



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

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November 19, 2017 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTIONS – THIS WEEKEND

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Catholic Charities will direct the funds back to parishes and community-based organizations to fund local projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information about the collection can be found at www.catholiccharitiesny.org.

THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving Day there will only be two Masses in the Parish: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

The Parish Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. The churches will be open all day Friday and Masses will be celebrated as usual.

SOLEMN MASS FOR ST. CECILIA

The 6 PM Mass on Wednesday, November 22 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, designed especially for the parish by Sr. Mary Grace, O.P. They are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer in the church vestibule.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath around the base of the Statue of the Blessed Mary, Porta Caeli, to the right of the altar of sacrifice. The wreath will contain lamps instead of candles. These can be lit with an intention in the manner of the sanctuary lamps before the High Altar. We hope this will be an opportunity for spiritual giving during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Availability would be as follows:

The First Week of Advent	1 lamp
The Second Week of Advent	2 lamps
The Third Week of Advent	3 lamps
The Fourth Week of Advent	4 lamps
The Octave of Christmas	5 lamps
The Second Week of Christmas	5 lamps

During these weeks, the Sanctuary Madonna lamp that usually hangs beside the Porta Caeli will not be lit.

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 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

Churches closed after Masses, Parish Offices Closed
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
4 PM Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Vigil Mass
at St. Catherine of Siena
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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 – SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6 PM Sung Mass and Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Novena for the Safety of Children
6 AM Novena Service (Misa de Gallo) at St. Vincent Ferrer
5:15 PM Novena Service at St. Catherine of Siena
6 PM Novena Service at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

3 PM Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Catherine of Siena

SURPRISED BY THE FAMILIAR

Amazement on a trip gratifies, but amazement at home really equips a person for Thanksgiving Day. How priceless is the familiar becoming extraordinary!

Such a sensation overtook me yesterday afternoon (Sunday, November 12) when we hosted a recital for the principal Organist for the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris, Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin. Her entire presentation revealed the capacities of our Schantz organ in a way I do not get to contemplate while I say Mass. The organ evokes marvelous emotional variety, particularly as it interacts with the vaulted structure of the church. Several factors enhanced my savoring of the music. First, we had a large and attentive crowd. Second, through the Archdiocese we worked out an arrangement with Con-Ed for additional LED conversion in both of our churches. The electricians had just replaced the vault lighting at St. Vincent Ferrer. The amazing contours of the church interior were bathed in a soft, gentle, and economical light. (By the way, another crew has re-lit the parish offices at St. Catherine of Siena and is now working on the hanging chandeliers and shrine lights in the church.) Third, it came to me as a great pleasure to watch James Wetzel welcome people to this program and, in a congenial way, to invite them to peruse the opportunities offered by the life of our parish.

Upon this foundation of well-being, providence rested something spectacular. After she completed the scheduled works of her program, Mme. Cauchefer-Choplin addressed the crowd and invited us to listen to an improvisation. She began to play and immediately articulated two themes, the Dominican *Salve Ragina* and *Immaculate Mary*. Here were two most familiar lines of music and she made magic of them. She played with them across every mood and volume of the spectrum and I suspect that nary a stop went unheard. Taking this in, I was struck by how improvisation of this sort demands equal parts play and discipline. On the one hand it demands imaginative, “out of the box” thinking, on the other it requires a thorough command of the instrument’s potential and of the musical tradition. I just sat there and hoped she would not stop.

I have heard our organ for many days each week over the last seven years, but this gracious lady from Paris introduced it to me all over again. To say she is a virtuosa states the obvious, but so is James and I get to hear him all the time. What set me up for the grace of this experience was taking the time for it. Quite simply, at 3 PM on Sunday I chose to take an hour of real leisure and it paid me back in spades. I found that at the end of this time I returned to reality and sailed through vespers and the 6 PM Mass on a flying carpet of energy.

Thanksgiving will now usher in a season replete with chances for real leisure and they are chances to be amazed by the goodness and beauty in our own lives. This year, more than ever, we need to grab them.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!



Fr. Walter

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
6:00 PM (Vigil) Raquel Taton & Aida Villanueva (D)
8:00 AM Christopher Dominiak (D)
9:30 AM Debbie Sun
12 NOON Renato Gloria (D)
6:00 PM Dr. Donald Raymond & Mary Theresa Lintner (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM John Rice & Peter Thymus (D)
6:00 PM Martin Burns (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:00 AM Cushia Martin
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 PM Anne & Celia Carrigan (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:00 AM Simon Nottidge (D)
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 PM Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
10:00 AM Joseph A. Meehan (D)
12:10 PM NO MASS - THANKSGIVING
6:00 PM NO MASS - THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM Marjorie & Charles Barrett (D)
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM Jimmy Carty (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8:00 AM Ann Margaret Loughran (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10:00 AM For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Fred Padovano (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)
5:15 PM Kristine DeFalco (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)
5:15 PM Elisabeth Baker

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
9:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)
5:15 PM NO MASS - THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 PM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
9:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jessica Consigli, Ellorine Martinez, Gail M. Merckel, Roshnara Orr, Catherine Tabares, Barbara Turner, & Richard Wrottesley, 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
Tom Chestaro; Bro. Michael Downey, O.P. (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); Anthony Morelliti; Edward C. Perry (d); Robert J. Schwede (l); Siconolfi Family

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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.

