



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

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October 4, 2020 – 27th 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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October 4 is observed as Rosary Sunday. Rose petals will be blessed at the 6 PM Mass on Saturday, October 3, and will be available after all Sunday Masses at the Rosary Altar near the 66th Street entrance. Wednesday, October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

COLUMBUS DAY

In observance of Columbus Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 12. Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual.

ALMS FOR EVERY AGE

Our help to those in need must be different this year. But the need is still there. We will not be able to host our Christmas Party for the women living at the Part Avenue Armory Shelter nor run our weekly bingo games. But we will be able to deliver Christmas packages containing a present perhaps with matching gloves or scarf and some toiletries. We will be collecting these items starting in October and ending just before Thanksgiving.

Alms for the Young – Sisters of Life Christmas Gift Collection

Items most needed include: Children's hats/gloves, snowsuits newborn to 12 months, baby shampoo/soap/lotion, developmental toys for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3 years), children's board games or toys for boys or girls ages 3 to teenager, baby clothes for girls or boys sizes newborn to 18 months, baby booties/shoes/socks, receiving blankets, infant hooded towels and washcloths, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, & 6), wipes.

For expecting moms in need: maternity clothes and winter coats (sizes S,M,L,XL), slippers, scarves and gloves, gift cards (old Navy, Target, CVS, Duane Reade, etc., Metrocards (no more than \$5-10 on each card).

Alms for Adults in need – Park Avenue Armory Shelter for Women

Tops and sweat pants in sizes 10 through 16, warm gloves, hats, scarves, and a bottle of cologne.

Alms for the Elderly – Little Sisters of the Poor at the Jeanne Jugan Home in the Bronx

Items most needed include boxes of tissue, mild body wash, mouthwash and body lotion.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. You have always been so generous and we know you will be more so during this difficult time.

Please leave your donations in the boxes that are at the back of both Churches.

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 (EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION)

WEEKDAYS:

5 PM (ROSARY)

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM

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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.

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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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will offer another motet from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's collection *Offertoria totius anni* (Offertory Antiphons for the Whole Year). The text of this Offertory Antiphon, *Recordare mei, Domine* is not taken from the Psalter, as is almost universally the case, but rather from the Book of Esther (14:12, 13): *Remember me, O Lord, you who rules above all authority; and give a well-ordered speech in my mouth, that my words may be pleasing in the sight of the prince.*

Next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43) is that of the parable of the king giving a wedding banquet for his son. The Communion Motet, by Spanish Renaissance composer Cristóbal de Morales sets a text commonly used at nuptial Masses from Psalm 127 (128):1-4: *Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. For the labors of your hands you shall eat; blessed are you, and happy shall you be. Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the sides of your house. Your children as olive plants round about your table.*

Recordare mei, Domine

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Beati omnes – Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning October 1, we will offer 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. The new weekly schedule of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is:

Sundays at St. Catherine of Siena

3 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

4 PM – Rosary

4:45 PM – Benediction

Wednesdays at St. Vincent Ferrer (as part of the weekly Holy Hour)

6:30 PM – Exposition following Mass

7 PM – Preaching

7:15 PM – Confessions

8 PM – Compline, followed by Benediction and Salve Regina

Thursdays at St. Catherine

5:45 PM – Exposition and preaching

6:45 PM – Benediction

7 PM – Vespers

7:15 PM – Salve Procession

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
6:00 PM (Vigil) Peter Romagnino (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Sr. Rita Costello (D)
12:00 PM Clara Battista (D)
6:00 PM Margaret Brew Doyle (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Maryann Kelly (D)
6:00 PM Kevin P. Wait & Ann D. Curtin (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
8:00 AM Dante Rizzo & the Deceased Members of the Rizzo Family (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Maryann Kelly (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
8:00 AM Robert Knight
12:10 PM Peggy Dowd (D)
6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M. Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)
12:10 PM The Living and Deceased Residents and Community of Mary Manning Walsh
6:00 PM Dorothy Campbell Trulio (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
8:00 AM Thomas Fitzmaurice (D)
12:10 PM Jack, Natalie, Marie, & Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
6:00 PM Joy Ingham

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
8:00 AM Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Umberto Del Ciglio (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
4:00 PM (Vigil) Dr. & Mrs. John Logan (D)
10:00 AM Laurette Palacio (D)
5:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Diane Tamin

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
7:00 AM St. Jude
5:15 PM James McInerney (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
7:00 AM Julia C. Abaya
5:15 PM Rosa Silan (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:00 AM James O'Neill (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
5:15 PM Sylvia Landes (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
9:00 AM Franziska & John Koestner (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Nicole Brooksbank, Astrid DeLeon Castro, Roseann Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath, Annette Howard, Janice Joy Isidro & baby girl Isidro, Robert Knight, Rosie Mann, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, & Oxana Skop.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sandie Bonfield, Evelyn Bryant, Barbara Chin, Benedict Fenwick, Ethel Garcia, Claudio Huerta, Matthew Martinez, Genaro Munoz, 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
Mary Wilson (D); Bro. Michael Yerkes (D); 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

Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.

CONTEMPLATING THE NEIGHBOR

Apple tells me I have read 27 electronic books this year and I receive this as Covid consolation, for I have not read at this rate in decades. Not included in this total is Vatican II's teaching on the Church in the Modern World which I am reading in an immense tome of Council documents I have hauled around with me since seminary days. Preparing for the election of 2020 drew me back to this fundamental teaching on the engagement of Christians in the range of human affairs. From it I hope to draw reflections that help us through a challenging time, chiefly by finding principles we can navigate by.

