



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

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## October 8, 2017 — 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, is our first collection for **Food Sunday** for the year. Please be as generous as you can.

This weekend, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection to help the parish's **Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

### COLUMBUS DAY - OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of the federal holiday, Columbus Day, the church offices will be closed on next Monday, October 9. The churches will be open all day Monday, and Masses will be celebrated as usual.

### PARISH STUDY: MUSIC

The fourth session of our Parish Study course on "The Arts as Paths to God" will take place on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:45 PM in the Lower Church at St. Vincent Ferrer. This session will be led by Andrew Wilson Smith, a professional sculptor who has worked extensively in both sacred and secular styles ([www.andrewwilsonsmith.com](http://www.andrewwilsonsmith.com)).

### PARISH COFFEE - NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend, Sunday, October 15 following the 10 AM Mass in the Vestibule at St. Catherine of Siena.

### ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY EVENTS

On Wednesday, October 11, at 7:30 PM, the St. John Paul II Society will host a young adult **Holy Hour** together with the Frassati Fellowship of NYC. Msgr. Slawomir Oder, postulator of St. John Paul II's cause for canonization, will preach.

On Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 PM, the Society will host a **Vigil Mass for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima**. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bernardito C. Auza, Titular Archbishop of Suacia and Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; Msgr. Slawomir Oder, postulator of St. John Paul II's cause for canonization, will give the homily. The Schola Cantorum will sing for this Mass.

At both the Holy Hour and Mass, relics of Fatima visionary St. Jacinta Marto - the Church's youngest non-martyr saint - will be presented for the first time for public veneration together with relics of St. John Paul II and personal effects of the sainted Holy Father direct from Rome.

Beginning on October 13, the Society will sponsor a novena of Masses leading up to the Feast of St. John Paul II on October 22. Intentions may be added to the novena by visiting [www.stjohnpaul.org](http://www.stjohnpaul.org).

### 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, the convent where St. Bernadette lived in Nevers, where her incorrupt body rests. They will visit Lisieux, and the places associated with the life of St. Therese, "The Little Flower," then continuing to Lourdes to join in the celebrations for the Feast and the 160<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions. Contact Fr. Allen at [joseph.allen@opeast.org](mailto:joseph.allen@opeast.org) or Catholic Travel Office at 1-877-276-7279 or [catholictraveloffice@comcast.net](mailto:catholictraveloffice@comcast.net).

## 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

## PARISH OFFICE

St. Vincent Ferrer  
869 Lexington Ave, NY, NY 10065  
(212) 744-2080 | parish@svsc.info  
*Office Hours:* Monday–Friday:  
9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

St. Catherine of Siena  
411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10065  
*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*

Alexander Pattavina  
*Assistant Organist*

Lisa Harrelson  
*Coordinator of Catechesis and  
Youth Ministry*

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*Administrative Assistant*

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*Church Custodian*

Tracey Hicks  
*Church Custodian*

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

### HIGH SCHOOL

(212) 535-4680  
Sr. Gail Morgan, OP  
Principal

## DOMINICAN SHRINE OF

### ST. JUDE

(212) 249-6067  
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## PARISH CALENDAR

### OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

*Deficit Reduction Collection*

*Food Sunday Collection*

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 – COLUMBUS DAY

*Parish Offices closed*

*Regular Mass and Confession schedule*

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 – OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7 PM Dominican Foundation Mass

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

10 AM Parish Coffee following Family Mass at St. Catherine of Siena

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7 PM New York Purgatorial Society Mass

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

*St. Jude Novena*

*Friday, October 20 – Saturday, October 21*

1 PM Novena Service at St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Novena Service at St. Vincent Ferrer

*Sunday, October 22*

10 AM Novena Service at St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Novena Service at St. Vincent Ferrer

*Monday, October 23 – Friday, October 27*

1 PM Novena Service at St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Novena Service at St. Vincent Ferrer

*Saturday, October 28*

1 PM Sung Mass and Conclusion of St. Jude Novena at  
St. Catherine of Siena

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

*Mission Sunday Collection*

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 PM Concert of the Brompton Oratory Society at St. Vincent Ferrer

#### 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 – ALL SAINTS

*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 with Litany in Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer

## SEEING THROUGH FAITH'S EYES, AND LIVING IN FAITH'S HOUSEHOLD

I write you on Monday, October 2, and news from Las Vegas has us reeling with the thought of a ghastly mass shooting. Now people have one more reason to feel unsafe in the midst of ordinary life. No doubt society can respond to such a tragedy with better policing, legislative safeguards, and technical defenses for individuals and crowds. Surely, we will be grateful for these precautions, but they will mean living behind higher walls, physical and mental. Defenses bring safety, but not that freedom we call thriving.

