

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

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February 23, 2020 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Study

This Winter, Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P. will lead our Parish Study series. This semester he will continue his study on the Book of Genesis. Sessions will continue on Tuesday, February 25 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. The Parish's Solemn Mass with the Schola Cantorum will be at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses and before the 7:30 PM Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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 Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena
3 PM Service for Ashes at St. Vincent Ferrer & 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

New York Purgatorial Society Mass

On Monday, February 24 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer (6 PM) and St. Catherine of Siena (5:15 PM).

LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday Parish Vespers continues at 5:30 PM in the choir stalls at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please consider joining and making this a part of your Lenten observances. An instructional class on the music and liturgy of the Office of Evening Prayer will preced the service at 5 PM on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1.

Invitation from The Dominican Sisters

On Sunday, March 1, first Sunday of March, the Dominican Sisters at St. Vincent Ferrer would like to invite single women, 20 to 45 years of age, to join them in the Convent at 3:45 PM for conversation, prayer, and adoration, followed by Vespers at 5:30 PM in the church. This is an opportunity for the Sisters to get to know a little better, those whom they encounter in the parish, and for you to become better acquainted with their Dominican life of prayer and ministry.

If you plan to come, please email: *opvisits@gmail.com*. The convent, at 152 East 66th Street, is entered through the iron gate east of the 66th Street door to the church.

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

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

Sunday:

8:50 AM (MORNING PRAYER)
5:30 PM (SUNG VESPERS)
MONDAY—FRIDAY:
7:25 AM (MORNING PRAYER)
5:30 PM (Office of Readings
AND VESPERS)

Wednesday:

7:30 рм (Holy Hour)

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY:

3:00 pm (Eucharistic Adoration) Monday–Friday:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday: 5:45 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

Parish Office

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St. Catherine of Siena 411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065 Office Hours: Monday–Friday: 10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P. *Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P. *Vicar*

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Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.

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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, served 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 green Parish Handbook.

For information about the music program, please take a Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching'. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex 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

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Tuesday, March 3

6:45 рм Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

Friday, March 6

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

6:45 рм Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

MARCH 11 - 19 - NOVENA OF ST. JOSEPH

Friday, March 13

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick

6 PM Sung Mass and Procession at St. Vincent Ferrer 6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday, March 18 – Vigil of St. Joseph

6 рм Sung First Vespers at St. Catherine of Siena

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – ST. JOSEPH

6 PM Sung and Procession with Blessing of Bread at St. Vincent Ferrer FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

Sunday, March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 24

6:45 рм Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday, March 25 – Annunciation

6 рм Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

Friday, March 27

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

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

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
6:00 PM (Vigil) Livia Andreotti (D)
8:00 AM Kathleen Redmond (D)
9:30 AM Alejandro Roinero
Trujillo (D)
12 NOON Elizabeth M. Yerkes (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

Monday, February 24 8:00 am For the Deceased Members of the Parish & the Order (D) 12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D) 6:00 pm Ita Conlan (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 8:00 AM Charles Walsh (D) 12:10 PM Ita Conlan (D) 6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

Wednesday, February 26
ASH Wednesday
8:00 am Mary Cunningham
Luby (D)
12:10 pm Maureen Greiwe
6:00 pm John Patrick Foye (D)

Thursday, February 27 8:00 am Richard & Frances Reynolds (D) 12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D) 6:00 pm Harry & Debbie Malloy (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 8:00 ам Thomas & Margaret McCormack (D) 12:10 рм Louie Dedvukaj 6:00 рм Special Intention

Saturday, February 29 8:00 ам Louie Dedvukaj 6:00 рм (Vigil) For the Intentions of Lamberto Andreotti

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 4:00 PM (VIGIL) Margaret Brennan & Dorothy Brennan 10:00 AM For the People of the Parish 5:00 PM Codie Healy (D)

Monday, February 24 7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 PM Denise Baez (D)

Tuesday, February 25 7:00 AM Patrick Burns (D) 5:15 PM Nicholas DeMarco (D)

Wednesday, February 26

ASH Wednesday
7:00 am For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
1:00 pm Maureen Omondi (D)
5:15 pm Ofelia Jumawan (D)

