



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

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September 24, 2017 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MINISTRY FAIR

After all Masses this weekend, September 24th, representatives of our various committees and groups will be available to speak with those who would like to deepen their involvement in the parish.

MICHAELMAS

Friday, September 29th is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels, commonly known as Michaelmas. There will be a 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SOLEMN MASS RETURNS AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

On Sunday, October 1st, the Schola Cantorum and the full ceremonial return to the 12 Noon Solemn Mass. A music list for all choral services will be published in the coming weeks. Also at the Solemn Mass on October 1st, the Most Reverend Gerald T. Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will confirm our young adults.

PARISH STUDY: DANCE

The second session of our Parish Study course on "The Arts as Paths to God" will take place on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:45 PM in the Lower Church at St. Vincent Ferrer. This session will focus on dance, exploring the ways in which disciplined yet exuberant movement reveals the beauty of the human body. The class will feature reflection among other topics on the story of King David dancing before the Ark and the choreography of George Balanchine.

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee (tea), cake, and conversation next weekend, Sunday, October 1st following the NOON Mass in the Lower Church at St. Vincent Ferrer.

INTRODUCTION TO GREGORIAN CHANT

On Sunday, October 1st, at 4:30 PM, we will offer an Introduction to Gregorian Chant preceding the celebration of Vespers at 5:30 PM at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. This class will cover the basics of reading and singing chant. Beginning the following Sunday, a shorter class will take place at 5:00 PM each Sunday preparing for Vespers.

SCHOLA CANTORUM IN CONCERT

On Saturday, October 7th at 7:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer the Parish's own choir begins this season with a light-hearted, hour-long concert of solos, spirituals, and English Romantic partsongs of Elgar, Finzi, and Shearing. Join the members of the Schola, among the best professional singers in New York, for an evening of a variety of music not heard on a Sunday morning. A reception with the musicians will follow the concert in the Priory Parlors

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
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 & OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:40 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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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
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ST. JUDE

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PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Please register as a member of our Parish if this is where you regularly attend Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, or online at www.svsc.info/register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child, call the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Saturdays, but other arrangements may be made depending upon the circumstances. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info). Adults who have not been confirmed should inquire with the Parish Office about preparing for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin making arrangements for a wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a priest. More information is available at www.svsc.info/weddings.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the Parish, at a nearby hospital, or at home (for those who are homebound).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a class for adults interested in becoming Catholic. To learn more, contact Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P., at the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

For information and/or registration for classes held at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Parish Study is a program for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and Spring. To learn more, contact the Parish Office or check our website at www.svsc.info.

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit www.frassati.nyc.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
6:00 pm (Vigil) Mary O'Brien Heller (D)
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
12 pm Ralph Sanchez (D)
6:00 pm Rene Concepcion (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:00 am For the Deceased members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Marion M. Delaporte (D)
6:00 pm Anthony Baring (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8:00 am Br. Michael Downey, O.P. (D)
12:10 pm Special Intention
6:00 pm Joseph Nicholas Russo, III (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 am Frances & Richard Reynolds (D)
12:10 pm Eva DeMucci (D)
6:00 pm Salvatore & Joan M. Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:00 am Janina Pieczara (D)
12:10 pm Fr. Phillip Mulryne
6:00 pm Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, O.P. (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
8:00 am Catherine Margaret Doherty (D)
12:10 pm Michael Kenny (D)
6:00 pm For the Deceased Members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
8:00 am Chris Sabia (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
4:00 pm (Vigil) Hiro Vaswani
10:00 am For the patrons of the Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Mary & Pat Mannion (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 pm Evelyn Gusi

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 am John O'Rourke (D)
5:15 pm Edward Peter Ginmo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7:00 am Jaime Ortega, Sr. (D)
5:15 pm Marian McLaughlin (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7:00 am Proinneas McHugh (D)
5:15 pm Michael Zych (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Beata Jostol (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
9:00 am David Johnson (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list

Joseph Cannistracci, Joseph Robert Cusimano, Yuri Gussakoff, Adeline Heurteau, Marie-Therese Johnston, Carolyn Kelly, Shirley Miller, Paula Ryan, & Wasinee Wannapahul.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Louis Dejesus, Ethel Garcia, Louis Richard Keller, Michael Mariano, Matthew Martinez, David Tang, & Geoff Wragg, 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 Mortalliti; Edward C. Perry (d); Florence A. Schwede (d); The People of the Parish; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Peter Esposito (I)

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

St. Catherine - Sanctuary Lamp
Priscila Ventigan

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Priscila Ventigan

St. Catherine - Purgatorial Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (d); Rosa J. Silan(d); Nirza Kresta (d)

St. Catherine - Rosary Altar Candle
Maria Marta Litrenta; The intention of the donor

Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A REQUEST FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Fall has arrived, so of course, we come asking you, our parishioners, for contributions for bingo prizes for the games we host at the Park Avenue Shelter for Women.

