



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

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## PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Next Saturday, December 2, we will host our Parish Advent Retreat. We will begin at 9 AM in the Lower Church. Please see page 6 of this bulletin for further details.

## ALL NIGHT VIGIL

To commemorate the beginning of Advent, the Parish will undertake an All-Night Eucharistic vigil beginning at 7 PM on Saturday, December 2, and concluding with Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday, December 3. Please see page 6 for further details.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection to help the parish's **Deficit Reduction**.

Members of the Social Concerns Committee will collect donations for **Food Sunday**. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## PARISH COFFEE - NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend, Sunday, December 3 following the 12 NOON Mass in the Priory Parlors at St. Vincent Ferrer.

## MARIAN LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Thursday, December 7 at 7 PM, a Service of Lessons and Carols in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. This hour-long service on the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception will consist of a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns celebrating the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Choral works of Lehman, Preston, Wishart, Warlock, Britten, Walton, Rogers, and Nestor. A reception will follow in the Priory Parlors.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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

*Holy Day of Obligation*  
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 – FEAST 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 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDATE SUNDAY)**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 – RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

4 – 8 PM Confessions *at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Regular Schedule of Masses through 12 NOON Mass*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4 PM Mass of the Vigil with Carols *at St. Catherine of Siena*  
6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil *at St. Vincent Ferrer*  
9 PM Christmas Lessons and Carols *at St. Vincent Ferrer*  
9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

## LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE KINGDOM

This feast speaks to our parish with singular eloquence. Those who designed St. Vincent Ferrer Church possessed an extraordinary sense of Christ's Kingship and they expressed in it the unique juxtaposition of the High Altar and the Great East Window.

At the top of the altarpiece, now more deeply illuminated by LED vault lights, Christ stands in the royal robes of a conventional monarch and he reigns over human time. From his throne a procession of holy men and women marches down to the altar bearing the Kingdom from Pentecost to the present moment. Caught up in this movement are the twelve Apostles, the four Evangelists, and the founders of religious communities. In the wake of this vanguard come the saints of the Dominican Order carrying the Lord's reign in the vessel of our particular way of life. At the center of the composition, St. Vincent Ferrer stands preaching. He demonstrates how his extraordinary apostolate is but a moment in the ongoing advent of the reign of Christ.

High above, in the East Window Christ, completes that reign in glorious stained glass color, arriving at time's end to fulfill all and inaugurate the age of our complete intimacy with the Trinity. This window offers an icon of the final Passover, set out in the Book of Revelation and preached by Vincent Ferrer.

What actually happens at the High Altar makes the crucial link between the history of time and the end of time. When we celebrate Mass and receive Communion we receive Christ through the hands of apostolic tradition. Indeed, though the readings and chants, as well as the architecture, we are connected to the whole tradition of the holy men and women who have moved through time to timelessness. But we also receive Christ into ourselves so that we may be ready to greet him when time is done. This readiness means more than being found without bad behavior: it refers to the state of desiring God, and communion with my neighbor as a central means to possessing Him.

Here I see that the Kingdom of Christ is already coming in our lives. Through the mystery of Baptism, the Eucharist, and the other sacraments, Christ works to make us ready for Himself. The sacraments animate a whole way of living centered on receiving and living God's Word. The effect of this is to reorient our whole self so that instead of fearing His coming, we are anxious for it.

While time lasts, the Sermon on the Mount speaks most clearly about the Kingdom's transformative work in us. The sacraments give us a lens for reading the teachings of beatitude (true happiness). They teach us to read, "love your enemies," without sweaty fear, or glib dismissal, but to recognize that the love of God is so active that it is giving us a new sense of self and a new sense of others. As it does we acquire solidarity with others we never thought possible, and so the Kingdom comes.

As the course of renewal proceeds we have the company of the Holy Spirit leading from within, and we have the companionship of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our tabernacle, which means "tent." Our Eucharistic Lord makes His camp with us as we move through time toward Him. The High Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer makes this point with its gold and enamel tabernacle and amplifies it with the marble throne above and behind it. Here on solemn occasions the Blessed Sacrament takes its place as the visible unifying element of the whole composition, as it also propels the whole Christian life.

Next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, will offer the opportunity to experience this iconographic banquet as we have our annual All Night Watch with the Blessed Sacrament at St. Vincent Ferrer. (Each church is called to have such a period, and we have one at St. Catherine's on September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross.) We will expose the Blessed Sacrament after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 2 and pray through the night with Our Lord until Morning Prayer and Benediction at 6 AM.

Here is a chance to begin a busy time of year by becoming grounded in the gentle kingdom that is taking us over from the inside out, but is also all around us since it is doing the same thing in so many others. St. Vincent Ferrer High School and the Sisters of Life will join us in this holy enterprise.

The schedule is below.