Those of us who have a living faith tap into it at such moments and recognize that even though God does not spare us the tragedy and trauma proper to fallen humanity, He is nevertheless deeply present to each soul that passes through such a dreadful moment. He did not rescue his own son from the tragedy of an unjust death, but the resurrection reveals that God was not absent for a single second of that ordeal.

In the same way faith does not erase our horror at a mass shooting, nor does it offer a glib answer to a senseless spilling of blood. Faith's presence does not outwit the dreadful resilience of evil, but it testifies that the evil among us does not have the last word against the Creator, and Re-Creator in Christ, of the human race. Faith does not anesthetize us but makes us profoundly aware of the presence of evil and of a yet more powerful good.

With living faith, a soul can thrive even when the world outside shatters, for my inner life does not offer the safety of a fortress, or the escape of a fantasy. Rather, it offers the place of clarity where I continue to see beyond evil.

Faith also has friends, for the Holy Spirit shows me the others who have this same inner capacity, and together we make a community that has life even when it has no resources. This is how I understand the Church in its deepest sense. Here, I am gathered with people who receive me in my strengths and weaknesses, and who do not offer pat answers to my complexities. Here I am valued for the deepest truth about me, which is not my job, my credentials, my money, nor my looks, but rather my existence as God's handiwork. Where this truth is acknowledged one finds safety and the conditions for thriving.

I think our parish offers the acceptance that puts a soul at ease and releases its capacity to risk itself. In a world of higher walls, we have open doors to a physical and social place of well-being. But to have this firm ground for ourselves and just for ourselves does not satisfy.

The friendship of faith can never of its nature become a club, and the security of the Church never becomes the coziness of a closed circle. God's revelation is not secretive; it was given to be shared, and shared by us.

Here a double question stares us down: how do we invite people to take up again their practice of the faith, or how do we serve their coming to belief in the first place? For both of these we will need to give an account of our faith, not just as a series of teachings we accept, or as a cultural legacy from our parents, but as a dynamic element in our lives. My faith affects how I perceive my self, my neighbors, and my situation. Put simply my awareness of God is the coherence of my life.

If we are to thrive in the life of faith, we must train our sights beyond the maintenance of our physical plant and our traditions. We must take up the task of inviting others to share this priceless gift, or to accept its promptings once again. Can we grow our parish, not by drawing people away from other Catholic Churches, but by cooperating with God's grace to increase the number of believers and practitioners?

On Sunday we put out our Parish Handbook. We did this so that we could give a comprehensive welcome to newcomers. But you can take it and put in the hands of lapsed Catholic or a non-Catholic. The book can indicate, to people who may never hear a sermon, that you belong to a real household of faith where you find real security and real nourishment in the sacraments, and real connection to the others who receive them. Through the way we arrange our life, the whole parish preaches.

Peace!