Two weeks ago, my initial foray led me to realize that the gift of our intimacy with God in Christ makes us, his followers, benefactors and companions of the whole human race. Jesus has revealed to us God's view of humanity and his plan for it. From this we derive the wherewithal to encourage believers and non-believers alike.

A principal form of that service came clear to me last week. We the Church relate to the world as a contemplative observer, reading the signs of the time in the light of God's victory over all that shames and frightens humankind.

Now the teaching tells us where to start perusing the text of the world around us. We are to begin with what is hidden in plain sight, the admixture of gift and wound in the humanity around us, placed alongside the virtue and vice sharing space in our own hearts. Any discussion of economics, politics, or social issues starts with the complex reality of the person. The Council writes, "Believers and nonbelievers agree almost unanimously, that all things on earth should be ordained to man as to their center and summit." (Gaudium et Spes #12)

To take this seriously is to place paradox at the root of any social consideration. "For Scripture teaches that man was created 'to the image of God,' as able to know and love his creator, and as set by him over all earthly creatures that he might rule them and make use of them, while glorifying God." (#12) God made us, then, to be his collaborators, equipped to direct relations with self, others, and creation without taking position. Endowed with reason, I should be able to follow all the best norms for maintaining my health and maximizing my potential. My human awareness should allow me to reach out for what I need and to know when I have enough of it. Drawing on the same resources, I should relate candidly and respectfully to my neighbors, recognizing God as their maker, sustainer, and destiny.

It should be as simple as learning and doing, but of course it isn't. Our burden is to know our capabilities and not meet them through inadequacy or excess. Between me and my best self is strung a web of counter urges that make me too fearful for risking and too lustful for holding back. So the Council observes, "Man therefore is divided in himself. As a result, the whole life of men, both individual and social, shows itself to be a struggle, and a dramatic one, between good and evil, between light and darkness." (#13)

Those who confess regularly have their inner conflict well mapped. I, for one, know there is a moral principle, and I desire to keep it, but I fail in it over and over. These lapses are not failures of intelligence or bodily strength; usually they arise from fear, and unmet desire. For so many people, spiritual life is framed around this very struggle. In fact, struggle with self is part of self in ways that shape my sense of self. I can tell my history as a series of desires realized through self-mastery or sabotaged through self-mutiny.

So when I look out at the world why do I not apply this hard won wisdom? I realize that many of the things that bother me about myself, have their roots in trying to meet good desires in poor ways. So when my neighbor disagrees with me, or irritates me, should I not ask myself what they were trying to achieve by means that have put me off? This question sets me on course to contemplate my neighbor rather than categorize them. Such a regard engenders a deeper understanding; it makes a seat for mercy.

If my neighbor and I struggle toward the good, then so must the mass of our neighbors, and this brings me to the election. When I survey the vista of today's political movements, I find none of them congenial: too loud, too mean, too manipulative, too extreme - dreadful taste!

But distaste gives no license to disengage. I must take up my mandated stance as a contemplative observer and discern the human longing that gives rise to the noise somebody makes, that hides behind a policy that seems hostile to me. From his Cross, Christ discerned the deep longings that lay beneath our sins, He enables me to find that same empathy with everyone in the public square. I must still oppose what I oppose, but I can still find mercy that keeps a hand stretched across the aisle.

Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2020

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Respect Life Month

Pray for vulnerable women who find themselves to be pregnant.

- Pray for the work of the Sisters of Life.
- Pray for Pregnancy Help, supported by our parishioners, and for other centers that help vulnerable pregnant women.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Pray for those who are abused within the intimacy of marriage and family, especially in this time of greater togetherness.
- Pray for others who are vulnerable to abuse where they live, especially the elderly, prisoners, those in foster care, and those in the shelter system.
- Pray that abused people may have the courage to seek help.
- Pray for those who devote their lives to helping victims of abuse.

For the Elections of 2020

- Pray that voters and candidates may recognize their responsibility to seek the common good.

October 4

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

- Pray for the young people who will be confirmed today by Bishop Gerald Walsh
- Pray for the continued success of our religious education program under the direction of Lisa Harrelson, and with the great support of Vincent Basilici and Ruth de Paula.
- On this Almsgiving Sunday pray for the work of the New York Common Pantry and the many vulnerable New Yorkers who rely on it.

October 5

The Dedication of St. Patrick's Cathedral (Feast)

- Pray for the ministry of St. Patrick's in these difficult times. In a time without tourists and travelers the Cathedral has lost important constituencies.

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary (Feast)

- Pray that the prayer of the Rosary may give focus and consolation to people in these difficult days.
- Pray that those who pick up the beads may recognize that in the mysteries of the Rosary they traverse the whole Gospel.

October 9

St. Louis Bertrand (Memorial for the Order)

- The missionary friar St. Louis Bertrand (1526-81) is the patron saint of novice masters and novice mistresses.
- Pray for our Dominican Novices, and for all Novices, who have entered upon an intense year of discernment.
- Pray for Fr. Michael Dosch, our Novice Master, and for all novice masters and novice mistresses who have been charged with the sensitive task of accompanying them.