Thursday, February 27 7:00 am Mary Claire Specht (D) 5:15 pm Peggy Coventy (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D) 5:15 PM Rosaria De Paolis (D)

Saturday, February 29 9:00 am Ofelia Gamusaran (D) 4:00 pm (Vigil) Giorgio Cichi (D)

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, Mike Borland, Bernadette Carty, Jan Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William Feeley, Emily Garnett, Maggie Heath, Christine Heller, Joseph Henao, Douglas Kozak, Maurice Murphy, David Olivier, David Reid, Isabelle Rivera, Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, William Selby, Prechry Thongtha, & Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Edward Crescenzo, Fransisca, Lloyd, Maurice Garcia, Lawrence Marquez, Matthew Martinez, & Lucille Witty, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
Jack Ryan Keegan (L); Mary Wilson
(D); For the Souls in Purgatory; For
the People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna The Living & Deceased of the Siconolfi Sisters (D)

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

MUSIC NOTES

Choral Music for Upcoming Solemn Masses:

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26 6 PM Solemn Mass

Music of William Byrd (c. 1540-1623): Mass for Five Voices Tribulationes civitatum

Timor et hebetudo – Non enim pro peccatis Miserere mei, Deus

Emendemus in melius – Adjuva nos Deus

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 1 12 NOON Solemn Mass with Litany of Saints in Procession

Missa á 8 – Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) Peccavi fateor - Michael Praetorius Miserere mei, Domine – Philippe de Monte (1521-1603)

For information about the music program, please take this season's Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching', available in the narthex and online.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) 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 and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit www. churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish has Facebook and Instagram pages to help spread the word about special liturgies, lectures, and social events at the Parish. Find us and 'like' us by searching @StVincentAndStCatherine within Facebook or svsc_nyc on Instagram.

MINISTRY APPEAL

Young adult males, single or married, as well as boys in fourth grade or higher are invited to consider joining our parish guild of Altar Servers, those who assist the priest at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information, please contact our parish coordinator of servers, Steve Quatela, through parish@svsc.info or (212) 744-2080.

We are also in need of Ushers (Collection Offering) and Greeters at both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (212) 744-2080. You may also leave your name and contact information with the guard in the narthex of St. Vincent Ferrer at any time.

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.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstention from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of Days of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meal, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

LENTEN LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES

The penitential season of Lent (from the Old English meaning 'spring' and also known as Quadragesima in Latin, meaning 'fortieth') begins on Ash Wednesday.

In Lent, violet vestments are worn and the *Gloria* and Alleluia are omitted. According to the General *Instructions of the Roman Missal*, the document governing the celebration of the Ordinary Form of the Mass, the organ is to be used only "to give necessary support to the singing." Thus, as much as possible, the Mass is sung a cappella, the hymn accompaniments are subdued, and the organ voluntaries are omitted.

As the Church strips herself of festal trimming entering into the spiritual desert, her faithful are likewise called to a heightened order of penitence, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Making a good confession, attending daily Mass, and praying the Office, Stations, and Rosary are all worthy resolutions.

2019 Tax Letters

DP Murphy and WeShare will be distributing tax notices to parishioners for the 2019 tax year in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received your notice by the end of the month or if corrections are needed. Thank you for your continued support.

RAISING CAPITAL AS A SPIRITUAL WORK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH

The other day I traversed two blocks of an avenue in our neighborhood. On my side of the street all of the retail space was empty except for one small store. Such derelict footage left me sad. But it cheered me to come home into St. Catherine of Siena Church where the ranks of votive candles warmed me, the saints in their shrines encouraged me, and the people kneeling in prayer companioned me. The street was naked, but the church was furnished. The deserted storefronts made me lonely, but in the church people congregated safely and for a purpose. St. Catherine's revealed to me her antidote to desolation, and she offers it to people all day long.

That afternoon my steps were eastbound, but each morning I walk west and have the same experience in St. Vincent Ferrer, where people duck out of crowded Lexington Avenue and find space to think and pray, refuge from noise, and beauty that points beyond itself.