Fr. Walter

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
6:00 pm (Vigil) Rose Ann Sharbel (D)  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams Families (D)  
9:30 am For the Families in Mexico City affected by the Earthquake  
12 pm For the People of the Parish  
6:00 pm Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9  
8:00 am Francisco Yonzon  
12:10 pm Jack, Natalie, Marie, & Francis Egan O'Brien (D)  
6:00 pm Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10  
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 pm For the Deceased members of the O'Connor Family (D)  
6:00 pm John & Ellen Moloney (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11  
8:00 am Marie Lewis (D)  
12:10 pm Marcello Fremura (D)  
6:00 pm Mark Birri (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12  
8:00 am Lourdes Cordal (D)  
12:10 pm Garvey & Mary Meade (D)  
6:00 pm Angelo A. Soldato (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13  
8:00 am Amy Bausk (D)  
12:10 pm Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 pm For the members of the St. John Paull II Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
8:00 am Anna Twomey (D)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
4:00 pm (Vigil) David Johnson (D)  
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 pm Peter Gaine (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9  
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 pm Glenn Phillips (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10  
7:00 am Tony Houregan  
5:15 pm Miguel & Teodora Lucido (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11  
7:00 am Margaret Wilmes  
5:15 pm Mary Ann Ilko (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12  
7:00 am Violet (Pat) Behan (D)  
5:15 pm Fr. George Concion, O.P. & Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, O.P. (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13  
7:00 am John Flanigan (D)  
5:15 pm Gavino Abaya, III (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
9:00 am Valerie Librizzo (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Carole Cusa, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Yuri Gussakoff, William Heath, Adeline Heurteau, Marie-Therese Johnston, Carolyn Kelly, John Langelier, Shirley Miller, Stanley Nadel, Paula Ryan, & Wasinee Wannapahul.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Louis de Jesus, Ethel Garcia, Louis Richard Keller, Edda Maartens, Michael Mariano, Matthew Martinez, David Tang, & Geoff Wragg, and the souls of all our recently deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the dying, and their families in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the Hospital for Special Surgery, and Rockefeller University Hospital.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS**

The seven-day candles are available for an offering of \$15 each.

*St. Vincent - Sanctuary Lamps*  
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Anthony Mortelliti; Edward C. Perry (d); Robert J. Schwede (d); Aquila Zacharilla (d); For the People of Puerto Rico; The People of the Parish

*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

*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

What are the principal points which distinguish Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)? CGS offers 32 Points of Reflection. We will share four points each week for the next several weeks for your consideration.

1. The child, particularly the religious life of the child, is central to the interest and commitment of the catechist of the Good Shepherd.
2. With this aim in mind, the catechist embraces Maria Montessori's vision of the human being and thus the attitude of the adult regarding the child; and prepares an environment called the atrium, which aids the development of the religious life.
3. The atrium is a community in which children and adults live together a religious experience which facilitates participation in the wider community of the family, the church and other social spheres.
4. The transmission of the Christian message in the atrium has a celebrative character.

## RCIA UPDATE

Our 2017-18 RCIA class began on September 20, and has now held three sessions. The class began with discussion of God's generosity and love in creating us, and is now proceeding to cover our capacity for coming to know God by means of reason and revelation. Please keep the RCIA candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of the sacraments at Easter.

## BROMPTON ORATORY CHOIR AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

On Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 PM, the London Oratory Schola Cantorum Boys Choir, under the direction of Charles Cole, will offer a choral concert with works of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, Monteverdi, and Bruckner. One of the most prominent Catholic ensembles in the world, the Schola is comprised of boys who study at London's Oratory School and sings every weekend in term at the famous Brompton Oratory. The choir can be heard on the Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter soundtracks and recently recorded Sacred Treasures of England, a CD of Tudor music on the Sony Classical label. Touring frequently, the Schola sang at High Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and was the first visiting choir in history to sing at Vespers there in 2013. A free-will offering will be received. For more information, visit: [londonoratoryschola.com](http://londonoratoryschola.com).

## COLLECTION

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,768

St. Joseph Seminary: \$5,393

Attendance: 1570

## MUSIC NOTES

The 2017-2018 Music Brochure, containing a list of this season's concerts and repertoire for all choral services as well as information about the St. Cecilia Guild, is available in the narthex and online.

The Parish welcomes Alexander Pattavina is the newly-appointed Assistant Organist. From Stoughton, Massachusetts, Alex began his musical education as a chorister of St. Paul's, Harvard Square and most recently served as Organ Scholar of Christ Church, Bronxville. He is a fourth-year undergraduate at Juilliard, studying organ with Paul Jacobs. He will play the 10 AM Sunday Mass at St. Catherine's and accompany the Schola at Solemn Masses.

Choral music at next Sunday's Solemn Mass:

*Cantabo Domino* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
*Ecce prandium* – *Comedite panem meum* – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

## DONATIONS FOR PUERTO RICO

To get desperately needed help straight to Puerto Rico after back-to-back hurricanes devastated the island local, national, and Puerto Rican organizations launched "Estoy con Puerto Rico" (I am with Puerto Rico) at Catholic Charities NY headquarters. The group includes Comite Noviembre, a consortium of Puerto Rican leaders and organizations, the National Association of State Latino Chamber of Commerce, the New York State Coalition Hispance Chambers of Commerce and the National Supermarkets Association. Catholic Charities NY will serve as the group's fiscal conduit.

