



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

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## November 12, 2017 — 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEKEND

November 11 – 12, is our monthly collection for **Food Sunday**. Please be as generous as you can.

Sunday, November 12, there will be a second collection to help the parish's **Deficit Reduction**. Thank you for your support.

### THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the New York Common Pantry continues through November 12. 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 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: SCULPTURE

The final session of our Fall Parish Study course will take place on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:45 PM in the Lower Church at St. Vincent Ferrer. The professional sculptor Andrew Wilson Smith (brother of Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.) will give a talk titled "Graven Images: Sculpture and the Image of the God." Mr. Smith has completed major sculptural installations in both sacred and secular contexts throughout the United States and Europe, notably the capitals and portal of Clear Creek Monastery in Oklahoma. To see some of Mr. Smith's work, visit [www.andrewwilsonsmith.com](http://www.andrewwilsonsmith.com). The talk will be followed by a festive celebration for the conclusion of Parish Study.

### 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.

### DOMINICAN RITE MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

On Wednesday, November 15 at 7 PM, a Missa Cantata for the Feast of St. Albert the Great will be offered in the Dominican Rite at St. Vincent Ferrer. St. Albert is the patron saint of Scientists and is an outstanding example of the synthesis of faith and reason. The Schola Cantorum will sing John Taverner's *Missa Sancti Wilhelmi devotio*; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Justus ut palma* (I); and Adrian Willaert's *O salutaris hostia*.

### RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

The Rite of Acceptance for our RCIA students will take place at the noon Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

## 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 CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

#### 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*

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – ST. CECILIA

6 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING DAY

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

10 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*Parish Offices Closed*

*Regular Mass and Confession Schedule*

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

### DECEMBER

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9 AM Parish Advent Retreat *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

12 PM Votive Mass of Our Lady *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

6 PM Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Vigil Mass  
*at St. Vincent Ferrer*

7 PM All Night Watch Before the Blessed Sacrament  
*at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Deficit Reduction Collection*

*Food Sunday*

6:30 AM Rorate Mass in the Dominican Rite *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

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

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 – VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

6 PM (Vigil) Low Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

7 PM Lessons and Carols in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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 *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Collection for Retired Religious*

## DISCERNING THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

As I write these lines on Monday morning we are reeling from yet another senseless shooting. All of a sudden people in Manhattan perceive a connection to the living and the dead in a small town in Texas. That we can embrace in prayer those we will never know gives us a window on to the mystery of the communion of saints.

How amazing that God has linked human souls in a network of interdependence that crosses the barriers of time and space which give life the shape we know. Those who have completed their journey have been commissioned to help us, and we have been entrusted with those souls whose formation God completes in the process we call purgation. We often treat this purgatory as a kind of detention, but it is also a place of promise where God completes the work He began in baptism and prepares the soul to be with Him.

The more we can see how God has designed interdependence into human life we know, the more we can rely on that network which is so far beyond our imagining. This Saturday, November 11 we remind ourselves that the international network of democracies we rely upon for peace and stability came about through the staggering sacrifices made by our veterans in the terrible wars of the Twentieth Century. Perhaps now more than ever we perceive the preciousness and vulnerability of this legacy.

Think of the cooperation and mutual concern that make it possible to pull off something on the scale of the New York Marathon. The “buy in” of government, commerce, citizens, and athletes makes a great experience for thousands who run and more thousands who cheer them on. It’s also a marvel that one can stand back and contemplate a world-wide coming-

together conducted safely on our streets. How great that civil society did not run scared after the attacks of October 30. People refused to be frightened away from the public square, and so dashed terror’s hopes.

But even as New Yorkers re-claimed their streets the citizens of Sutherland Springs, Texas were assaulted in their place of worship, the setting where we would like to believe any group of Americans could have their defenses down. One single Sunday presents us with the strength and the vulnerability of present society. Everywhere the internet shows us at the same time the dazzling benefits and the terrifying damage of the radical connectedness we have achieved.

Facing such perils we might be forgiven for wanting to disconnect and find safety behind cyber and conventional ramparts. But even if we could make such a withdrawal practically, it may not be advisable spiritually. Consider that the interdependent, interconnected world order technology has facilitated on our streets and in our computers looks more like the Order among souls God has designed around the work of Christ, where even the living and the dead have been brought into reliance on each other. However serious their dangers, the new connections humans have made may further God’s plan to fulfill all things.

We can see this first in the good that has been accomplished already by a global economy, and indeed a global society. But we can also see this in the rethinking that these advances demand. How, for instance, do we bring interpersonal and social justice to this new frontier? In a more interconnected world how do we value the distinctiveness of cultures as something to offer the world rather than to be defended from it? How do we give people the sense of safety to navigate cyber streets and city streets?

Faith always nudges us to “opt in” to our times, so that as people of faith we can be part of their real improvement.

Autumn Peace!



