



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

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June 3, 2018 — Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday, June 3 is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. After the 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer, there will be a Eucharistic Procession through the streets to St. Catherine of Siena where there will Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm, the rosary recited at 4 PM, and Benediction will be given at 4:45 PM before the 5 PM Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

Friday, June 8 is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

WELCOME TO FR. LUKE HOYT, O.P.

At the beginning of June, our new parochial vicar Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P. will begin his service at the parish. Fr. Luke served at the parish and hospitals last summer, so we welcome him back to New York!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND GOING AWAY PARTY FOR FR. INNOCENT

Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. will be departing for his new assignment of doctoral studies in Germany at the end of June. On Thursday, June 14 at 6 PM he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his three years at the parish, followed by a parish party. All are welcome!

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Throughout the Summer the Parish Office will be open Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM, and Friday 9 AM – 1:30 PM.

PARISH FEATURED IN CATHOLIC NEW YORK ARTICLE

Please take a copy of this weekend's edition of *Catholic New York* to read an article on Page 12, "Ascension Lessons and Carols Shows Ecumenical Commitment" about our parish's service on May 10 with Bishop John O'Hara. The article can also be found online: <http://www.cny.org/stories/ascension-lessons-and-carols-shows-ecumenical-commitment,17406?>

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

SUNDAY:

3:00 PM (EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION)

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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10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
Pastor
Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.
Vicar
Rev. Innocent Smith, O.P.
Vicar for Formation
Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.
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Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

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PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York which is administered by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

For general information about the parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, and how to become more involved in our common life, please take a red Parish Handbook. A Music Brochure, 'Music as Holy Preaching', contains a list of this season's concerts and repertoire for all choral services as well as information about the St. Cecilia Guild. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex of both churches and online.

To register as a parishioner, please use the form found at the back of the Handbook or online. Follow us on facebook @StVincentAndStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 – CORPUS CHRISTI

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Procession

at St. Vincent Ferrer to St. Catherine of Siena

2 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament *at St. Catherine of Siena*

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MONDAY, JUNE 25

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

7 PM Volunteer Appreciation Party *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 – STS. PETER AND PAUL

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

JULY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

Parish Offices Closed

8 AM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

9 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

AUGUST

MONDAY, AUGUST 6 – TRANSFIGURATION

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 – VIGIL OF ST. DOMINIC

6 PM Solemn First Vespers *at St. Catherine of Siena*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 – SOLEMNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

6 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

6 PM Solemn Mass and Procession *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

THE END OF WORDS

For nearly eight years now I have preached almost every day, have written for the bulletin most weeks, and have given so many retreats and lectures that my “startup disk” is full. Suffice it to say; I have acquired the habit of coming up with words as needed. Yet when I survey the celebration of my 25th anniversary on Pentecost no words come. I write many notes to people and yet eight days after this event I struggle to pick up the pen and embrace the task of framing a response to so many manifestations of love.

When I arrived in New York in 2010 it took me all of two days to fall in love with my parish and my parishioners, and I remember that in those first few weeks of pastoring I conceived the hope that I might remain long enough to celebrate my silver jubilee in your company. I quickly soaked thoughts like this in the cold water of lived experience, for among the Friars, pastors do not often remain in place that long. So I never quite believed it would actually happen until it did. But even after eight years of looking forward to it, the event far outstripped any expectations I ever had.

Every detail of the Mass and the party remains bright and clear in my mind and will console me and encourage me for the next twenty-five years. Everything was as I dreamed it might be and this was courtesy of some very loving hands and hearts. My family were just overwhelmed by the parish’s embrace of them. Indeed, my dad said it was one of the best days of his life. He was amazed, but I was not surprised since I know the character of this parish.

Since I can barely get a syllable around my sentiments, I will be a long time thanking individuals, but let me offer this thought to the whole community: what blew me away about celebrating 25 years was, first, the unqualified life shown to me by so many and, second, my realization that I am able to reciprocate it. A quarter century of Dominican life and ministry has reoriented my heart so that I am more capable of loving than ever I could have imagined. In the work God has given me to do, and in the life He has called me to live, there has come healing, and a growth that is more than healing.

As I work with couples preparing for marriage I perceive that each state of life refines those called to it in just this way. In his *Rule for Monks*, St. Benedict describes the monastery as a school of charity, but any committed Christian life will offer this pedagogy, not in words but in relentless experience. Such a life will pump water over the rock until the smoothing and polishing is done. Sometimes we are so tired or hurt, perplexed, or distracted that just sticking with it is the only contribution we can make to the work of our sanctification, but I see from the Mt. Tabor of this moment how God makes our perseverance yield a hundred-fold.

