

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

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#### March 13, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Join Our Parish

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our community. If you have made the Parish your spiritual home but have not yet registered, please do. This will help us to help you in case you are asked to be a godparent, or in case you would like to get married here. It will also help the Dominicans more intentionally to keep you in their prayers. Moreover, it will be a great means to help you get rooted in and connected to a community. Please visit our website, *svsc.info/join-our-parish* to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

#### PARISH EMAIL

To receive up to date information regarding the Parish schedule and important announcements, please sign-up for Parish emails via our website, *svsc. info* or email the Parish office, *parish@svsc.info*.

#### Parish Study: Imitating Christ

Join us for a Parish Study on how to better imitate Christ. Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. will examine the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and Bl. Columba Marmion on how meditating on Christ's life can lead us to imitate His virtues. The conferences will be on Tuesday nights in the Parish Hall at 6:45 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer from March 8 through April 5.

To register for the Parish Study, please visit our parish website, *svsc.info*, to complete the brief registration or call the parish office.

#### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Parish will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 19, with a special Mass at noon with music by our Schola Cantorum. The Mass will be followed by a festive gathering in the cloister walk of the Church to share in the Roman tradition of blessed St. Joseph's Day bignè and coffee. Parishioners are also invited to bring any images or statues, or devotionals of St. Joseph from their homes, and to place them in the St. Joseph Chapel on the north side of the church prior to Mass so that they may be blessed alongside the traditional sweets.

St. Joseph is honored as The Patron of the Universal Church, and is the special Patron of our Eastern Dominican Province that bears his name. As his feast day is ranked a solemnity, the faithful are dispensed of their Lenten observances on this day. Please join us with your families for this special celebration.

#### St. Joseph Novena

From Saturday, March 11 through Saturday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Parish will offer a Novena of Prayer. Holy cards will be available at both Churches and the Novena Prayer will be recited at all Masses during this period.

#### **S**OLEMNITY OF THE **A**NNUNCIATION

Friday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Ave Regina* and *Ave Regina á* 8 by Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Stations of the Cross will be held as usual following the 6 PM Solemn Mass, as well as after the 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena. Because it is a Solemnity, the abstention from meat is lifted on Friday, March 25.

#### MASS AND CONFESSIONS St. Vincent Ferrer

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12:10 PM\*, 6 PM Saturday: 8 AM, 6 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,

12 noon (Solemn)\*, 6 pm

Confessions

Weekdays: 5:20—5:50 рм Wednesday: 7:15—7:55 рм Saturday: 5—5:50 рм

Additional Confession Hours

**DURING LENT:** 

*Sunday:* 7:45–8 AM, 9:10–9:30 AM, 11:30–NOON, 5:30–6 PM

#### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays: 7 AM, 5:15 PM Saturday: 9 AM, 4 PM (VIGIL) Sunday: 10 AM, 5 PM

Confessions

*Weekdays*: 4:40–5:05 PM *Saturday*: 3–3:50 PM

Additional Confession Hours

**DURING LENT:** 

Sunday: 9:30-10 AM

\*Mass is livestreamed via svsc.info.

#### LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER St. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays:

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

Wednesday:

6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

*Saturday:* 

8:30 am: Reading and Lauds 5:30 pm: Rosary and Vespers *Sunday*:

8:45 AM: READING AND LAUDS 5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

#### St. Catherine of Siena

Weekdays:

4:50 pm: Rosary

Thursday:

5:45 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Parish Office

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#### St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Ave, NY, NY 10065 Office Hours: Monday–Friday:

9 ам–1 рм *and* 2 рм–4 рм

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#### Parish Staff

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#### RCIA AND THE LENTEN SCRUTINIES

During Lent, the Church prays for and prepares to welcome new members through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

A "Catechumen" (meaning one being instructed) is someone who is preparing for baptism. At the Easter Vigil, a Catechumen receives all three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

A "Candidate" is someone who has been baptized, but not as a Catholic. At the Easter Vigil, a Candidate makes a profession of faith, is confirmed, and/or receives the Eucharist.

After a period of catechesis (in our Parish, by Fr. Joseph Hagan, o.p.) the Catechumens participate in the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Candidates participate in the Rite of Continuing Conversion on the Second Sunday of Lent. In these Rites, the Church formally ratifies the Catechumens' readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation and the Candidates' readiness to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. In turn, the Catechumens – thereafter known as the "Elect" – publicly acknowledge their desire to receive said Sacraments, and the Candidates their desire to be enter full communion.

At the 12 NOON Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Elect undergo the First, Second, and Third Scrutinies. These Rites of examination and repentance are to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and temptation and to give them strength in Christ. For these Masses, a special set of orations are used by the Celebrant, specific intercessions are offered on behalf of the Elect, and the Year A lectionary is always read: the Gospels of the Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42); the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41); and the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11:1-45).

#### FRASSATI BIBLE STUDY

All young adults are invited to a Bible study on the Kingdom of God! We are going to discuss various key periods in the Bible and the people who helped in the building of the Kingdom. The final session will take place at St. Vincent Ferrer in the Parish Center on Monday, March 14 at 7 PM.