Bingo games began Thursday, September 21st, and will continue each week through May 2018. Last year you generously donated enough items for us to distribute 2000 prizes...35 prizes each week. For bingo prizes the women love winning: socks, caps and hats, perfumes, slippers, handbags, cosmetics, combs and brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, body wash and body lotion. New T-shirts and sweat pants (sizes M, L, XL, XXL) for Fall are also greatly appreciated, as well as slightly used costume jewelry. Please, no items that require batteries, sharp items, or any used clothing. (Used clothing can be donated to the JanHus Neighborhood House at 351 E. 74th Street). Please leave your donations at the offices of our two Churches.

We do need and rely upon your goodness and your help. You always surpass our expectations. Thank you in advance.

FOOD SUNDAY: TO OUR PARISHIONERS

As you will have noticed, there are a group of people collecting money once a month for the NYCommon Pantry. St. Catherine's really needs more people to collect. This requires your signing up for a specific Mass, getting to Church a few minutes early, getting a tin, and standing at one of the doors... At the end of Mass, you must stand at the door for about 5 minutes more. If you think you might be able to help out, not necessarily every month, please contact Stephanie Woods at swoods65@hotmail.com.

Your help is greatly needed.

HURRICANE RELIEF

While so many deal with the past and future impact of Hurricane Irma we remember those still struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. To date we have raised over \$9,001 for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Please feel free to continue to give checks or cash to the priests and we will forward them.

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND LIVING

The Center for Learning and Living, Inc., a non-profit school for seniors, thanks the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena for our use of its priory classroom. Our 8-week fall semester starts September 26, with classes on diverse subjects of interest on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the daytime. Parishioners receive 10% off our fee and are welcome to try our classes our first week. You can attend a full day of classes free our first week, September 26-28. Course descriptions and schedule online at www.clandl.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group will begin at the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena for all persons grieving the death of a loved one. These sessions will help guide people through their grieving process in a safe and supportive environment. The 10 week program will begin on Thursday September 28th at 7 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine of Siena Church, located at 68th Street. Registration prior to participation in the sessions is required. To register for the group, please call the Parish Office at 212-744-2080. Thank you.

160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF LOURDES

Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to Paris, Nevers, Lisieux, and Lourdes, February 5-13, 2018. Pilgrims will visit the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Notre Dame and other sites in Paris, as well as the convent where St. Bernadette lived in Nevers, where her incorrupt body rests. They will also visit Lisieux, and the places associated with the life of St. Therese, "The Little Flower," before continuing to Lourdes to join in the celebrations for the Feast and the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions. Contact Catholic Travel Office at 1-877-276-7279 or catholictraveloffice@comcast.net, or Fr. Allen at joseph.allen@opeast.org.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 4th, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. For additional information, please write, e-mail, or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100 ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org

FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR

Frassati Fellowship of NYC invites all young adults to a monthly Dinner and Holy Hour on Sunday, October 1. 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. Location: Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. More info at <http://frassati.nyc/holy-hours-and-dinners/> or email: contact@frassati.nyc.

SONGS FOR STUDENTS:

HARRY CONNICK JR. & HIS BAND

The Manhattan Catholic School Region is hosting Songs for Students, a benefit concert featuring Harry Connick Jr. at the Apollo Theatre on Monday, September 25 at 7 PM. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in Manhattan. To purchase tickets, please visit www.SongsForStudents.org and use offer code MANHATTAN. For more information, please contact Alyson Vetter at Alyson.Vetter@archny.org or 646-794-3330.

DOMINICAN FOUNDATION EXHIBIT

The Dominican Foundation will be holding an exhibit in the north aisle of St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

As some of you may know, this year is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. In 1917, on the 13th of each month from May - October, Mary appeared to three young children named Lucia, Jacinto and Francisco. The latter two, who died in their childhood shortly following the apparition, were canonized by Pope Francis in May of this year.

Our Church of St. Vincent Ferrer has a special connection to Fatima. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima (located along the 66th Street side of the church) was a model for the 15' 1/2" marble version of the same statue found on the façade of the basilica at Fatima. Both are the work of Fr. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. (1906-1977), a Dominican priest and sculptor, who carved the image under the direction of Lucia, the only witness to the apparition to live past childhood. The story of Fr. McGlynn and his work with Lucia in creating the statue is recounted in his book, *Vision of Fatima*, which was reprinted this year.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II placed in the crown of a statue at the Portugal Fatima shrine the bullet that struck him in the assassination attempt of May 13, 1981. The gesture was a sign of gratitude, as the Holy Father had attributed his survival to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the foot of our 5' version of the statue is a relic of St. John Paul II that consists of a portion of the sash he was wearing during the attempt on his life. The relic and the statue in our church create a unique parallel with the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

In cooperation with the St. John Paul II Society, to mark the occasion of the anniversary we will be hosting a small display of additional works of Fr. McGlynn's Fatima collection in our church. The pieces, on loan from Providence College, will arrive next week and will be with us through mid-October. We will also be having in our Church of St. Vincent Ferrer special liturgical events to mark the occasion, culminating in an anniversary Mass of the final apparition to be held on Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 PM. Monsignor Slawomir Oder, postulator of the cause of canonization for John Paul II, will be the homilist at that Mass.