On this great day of the Eucharist we can marvel at the sheer variety of people who persevere in the Good life sustained by this incomparable food which enables endurance and refines love precisely because it delivers the unqualified love of Christ to His people. A lifetime of Holy Communion has refined my perceptions so that I recognize gratefully that I am loved and am being taught to love. Fortified by this perception, I will not find it hard to set off on another 25 year course.

Among my principal teachers in charity have been the three young priests, Frs. Bruno, John Chrysostom, and Innocent, who have walked with me over the last eight years. In the mystery of Dominican life I met each of them as a Novice to be formed, and then met them again as a collaborator offering encouragement and insights, patience, challenge, and, so often, ready forgiveness. I leave for Chapter this weekend and will not return until Fr. Innocent has departed to take up the life of doctoral study in Germany, and so I must take this chance to thank him for his amazing companionship in fraternity and ministry.

He came to us just at the outset of the merger, and all through the process has ably grasped crucial issues and nimbly arrived at “out of the box” responses to all kinds of challenges. He has deepened our awareness of music, but he has also designed the scheduling system that has given merged parish life its shape. He has taught us to study and has himself lived as a student of New York City and its culture. In all the perplexities of the last three years, I have been able to open my heart and mind to my younger Brother with great confidence because of his fine character, and because I believe the Holy Spirit put us together to serve this unique moment. On behalf of the whole community I would like to communicate to Innocent our profound gratitude and wish him Godspeed as he returns to another love of his life, the study of the Church’s song. I hope you will be able to say some of these things to Fr. Innocent yourself at his going away party on June 14, after the 6 PM Mass.

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P. will have arrived this weekend and have some transition time with Fr. Innocent. You may remember that Fr. Luke was with us last summer as a newly ordained priest. This summer we will have similar help from Fr. Mannes Matous who arrives this week after having been ordained in May. New people will teach us new things in new ways, so please welcome them in the Spirit of Pentecost.

Now I must be present to my Brothers at Chapter and after that I hope to devote some very serious attention to the new plantings in the Park. After the challenge of the first and the consolation of the latter it will be time to return to the essayist’s keyboard. I hope some wordless weeks will renew writer and reader.

From a very grateful heart I wish you many hours in the summer porch, perch, or pool you have been dreaming of since Easter.

Summer Peace!
Fr. Walter

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
6:00 PM (Vigil) Frank Corrales (D)
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12 NOON Dorothy M. Grever (D)
6:00 PM Gjeldsh & Violeta
Deduukaj

MONDAY, JUNE 4
8:00 AM For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Bruce Morrell (D)
6:00 PM Patricia, Richard, & Garrett
Keegan (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5
8:00 AM Rose & Andrew
Menella (D)
12:10 PM Mary Frances Carey (D)
6:00 PM Declan Jennings (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
8:00 AM Frank Coffaro (D)
12:10 PM Natalie Framkowski (D)
6:00 PM Estrella Euraoba (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
8:00 AM William C.
Cunningham, SJ (D)
12:10 PM Edith Rizza (D)
6:00 PM Charlotte P. Rudner (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 AM Fr. Fred D. Hoesli, O.P.
& the Deceased members of the
Hoesli Family (D)
12:10 PM Edwin Rustum (D)
6:00 PM Natalie Papadam (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
8:00 AM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
4:00 PM (Vigil) Geovanny
Ampuero (D)
10:00 AM Joseph O'Callaghan (D)
5:00 PM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

MONDAY, JUNE 4
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

TUESDAY, JUNE 5
7:00 AM Mrs.. Gertie Teelan (D)
5:15 PM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
7:00 AM For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:15 PM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 PM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
7:00 AM Novena in Honor of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
5:15 PM Joseph Padovano (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
9:00 AM Steve Restivo (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Joseph Robert Cusimano, David
Gale, William Heath, Annie
Holcroft, Marie-Therese Johnston,
Carolyn Kelly, Brian Praetzel, Julie
Praetzel, Raymond Schwede, &
Sydney Starr.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Ellorine Castillo, McKenna
Doherty Fay, Lee Lambey, Catherina
Martinez, John Muir, Renee Russel,
& Rev. Abbot Timothy Wright, 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); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Br. Damian
McCarthy, O.P. (l); Anthony
Mortelliti; For the People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor; Special
Intention

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)

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.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today, the Schola Cantorum offers music of the Italian Renaissance for its final Sunday of the regular season.