#### FRASSATI HOLY HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP

All young adults are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer Church this Sunday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. It will be a prayerful night with priests available to hear Confessions.

#### Music Notes

Next Sunday, for the Third Sunday of Lent, the Schola will sing music of William Byrd. His first known professional employment was as organist of Lincoln Cathedral, although little else is certain of his early musical training. Following the death of Robert Parsons in 1572, Byrd became a Gentleman (professional singer) of the Chapel Royal. A practicing Roman Catholic whose name appeared on recusancy lists from 1584, he composed choral music for both the Latin Rite and the English services of Queen Elizabeth's nascent Anglican Church. His three settings of the Mass Ordinary (for three, four, and five parts respectively) are considered some of the finest examples of sacred Renaissance polyphony.

Mass for Four Voices – William Byrd (c. 1540-1623) Miserere mihi, Domine – Byrd

Domine secundum multitudinem – Byrd

#### Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
6:00 PM (Vigil) Jeanne Gorski (D)
8:00 AM Special Intention
9:30 AM Ellen Keane & Family
12 NOON For the People of the Parish
6:00 PM John Patrick Foye (D)

Monday, March 14
8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish and the Order
12:10 pm Mary & Michael
Canning (D)
6:00 pm Mary Flynn (D)

Tuesday, March 15 8:00 am Joseph Sabo (D) 12:10 pm Janice Ann Wilson (D) 6:00 pm Monica Meade (D)

Wednesday, March 16 8:00 am Nathalie Romero 12:10 pm Roseann Connolly 6:00 pm Manuel Anthony May (D)

Thursday, March 17 8:00 am Doreen DeVivo (D) 12:10 pm Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D) 6:00 pm Bridget & Alex Heeran (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 8:00 AM Fr. William C. Cunningham, s.J. (D) 12:10 PM Joseph Gorski (D) 6:00 PM Tommy Flynn (D)

Saturday, March 19 8:00 am Dennis Flanagan (D) 6:00 pm Albina Belardinelli (D)

### MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
4:00 PM (Vigil) Nora M.
Hickey (D)
10:00 AM Adam & Felicia
Lipshitz (D)
5:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

Monday, March 14 7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 pm St. Joseph Novena

Tuesday, March 15 7:00 am Sophie & Aldo Vecchio (D) 5:15 pm St. Joseph Novena

Wednesday, March 16
7:00 am For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 pm St. Joseph Novena

Thursday, March 17 7:00 ам Julia C. Abaya (D) 5:15 рм St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

Saturday, March 19 9:00 am St. Joseph Novena 4:00 pm Gretta Lodes (D)

#### Parish Prayer Intentions

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, Residents of the Mary Manning Walsh Home, and the Intentions of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry.

#### Parish Prayer Intentions

Eduardo Abreu, Isidro Almonte, August Arace, Roseann Connolly, Arnold Drucker, Dale Graves, Maggie Heath, Susan Heller, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca Lopez, James Sterling, and Norma Altagracin Torres.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Noreen Delaney, Francis Lesperance, Monica Meade, P.O. Wilbert Mora, P.O. Jason Rivera, Michael Rizzo, Joseph Rondina, Fr. Giuse Tran Ngoc Thanh, O.P., Lucille Witty, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

#### **CANDLE INTENTIONS**

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose
Gonzalez; Hannah Finnigan (D);
Helen Slane (D); People of the Parish;
Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention;
Intention of Donor

**St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna** Jack Ryan Keegan

**St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp**Well Being of Christians in the Middle East

*St. Vincent – Rosary Altar* Peace in the Ukraine

*St. Vincent – St. Joseph's Altar* Special Family Intention

**St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp** Maria Marta Litrenta

St. Catherine – Purgatorial Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D)

**St. Catherine – Rosary Altar** Maria Marta Litrenta; Intention of Donor

**St. Catherine – Blessed Mother** Priscilla Ventigan

**St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres** Maria Marta Litrenta

#### The Dominican Charism - Why Community?

San Marco in fifteenth century Florence was truly a remarkable place. It is famously known for the beautiful works of art that Bl. Fra Angelico painted throughout the priory. It is also known, albeit a little less so, for being a house of reform, where the Dominicans consciously chose to live a life of greatly austerity, study, and contemplation. It is that spirit that led Fra Angelico to paint the images of the life of Christ in the cells of the brothers. There is something else fundamentally important to this enterprise but that is even less known, and that concerns Fra Angelico's own formation.

He joined the Dominicans at the priory in Fiesole with his brother Benedetto. This was at the time when St. Antoninus as well as Bl. John Dominici, Bl. Peter Capucci, and Bl. Lawrence of Ripafratta were also living there. They were formed together in a community that beautifully lived out the injunction from the Rule of St. Augustine that the Dominicans follow: "The chief motivation for your sharing life together is to live harmoniously in the house and to have one heart and one soul seeking God" (*Rule*, 2). More so than anything else, the men who entered the Dominicans in Fiesole were taught to be of one heart and mind as they sought God together.