Further information on the display and future liturgical events being held in connection with the anniversary will be made available in our two churches.

COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$11,200

Operating Deficit: \$5,697

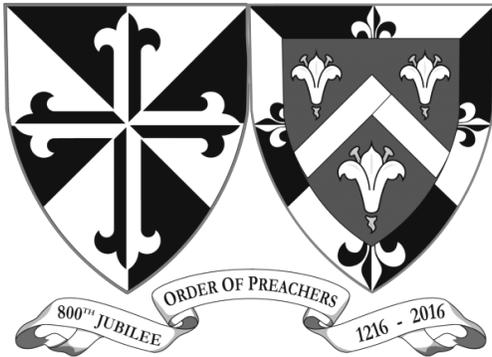
Food Sunday: \$1,468

Attendance: 1047

Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena

Annual Friar Formation Appeal

September 23 & 24, 2017



“Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Mt. 20:15-16

The Annual Friar Formation Appeal helps support and sustain the Dominican Seminarians of the St. Joseph Province.

Please make your commitment to the Dominican Friars that have been such an important part of your life.

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2017 Annual Friar Formation Appeal

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MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

EDITOR: FR. JONAH POLLOCK, O.P., S.T.L.

CONTEMPORARY HEALTH CARE *and the CHOICE for LIFE*

By Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., S.T.L., Executive Director, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York

I have set before you life and death . . . choose life!
(Deut 30:19)

The choice that Moses set before the Israelites as they prepared to pass into the Promised Land is a choice that is set before us today in a variety of ways. The exhortation to choose life applies to the decisions we make to serve the Lord of life and treat others with the justice that human dignity demands. It applies to the choices we make in political life to secure the rights of the needy and defend the unborn, aged, infirmed, and disabled. We are called to choose life. We are to protect, nurture, and sustain our own lives and the lives of others, acting as faithful stewards of God, who is the Lord and giver of life.

We are not, however, to sustain bodily life at all costs. Consider the Passion of Christ and the death of the martyrs. Jesus and his faithful witnesses gave up their lives willingly, not by choosing to cause their own deaths, but by choosing that which is greater than bodily life: faithfulness, truth, the salvation of the world, eternal life in God's kingdom. For Christians, suicide and martyrdom are opposites. Suicide is the choice to cause one's own death. Martyrdom is the choice to allow one's death to be caused by others for the sake of greater life.

Most of us will not have the opportunity to die as martyrs. Many of us will, however, confront challenging circumstances that require us to distinguish between choosing to cause death and choosing to allow death to occur naturally for the sake of a greater good.

This dilemma occurs frequently in the world of contemporary health care. Medical technology has given us better methods for both preserving and destroying human life. People with terminal diseases have more ways of keeping themselves alive and more ways of hastening their deaths. Pregnant women have greater means at their disposal both to save the lives of their unborn children and to end them. How can these people know when allowing death is morally right? How can they distinguish between permitting of death as an

unfortunate side effect and choosing death in an act of killing?

The Catholic Church has the resources with which to answer these questions. The Church's moral tradition distinguishes between ordinary and extraordinary means of preserving life. It identifies the conditions according to which an evil result can be permitted as a side-effect of a good action. Often these principles can be applied easily and straightforwardly to the situation at hand. Sometimes applying such principles correctly is difficult and complicated. In every case, however, arriving at the right answer begins with asking the right question.

The right question is *not* the question of life or death: Should I live or should I die? Is life worth living or not? Does that person's life have any value? These are questions we have already answered in responding to the exhortation of Moses. We choose life! We choose to value, uphold and defend the dignity of all human life. We reject the choice to cause death. God is the master of life and death. We are not. Our task is to protect, nurture and sustain our lives as long as God's providence permits.

The question that is ours to ask and answer is not whether life is worthwhile; it is whether or this or that procedure, treatment, or intervention is worthwhile. We know that life is always good. Our question is whether this or that lifesaving measure is good or whether it is evil, overly burdensome, or otherwise unreasonable. It is to this question, not the question of life or death, that we apply the resources of the Church's moral tradition.

We start by choosing life, affirming its value and God-given dignity. We choose to protect, nurture and sustain life and never to make death our aim. If we are firm in this life-affirming choice and rely on the guidance of Catholic teaching we can be confident that, even when we decide to allow the natural process of death to occur and entrust our loved ones to mercy of God, we remain faithful to the exhortation of Moses:

I have set before you life and death . . . choose life!