a docudrama film about Muslim-Christian peacemaking narrated by Academy Award Winner Jeremy Irons on October 30th at 6:30 PM at Rosenthal Pavilion (60 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012, 10th Floor). Tickets are free for students can be purchased by the public for \$10 at NYUSultanSaint.eventbrite.com. Please join us for the true story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and the risks they took for peace. For more information regarding the film visit www.SultanAndTheSaintFilm.com.

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.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH MOMS AND BABIES GIFT DRIVE

During the month of October, the Church invites the faithful to become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, the gift of every person's life. As part of our parish's commemoration of Respect Life Month, new items will be collected for the moms and babies served by the Sisters of Life. These gifts will be distributed to moms and their children at an annual Christmas Party held by the Sisters. A playpen with tags will be set up in the vestibules of both churches during the month of October. Parishioners are invited to take one or more tags from the playpen, purchase the specified gift, and return the new, wrapped gift with the tag attached to the playpen. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for these moms and babies!

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 St. Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th 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 take place 7 PM – 9 PM. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, the Cathedral doors will be open to all New Yorkers to can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

For those who work tirelessly for peace in the world, that by fostering meaningful dialogue, old suspicions will be overcome, new opportunities for cooperation will be found, and an end to violent conflicts, war, and terrorism will be achieved.

For all those chosen to follow Christ as priest, deacons, or in the consecrated religious life, that these men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously in their vocations.

For Christians and all people of good will, that as we conclude Respect Life Month, we may "be not afraid" to help build a culture of life in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

For deeper unity among all Christians, that as we recall the anniversary of the Reformation, the wounds that have been inflicted upon the Body of Christ may be healed, and that all Christians of good will may work towards fulfilling Christ's prayer that all may be one.

For our family and friends marked with the sign of faith who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, that having been purified of sin, they may be admitted to the banquet of everlasting life.