

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

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October 18, 2020 – 29th Sunday

Parish Covid Protocols

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The churches are cleaned between Masses.

DECADE OF PRAYER

From the Feast of St. Luke on October 18 through the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude on October 28, the Parish will offer Decade of Prayer. In these days we pray to St. Luke as the patron of physicians and to St. Jude, as the Apostle of Hope. The prayer of the Decade will be said at all the Masses. Holy cards and petition slips will be available at both Churches.

New York Purgatorial Society Mass

On Monday, October 26 at 7 pm, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FEAST OF ST. JUDE

Wednesday, October 28 is the Feast of St. Jude, Apostle and patron saint of hope and impossible causes. There will be a Sung Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena for the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York. This will concluded the Parish's Decade of Prayer to St. Jude.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. It displaces the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Schola will sing Andrea Rota's *Missa Omnium Sanctorum* and Jacob Handl's *In caelestibus regnis – Exultabunt sancti* at the 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer.

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2 is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls Day. The Parish's Solemn Requiem Mass will be at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Orlando di Lasso's *Missa pro defunctis á 5*.

FEAST OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, O.P.

Tuesday, November 3 is the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, a Dominican lay brother who lived from 1579-1639. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FALL PARISH STUDY

This Fall, Fr. Walter is leading a Parish Study series on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Please go to our website at *svsc.info* for the full details. The series will run from October 6 through Thanksgiving. All sessions will be available on-line. It is never too late to join.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS St. VINCENT FERRER

Saturday Vigil: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am,

12 noon (Solemn), 6 pm Weekdays: 8 am, 12:10 pm, 6 pm

Saturday: 8 am *Confessions*

Saturday: 5–5:50 pm Weekdays: 5:20–5:50 pm

St. Catherine of Siena

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm Sunday: 10 am, 5 pm Weekdays: 7 am, 5:15 pm

Saturday: 9 am *Confessions*

Saturday: 3–3:50 pm Weekdays: 4:40–5:05 pm

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday: 12 noon Weekdays: 12:10 pm Saturday: 9 am

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER St. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY:

8:45 am (Reading and Lauds) 5:30 pm (Rosary and Vespers)

WEEKDAYS:

7:25 am (Reading and Lauds) 5:30 pm (Rosary and Vespers)

Wednesday:

6:30 pm (Holy Hour and Confessions)

SATURDAY:

8:30 am (Reading and Lauds) 5:30 pm (Rosary and Vespers)

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY:

3 pm (Eucharistic Adoration) Weekdays: 5 pm (Rosary)

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Saturday: 8:30 am Weekdays: 9 am

Parish Office

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Parish Staff

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P. Pastor

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DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

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HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For Health Care emergencies please call (212) 988-8303. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care of Dominican Friars at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Parish is now offering an additional period of weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evenings at St. Catherine of Siena.

Sponsored by the Dominican Friars Healthcare Ministry of New York, this will be a time of prayer for those who are sick and those who care for them.

5:45 PM — Exposition and preaching 6:45 PM — Benediction 7 PM — Vespers 7:15 PM — Salve Procession

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit *svsc.info* and go to "Donate".

RCIA IS STILL ACCEPTING NEWCOMERS

Want to become a Catholic? Or need to be confirmed? Email Fr. Joseph at *rcia@svsc.info*. Our RCIA meets every Monday at 7 pm. We began on September 21, but we'll happily accept new comers. During Covid, we will have a mix of in person and on line meetings, following safety protocols.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will offer music of two almost exact contemporary Renaissance composers. Orlando di Lasso was a Belgian who spend most of his career in Munich. Claudio Merulo worked both at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the Cathedral of Parma.

In the Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), Jesus instructs the Pharisees on the importance of the commandments. The Offertory Motet *Memor esto verbi tui* reinforces that teaching: *Be mindful of your word to your servant, in which you have given me hope. This has comforted me in my humiliation: for your word has enlivened me.*

Memor esto verbi tui

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Jubilate Deo

– Claudio Merulo (1533-1604)

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

St. Vincent Ferrer High School will host an in-person Open House on Saturday, October 24. Please visit their website, *SaintVincentFerrer.com* to make a reservation. Space will be limited for social distancing.

