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April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy 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.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Today, a second collection will be taken up to help off-set our Parish's operating deficit. Donations will also be taken-up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry. Thank You for your generosity.

LOW SUNDAY/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

An afternoon of devotions will be offered today at St. Vincent Ferrer. Eucharistic Adoration will begin with Exposition at 2 PM, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM and Benediction at 4 PM. There will also be Adoration from 3–5 PM at St. Catherine of Siena as usual.

LOW SUNDAY/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today in Latin is known as *Dominica in albis*, or “Sunday in White,” so called because it was traditionally on this day that the neophytes who had been baptized on Easter Eve would for the first time lay aside their white baptismal garments. The other title is “Low Sunday.” The origin of this name is uncertain, but it is possibly intended to indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding, and also, perhaps, to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though in a lower degree. It could also be a corruption of the first word of today's now-suppressed sequence *Laudes Salvatori voce*.

Yet another title, “Quasimodo Sunday,” indicates a liturgical link to the bell-ringing protagonist of Victor Hugo's 1831 French novel *Notre-Dame de Paris* (commonly known in its English version as *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*). The Introit for today's Mass is *Quasi modo geniti infantes*. When Claude Frollo, the archdeacon of Notre Dame, found the child abandoned on Cathedral porch on the Sunday after Easter, 1467, he named him after the day of his adoption and baptism. Thus it is that one of literature's most recognized figures has a name taken from a Gregorian chant still sung in churches over five hundred years later.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, April 19 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.

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 PM

Wednesday: 7:15–7:55

Saturday: 5–5:50 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

*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

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Third Sunday of Easter, the Schola will sing music of the English Renaissance.

John Taverner, likely from Lincolnshire, was appointed by Thomas Cardinal Wolsey as the first Organist and Master of the Choristers at Cardinal College, Oxford (later to become Christ Church) in 1526. After Wolsey's fall from favor in 1529, Taverner left Oxford and eventually settled back in Lincolnshire, living out the remainder of his life as a well-off landowner. It is believed that most if not all of his compositions date from his Oxford period.

Peter Philips spent his childhood in London as a choirboy at St. Paul's Cathedral, under Sebastian Westcott who also had trained the young William Byrd some twenty years earlier. In 1582, Philips fled the Catholic persecution in England, going first to Rome where he studied with Felice Anerio and served as organist for the English Jesuit College. After considerable travel, he settled in Antwerp in 1590. By 1597 he was employed in Brussels as organist to the chapel of Albert VII, Archduke of Austria and governor of the Low Countries. Sometime after 1600, following the deaths of his wife and child, he was ordained and received a canonry at Soignies in 1610, and another at Béthune in 1622 or 1623.

"Mean" is an English term synonymous with "Altus," roughly the equivalent of the modern alto part.

Mean Mass – John Taverner (c. 1490-1545)

Christus resurgens – Peter Philips (c. 1560-1628)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
6:00 PM (Vigil) Fr. Carl Johnson (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Virginia Myers (D)
12 NOON Andrew Williams (D)
6:00 PM Charles Reinhart (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 12
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Marie D. Powers (D)
6:00 PM Eugene Gaughan (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
8:00 AM Sr. Joques Egan, RSHM (D)
12:10 PM Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Stephen Webb (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
8:00 AM Mira Jenise Flores
12:10 PM Nicolina Amato (D)
6:00 PM Werner Lehman (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
8:00 AM Alda Dallari (D)
12:10 PM Archdeacon, Hade, Vallely, & Hufnagel Families
6:00 PM Jackie McCarthy (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
8:00 AM James R. Fay, Jr. (D)
6:00 PM Christine Perry Hogan (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga (D)
5:00 PM Wing Mok (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 12
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Jose Alfonso Martinez (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
7:00 AM Robert Hauser (D)
5:15 PM Living and Deceased Priests of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Ricardo and Francisca Abella (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
7:00 AM Margaret McVeigh (D)
5:15 PM Dan O'Leary Sr. & Kathleen O'Brien (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Marina Lucido & Maria Cecilia Punzalan (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
9:00 AM Franziska & John Koestner (D)
4:00 PM David Johnson (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

