



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

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## January 28, 2018 — 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation this weekend, January 28 after the 10 AM Mass in the St. Catherine vestibule.

### PARISH STUDY ON JEREMIAH

This Spring, Fr. Albert Paretzky, O.P. is leading a Parish Study series on the Book of Jeremiah. Continuing on January 30 and continuing through March 20, the class will meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church (Parish Hall) of St. Vincent Ferrer.

### SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, February 4, 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.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. There will be a special Solemn Mass at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena that will include a candlelight procession.

The Schola Cantorum will sing music of 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain: Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Mass in G minor*, Gustav Holst's *Nunc dimittis*, Sir William McKie's *We wait for thy loving kindness*, and Charles Wood's *Hail, gladdening light*. A reception will follow in St. Dominic Hall.

### Mardi Gras Party - Save the Date!

Our annual Parish Mardi Gras Party, with buffet dinner, music, and raffles, will be held on Saturday, February 10, at 6:30 PM, in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. Tickets for the party can be purchased for \$35 per person for adults, children are free. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses beginning next weekend, as well as in the Parish Office at St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's during the week. Online payments can be made through the Parish website at <https://svscferrer.churchgiving.com>. Please join us for what will surely be a fun-filled evening!

### VOCES8 IN CONCERT

On Friday, March 2 at 8 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, the renowned British *a cappella* octet VOCES8 will give its premiere concert in New York City. This group has rocketed to stardom since it was formed in 2005 and is now established as one of the worlds most versatile and best-loved singing groups. Touring extensively throughout Europe, North America, and Asia, the ensemble performs a repertory from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions and arrangements. Tickets are available on the Parish's website. For more information, contact James Wetzel at [jwetzel@svsc.info](mailto:jwetzel@svsc.info) or (212) 744-2080.

### 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

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*Office Hours:* Monday–Friday:  
10 AM–3 PM

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP  
*Pastor*

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*Vicar*

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP  
*Vicar for Formation*

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP  
*Sacristan*

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*Coordinator of Catechesis and  
Youth Ministry*

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*Church Custodian*

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*Church Custodian*

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

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Sr. Gail Morgan, OP  
Principal

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### ST. JUDE

(212) 249-6067  
www.dominicanshrineofsaintjude.org

## PARISH CALENDAR

### JANUARY

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11 AM Parish Coffee *at St. Catherine of Siena*

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

### FEBRUARY

#### 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

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Litany of Saints in Procession  
*at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – PRESIDENT'S DAY

*Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule*

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

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Deficit Reduction Collection*

*Food Sunday*

1 PM Parish Coffee *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

8 PM VOCES8 Concert *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Social Concerns Awareness Weekend*

## UPCOMING PARISH MUSIC EVENTS

This Spring is going to be an exciting and busy one for our Parish music program, and I hope that you will be able to attend some of our events described below!

### Special Services

The calendar is replete with occasions for festivity, and it is meet and right to observe these days with solemnity. I am extremely grateful to be in a parish that lives its liturgical life so fully. Presenting such a musical fare on feastdays gives a wonderful witness to our community and offers a warm welcome to those Catholics in the city who seek such a celebration but whose home parishes are unable to offer it. In our established pattern, we observe important feasts with a Sung Mass (with Cantor), a Solemn Mass (with the Schola Cantorum), or both.

#### Friday, February 2

6:30 PM Solemn Mass and Procession at St. Catherine of Siena  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)  
*See bulletin cover for more details.*

#### Wednesday, February 14

6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer  
Ash Wednesday: the Beginning of Lent  
The Schola will sing music of Palestrina and Allegri.  
Sung Masses at 10 AM and 12:10 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 1 PM at St. Catherine of Siena.

#### Wednesday, March 7

7 PM Dominican Rite Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer  
Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas  
The Schola will sing music by Spanish Renaissance composers  
Cristóbal de Morales, Sebastián de Vivanco, and Francisco Guerrero.

#### Saturday, March 17

12 NOON Sung Mass and Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer  
Solemnity of St. Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York

### Concerts

As mentioned in the last bulletin article I wrote before the extremely well-received, well-attended performance of the Schola Cantorum from London's Brompton Oratory, our inaugural concert series – another form of musical outreach – is gaining traction. We have two truly outstanding visiting groups presenting concerts at St. Vincent Ferrer in March, and I hope to see you here!

