



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

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December 31, 2017 —

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2017 – 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – HOLY FAMILY

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

with a 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

n.b. The evening Masses on December 31st are for the Feast of the Holy Family, not Masses of the Solemnity of Mary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

with a 12:10 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS

Cards are now available at the St. Vincent Ferrer Church Office which enables one to remember the living and/or deceased in the Novena of Masses offered at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on Christmas Day.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2. They will be open Wednesday – Friday.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 7 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The 12 NOON Solemn Mass St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession of the Three Kings, bringing the Magi to the Creche.

EPIPHANY PARISH COFFEE

Join us for an Epiphany Parish Party on Sunday, January 7 after the 12 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors. Coffee, tea, and delicious food will be available.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, January 7, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

12:00 NOON, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,

6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:30 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:35 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS

AND EVENING PRAYER)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

St. Catherine of Siena
411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065
Office Hours: Monday–Friday:
10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor
Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
Vicar
Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation
Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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James D. Wetzel
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Alexander Pattavina
Assistant Organist
Lisa Harrelson
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Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Catholic University of America/Catholic Communication Collection
12 NOON Solemn Mass with Three Kings Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer
1 PM Festive Parish Coffee at St. Vincent Ferrer

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deficit Reduction Collection and Food Sunday Collection

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 – CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11 AM Parish Coffee at St. Catherine of Siena

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

5:15 PM Mass is cancelled at St. Catherine of Siena
6:30 PM Solemn Mass and Procession at St. Catherine of Siena
Party Follows in St. Dominic Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – ST. BLASE

Blessing of Throats at all Masses today

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Peter's Pence Collection
1 PM Parish Coffee at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

5:15 PM Sung Mass at St. Catherine of Siena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

7 AM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena
8 AM Low Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer
10 AM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer
12:10 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer
1 PM Sung Mass at St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena
6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer
7:30 PM Holy Hour with the Imposition of Ashes at St. Vincent Ferrer
Imposition of Ashes will take place at all Masses.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AND ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – PRESIDENT'S DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

THE HOLY NAME

Next to August, January might be my favorite month to be in New York. Sure, its cold; granted there may be blizzards, but a marvelous quiet also steals over the city. After all the hurly burly of Christmas and New Year's what a treat to walk out onto a cold, clear Sunday morning. After a few steps, arctic energy kicks in and one establishes a vigorous harmony with winter. Manhattan though has no monopoly on this; the shore can so lift my spirit on such a day that I am sure June will come if only I walk a little faster.

In the days of true winter, hidden in plain sight, lies one of the calendar's greatest opportunities for reflection and prayer. Official Church agencies have not yet found out about this time, so no hype announces it. Here is the time to be productively unbothered. After the thunder of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, and before the Lenten solemnity of *Lord, who throughout These Forty Days*, we need a prayer for that winter walk in the park, or for tea by the fire. This prayer will allow us to let an unfelt sorrow rise to the surface, or a long unmet longing, or an unacknowledged happiness.

As God's providence would arrange, the season itself offers a suggestion. On January 1 the Gospel for the Solemnity of Mary employs the Gospel of the circumcision and naming of Jesus.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:21)

The tradition begins to regard that Name as powerful in itself. Consider St. Paul's lyrical passage in his Letter to the Philippians, "At the Name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on the earth..." (Phil. 2) The Acts of the Apostles corroborates this witness. Peter, accompanied by James and John, says to a beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, "I have neither silver or gold, but what I do have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." (Acts. 3, 1-6)

By the way, if you visit the creche at St. Vincent Ferrer look straight up and you will see this scene from Acts in the little window. It is not for nothing that are you standing in the "Holy Name Chapel."

Somehow the name becomes a sacrament of the person, and to this day we give a quick bow of the head when the Liturgy mentions the Holy Name. The name connects to the one named. If you harbor doubts here think about being in love. What is the effect of the beloved's name when seen attached to a gift or heard in a message? Consider also the power of our own name. When we make marriage vows, or religious vows, we use only the "first name."

Jesus builds upon the power of the name to make his name a one word prayer. These two syllables carry so much: sorrow, longing, entrustment, and praise. One wonders how many people pack all of this onto the Holy Name because emotion or health will not allow them to form even a sentence. We will never know how many Christians mustered only this word in the last seconds of fleshly life, and who doubts that it did the work of volumes.