Fr. Walter

P.S. I would like to thank the many people who made our celebrations of all Saints and All Souls so life-giving. Long-time parishioners attended the All Saints Vigil on Tuesday night and came away nourished by what the young adults provided. Many came to the end of life session sponsored by the Dominican Foundation and reported that it was practically and spiritually helpful to them. Here I saw in daily life the interdependence that God fosters.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Gwendolyn Springer (D)  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Claire Brown (D)  
12 PM Ramiro & Beatriz Mendes (D)  
6:00 PM Alice & John Cunningham (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)  
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
8:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM Rev. Garvey Meade (D)  
6:00 PM Patricia, Richard, & Garrett Keegan (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)  
12:10 PM Mary Greason (D)  
6:00 PM Martin Joseph Foye (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
8:00 AM John Joseph Ambrose (D)  
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)  
6:00 PM For the Deceased members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
8:00 AM Stanley Marchewka (D)  
12:10 PM Harry McKillop (D)  
6:00 PM For the Deceased members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
8:00 AM Marjorie & Charles Barrett (D)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Margaret Costello (D)  
10:00 AM For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:00 PM Elizabeth Gaine (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Edward Eiler (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
7:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Meisner Family (D)  
5:15 PM Catherine Harris (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
7:00 AM Helen & Tom Fahey (D)  
5:15 PM Theodora Palazzo (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
7:00 AM Fraziska & John Koestner (D)  
5:15 PM Maria Lucido & Marion Cecilio Punzalan (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 PM Fr. Concordia & Fr. Thaddeus Murphy (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
9:00 AM Gavino Cenon Abaya, III (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Joseph Cannistracci, Irene Tomoe Cooper, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Felicity Loudon, Shirley Miller, Stanley Nadel, Mariel O'Donnell, Brian Praetzel, Christopher Praetzel, & Jumlong Ullitavee.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jessica Consigli, Edda Maartens, Ellorine Martinez, Gail M. Merckel, Earl Pettelio, Isabela Pettelio, John O. Stenning, Catherine Tabares, 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); Jack Ryan Keegan (l); Dr. Donald Raymond & Mary Teresa Lintner (d); Br. Kevin O'Connell, o.p.; Raymond J. Schwede (l); For the People of the Parish

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna*  
Schaeffer & Zegger Families

*St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp*  
Well-being of Christians in the Middle East

*St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp*  
Maria Martha Litrenta

*St. Catherine – Mary Candle*  
Priscila Ventigan

*St. Catherine – Purgatorial Candle*  
Renato S. Ventigan (d); Rosa J. Silan(d)

*St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle*  
Priscila Ventigan; 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.

21. The material makes it possible for the catechist to assume his/her proper "post" as "the useless servant." (Luke 17:10) This expression indicates that the catechist has a task to perform, a role to fulfill, whose results, however, go much farther from what he/she does, because the only Teacher is Christ.

22. The catechists work together in a spirit of unity and harmony, in tune with God's plan for communion in the history of salvation and in keeping with the themes of unity so strongly expressed in the parables of the Good Shepherd (John 10:1ff) and the True Vine. (John 15: 1ff) They generously offer their talents and experience for the good of all.

23. The attitude of the adult has to be marked by humility before the capacities of the child, establishing a right rapport with the child, that is to say, respecting the personality of the child, and waiting for the child to reveal himself/herself.

24. The tasks of the catechist include: to go deeper into the Christian message through the knowledge of the biblical and liturgical sources and of ongoing living tradition of the church, including the theological, social and ecumenical movements which enliven the church today; preparing an environment and maintaining order in that environment (the atrium) so that it fosters concentration, silence and contemplation in both the child and adult; preparing the materials oneself as much as possible while collaborating with others in areas that are beyond one's abilities.

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

## RCIA UPDATE

The RCIA program is preparing for the "Rite of Acceptance" for the candidates on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Noon Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please keep the candidates in prayer as they prepare for this step.

## COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$18,277  
Attendance: 1168

## MUSIC NOTES

On Monday, November 13, the Schola Cantorum will sing Mozart's *Requiem in D minor*, K. 626 in its liturgical context at a 7 PM Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer.

One of the most storied pieces of music of all time, this setting of the liturgical texts appointed for the Mass of the Dead was commissioned by Count Franz von Walsegg for a service to commemorate the anniversary of his wife's death. In the months preceding Mozart's death on December 5, 1791 in Vienna, he had fully completed the Introit and had sketched out a number of the other movements. The Sanctus, Benedictus, part of the Sequence, and most of the orchestration was completed by Franz Xaver Süssmayr, a student of Mozart's, but the true extent of his involvement was obfuscated by Mozart's widow Constanze. Originally scored for a orchestra, it is being performed here with organ accompaniment.