25. The reasons why the catechist is requested to make the materials with his/her own hands are:

- to absorb the content more deeply;
- to combat hurry, consumerism and even excessive "efficiency";
- to pace oneself more to the rhythm of the child and thus also - or so we believe - to the working of the Holy Spirit;
- to try to reach the integration of hand, mind and heart.

26. The primary commitment of the catechist is working with the children in the atrium; however, this commitment also leads the catechist to be open to the needs of the catechesis in general and making him/her responsive to other forms of service which can be necessary.

27. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is also concerned with helping adults open their eyes to the hidden riches of the child, especially to the child's spiritual wealth, so that adults will be drawn to learn from the child and to serve him/her. The guiding principles in this endeavor are:

- The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd does not seek success.
- It does not set about to be important or to impress others. (Isaiah 10:33-11:10)
- It is faithful to the spirit of the mustard seed. (Matthew 13: 31)
- It stands in solidarity with the least in the church.

28. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd especially honors the spiritual values of childhood and wishes to nurture the formation of a consciousness which is oriented to the construction of the history of salvation in justice and solidarity. 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 19th at the Noon Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please keep the candidates in prayer as they prepare for this step.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, November 26, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This feastday is the culmination of the time after Pentecost during which we have, through the dramatic arc of that season's lectionary, been learning of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the world and have been urged to prepare for the coming (the Advent) of the Lord, both in his birth and in his kingly glory at the end of the age. For the Solemn Mass, the Schola will sing music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). This light-hearted repertoire contrasts drastically with the sepulchral mood the composer employed in his *Requiem* that the Schola sang last Monday.

Missa Brevis in D Major, K. 194
Laudate Dominum, K. 339
Ave verum corpus, K. 618

VESPERS CLASS: AN INTRODUCTIN 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!

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications allows you make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$17,548

Operating Deficit: \$6,971

Food Sunday: \$2,348

Attendance: 1224

Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection This Advent

Saturday, December 2

Our Parish Advent Retreat

Come for a morning of reflection before things get too busy. Let's look together for a way to celebrate Christmas well in the midst of a challenging year. We begin at 9 AM and finish with Mass at NOON. Our work will be to take seriously Isaiah's prophetic image of the Peaceable Kingdom (Chapter 11: 1-9).

Saturday, December 2 - Sunday, December 3

Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist through the night.

Our annual period of solemn exposition will begin after the 6 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 2, and end with Benediction and Mass by candlelight in the early morning of December 3. In Advent we present God with all the "dead ends" of life and ask for the coming of his Kingdom. To do this, we must see the brokenness of the world and see beyond it in faith and hope. We hope this Night Watch will give everyone the chance to carry out this crucial inner work of the season. Some features of the night to note:

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on its throne above the High Altar.

The church will be specially illuminated for prayer.

There will be common prayer at the beginning of each hour.

Morning Prayer and Benediction will be followed by a special "Mass by candle light" in the Dominican Rite, a "Rorate Mass."

Advent has some of the loveliest sacred music of the year. Please come savor this at two celebrations of Lessons and Carols. On Thursday, December 7, the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, we will honor the Blessed Mother in Scripture and in music (St. Vincent Ferrer at 7 PM). On Sunday, December 17, we draw on the witness of the ancient prophets as we prepare more directly for Christmas (St. Catherine of Siena at 3 PM).

Finally, we will have nine days of prayer before Christmas. During this time we will accompany Mary in her "expectation," and we will seek her prayers that children everywhere may be safe, not only on Christmas but each day of their lives. Novena services will be at 6 AM (Misa de Gallo) at St. Vincent Ferrer, 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena, and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Novena prayers will be said at all the Masses.

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!

YES IT'S US... SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

In the past several years your kind generosity has helped us create a memorable Christmas season for the families of the New York Common Pantry. Unfortunately, once again, we are in need of your assistance, especially, toys for the children (unwrapped) and gift cards (\$25) for the teens. Please deliver the items before December 9 to the offices at both churches.

We could not accomplish this task without your participation, for which we are most grateful. We are so thankful to you, our parishioners!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

For our nation, that as we observe Thanksgiving Day this week, we may renew our sense of complete dependence upon God, and our gathering with family and friends may be an occasion for reunion, renewed love, and lasting grace.

For Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions. (*Holy Father's Intention*)

For the Christian faithful, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was presented as a child in the Temple, we may be inspired by her unhesitating obedience to living the will of God and her life of self-sacrifice offered in love. (*November 21 - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

For those burdened by any kind of suffering, that through the intercession of Saint Cecilia, they may be filled with her song of faith so that their lives may forever proclaim the goodness of the Lord. (*November 22 - Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*)

For those persecuted for their faith, even to the point of death, that through the intercession of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, they may receive the fortitude of faith, the joy of love, and the determination born of hope in the Cross. (*November 24 - Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs*)

THE VIRGIN MARY

FULL OF GRACE & MOTHER OF GOD

On Saturday, December 9, Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P. will teach the second installment of this semester's 'Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas' series at the NYU Catholic Center. The topic is "The Virgin Mary: Full of Grace and Mother of God."

Mass will be at 12 PM, followed by refreshments at 12:30 PM. The first lecture at 1 PM and the second at 2:30 PM.

Register online at thomisticinstitute.org or email thomisticinstitute@dhs.edu

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.svsc.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.

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.