For an order well known for its preaching, this might strike us as odd. Shouldn't preaching be the thing that draws us together? In a way, yes. Yet, every Dominican enters a community, and the salvation of his or her soul is the first and foremost guide for his or her life. The current *Constitutions* for the friars state it this way:

Sharing the Apostles' mission, we also follow their way of life, in the formed devised by St. Dominic. We do our best to live of one accord the common life, observing faithfully the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist and the Divine Office, diligent in study, and constant in regular observance. Not only do these things contribute to the glory of God and our sanctification, they also bear directly on the salvation of humankind, since together they prepare and impel us to preach; they give our preaching its character, and, in turn, are influenced by it. The life of the Order comprises a synthesis of these elements, inseparably connected, harmoniously balanced, and mutually enriching. It is an apostolic life in the full sense of the word, from which preaching and teaching ought to issue from an abundance of contemplation. (Fundamental Constitutions, IV)

In other words, the communal life holds a special place in the Dominican life because it is one of the primary means by which the Dominican is transformed. Through communal prayer, through study, and through various communal daily practices, the Dominican is formed bit by bit in the life of holiness. Over time, this shapes the Dominican into a faithful and fruitful preacher.

What does this look like for members of a Dominican parish? There are the obvious things of community within a parish—common participation in the liturgy as well as groups for different types of parishioners, hospitality, fellowship, and so forth. Yet, there should be something that binds the members of those groups and more importantly that binds the parish together as a whole. That is the common goal of heaven. More than anything practical or even the best group for young moms in the city, there is a need for the community "to live harmoniously in the [parish] and to have one heart and soul seeking God." That's it. That's the deepest principal of unity in the life of a parish, especially a Dominican one. From that flows everything else—the common liturgy, the affinity groups, the communal study, and everything else under the sun.

Hopefully the seeds of this way of life are already present in our parish. Through God's graces, especially during this Lenten season, may this become even more of a reality.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, o.P.

# MARCH 19 – MIDDAY RETREAT WITH THE MYSTICS: St. JOHN OF THE CROSS

On Saturday, March 19, NOON to 3PM, in St. Catherine of Siena's Church (411 E. 68th Street), we will continue our Midday Retreat with the Mystics, this day focusing on St. John of the Cross. He has been called "the mystic for mystics" because of his penetrating depth and is accordingly the patron saint of mystics. We will be attentive to the sublime clarity of his treatises as well as the striking beauty of his poetry. For more information see News & Events at www.uppergarden.org/.





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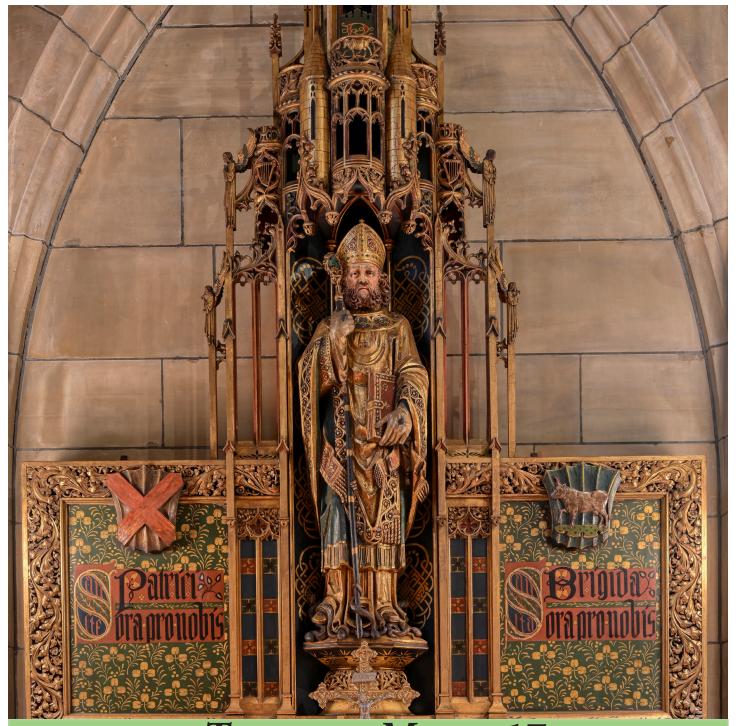
#### 40 Days for Life: March 2 – April 10

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than

20,000 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days of Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: *www.40daysforlife.com*.

For information about participating in the 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Archdiocese, please contact Laurie at 40days.manhattan@gmail.com.





# THURSDAY, MARCH 17 SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

Patron of the Archdiocese of New York

There will be a Sung Mass with a Procession and the traditional Blessing of the Shamrocks at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer



# Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday during Lent after evening Masses

Friday Mass Times:

St. Catherine of Siena – 5:15 PM

St. Vincent Ferrer – 6 PM

We will be using *The Way of the Cross* booklet published by *Magnificat*. Copies will be available for a free will donation. It is the same book that we used last year.

# Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Required Days of Abstinence:

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

Required 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.

Required Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and also Fridays outside of Lent. However, when a solemnity falls on a Friday, even during Lent, the abstinence is optional.

Self Denial:

Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

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