



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

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December 3, 2017 — 1st Sunday in Advent

SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEKEND

This 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

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation Today, 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, 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 Mother. Choral works of Lehman, Preston, Wishart, Warlock, Britten, Walton, Rogers, and Nestor. A reception will follow in the Priory Parlors.

SOLEMNITY OF THE 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.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, December 10, we will be collecting alms for the Retirement Fund for Religious that benefits 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your support is deeply appreciated.

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 CALENDAR

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

**Parish Party to follow in the Priory Parlors*

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*

**Parish Party to follow in St. Dominic Hall*

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*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

12 MIDNIGHT Midnight Mass in the Dominican Rite
at St. Catherine of Siena

6 AM Mass at Dawn *at St. Catherine of Siena*

8 AM Mass at Dawn *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

9:30 AM Low Mass During the Day will Carols *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

10 AM Sung Mass During the Day *at St. Catherine of Siena*

12 NOON Solemn Mass During the Day *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

****There will be no evening Masses on Christmas Day*

RUN FORTH

At the outset of Advent, the Liturgy places this collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass) on our lips:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess
the heavenly kingdom.

I say this prayer every year, but this time “run forth” strikes me powerfully and not in a positive way, because I do not feel like running forth. The days are dark, it has been a packed Parish Fall, and a tumultuous secular year. My introverted self pines for my cozy room, a cocoon of the familiar where I may hibernate until things change, climactically, and otherwise. My mood is right on time; nature says its time for a “long Winter’s nap.” But the prayer comes in the Gospel’s time, summoning me to exert myself before I feel like it. Why so much concern to wake me up?

“Run forth” expresses the longing in the heart of Jesus, implanted by the Holy Spirit in the Church, articulated clearly in her prayers, and apparently heard by almost no one. The ancient manual of church life called the *Didache* puts this desire into words as blunt as an alarm clock; “May grace come and this world pass away.” Inbuilt to the religion of Jesus is the desire for a new age.

Instinctively we prefer our own age and so we read talk of the Second Coming through a lens of fear; “I better behave or I will be in trouble.” But the Gospel actually proposes to change our instinct so that we may read the Advent of Christ through a lens of promise.

What he promises is a life beyond all the dead ends we see in the life of our own age. If we were to count up the personal, relational, cultural, climactic, and political ways in which we do not see a way forward, we might feel quite hemmed in. Here faith intervenes to say that what seems like a solid wall now will yield before the plan of God. Honesty demands that we name the dead ends and all the pain they cause us, and faith asks us at the same time to acknowledge a reality beyond them. This is the promise of Jesus in all its living reality. I always think the Berlin Wall offers the best image for Advent, inevitability toppled.

Once we understand this, then, His future Advent becomes a real object of desire, and even now we see His teaching in a new light. We begin to recognize the Sermon on the Mount not as the way to keep our nose clean but as a disclosure of how people will in fact behave in the world that is coming. Indeed, Christ has left us the sacramental life as a pledge of what lies beyond the walls of this mortal life. Sacraments are a way of seeing and seeing beyond, and so they teach us how to hope. Vigilance born of hope, not fear, means that we live now so as to be ready to belong to that time. We are bold enough to want more than getting in to Heaven, we seek to be at home in it.

Perhaps this talk sounds funny coming from the Church, for we expend so much energy in conserving our theological, artistic, and liturgical heritage. Sometimes religion does become a servant of nostalgia for the seeming coherence of former ages. Occasionally our outlook is so curatorial as to give the impression that we might dread the Second Coming simply because it will mess up the ritual. But in fact all that we have received from the past comes to us as a platform for hope. What God has enabled us to achieve offers a pledge of what He will exceed; just as our current sacramental perception of Him promises to yield before the unobstructed encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Indeed, Advent revolutionizes Christmas in just this way. So often we celebrate Christmas as an exercise in nostalgia for things past, the Church’s and our own. These are days when memory comes to console or to open wounds. But the complete experience of Christ leaves us with an active nostalgia for what has not yet happened. Every year at this time we unpack so much familiar stuff from the boxes in our attics and the crannies of our minds. Indeed, the rituals and the objects, the sounds and the tastes of Christmas offer an anchor amidst change. But Christ is more reliable, and the world He brings will be happier.

I run forth because I have a destination that gives focus to my mind and velocity to my steps.

May the magic of the season help us to remember where we haven’t yet been.

Advent Peace!