If the Holy Name accesses the Holy Savior, it also reaches inward to ourselves. We use the Name of Jesus viscerally and so our inflection of it may teach us about our own hearts if we will but listen to ourselves. Sometimes we use this name of the Most Beloved in ways we regret, but these moments also tell us the story of our stress and anger. Holy Name Societies have worked to end swearing, but the sacramental power of the Name suggests that this demands a more profound conversion than governing our tongue for politeness' sake.

The prayer of the Holy Name invites us to an ongoing intimacy with the Savior. This is a companionship we can carry with us and within us even when winter's quiet yields to the resurgence of activity in the "spring semester." The prayer holds a promise that even our instinctive reactions can change under the renovating power of the Gospel.

The Liturgy has given the Holy Name uneven treatment. It has recently returned to the calendar as an optional celebration on January 3.

Christmas Peace!



Fr. Walter

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
6:00 PM (Vigil) Therese
Cunningham (D)
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
9:30 AM Msgr. Ralph Kuehner (D)
12 NOON Frank Jordan (D)
6:00 PM Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Donald A. Delaporte (D)
6:00 PM Kitty Terronova (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Elsie Vellach (D)
6:00 PM Letizia B. Rizzo & the
Deceased members of the Barbetta
Family (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Rode & Fred Pesenti (D)
6:00 PM Edward Steffens (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
10:00 AM For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Dulcilia Serrano & Angel
Molina (D)
6:00 PM Robert Mullen (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
8:00 AM Mars Custodio (D)
12:10 PM Miss Lola Aguilar (D)
6:00 PM Miriam Gartland (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 AM Anna Berga

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish
10:00 AM For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
4:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr.
(D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM An McCormack (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
7:00 AM Domenico Bucciarelli (D)
5:15 PM Pearl Valdes (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
7:00 AM For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:15 PM Raymond Niven (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
7:00 AM John McCabe (D)
5:15 PM Mr. Tito Velasco (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 PM Marina Spani-Mollela (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
9:00 AM Ray E. Stout, II (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Joseph Becker, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Carolyn Kelly, John
Langelier, Sarah McDermott, Stanley
Nadel, Dolores Ninneral, Gabriella
Pratt, Rita Sullivan, & Mary Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Fransisca Garcia & Lourde
Garcia, 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);
Mary & Patrick McCarthy (d); Liv-
ing & Deceased members of the Mc-
Govern Family; Br. Kevin O'Connell,
o.p. (d); Edward C. Perry (d); Robert
J. Schwede (d); For the People of the
Parish

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

Advent Wreath

- 1) Jerome O'Rahilly & Family
- 2) Safety of Christians in the Middle
East
- 3) Augusto Martinez Costa
- 4) Sionolf & Pastore Families
- 5) Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

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

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle
Maria Marta 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

Praying with Your Child

"If we want to assist the child in his or her religious experience, an important area which we must attend is that of prayer. Prayer is, first of all, listening to God. It is the particular key which opens up the mystery of God's relationship with God's creature; it is a key which belongs to God, but which God gives to all... Prayer is initiation to the mystery of God and is, itself, a mystery... our task is that of creating the conditions for silence and reverence which will help the child focus on and listen to God. We do this, first of all, by preparing an environment with a prayerful atmosphere." Gianna Gobbi, Listening to God with Children, page 117-118.

As parents, you likely pray often and earnestly for your children. You ask God to keep them safe, to make them well, and to help you as you care for them. But there is another gift of prayer that comes to you: the gift of praying with your children. There is a big difference between a child's prayer and that of an adult. It is precisely this difference that makes it such a privilege to pray with little children. They lead us to an enjoyment of God that we may have been missing. When allowed to pray naturally, their simple words come straight from the heart. What is prayer? We have probably been told that prayer is talking to God. But talking is only one of the ways that young children communicate with God. They help us understand a broader and richer notion of prayer: to pray is to listen to God and respond, to receive God's gifts and respond. We end our Atrium session with prayer each week. For many of the children, prayer is their favorite part of the time we spend together.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish's bereavement support group will begin a new session on Thursday, January 11 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.

ONLINE GIVING

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MUSIC NOTES

Liturgically and musically, Christmas continues! For the feast of the Holy Family, we hear music of Jacobus Clemens non Papa, one of the most highly-regarded Renaissance who spent most of his life in Flander.

Octave Day, since it falls on a Monday this year, is observed with a Sung Mass (with cantor and organ) at 12:10 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Congregational carols will be sung.

Next Sunday, for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, a Mass Ordinary from the English Renaissance is paired with two English (in language and nationality) motets, both of which focus on the Magi's role in the Nativity story. Christopher Robinson, sometime Director of Music at St. George's Chapel, Windsor and St. John's College, Cambridge, composed a delightfully ebullient setting of the traditional carol *Rejoice and be merry* that contrasts with Herbert Howells' much more famous yet more subdued, almost melancholy *Here is the little door*.