Corpus Christi – Sunday, June 3rd

12 NOON Solemn Mass and Procession – St. Vincent

Missa sopra l'aria della Monica

– Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Venite ad me omnes – Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

Dominus Jesus in qua nocte

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Beginning on Sunday, June 10, the Parish will offer a modified schedule of Masses with music through the summer.

The Sunday 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will become a Low Mass without music.

The Sunday 12 NOON Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will become a Sung Mass with cantor.

Sunday Parish Vespers at St. Vincent Ferrer will continue at 5:30 PM, but without the 5:00 PM class that precedes it during term.

Otherwise, the schedule remains as it stands.

PEW BOOKLETS

For Sundays and for Masses during the week with music, a leaflet specific to that service is passed out by an usher, or is to be taken from a basket at the entrances of our churches.

These have proven extraordinarily beneficial in bolstering participation during the Mass, particularly with the congregation's singing. These leaflets also contain information about the music and upcoming liturgical events. You are more than welcome to take a copy of the leaflet with you at the end of Mass. However, if you do not, please return it to the usher or to the basket as you leave. Please do not leave them in the pews.

For the weekday Low Masses, a sheet listing all of the Antiphons and Responses is available on a table in the center aisle of church. Please return these to the table after each Mass, as we do not reprint them daily.

Either of these may be used in conjunction with the blue Pew Booklets that remain in the ends of each pew rack. These contain all of the parts of the Mass that are unchanging. They also contain the Order of Benediction as well as a number of personal prayers, including the Angelus, the Dominican Rosary, and Act of Contrition. Please take advantage of all of these.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NOTES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Registration for 2018-2019 religious education will open on Monday, June 11. I will email the registration form to returning families before opening registration to new families. Next year's religious education schedule will be as follows:

Sundays:

10:00-11:15 AM CGS Level 1 (3 years old - K)

11:15-12:45 AM CGS Level 2/3 (1st - 2nd, 3rd - 6th)

3:30-5:00 PM CGS Level 2/3 (1st - 2nd, 3rd - 6th)

5:00-6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation Year 2

6:30-8:00 PM High School Youth Group (Last Sunday of each month)

Mondays:

3:30-5:00 PM CGS Level 3 (3rd-6th)

5:00-6:30 PM Confirmation Preparation Year 2

Tuesdays (at St. Vincent Ferrer):

4:00-5:30 PM Graded Program - 6th grade

4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Preparation Year 1

Wednesdays:

3:30-5:00 PM CGS Level 2 (1st - 3rd)

5:00-6:30 PM CGS Level 3 (3rd - 6th)

Thursdays:

3:00-4:00 PM CGS Level 1 (3 years old - K)

4:00-5:30 PM CGS Level 2 (1st - 3rd)

FAMILY CATECHESIS (NEW!)

On Sundays next year from 2:00-3:00 PM, we will open the Atrium for Family Catechesis. Level 1 Family Catechesis will be on the first Sunday of each month. Level 2 Family Catechesis will be on the second Sunday of each month. Level 3 Family Catechesis will be on the third Sunday of each month. During Family Catechesis, children and parents will experience CGS presentations and work with materials together. There will be no additional fee for monthly Family Catechesis.

SUMMER FAITH CONNECTIONS

Attending Mass with your children during the summer months is a powerful way to keep them connected to their faith. You might also read the Bible together. Choose a Psalm or a few verses from Proverbs to read and discuss with your children. You may also read a parable and consider together what Jesus was trying to teach in the story. Finally, pray with your child. One simple way to get them to pray is to ask them if they have anything for which they want to thank Jesus or ask for His help.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! See you in September!

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

- That social networks may work toward that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Pray for the Provincial Chapter

- Pray for those attending the Chapter from our communities; Fr. Ken Letoile (Provincial), Fr. Darren Pierre (Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer), Fr. Thomas More Garrett (Delegate from St. Vincent Ferrer), Fr. Walter Wagner (Prior of St. Catherine's), and Fr. David Adiletta (Delegate from St. Catherine of Siena).
- During this week, the officials of the Province give reports and the committees of the chapter meet. On Thursday, the Capitulars have a day of retreat, and on Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Chapter opens officially with the election of the Provincial and the core of his council.

Community Notes

- Welcome Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P. Father has completed his Licentiate in Theology (STL) and will join us as Parochial Vicar. During the Chapter he will have some weeks of transition with Fr. Innocent.
- Welcome Fr. Mannes Matous, O.P. Father comes to us newly ordained. He will help in the parish and in the hospitals during the summer months.
- Welcome back Fr. Bill Holt, O.P. Father has decided after all to return to us, and already his generosity is omnipresent.