Dominican Academy will host two virtual Open Houses: Saturday, October 17 from 10–11:30 AM and Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 5–6:30 PM. An RSVP is required on their website *DominicanAcademy.org*

Fordham Preparatory School has two in-person Open House events scheduled: Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, November 1, at 1:00 pm, provided they are able to do so based on recommendations from public health officials. For more details visit: *fordhamprep.org*

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz
8:00 AM Anthony Pierro (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the
Parish
12 NOON Benjamin Gloria (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

Monday, October 19 8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order 12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D) 6:00 pm Bill Otto (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 8:00 AM Helena Steiner (D) 12:10 PM Bridget Carroll (D) 6:00 PM Claudio Huerta (D)

Wednesday, October 21 8:00 am Jayne Wrightsman (D) 12:10 pm Jayne Wrightsman (D) 6:00 pm Fr. Thaddeus Murphy, O.P. (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 8:00 AM Diane Astuto (D) 12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D) 6:00 PM Sandie Bonfield (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 8:00 AM Pauraic O'Hara 12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D) 6:00 PM Betty Roberts (D)

Saturday, October 24
8:00 am Barbara & Don
Lanspa (D)
6:00 pm (Vigil) Gwendoline
Springer

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Novena Intentions for St.
Luke & St. Jude

Monday, October 19
7:00 am For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 pm Novena Intentions for St.
Luke & St. Jude

Tuesday, October 20 7:00 am John Kent Jr. (D) 5:15 pm Novena Intentions for St. Luke & St. Jude

Wednesday, October 21
7:00 am Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 pm Novena Intentions for St.
Luke & St. Jude

Thursday, October 22
7:00 am Alicia Conill (D)
5:15 pm Novena Intentions for St.
Luke & St. Jude

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
5:15 PM Novena Intentions for St.
Luke & St. Jude

Saturday, October 24
9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Boyle
Wedding Anniversary
4:00 pm (Vigil) Novena Intentions
for St. Luke & St. Jude

Parish Prayer Intentions

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

Astrid DeLeon Castro, Roseann Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Mary Gormley, Maggie Heath, Annette Howard, Janice Joy Isidro & baby girl Isidro, Robert Knight, Rosie Mann, Maurice A. Murphy, Adolfo Sardina, & Blair Scribner.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sandie Bonfield, Evelyn Bryant, Barbara Chin, Dorothy Cunningham, Ethel Garcia, Claudio Huerta, Matthew Martinez, Genaro Munoz, Rosemary Munshower, 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, Rockefeller University Hospital, and the Intentions of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Dorothy Cunningham (D); Sister
Nora McCarthy, O.P.; (L) Ramon
& Fernando Gonzalez (L); Souls
in Purgatory; 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 Donor St. Catherine - Blessed Mother Candle Priscilla Ventigan St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres Candle

Maria Marta Litrenta

THE DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

DECADE OF PRAYER WITH ST. LUKE AND ST. JUDE THADDEUS, APOSTLES
OCTOBER 18 - 28, 2020

Dear Friend of St. Jude,

Each year at this time I write and invite you to join in 10 days of prayer with two apostles of healing, St. Luke, patron of physicians, and St. Jude, friend of the desperate. This year's letter comes with new awareness and special urgency as we prepare to cast votes in a presidential election.

During the days of lock down here in New York City, our community had time to ponder and develop our schedule of prayer. At the final prayer of the day, called Compline, we now leave our choir stalls near the altar of St. Catherine's church and go to "visit the altars." As we move through an empty church, from shrine to shrine we discover connection: to our heavenly benefactors in the communion of saints, and to those many out in the night whom we remember in the presence of the saints and with their help.

