



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

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February 9, 2020 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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 11 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

VALENTINE DRIVE FOR OUR NEEDY NEIGHBORS AT THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY

The Social Concerns Committee has begun collecting requested items for our neighbors at the New York Common Pantry. Items include: non-perishable foods – shelf-stable milk, canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham), breakfast foods (hot, cold, low-sugar cereals), rice, and dry beans. Socks for men and women are also being collected. These items can be donated at each church through Thursday, February 20. Please donate and show love for our neighbors.

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.

PONTIFICAL MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE ROMAN RITE

On Saturday, February 15 at 11 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer, a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (a Votive Mass of Pope St. Pius V) celebrated by the His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Zen, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, will be offered. Liturgical aids for those unfamiliar with the Extraordinary Form will be available. For it the Parish's Schola Cantorum will sing Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Missa Gaudeamus*. This is the opening event of the third annual Lepanto Conference.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed 2 – 5 PM Tuesday, February 18 – Friday, February 21 for staff in-service meetings.

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. Please see the Parish Calendar on Page 2 for the full Mass schedule. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses and before the 7:30 PM Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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 PM (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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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

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10 AM–3 PM

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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

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 PM Parish Study at *St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

FEBRUARY 18 – 21

Parish Offices Close at 2 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:45 PM Parish Study at *St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 PM Parish Study at *St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule with

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 Divine Mercy Chaplet Service

at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Solemn Mass at *St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

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 PM 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 PM Parish Study at *St. Vincent Ferrer*

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz

8:00 AM Jim O'Sullivan

9:30 AM Katie Cunningham

12 NOON Diane Harrell (D)

6:00 PM Gregory "Greg"

Croston (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick

McGlade (D)

6:00 PM For the Deceased Members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM Louise Redmond

12:10 PM Sally Richardson & Lee A.

Delaporte (D)

6:00 PM Ita McEnery

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM Francis Gross

12:10 PM Francis Gross

6:00 PM Rev. Terence
O'Shaughnessey, O.P. (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Fr. William C.

Cunningham, S.J. (D)

12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)

6:00 PM Elizabeth Reidy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM Lucille McGrath (D)

12:10 PM Jerry Byriter (D)

6:00 PM Jane Sellner (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Teresa McGovern (D)

6:00 PM (Vigil) Geraldine Young (D)

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish

10:00 AM Rev. John McCartney

5:00 PM Mr. Mark Russell

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph

5:15 PM Silvana Cichi (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM Patricia Rowan (D)

5:15 PM Thanks to St. Jude

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude

5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM David Johnson (D)

5:15 PM Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)5:15 PM For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Frank McConnell (D)

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (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, Emily Garnett,
Christine Heller, Joseph Henao,
Douglas Kozak, Jared Miller, 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 Robert Calise, Judy Cosme,
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
Ouidiu Anotoui; Ramon & Fernando
Gonzalez (L); Jack Ryan Keegan (L);
Miguel Lopez Lecube (D); For the
Souls in Purgatory; For the People of
the Parish; Intention of Donor;

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Elena M. Pastore (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

*Mass Intentions and Candles 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.*

BLOSSOMS OF JOY: THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Elizabeth Calanchini

We have come from near and far to lift up and celebrate the new child and the new adult and their life with the Good Shepherd. The greatest journey is not that of the distances traveled, nor even that of the child growing in the sacred darkness of the womb for nine months before birth into the world; it is the journey that begins with God's plan for each one of us, the journey that begins when the Good Shepherd calls each human soul into being by name. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). We are deeply indebted to all those souls throughout human history who have already responded to God's voice, to those who have answered the young prophet's cry. We know God called Maria, Sofia, Gianna, and Silvana to serve the child in this special way, and in doing so, to serve the adults who share their lives with the child. As they sought to know the mysterious will of God and serve him, they also began a lifelong journey of looking to the mystery of the child so that they might know and serve the children of the world. What did they discover when they made themselves present to the child in their prayer, observation, and work? They discovered a new child, a child of dignity, a joyful child, full of peace, one not yet fully seen and understood by the world—a prophet, a priest, a prince of peace. They discovered a new adult, one who is transformed by beholding the child and by kneeling in humility before the greatness of the smallest human being and their Creator.

Who is the youngest child? There is only one place to find the answer to this question, it is in the child. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, he shares the gift of himself, of his infinite Light, in a new and never to be repeated way every time a child enters the world. The Great Gift Giver shares his greatest gifts with those best able to receive them, the very youngest. Who are these youngest children of light who shine forth from the darkness of their mothers' wombs?

A mother shares this story: When I was about 6 to 8 weeks pregnant, I had an incredible experience of how spiritually aware my baby already was. My husband and I were at Mass one Sunday and as the time to receive Holy Communion approached, I began to tell baby how in a few moments Jesus was going to come into me and be very close to both of us. As I returned to the pew after receiving Eucharist, I felt an overwhelming joy flood through me, emanating from my womb. I knew I wasn't feeling something that came from me, but rather from the little being inside of me. She was expressing her delight, and I could feel it in my body.