By their adornment and furnishing, their good order and ready welcome, our churches preach. Many who will not sit through a sermon nevertheless receive a credible word through stained glass backlit by sun or from a Virgin lit from within by serenity. The iconography speaks of God, but the open door and the cared for place speak of His People. What does it mean to walk into a place and perceive that someone loves it and keeps it in good order for you? I feel such well-being when I walk into a good hotel, but in our churches New Yorkers find it for free, daily, courtesy of our congregation.

For us regulars, too, St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's truly "work." They offer unparalleled settings for the hinge-moments of our lives, when we approach God's altar in thanksgiving, perplexity, or grief. They ensure that our common assemblies not only inform us of teaching, or reinforce our identity, but also act on each sense to lift hearts beyond what the senses can communicate.

Care for our churches makes them beautiful and comfortable, but also profoundly effective in the mission of the Church, the Order, and the Parish. Such concern carries us into the realm of raising and spending money. Dedication and determination by the women and men who serve God in our parish has meant that our ordinary income now just about covers our regular expenses. For this weekly and monthly stability, we can never be adequately grateful. The dedicated efforts of our Finance Council have made these endeavors successful.

With their help we hope to craft a credible approach to generating and allocating the resources for the structural integrity, environmental quality, and artistic preservation of St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's. We hope to reach a pattern of fundraising for capital maintenance and improvement appropriate to our parishioners. The Renew and Rebuild campaign of the Archdiocese of New York is mandated for us this year, and it prompts us to undertake this work. We seek a method of fundraising and a plan of care that will stand the parish in good stead for decades to come.

In this effort of Renew and Rebuild we will focus our efforts on several vulnerable areas.

First, we will pay for two projects undertaken at short notice. We had to tuck-point the west wall of St. Catherine of Siena. This area of the fabric lay hidden from view by surrounding buildings. The deterioration of brickwork here is serious. We also had to replace one of the three air conditioning compressors at St. Vincent Ferrer

We will focus as well on the critically dry woodwork in the sanctuary of St. Vincent's. A breathtaking expanse of gothic tracery and pinnacles festoons the choir stalls and the High Altar. All of it needs to be treated and, in some cases, reassembled. While we have the area closed off, we will clean the masonry there. We will also address the water damage to the sanctuary ceiling at St. Catherine of Siena.

Finally, we will undertake the renovation of the confessionals at St. Vincent's into spaces that indicate the dignity of the sacrament and give a fitting welcome to penitents.

As we tend to our own capital needs, we also have an eye out for those of the regional Church, in which many parishes need help to accomplish the improvements that come easily to us.

Each of the above presses on us as a need not met by Sunday collections. We intend to respond to these capital issues in a measured, humble way so that our upkeep of these buildings is honest about the circumstances of the Church in our time. I would go further and say that tending to the physical church can help us become more truly the church of living stones, if we go about it in the right way.

We will have a chance to try out this approach. In mid-October Evergreene Architects will begin the work of cleaning St. Joseph's Chapel in the Church of St. Vincent's. They have tested the masonry of the chapel, which is both natural stone and Guastavino tile. After this careful work, they will lift a century's accumulation of soot off of, and out of, the walls and ceiling. The work will leave this little space radiant with the natural hues intended by the architect, Bertram Goodhue. Certainly the chapel will become more appealing for its intended activity, prayer. We can do this work thanks to the generosity of the people who have lit candles at the chapel's shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The chapel's new loveliness will come directly from the beauty of the prayer that has been offered there.

Thank you for reading and considering,

Fr. Walter

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HELP US HELP THE POOR

The Social Concerns Committee is accepting monetary donations in the "poor box" on the left side of St. Vincent Ferrer as you enter from Lexington Avenue. We will use this money for our celebrations for the women living at the shelter and other events that do come up during the upcoming year. Please be as generous as you can. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

To inquire about volunteering in our Parish, please use the form found on our website, *www.svsc.info* or *http://www.svsc.info/volunteers/*.

Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, March 4 at St. Patrick's Cathedral (460 Madison Avenue) for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Mass begins at 7:30 pm. Music by Danielle Rose. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit Facebook.com/catholicnyc, follow us on Instagram @CatholicNYC, or our website, CatholicNYC.com.