Join me on our circuit of prayer. We begin at Our Lady's Altar with prayer for ourselves, using the ancient antiphon, Salve Regina. Then we walk to the back of the church, to St. Catherine's shrine where we invoke her as patroness of our house, asking the prayer of this prophetic woman to invigorate our life and ministry. Turning right we face the statue of St. Jude. Standing before him, we remember the clients of the Shrine of St. Jude and all who are despairing on this night, saying, "St. Jude, Apostle of Hope, Pray for us." Next door St. Joseph waits for us, and with him we pray for all of our Brothers in this "province" of the Dominican Order. On down the aisle, just past the baptismal font, stands the Altar of the Holy Souls, where we remember those in whom God is finishing His good work. Coming next to St. Dominic, we remember the Brothers and Sisters of the Order. Finally, we come to the altar of the Holy Cross upon which lies Our Book of the Sick. Here we remember the names written therein, along with all the patients in the three hospitals right around us and the residents of Mary Manning Walsh Home up the street. We then remember all their caregivers, medical, spiritual, and familial. Finally it is time to retire.

We are few, and the journey is short, but the connection is vast. Our little community finds itself in an amazing network of relationships in which prayer links us to innumerable souls. If you read this letter you are part of it.

In fact, prayer can bring us connection deeper than all the differences. Those who pray recognize their deep bond with their neighbors, a bond stretching across vast social, economic, and political divides. Prayer does not erase difference or division, but it confers sight that sees beyond them to the deepest truth about each person. When I pray I perceive myself and each of my neighbors as a work of God: begun by him, sustained by him, and completed by him. He knows each person with a knowledge I may never attain, and in prayer I revere this truth and delight in it. I may now let go of my need to sort people into my own system of boxes. Instead of categorizing them, I can be amazed by them, and delight in sharing God's world with them.

Seeking this recognition at the hinge moments of life, we Dominicans pray before we vote. We elect our superiors at every level, and we understand the vote to be a fruit of prayer and a means by which the Holy Spirit works. One who prays-then-votes casts a ballot in connection and in communion, not in anger or vengefulness, greed or prejudice. St. Dominic relied upon such voters to make his Order a preaching of Brothers seeking the common good together, as they process through life. The Founding Fathers relied on such voters to make their nation a true commonwealth of people who seek the thriving of all.

So our goal in this 10 days of prayer will not be to pray for a result in this election, but to pray for those who vote in it, that each may realize he or she exercises an office of stewardship for a struggling people. Put more simply, we are praying that voters will pray, because if they do their vote will be effective, not only for candidates but for the unity of the nation and for their own holiness.

As always in our privileged times of prayer, you will be remembered not only by the Friars at night, but at each of the Masses in our parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. The shrine of St. Jude in each of our churches will offer you holy cards and petition slips.

Let us together ask these two healers, Luke and Jude, that praying, we might be part of the healing of our times.

Gratefully in St. Jude,

Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

For this Week of Grace, Let us Pray the Litany of the Holy Spirit for the Election

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Father all-powerful, have mercy on us. Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, save us. Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both, sanctify us. Holy Trinity, *hear us.* Holy Spirit, Who proceedest from the Father and the Son, enter our hearts. Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father and the Son, enter our hearts.

Promise of God the Father, have mercy on us.

Ray of heavenly light, have mercy on us.

Author of all good, [etc.]

Source of heavenly water Consuming fire

Ardent charity

Spiritual unction

Spirit of love and truth

Spirit of wisdom and understanding

Spirit of counsel and fortitude

Spirit of knowledge and piety

Spirit of the fear of the Lord

Spirit of grace and prayer

Spirit of peace and meekness

Spirit of modesty and innocence

Holy Spirit, the Comforter

Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier

Holy Spirit, Who governest the Church

Gift of God, the Most High

Spirit Who fillest the universe

Spirit of the adoption of the children of God

Holy Spirit, inspire us with horror of sin.

Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, shed Thy light in our souls.

Holy Spirit, engrave Thy law in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of Thy love.

Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of Thy graces.

Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well.

Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.

Holy Spirit, lead us in the way of salvation.

Holy Spirit, grant us the only necessary knowledge.

Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good.

Holy Spirit, grant us the merits of all virtues.

Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice.

Holy Spirit, be Thou our everlasting reward.

Let us pray. Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.