#### Friday, March 2 at 8 PM

##### VOCES8 CONCERT at St. Vincent Ferrer

We welcome the renowned British *a cappella* octet VOCES8 to our parish for their New York premiere performance. This group is to the current generation of music lovers what Chanticleer, The King's Singers, and the Robert Shaw Chorale were to generations before: that is to say, the vocal ensemble *par excellence*. VOCES8 has received superlative accolades from audiences and critics alike from around the world since it was formed in 2005, but incredibly has never presented a concert in New York City.

The concert, *A Choral Tapestry*, explores the rich timbres of vocal music spanning five centuries. Interweaving genres create an ethereal sonic tapestry in a program that includes anthems and motets from amongst others, the English Chapel Royal and the Sistine Chapel in Rome as well as traditional folk songs and spirituals. The program accompanies VOCES8's newly-released CD.

It is strongly recommended that you purchase tickets in advance through the parish's website ([www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info)), as we expect a capacity crowd. To give an idea of this group's popularity, I received ticket inquiries from people as far away as Boston and Louisville several months before the box office opened!

#### Saturday, March 24 at 8 PM

##### TENET and the Sebastians CONCERT at St. Vincent Ferrer

In a program entitled *TENEbrae: Pathway to Light*, two New York-based ensembles – TENET and the Sebastians – are thrilled to join forces for a transcendent concert of sublime sacred cantatas by the German baroque composer Dieterich Buxtehude and instrumental works by his compatriots Handel, Biber, and Kerll. Presented just before Holy Week, this stirring program is an invocation of Spring, calling forth hope from despair and light from darkness. Purchase tickets at the website <http://tenet.nyc/2017-18/pathway-to-light> or at the door.

Looking further ahead, there are the moving services of Holy Week and Easter, a 7 PM Service of Eastertide Lessons and Carols on Ascension Day (Thursday, May 10) in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Office, and the patronal feasts of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer in April and May. More information about all of these will be forthcoming. For now, I encourage you to continue to immerse yourself in the liturgical and musical life of this glorious parish and to be in touch with me with any questions!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
James Wetzel  
Director of Music and Organist.  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Barbara E. Lane (D)  
8:00 AM Gail Meckel (D)  
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
12 NOON Dorothy M. Grever (D)  
6:00 PM Thomas Francis Foye (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29  
8:00 AM Frank Zaccaro (D)  
12:10 PM Mary T. Greason (D)  
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore  
Carvo (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30  
8:00 AM Jayne Wrightsman  
12:10 PM Concepcion G. de la Cruz  
6:00 PM Eleanor Dix

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31  
8:00 AM Nick Gates (D)  
12:10 PM Marie Swajesk  
6:00 PM Christopher Heath

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
10:00 AM Hernando Pilo  
Ordonez (D)  
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Alejandro Ogaldez (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
8:00 AM Demothenes Gadioma (D)  
12:10 PM Francisco Triana (D)  
6:00 PM For the Deceased members  
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,  
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
8:00 AM For the Deceased members  
of the Parish and the Order (D)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Vito & Elizabeth  
Irace (D)  
10:00 AM Philip Smith (D)  
4:00 PM Jeanette & John Koestner

MONDAY, JANUARY 29  
7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 PM The Bord Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30  
7:00 AM Elizabeth Miale (D)  
5:15 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31  
7:00 AM For the patrons of the  
Shrine of Saint Jude  
5:15 PM The Martins Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
7:00 AM Martin Lydon (D)  
5:15 PM Annamma Mathew (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena  
Purgatorial Society (D)  
5:15 PM Vita Polito (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
9:00 AM Catherine Nespoli (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Eleanor Barba, Joseph Becker,  
Joseph Robert Cusimano, David  
Gale, Carolyn Kelly, John Langelier,  
Sarah McDermott, Dolores  
Ninneral, Gabriella Pratt, & Rita  
Sullivan.

Please pray for the repose of the souls  
of Fr. Francis Dobson, Fransisca  
Garcia, Lourde Garcia, Matthew  
Martinez, Shirley Miller, Nigel  
Pilkington, & Thomas Wieboldt, 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 (l);  
Paul Guilden (l); Anthony Morelli-  
ti; Sister Malachy O'Brien, o.p. (d);  
Edward C. Perry (d); Florence A.  
Schwede (d); For the People of the  
Parish

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna*  
Jack Ryan Keegan

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

*St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp*  
Maria Marta Litrenta

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

*St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle*  
Maria Marta Litrenta; Intention of  
the donor

*St. Catherine – Blessed Mother Candle*  
Priscilla Ventigan

*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

### *Observation as a Tool for Parenting (Part I)*

Observation has played a vital role in the development of both Montessori education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It was Maria Montessori's detailed observations of children that enabled her to discover the true nature of children, or as she put it, "the secret of childhood." Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi carefully observed how children used materials and revisited themes that had been presented in the Atrium. If children returned to things again and again, and if the work elicited a sense of joy from the children, then those were themes and materials that were retained. The importance of observation continues in the Atrium today as it is the catechist's role to follow and serve the child, and the only way to do that effectively is through the art of observation. Observation can also serve parents as they seek to help their children grow in life-giving ways. Here we will explore what observation is and offer some ideas for parents to utilize it to assist them in the task of parenting.