Choral Music at next Sunday's Solemn Mass:

*Beati omnes* – Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)  
*O sacrum convivium* – Morales

## SOPHIE-VÉRONIQUE CAUCHEFER-CHOPLIN IN RECITAL

On Sunday, November 12 at 3 PM, famous French organist Sophie-Véronique Cauchefér-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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## VESPERS CLASS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PIPE ORGAN

The 5 PM class preceding Sunday Vespers in the choir stalls of St. Vincent Ferrer will spend the remaining Sundays in Ordinary Time (November 12 and 19) looking at the basics of the pipe organ: how it is built, its place in the liturgy, composers associated with it, and music played on it. All are most welcome!

## SOLEMN MASS FOR ST. CECILIA

The 6 PM Mass on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians, will be a Solemn Mass with the Schola Cantorum singing Lou Harrison's *Mass for St. Cecilia's Day*. This is the centenary year of Harrison's birth and while a number of special musical offerings celebrating his music are taking place across the city, ours is the only opportunity to hear this beautiful chant-inspired Mass in its liturgical setting.

# Healing *after Abortion*

## Ocean of mercy

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available, and the pain and sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. “Days of Prayer and Healing” offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The upcoming “Days of Prayer and Healing” will be held on the following Saturdays: January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and February 24<sup>th</sup> (in Spanish).

For location and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or email

*hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.*

Days of Prayer and Healing for Men - For more information or to register for men please call Lumina at (877) 586.4621 or

*Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.*

If you would like to speak to a Sister, or find out more about our monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, contact the Sisters of Life at:

**866.575.0075 (toll free)**

**hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org**

To register for men:

**877.586.4621 (toll free)**

**Lumina@postabortionhelp.org**

### CHRISTMAS PARTY DRIVE

Looking to put a smile on someone's face this holiday season? Contributing to the December 9 Christmas Party gift collection for the women of the Park Avenue Women's Shelter is a perfect way to do just that!

Every Christmas season, the Social Concerns Committee hosts a joyous celebration for the women that includes caroling, hot food, a visit from Santa and gift giving. Each year, we have been fortunate enough to provide 2-3 gifts for every person at the party and we would welcome any gift donations from the parish to put toward the gift packages. Please note that all donated gift items must be brand new.

Examples of good gift items include:

- Sweaters, jackets, pajama sets, sweat suits
  - Sizes: L, XL, XXL
- Small bottles of perfume
- Scarves
- Hats/gloves
- Purses
- Lightly worn costume jewelry

Please drop the gifts off at the Priory (or with the guards on the weekends) between Thursday, November 9 and Sunday, December 3.

This Christmas Party is only possible through donations from our generous parishioners. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping to make this holiday season extra special for our guests!

### FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, November 12, Frassati Fellowship invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to a monthly Dinner and Holy Hour on Sunday, November 12. Come and join us for a "home cooked" meal. Our dinner starts at 7 PM followed by Holy Hour at 8 PM. Our night will include praise and worship led by the Frassati Music Ministry, intercessory prayer and confessions. We will be accompanied by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, Dominican Friars and the Sisters of Life. Location: St. Vincent Ferrer. More info at <http://frassati.nyc/holy-hours-and-dinners/> or email: [contact@frassati.nyc](mailto:contact@frassati.nyc).

### DFHCMNY – SADNESS, HOPE, AND REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

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.susc.info/sadness-hope-and-reversal-of-fortune-dfhcmny/](http://www.susc.info/sadness-hope-and-reversal-of-fortune-dfhcmny/). He writes on *Sadness, Hope, and Reversal of Fortune*, on dealing with the sadness and hope that we cling to as we anticipate the future.

### SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Countless families in the Archdiocese live in poverty. This collection will benefit parish/community-based efforts to help the poor. By supporting this collection you give people a helping hand. Learn more about the collection at [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The bereavement support group of the parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena will begin a new session on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church. The seven weekly sessions will help guide persons who are mourning the recent loss of a loved one by sharing with others who are grieving, learning about the process of grief, and being supported during a difficult time. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please leave your name and contact information with the Parish office and the coordinators will contact 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 St. Patrick's Cathedral. 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).

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

For the victims, the families, the first responders, and the entire community of Sutherland Springs, Texas, in the aftermath of the tragedy there, that the Lord and Prince of Peace will bring healing to the injured, mercy to those who have died, consolation to their families, and peace to us all.

For immigrants, orphans, prisoners, the sick, and all those in need, that through the intercession of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, we may recognize the face of Christ in all those who suffer and respond with Christian compassion. (*November 13 - Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*)

For scientists and all those who study the workings of nature and the universe, that through the intercession of St. Albert the Great, they may come to a deeper knowledge and love of the One who created all things in heaven and on earth. (*November 15 - Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*)

For the materially poor, as well as those who cling to material possessions, that through the intercession of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the poor may receive sustenance, and those seduced by the desire for earthly things may receive the freedom that comes from renunciation of self. (*November 17 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*)