Donate by Mail: Make check payable to "Catholic Charities/Estoy Con Puerto Rico" and address to:

Catholic Charities/Estoy Con Puerto Rico  
1011 First Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Donate Online at [Catholiccharitiesny.org/helppuertorico](http://Catholiccharitiesny.org/helppuertorico).

On the web form, type "Estoy con Puerto Rico" in the next field below "Optional: Designate Your Contribution."

## 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 the Sisters have for them each December. 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 in advance for your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for these moms and babies!

100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VIGIL MASS

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# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## *MIRACLE OF THE SUN*

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**Thursday, October 12, 7:30PM**  
**Church of St. Vincent Ferrer**

Join the Dominican Friars and the St. John Paul II Society as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final Fatima apparition, the Miracle of the Sun.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bernardito C. Auza, Titular Archbishop of Suacia and Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations will celebrate Mass.

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[stjohnpaul.org/vigil-mass](http://stjohnpaul.org/vigil-mass)



**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 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10065

**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 (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 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](mailto:nightfevernyc@gmail.com).

**DOMINICAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Dominican Academy, an all-girls, Catholic, college-preparatory education, will hold an Open House for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, October 14 from 10 AM - 2 PM, as well as a mini Open House on Thursday, October 26 from 4 - 6 PM at 44 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street. To RSVP and for more information, please contact Madeleine Metzler, Director of Admissions, at (212) 744-0195, ext. 131 or [mmetzler@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:mmetzler@dominicanacademy.org).

**ST. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St. Vincent Ferrer High School, our own Parish College Prep High School for girls, will hold Open House for prospective students on Saturday October 14 from NOON until 3:30. (The last tour begins at 3:00.) St. Vincent Ferrer is located at 151 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington Avenues. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families who are interested in a Catholic, challenging and nurturing educational environment are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Sister Christine Cosgrove, o.p., Director of Admissions at 212-535-4680, ext.102 or [ccosgrove@saintvincentferrer.com](mailto:ccosgrove@saintvincentferrer.com).

**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Xavier High School will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. Students will receive a student-led school tour, as well as be able to speak with our teachers, coaches, moderators, and administrators about life at Xavier. Families can access our application through our website, [www.xavierhs.org/apply](http://www.xavierhs.org/apply). The application for admission and the application for need-based tuition assistance are both due on December 1.

**IONA PREPARATORY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Iona Preparatory Upper School (grades 9 - 12) invites prospective students and their families to attend an Open House on Sunday, October 22, from 12:00 - 3:00 PM or Wednesday, October 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at 255 Wilmot Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804. For more information and to pre-register, please visit [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org) or contact Barbara Robertson, Director of Admissions, at (914) 600-6154 or [brobertson@ionaprep.org](mailto:brobertson@ionaprep.org).

**ST. JEAN BAPTISTE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St. Jean Baptiste High School is a college preparatory program to young women with a firm belief in the success of Catholic education. An Open House will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 - 4:00 PM, the last tour will begin at 3:40 PM, at 173 East 75<sup>th</sup> Street (between Lexington and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues). For further information please contact Ms. Lugo at (212) 288-1645 ext. 134 or [admissions@stjean.org](mailto:admissions@stjean.org).

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, and deacons, that our religious leaders may always seek to imitate the Son of Man, and recognize that their spiritual authority is a gift from God for the good of those entrusted to their care.

For our elected officials, that God will open their hearts to the beauty of the gift of life, and give them the wisdom and courage to stand up for human life at all stages.

For those who have turned from God and sought fulfillment in material possessions, that they may recognize God as the only true source of life and happiness.

For all those on the margins of society, the homeless, the mentally ill, the unborn, that as we continue to celebrate Respect Life Month, they may be treated not as outcasts, but with the compassion and the respect that affirms the gift and dignity of their lives.

For immigrants and refugees, that God will lead them to new homes where they can live safely, and open the hearts of many to share their journey and welcome and assist them in their new lives.

For the victims of the senseless tragedy in Las Vegas, that the Lord of all gentleness may welcome them into His loving embrace, comfort those who are grieving their loss, and surround all those who are suffering from this evil.