### **Skills Needed for Observation**

On the surface observation sounds simple; watch what the child is doing. However, observation requires a certain discipline as adults. We need to approach it with a sense of humility and patience if we are to truly observe. Humility is required, as the observer needs to be empty of preconceptions and agendas. Patience is essential as children work in a much slower pace than adults. Often when an adult engages in the practice of observing children, and he or she notices a child struggling with something, the adult is tempted to abandon the observation and jump in to assist the child. By resisting the natural urge to assist the child, the child usually can eventually succeed without adult assistance.

## MUSIC NOTES

This Friday, February 2, the Schola Cantorum sings for the 6:30 PM Solemn Mass and Procession at St. Catherine of Siena for Candlemas. See the bulletin cover for more details.

At the Solemn Mass of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola Cantorum offers at the Offertory *Veritas mea*, a motet by George Malcolm (1917-1997), who served as Master of Music at London's Westminster Cathedral from 1947-1959. Sir Edward Elgar's (1857-1934) *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me* will be sung at Communion and is the Prologue from his English oratorio *THE APOSTLES*, OP. 49.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE**

The 64<sup>th</sup> National Rosary Pilgrimage will be July 1 – 11 with Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., Spiritual Director for Lourdes, France. Pilgrimage will also visit Nevers, Paris, Gavarnie, and St. Jean de Luz. Individuals, families, parish groups are welcome to the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions accompanied by clergy, medical staff, and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims.

There is an **All-Inclusive** rate departing from New York/JFK of \$2,940 plus airline taxes of \$165. Single room supplement \$425. **The reservation deadline** is March 30. **For a complete itinerary** and registration forms call local contact Linda Woolard, at (740) 323-3105 or email [lindawoolard@windstream.net](mailto:lindawoolard@windstream.net). Pilgrimage sponsored by Catholic Travel Office, Lourdes Pilgrimage Office of Catholic Travel, Rockville, Maryland.

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (ParishPay) allows you to make donations to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit [www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info) and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit [www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26](http://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26) and click "Start Giving."