6 PM	Sung Vigil Mass
7 PM	The First Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Advent
7:30 PM	Enthronement of the Blessed Sacrament
10 PM	Night Prayer (Compline)
11 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
12 AM	The Midnight Office (Matins)
2 AM	The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
3 AM	The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary Followed by Graveyard Shift Conference
4 AM	The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
5 AM	The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
6 AM	Morning Prayer (Lauds) and Benediction
6:30 AM	<i>Missa Cantata</i> by Candle light in the Dominican Rite

May these days renew your hope.  
Fr. Walter

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish  
8:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Bowler, Yerkes, & Williams Families (D)  
9:30 AM Lily & Dante Cruz  
12 NOON Valerina Gloria (D)  
6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
8:00 AM For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM For the Living & Deceased members of the Gorski Family  
6:00 PM Bridgie Higgins (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
8:00 AM For the Christians in the Middle East  
12:10 PM Fr. Christopher Johnson, O.P. (D)  
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
8:00 AM Frances & Richard Reynolds (D)  
12:10 PM For the Deceased members of the Greason & Twomey Families (D)  
6:00 PM Ellen Gorman Murphy & Thomas Gorman (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
10:00 AM Herbert Bessa (D)  
12:10 PM Torrence Family  
6:00 PM Mary Ellen & Patrick Foye (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
8:00 AM For the Living members of the Redmond Family  
12:10 PM Lorraine & Dorothy Scurz (D)  
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2  
8:00 AM Demosthenes Gadioma (D)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Gigi Picazo (D)  
10:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)  
5:00 PM Martha & James Costello

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
7:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)  
5:15 PM Gerald Kilduff (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
7:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)  
5:15 PM Irene Johnson (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
9:00 AM Dr. Anthony R. Caputo (D)  
5:15 PM Rene Noel Girard (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 PM Marje & John Tramosch (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2  
9:00 AM Peter Dolan (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, Bridget Senturk, & Jumlong Ullitavee.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Victoria Ghilaga, Ellorine Martinez, Bradford Meckel, Gail M. Merckel, Raymond Rizzo, Roshnara Orr, Catherine Tabares, & 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*  
Rene Concepcion (d); Patrick & Agnes Donoghue (d); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l); William J. Schwede (l); People of the Parish; Special Intention; Intention of the Donor

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

*St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle*  
Maria Martha Litrenta; Intention of

*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.

29. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is open to all Christians of various denominations and of different commitments within the church.

30. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers its services to the diocese and therefore works in communion with the bishop.

31. Every atrium avails itself of the help of a priest who is attentive to the children, particularly to their religious capacities, celebrates eucharist and sacrament of reconciliation with them, and works in harmony with the spirit of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

32. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has an experimental character and is open to go always deeper into the infinite mystery of God and God's cosmic covenant with God's creatures.

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

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Parish's Solemn Mass is at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer with the Schola Cantorum. Please see the Parish Calendar on Page 2 for the full Mass schedule.

### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 17 at 3 PM, a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered at St. Catherine of Siena. This service will make a scriptural and musical pilgrimage through Advent, with lessons from the Old Testament prophets, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns. Choral works of Boles, Neswick, Redshaw, Warlock, Piccolo, Manz, and Rutter. A reception follows in St. Dominic Hall.

### MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, December 3, is the First Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of the new liturgical year (Year B) in the three-year lectionary. The season of Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'coming') looks forward to the birth of Christ, calling us to prepare for his coming: first in mercy and finally in justice and glory. Liturgies during Advent strike a note of anticipation and repentance mingled with joy and hope; hence, although penitential violet is the season's liturgical color, the *Gloria* is omitted, and the use of the organ is moderated, the Alleluia is retained.

The music at Mass likewise acknowledges this change of character: the Ordinary (*Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*) is different and the hymns reflect the preparatory nature of the season. The Marian Antiphon *Salve Regina*, sung during the time after Pentecost, is replaced by the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* that will remain until Candlemas. During Advent and Christmastide, the Schola Cantorum will sing movements from a choral setting of the Ordinary at the Solemn Mass.

Upcoming Choral Music:

**At next Sunday's Solemn Mass for Advent I:**  
Music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Missa Sicut lilium inter spinas*

*Ad te levavi*

*Canite tuba – Rorate caeli*

**At the 6 PM Solemn Mass  
for the Immaculate Conception:**  
Music of Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*Missa Osculetur me;*

*Ave Maria á 6*

*Alma Redemptoris Mater á 6*

### ONLINE GIVING

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## 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 at St. Catherine of Siena, and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Novena prayers will be said at all the Masses.

**FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:  
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!

**NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY DRIVE**

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!

**THE VIRGIN MARY  
FULL OF GRACE AND 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 NOON, 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](http://thomisticinstitute.org) or email [thomisticinstitute@dhs.edu](mailto:thomisticinstitute@dhs.edu)

**VISITATION CIRCLE**

Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed and divorced women to our next meeting and fellowship on Saturday, December 2. We begin our program 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. Free will offering.

**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. 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITY AND JUSTICE**

Thank you for you generously supporting the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice! As a parish we have been able to raise money to support parish and community-outreach to those on the margins. If you missed the collection it's not too late to give! To donate, visit: [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, and deacons, that the Church may proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Kingdom of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth and to the end of time.

For world leaders and all who exercise civil authority, that they will come to recognize their power as a sharing in the authority of Christ, King of the Universe, and reflect it in the way they govern.

For the Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena, for the grace this week to surrender ourselves in obedience to the Kingdom of God so that we may be authentic witnesses to God's reign.

For a conversion of our hearts, that through the Cross of Christ, we may come to a deeper understanding that our power, success, and glory can only truly be measured by our service of God and one another.

For all who are imprisoned, particularly those condemned to death, that the Spirit of God will lead them to conversion and, through Christ, enter into Paradise.

For all called to preach the Gospel, that through the intercession of Saint Andrew, they may receive the courage to live what they professed in baptism, and the strength to take the message of salvation to all the world.

*(November 30 ~ Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle)*