This experience happened several times over the next month or so; even when I was distracted from the wonderful reality of what happens at Communion, my baby would remind me with her joy.

The youngest children proclaim themselves already in relationship with God in their joyous responses to his name. God is the human person's first and last environment. The young child has an innate understanding of this. The child knows there is One greater, who is the source of all life. Even before God is named he is a "felt reality" to the child.

Another story from a new mother: One evening when I was about 6 months pregnant, my husband was resting his head on my growing belly and talking to the baby. He was telling her how much he loved her, and how when she was born he would take care of her, protect her, provide for her, teach her.... Joy had been holding very still (unusual for her!) as if she were listening, and as he finished speaking, she very gently tapped the spot where his cheek rested.

The child's deepest desire is a longing to remain in relationship with the One who gives life. The catechesis responds to the young child's sensitive periods for relationship and language by offering the language of the soul so the child can continue to remain and grow in relationship with God. Because the human person "is rooted and grounded in love" we are oriented toward the good, toward love, it is our home, our environment. Love seeks love. The youngest children are formed by this love; it is the clay of their being. The loving care of their parents helps them understand the love the Good Shepherd has for the sheep, a love that is everlasting, a love that gives life. Love responds to love. Consider these examples:

The almost 3-year-old boy is leaving the toddler atrium for his first tour of the Casa dei Bambini, His catechist has barely begun the tour, when he sees the Bible. He walks over and hugs the Bible and the golden cushion into his arms and places it on the barren prayer table, kneels on the cushion, opens the Bible and remains there for twenty minutes in quiet contemplation, occasionally speaking softly to the Good Shepherd.

A two year old tells the catechist that today she will read the Good Shepherd parable when the Bible is opened. The catechist offers the Bible to the child who then proclaims the parable verbatim with certainty.

Are not these children like the prophets of old who listen and proclaim that God is coming, God is here! The security of being grounded in love not only forms the youngest child morally, but psychically and physically as well. The beauty of the Kingdom calls to the young child, and he or she responds by engaging with all the senses in an experience of mind, body, and soul acting as one.

In the young child, movement and speech develop as parallel languages; one ebbs while the other flows in the great dance of life, isolating the difficulty of the great achievement of the human mind, communication. For the youngest child there is no separation, everything they behold, everything they experience, is absorbed as reality.

They begin to venture forth wriggling, crawling, standing, walking, running, and skipping to find and enjoy the sights, sounds, touches, tastes, and aromas of life. They have sensitive periods for movement, language, and motor development that are only fulfilled and refined by their interaction with the environment that is safe and free for exploration. The child is constructing a personality from all the unique diversity in the first few years of life.

What kind of hunger is this that engages 100 billion neurons, as many neurons as stars in the Milky Way? How to find the delicate ingenious answer? Could it be that the secret of childhood lays within the child, awaiting discovery? Rather than waiting for the adult to impart all knowledge to the child, the child already has within a power so great it will never again be equaled in his life, that of the absorbent mind. This secret is only revealed to those with eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to wonder, to those most like the child.

Once it was revealed by the child that she constructs herself by acting in her surroundings, by literally drinking in the environment and eating it up, like all good Italian mammolinas, our quadrivium of geniuses set about preparing a feast to match the child's appetite. The feast we call the prepared environment, the home, the toddler community, the casa dei bambini, the atrium. Maria, Sofia, Gianna, and Silvana became matchmakers between the child and the Kingdom of God. But, how to offer a grand feast of so many courses to the smallest? Slowly, by only offering the best, most essential food, they aided the child's palate in appreciation so that the child might sing the praises of the Master. As Sofia reminds us, "Rich food and not too much."

This radical simplicity means that every offering to the child is just a taste. If the gift is to be connatural with the one receiving it, the taste must be pure, unpolluted by anything that is not true. It must be given as a gift to be enjoyed over time and relished with every sense. A gift left to grow, just as the sower knows not how, as he sleeps, the seed grows. Our intrepid Italian quadrivium ventured forth and offered many tastes. If the taste was rejected, the search began anew. Maria Montessori called us to see the child as a new child every day, to look again, to listen again as the only way to come to know the child. Every time an offering, a material is a fit, the child teaches the master more about who the child is. We know it took Sofia and Gianna twenty-five years to offer a presentation on the Eucharist to the child in the most essential way. It took Maria many attempts before the children worked with the plane geometry figures she offered. After trying many different widths, it was a success when the 10 cm diameter was used, matching the human mathematical mind and the measurements of our homes, the earth, and our very bodies. Who are the children who know these secrets?