## COLLECTIONS

JANUARY 14, 2018

Regular Offertory: \$15,527

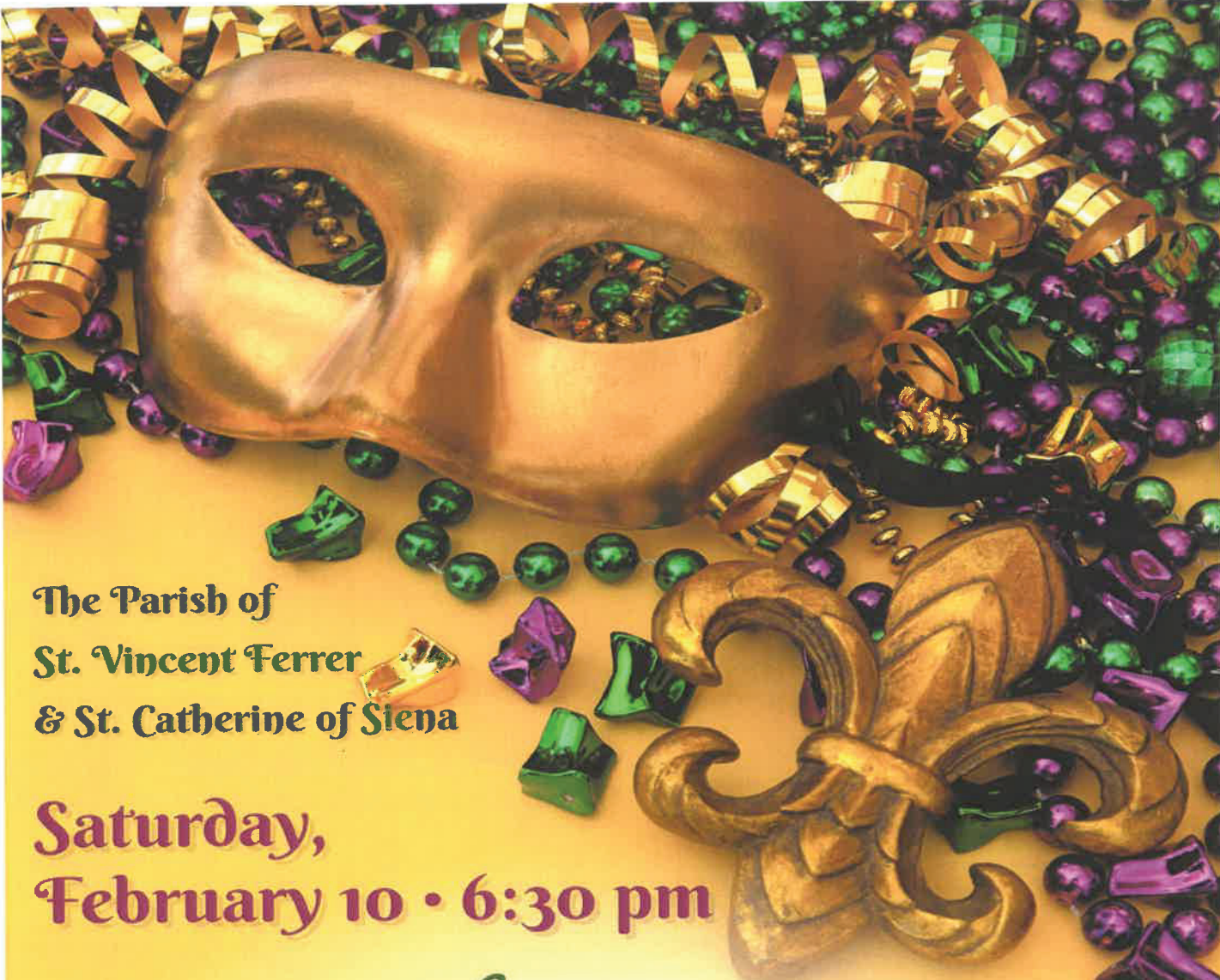
Attendance: 1134

JANUARY 21, 2018

Regular Offertory: \$15,180

Deficit Reduction: \$9,331

Attendance: 1036



The Parish of  
St. Vincent Ferrer  
& St. Catherine of Siena

Saturday,  
February 10 • 6:30 pm

# Parish Mardi Gras Party

Buffet Dinner • Music • Raffles  
Fun for the Whole Family

St. Dominic Hall  
at the Church of  
St. Catherine of Siena

**KIDS  
FREE**

Adult Tickets: \$35 pp\*  
\*on or before 2/5,  
\$45 after, and at the door

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### **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.

### **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](mailto:brendan@bfcamp.com), or visit and register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com).

### **VISITATION CIRCLE**

Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed and divorced women to our next meeting and fellowship on Saturday, February 3. We will 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. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **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.capeamaymarianists.org](http://www.capeamaymarianists.org) or  
(609) 884-3829

### **THIS WEEK OF GRACE**

#### **Sunday, January 28, The Fourth Sunday of the Year**

- In other years today marks the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Pray for those who Philosophers and Theologians who seek to give a faithful account of Christ in times of great cultural change.
- Pray for the continual thriving of Catholic schools under St. Thomas' patronage.

#### **Wednesday, January 31, the Memorial of St. John Bosco**

- Pray for those who try to raise their children in the Faith.
- Pray that the Church may successfully reach young people through her efforts to form them.
- Pray for those who dedicate their lives to working with the young, especially the Salesians of Don Bosco.

#### **Friday, February 2. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

- This great day celebrates an event, the moment when Jesus as a firstborn was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem. This happened because every firstborn belonged to God as a recompense for the deliverance from Egypt, when in the last of the plagues the Angel of the Lord slew the firstborn of the Egyptians, but spared the Israelites who had marked the doors of their homes with the blood of the Passover Lamb. But actually Christ is not the redeemed but the Redeemer who will offer a new deliverance and a new promised land.
- It also celebrates a stance toward life. As Christ presents himself for the fulfillment of God's plan, so we who have received the gift of faith, make ourselves available to be used in the completion of this same plan. In Dominican usage this is celebrated by our receiving a lighted candle and making an offering of it.
- Pray for all religious who in professing vows have sought to make a complete presentation of themselves.

#### **Saturday, February 3, the Memorial of St. Blaise**

- Pray for all of those struggling with the flu and with colds during this season.