Novena

- Please join in our Novena of prayer in preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. In this Novena we are praying that we and those we love may grow esteem for our own humanity as a work of God.

Sunday, June 3 The Body and Blood of Christ (Solemnity)

- Pray that we may grow in our perception of the mystery of the Eucharist, and of the Church. For as St. Augustine said, "The Church makes the Eucharist, and the Eucharist makes the Church."
- Pray that our Parish celebration gives testimony to our Eucharistic Faith.

Monday, June 4 St. Peter of Verona (Dominican Memorial)

- This day celebrates the martyrdom of a preacher.
- Pray that preachers may have the courage to be truth tellers.

Tuesday, June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

- The Eighth Century "Apostle to the Germans."
- Pray for effective preaching of the faith in Europe.

Friday, June 8 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

- Pray that more people may come to recognize the depth of their Savior's love for them.

Saturday, June 9 The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memorial)

- Successive Popes, including Pope Francis, have consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- This then will be day join her in prayer for the peace and healing of the whole world.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

This is our last request, well, until September.

Each spring we have a drive for toiletries for the elderly poor who are cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Bronx. There are, at this time, 30 people in their infirmary; 25 women and 5 men and there are 18 people living in apartment residences in their building. There are 9 Sisters taking care of these people.

Between now and June 24, would you please bring one or more of these necessary items to either of our Churches marked for the Little Sisters.

A & D Ointment

Polident or Efferdent denture cleaning tablets

Listerine – original or spearmint are preferred

Tissues full size boxes

Body Wash – scented or unscented

Please no toothbrushes or toothpaste or body lotion. Please let us help the Sisters in the wonderful caring work that they do. Thank you!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: NOVEMBER 4 – 14, 2018

Join Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., from St. Catherine of Siena on an Eleven Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, "Following in the Footsteps of Our Lord." For additional information please contact: Father Allen, O.P., Email: joseph.allen@opeast.org or Elizabeth Grinder: Toll Free: 1-877-276-7279, Email: catholictravel@comcast.net. Reservation Deadline: **August 4.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Throughout this Fall winter, you have generously donated items used as prizes for the bingo games we host for the women at the Park Avenue Armory Shelter. We have used almost all the wonderful gifts and still need prizes for early September when we start our games after our summer break. So we once again are asking for items for now and early fall. Most coveted items are casual tops, tee shirts, and sweat pants in size M or L, light-weight pajamas in size L, unopened bottles of cologne, large size bottles of body wash and shampoo and body lotion, hand bags and summer hats. All new things, please.

Please leave items at the Priory or with the Church guards marked as bingo prizes. Thank you very much in advance as we know you will be as generous as you usually are.

A SUMMER RETREAT FOR WRITERS: FINDING INSPIRATION, CONTEMPLATION, AND CREATIVITY

This retreat will be an opportunity to go a little deeper into the spiritual life, as well as the writing life. Whether your writing is for personal journals or for publication, there are aspects we share as writers. This retreat 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 daily life and in our writing. The retreat will reinforce the writer's life, (re)-discover the writer's soul, offer daily workshops, craft discussion, feedback, motivation, inspiration, time to work on new or existing projects, and time to just relax with a secluded view of the mountains and river. The retreat is open to everyone: for those who journal and for writers of every genre. Writers will sharpen writing skills, meet other exceptional writers, have time to relax in a quiet peaceful environment, and enjoy meals and plenty of breaks. You will be energized by the support, literary guidance, relaxation, and encouragement. Don't forget to pack a bathing suit! For more information visit <http://mariandale.org/event/summer-retreat-writers-finding-inspiration-contemplation-creativity/>.

Date & Time: Thursday, July 5 at 5 PM to Monday, July 9 at 1 PM (all meals included)

Presenter: Magie Dominic

Fee: \$450

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE TODDLER PLAY GROUP

St. Jean Baptiste Toddler Play Group, founded in 1982, is a cooperative run by parents and caregivers with guidance from a member of the church staff. There is a specially equipped room to offer a basic program, with each session including an art or crafts project, free play time, story time, snack, and music. It is a loving atmosphere – your little ones can come and have their first school experience making new friends and learning how nice it can be to go to school. The emphasis is on socializing, and encouraging the children to get along with one another and to share playthings. For more information please contact Pauline Reenock, Director, at (212) 472-2853, ext 2.