Fr. Walter

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00 PM (Vigil) Rose Ann
Sharbel (D)

8:00 AM Christopher Dominiak (D)

9:30 AM Rolando Landingin (D)

12 NOON Ralph Sanchez (D)

6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 PM Edward Greason, Sr. (D)

6:00 PM For the members of the
St. John Paul II Society

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)

12:10 PM Myra Valencerina

6:00 PM Marjorie & Charles
Barrett (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM Nancy Brooks (D)

12:10 PM Carmel Ruhan (D)

6:00 PM Br. Christopher
McCabe, o.p. (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM Dorothy Marchewka (D)

12:10 PM Mary & John Scurzi (D)

6:00 PM For the Deceased members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM Louise & Charles
Buckely (D)

12:10 PM Concepcion G. de La Cruz

6:00 PM For the Deceased members
of the Greason & Twomey
Families (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Joseph Cannistracci, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Carolyn Kelly, Sarah
McDermott, Shirley Miller, Stanley
Nadel, Luis Pacheco, Bridget Senturk,
Rita Sullivan, & Mary Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Victoria Ghilaga, Ellorine
Martinez, Bradford Meckel, Gail M.
Meckel, Roshnara Orr, Raymond
Rizzo, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (I);
Jack Ryan Keegan (I); Anthony Mor-
telliti; Mary O'Rahilly; Edward C.
Perry (d); Anna Schwede (d); Special
Intention

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

Advent Wreath

1) Mr. & Mrs. Budnick

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
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

The Messianic Prophecies of Advent

In the Atrium, the young child asks, "Who Are You Lord?" In the Season of Advent, we ponder together, "Who Is This Child"? We explore the Messianic Prophecies to help us discover the identity of this Child.

The young child is in a sensitive period for language. The child is attracted to human speech (over other sounds) and likes to replicate what he or she hears. One of the favorite prophecies that we share with the child is the Prophecy of the Names of the Messiah.

The Prophecy of the Names of the Messiah is found in the book of Isaiah 9:6, and the names that we hear include: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Who can this child be who has so many names?

The child enjoys copying these names as well as repeating these names aloud. In the Atrium, we will begin to hear the child offer these names in their spontaneous prayer or even proclaim these names in song.

At Home

- During your family prayer time, at meals or before bed, use the names found in this prophecy as you pray.
- Discuss with your children all the names that they hear for Jesus during this season. What name is your favorite to use in prayer? What name is your favorite to say aloud?
- Read aloud to your child. This prophecy is from Isaiah 9:6 in the New American Standard Bible. "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$16,700
Campaign for Charity &
Justice: \$4,070
Attendance: 1096

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$15,782
Attendance: 1168

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 17 at 3 PM, 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

The season of Advent and the Marian feasts that occur with it contain some of the greatest choral music ever written, a point Fr. Walter made in a recent bulletin letter. For the first Solemn Masses in December, the Schola Cantorum offers music by three of the most prolific composers of Catholic Renaissance polyphony: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) on the First Sunday of Advent, Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594) on the Immaculate Conception; and William Byrd (c. 1540-1623). The Italian Palestrina, the Franco-Flemish Lasso, and the English Byrd each has a distinctive style, one that came to define the national school in which they were composing.

Upcoming Choral Music:

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

Missa Osculetur me;
Ave Maria à 6
Alma Redemptoris Mater à 6

At next Sunday's Solemn Mass for Advent II:

Music of William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)
Mass in Five Voices and *Vigilate*
This is the record of John – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

ONLINE GIVING

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DFHCMNY – CRIPPLED BY ILLNESS; RUNNING TO MEET THE LORD

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 on our website, www.svsc.info. He writes on *Crippled by Illness; Running to Meet the Lord*.



THE PARISH OF
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***** REMINDER *****

The Act of Total Consecration to
Jesus Christ through Mary

Takes place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
Friday, December 8, 2017, after the 6:00 PM Mass **at St. Vincent
Ferrer Church**. Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P. will lead us in praying the
Act of Total Consecration.

**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 or email thomisticinstitute@dhs.edu

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.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, December 13 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Mass begins at 7:30 PM. Music by Ike Ndolo. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit www.catholicnyc.com.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

For Christian artists, that through the intercession of Saint John Damascene, they may be inspired to give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God's creation. *(December 4 - Optional Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church)*

For children, especially as the holiday season approaches, that through the intercession of Saint Nicholas, they may be inspired by his life of charity and love to be always mindful of the needs of others and to imitate his good deeds. *(December 6 - Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop)*

For our Holy Father, bishops, priests, deacons, and all who shepherd the Church, that through the intercession of Saint Ambrose, they may be teachers of the Catholic faith and models of apostolic courage, and may govern the Church with wisdom and fidelity. *(December 7 - Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

For all Christians, that we may rejoice with Mary, the Immaculate Conception, in the many graces God has given us, and that we may magnify the Lord by our own witness to the Gospel. *(December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*