MAGNIFICAT PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Guided by Dominican priest Fr. Thomas More Garrett, O.P., Magnificat magazine is leading a 9-day pilgrimage to France from June 27 – July 5, 2020. The trip will include stays in Lourdes, Paris, and Versailles. In addition to the shrine at Lourdes, pilgrims will visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the family home of St. Therese of Lisieux, Omaha Beach, and world heritage site Mont-Saint-Michel. For more information visit https://www.petersway.com/9674.html or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at https://www.potersway.com/9674.html or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at https://www.potersway.com/9674.html or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at https://www.potersway.com/9674.html or call (800) 225-7662.

Online Support Group for Individuals & Families Affected by Divorce/Separation

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this groups meets every first Tuesday from 8 – 9 P.M. and is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and optional sharing guided by an experienced facilitator.

To learn more, visit www.nonnatus.org or "Philly Nonnatus" on social media. Call, text, or email the Director of the Foundation at (215) 870-9913 or director.srnf@gmail.com (type SUPPORT in the title to receive direct link).

TAI-CHI CLASSES

Health Advocates for Older People will be sponsoring Tai-Chi classes, the ancient movements and balance exercises to strengthen legs, ankles, knees, and hips. Classes will take place on Mondays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. All are welcome.

Franciscan Spirit Tours: Refresh Your Spirit, Renew Your Soul

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Sevigny, OFM Cap. and Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will be leading several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at (646) 736-7964 or at

info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com. You may also see the full itineraries online at *www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com*. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Our upcoming pilgrimages include:
Italy/Greece
Shrines, Wines, & Castles (Portugal)
The Camino
Oberammergau/Prague (Passion Play)

Plus our regularly scheduled pilgrimages:

"Franciscan Italy" "Great Women of Faith"

(Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux)

"Holy Land – The Living Rosary"

"Footsteps of St. John Paul II" (Poland/Prague)

"Our Lady in the New World" (Guadalupe/Mexico)

"Catholic Spain" "Fatima" "Journey to Peace"

(Medjugorje)

"Footsteps of Pope Francis" (Argentina/Uruguay)

"Catholic Ireland" "Church of John and Paul"

(Greece/Turkey)

DOMINICAN THIRD ORDER

Are you a layperson who believes that you are called to a more profound interior life through the charisms of the Dominican Order? You may want to visit the Dominican Third Order (Lay Fraternity) Chapter that meets in the Parish Center of St. Vincent Ferrer on the third Thursday of each month from 6 – 8 pm. All are welcome. To learn more visit http://laydominicans.org/, or visit our blog at http://olotac.blogspot.com/.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary welcomes memberships into the council that meets at St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Legion meetings consist of prayers, review of work projects, and assignments for the coming week. Our ministry is visiting the sick at Mary Manning Walsh and bringing Communion to catholic residents. If you are interested please contact the spiritual moderator, Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P. or president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

This Week of Grace

February 23 The Seventh Sunday of the Year, Last Before Lent

• Today we begin the public phase of the "Renew and Rebuild" campaign for our parish and archdiocese. As we tend to the capital needs of our household of faith, and those of the regional church, pray that the raising and spending of the funds needed may become part of parish growth.

February 26 Ash Wednesday

- Pray for those who come to church today or otherwise ask to receive ashes. Pray that the Holy Spirit may use this gesture as an entree to the deeper practice of the Gospel.
- Each day of Lent has its own set of antiphons. The entrance antiphon of the Mass offers a wonderful perspective on the whole worship of the day. Week of Grace will focus on these for the season since during these weeks there are few feasts.
- As you read these and pray with them each day, take note of the way humility and confidence set the tone for the season.
- For Ash Wednesday: "You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God."

February 27 The Thursday After Ash Wednesday

- "When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord and he will support you."
- Today we begin begin the Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross after the evening Mass in each church. Pray that this beautiful time of shared prayer in procession may give new perspective on the mystery of our Redemption, and upon the whole Christian life centered around it.

February 28 The Friday After Ash Wednesday

"The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper."

February 29 The Saturday After Ash Wednesday

- "Answer us, Lord, for your mercy is kind; in the abundance of your mercies, look upon us."
- Today we hold our Parish Lenten Retreat. Pray for all who attend, that our work of preaching and listening may benefit the whole parish.