Did not Jesus thank his Father thus, "Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes.... For such was thy gracious will" (Luke 10:21). The young child is full of vital life force, 30 trillion cells worth, awaiting their cosmic task of being and doing. Even the youngest child needs to perform precise useful actions with an intelligent aim. They have a need to engage in concrete real experiences, repeating them often as they discover how things work. Each repetition builds memory in every cell: muscle cells, skin cells, heart, and lung cells and then sends forth branches in the mind. For the youngest children, it is the process, not the product, that brings them satisfaction. They will happily scrub a clean table over and over again for the satisfaction the work cycle offers. The young child exerts maximum effort in his work.

The youngest child encounters everything as a reality of being and makes it his. Just as he is called by name, he wants to know the name of each new person and object. They want to know how things are used and how they are done. They want to do the work of the adult. Their cry is one of physical independence, "Love me enough to help me to do it myself so that someday I, too, may do it for others." They ask the adult to "help me to draw closer to God," to "help me to be fully who I am, that I may have life and have it abundantly." The beauty of the environment calls to the child, inviting her to work. When the child becomes still or reaches out to touch something, he has made a choice, an unconscious choice. The child collaborates with the internal voice of his Creator to construct himself.

We know that to aid the child the adult must come to know who the child is, trust the child's internal guide, prepare an environment that meets the child's needs, and leave the child free to work while providing any necessary support. If offered too much, the child becomes incapable of choice; if not offered enough, their development is hindered. Because the child's work

is internally motivated, when a work cycle is completed, an integration has been achieved and there is a newly acquired peace manifested as joy.

This joy comes from saying yes to who they are, saying yes to the Good Shepherd. The child first says yes because she desires what is being offered, it conforms to her will. Second, the child will say yes to please those she loves even if it doesn't conform to her will, and finally, the child will reach the third level of obedience and say yes to the good, even when it is difficult because her will has been developed through love, choice, order, and work.

In our sixtieth year, we celebrate a desert blossoming with joy as we ponder the mystery of the youngest children. In our sixtieth year, we stand at the canyon rim as we reach out to embrace the height and breadth and width of the catechesis in the adolescent, and in the mystery of the adult. We remember, we celebrate, we believe that the Good Shepherd loves us with an everlasting love and that we are his.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola sings two motets by Orlando di Lasso. He was born in Mons, in Hainaut, in what is now part of Belgium. He spent his early years as a chorister in the service of Ferrante Gonzaga, a Mantuan general under Charles V, and from 1553-1555 was *maestro di cappella* at the Roman Basilica of St. John Lateran, succeeding Giovanni Animuccia and was himself succeeded by Palestrina.

In 1556, Lasso was part of a contingent of Netherlandish singers invited by Duke Albrecht V of Bavaria to revitalize his court chapel choir in Munich. Named Kapellmeister in 1563, Lasso remained in Munich until his death when he was succeeded in turn by his two sons Ferdinand and Rudolph, who published in 1604 a (nearly) complete edition of their father's works, entitled *Magnum opus musicum*.

Benedictus es, Domine – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Legem pone mihi – Data mihi intellectum
– Orlando di Lasso

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.

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/>.

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.

NYCAGO CONFERENCE

The New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents a yearly conference on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17. This year's gathering will visit Temple Emanu-El, the landmark Reform synagogue on Fifth Avenue at 65th Street.

The conference, from 10 AM until 5 PM, will feature Wanamaker Grand Court Organist Peter Richard Conte accompanying a silent film. Additionally, Temple musicians Jack Coen, Dr. Andrew Henderson, and Daniel Beckwith will offer an organ recital, highlighting the Temple's extensive musical legacy; the renowned Temple Choir will participate in a concert-lecture with Cantor Emerita Lori Corrsin; organ builder Sebastian Glück will give a presentation on the musical history of Jewish worship; and a tour of the historic building will be offered.

COLLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$16,018

Deficit Reduction: \$4,403

Attendance: 1345

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.

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 thomas.more.garrett@opeast.org.

LEGACY OF FAITH

The Edward Cardinal Egan Pavilion at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale is home to more than 35 priests. It provides peace, serenity, fellowship, and the highest-quality care for those who have dedicated their lives to serving the glory of God and the well-being of their communities. It is a tangible response to Christ's call to help others. When you sit down to review your estate to reflect your lifelong devotion to the priesthood, you might think about a gift to the Egan Pavilion. The Planned Giving Office can be reached at (646) 794-3317 or plannedgiving@archny.org.

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 group 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).

CATHOLIC ARTISTS SOCIETY LECTURE

Dr. James Matthew Wilson will give a lecture entitled, 'In the Areopagus: The Catholic Artist in a Pagan Age' for the Catholic Artists Society on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 PM at the Catholic Center at New York University (238 Thompson Street, south of Washington Square Park). A reception will precede the lecture at 6 PM. Admission is free. Please visit www.catholicartistsociety.org.

Dr. Wilson is the author of nine books, including, most recently, *The River of the Immaculate Conception*. Recipient of the 2017 Hiett Prize from the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, he serves as poetry editor of *Modern Age* magazine, director of the Colosseum Institute, and editor of Colosseum Books. He is associate professor of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions at Villanova University.

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)