Choral Music for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 7

Missa Euge bone – Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573)
Rejoice and be merry – Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)
Here is the little door – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

LIFE WRITING/MEMOIR: A WEEKEND WRITING RETREAT

This weekend retreat is for everyone. This weekend is centered on the belief that when we leave behind the disruptions of our busy lives and gather in a supportive community we make important breakthroughs in our writing. The weekend will reinforce the writer's life, offer daily workshops, craft discussion, feedback, motivation, inspiration, time to work on projects, and a weekend of peace and quiet. The retreat is open to writers of every genre, beginners and advanced. Writers will sharpen writing skills, meet other exceptional writers, take walks with a view of the mountains and river, and have time for meals and plenty of breaks.

When: Friday, January 26 – Sunday, January 28

Where: The Mariandale Center

299 N. Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562

Fee: \$225. A \$75 deposit required at registration; early registration is encouraged. Please pay in full by January 15.

For more information call (914) 941-4455 or visit www.mariandale.org/event/life-writing/.

THANK YOU!

A FESTIVE PARTY! Thank you from the Social Concerns Committee for helping us host our annual Holiday Party for the women who live at the Park Avenue Armory. We entertained more than 50 women on a snowy day offering crudités, a hot lunch and a dessert and fruit table. Live music and singing added to the joy of the day.

TO OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS: Each year we ask for gifts and you respond with great enthusiasm. The gifts you donated were beautiful, varied and just perfect. They brought such joy to our guests. Our Santa provided each woman with a wrapped box containing no less than 3 items.

TO OUR FAVORITE LOCAL SHOPS: We thank you for your most generous contributions:

MORTON WILLIAMS (Third Avenue and 63 Street) for the lovely platters of vegetables and fruits

GOURMET GARAGE (64 Street and Second Avenue) for the wonderful platters of fruits and sweets

AGATA & VALENTINA (First Avenue and 79 Street) for their generous certificate which were used to purchase desserts

GREENBERG DESSERTS (Madison Avenue and 82 Street) for the many delicious cupcakes they donated

GRACES MARKET (68 Street and Second Avenue) for the beautiful platters of fruits and treats

THE FOOD EMPORIUM (Third Avenue and 69 Street) for a generous contribution of sodas and water bottles

These neighbors gave so willingly and so graciously!

And To THE NEUTROGENA CORPORATION for the delightful toiletries which we used to fill a goody bag for each woman.

You all helped us host this wonderful party. We are most grateful.

**FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

Frassati Fellowship invites all young adults to our first monthly Dinner and Holy Hour of 2018 on Sunday, January 14 at St. Vincent Ferrer! 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. More info at frassati.nyc/holy-hours-and-dinners/ or email: contact@frassati.nyc

CAMP FATIMA AND CAMP BERNADETTE

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer. The camps, in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6 – 15. Round trip buses are available out of Long Island. To learn more or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at (603) 364-5851, or email brendan@bfcamp.com, or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members, and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist, and lots of fun!

When: February 9-11

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center

417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Cost: \$130 per person, some financial aid is available

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org
or call (609) 884-3829

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

Sunday, December 31 - The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Pray for perseverance in the discipline of family life and for families that struggle and families that are broken

Pray in thanksgiving for the gifts of our own families.

Remember those who are distant from our families.

Monday, January 1 - The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

This day celebrates the Blessed Mother as God-Bearer, Theotokos.

Ponder the amazing coming together of humanity and divinity in the person of Christ

Ask to be a bearer of Christ in word and deed.

- The Turn of the Year

Pray for those who today resolve on a change of life.

On this World Day of Peace please pray for peace among nations.

Tuesday, January 2 - The Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nanzianzen

On this feast of two great Doctors of the Eastern Church please pray for the reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches.

Wednesday, January 3 - The Optional Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus

Let the Holy Name of Jesus be the prayer for this day.

Find out about the "Jesus Prayer" as your prayer to carry everywhere.

If the Holy Name is on our lips other words are not; this is the day to pray that our speech may raise the tone of our every situation.

Thursday, January 4 - The Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Pray for St. Elizabeth's community, the Sisters of Charity.

Pray for all who work for the underprivileged.

Friday, January 5 - The Memorial of St. John Neumann

Pray for the Redemptorist Community.

Pray the Clergy and People of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in which St. John Neumann ministered.

Pray for immigrants and those in the Church who labor for their well-being.