August Arace, Samantha Baring, Richard Bounsor, Linda Clark, Roseann Connelly, Roland Goslett, Robin Hambro, Maggie Heath, Richard Holiday, Peter Lord, Daniel Mackay, John Morace, Michael Parker, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Irene Binos Villamor, Michael Wigan, Janice A. Wilson and Kieran Wrynn.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Debra Ackerman, Karen Cuddy, Andrew Fraser, Eugene Gaughan, Rupert Hambro, Maurice A. Murphy, Juan de Jesus Piraquive, Virginia Rillo, Stephen Webb, 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); Mary Donoghue (D); Margaret McCarthy (D); Intention of Donor; Souls in Purgatory; The People of the Parish; 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, 9 AM–1 PM and 2 PM–4 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE

Some moments possess enduring power. It took three minutes for the Provincial and two helpers to clothe me with the Dominican habit, but 27 years later my “vestition” remains a live event. I grapple with what it means, and new implications still emerge to startle me out of complacency. We could all look at Holy Week through the same lens. All kinds of preparation flows into several episodes of liturgical intensity: the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Liturgy of the Passion, and the Easter Vigil. On the pages of the Missal they seem endless, yet in the experience they are but moments. Given their concentrated nature, they too have the potential to remain live in our hearts, or they can be forgotten in waves of relief and in the thrills of Spring. The Post Communion Prayer of this Sunday’s Mass makes a direct appeal on this point: “*Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament, may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.*” As always, liturgy and life pose similar challenges and offer similar rewards. Both insist on the work of remembrance.

The well-lived life demands the intentional use of memory. The time I spend with the question, “what happened to me?” turns out to be a crucial investment that pays me back with self-awareness and closeness to God. Early on in the Church’s life, catechists taught the newly baptized through systematic reflection on the events of their initiation. Indeed, during this Easter Week, we who celebrate the “Liturgy of the Hours” read from *The Jerusalem Catecheses*. This Fourth Century masterpiece keeps the *Neophytes* right on task. “*You were led down to the font of holy baptism, just as Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb.*” (From the Matins of Easter Thursday) St. Cyril of Jerusalem, who delivered these lectures, wants his charges to review a spiritually charged event and begin to pull additional layers of meaning out of it. The new Christians need to grasp baptism not as a past event, but as the beginning of God’s work of conversion. Remembering the event will connect them with its present effects.

I think this is how we generally perceive things. Most of us do not get the full meaning of events and situations as they happen. Only over time do we fully receive them, intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally. Of course, we can only plumb the happenings of our lives if we were present to them in the first place. To get this point, watch people with cameras. Some use the camera to enter into what they behold, and they produce pictures pregnant with insight. For others, picture-taking offers a way to record events without entering into their intensity. When I toured Europe, I felt sad to watch people taking dozens of pictures of a chateau or a church, and never take in a word the guide said about them. They will have a record, but not a memory.

If allowed, the human senses and the human mind work together to register things in a way that unpacks their complexity over time. God’s grace builds on the work of natural memory, so that our liturgical encounters with him disclose layers of meaning. The Holy Week Liturgies offer much to preoccupy us at the surface. Their music, decor, choreography, and vesture provide all the elements of ceremonial, and we can immerse ourselves in the quality of their execution. But in the economy of grace, those same factors combine to reveal the risen Lord organizing, healing and transforming His people.

For example, this year his Spirit has enabled us to celebrate familiar liturgies in unfamiliar times. The Lord of every age enables the Church to be responsive in each age, so that we access what is perennial about Easter, and also recognize that we live in the time assigned to us. I hope this year’s adaptations for Covid enabled us to connect with the heart of our faith, but also to grasp how far we have come from the hidden Holy Week of 2020, and to look forward to the unfettered Holy Week of 2022. Looking at the flow of time over these three years helps us see in faith, that we are in movement from the Resurrection of Jesus to our own.

For each of us the Fifty Days of Easter bring an opportunity for *mystagogy*, exploring through memory the implications of the sacraments in our lives. The Gospels place us intimately with the Risen Lord in the Upper Room, or on the road to Emmaus, and He asks, “Do you perceive the meaning?” What does it mean that I receive the Eucharist each day? What does it mean that I am gathered with you in the Church? What does it mean that I have been given a set of gifts and deficits to deal with in relation to the set you have received? What does it mean that I profess Jesus to be alive and with God in the heavenly places? Answering these questions is the work of a lifetime, but brings fresh results each Easter. So now, consider if you will, the Collect (Opening Prayer) for this day:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed.

Each Easter, so the prayer says, we are called to perceive, with more love and less fear, that God has made us His own. The implications of this truth give a shape to life that we can explore through this whole Paschal Season.

Easter Peace!
Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

April 11 – 17, 2021

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April 2021

- We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday

- On this day many people receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we recognize that this ongoing forgiveness comes to us as a work of the Risen Lord.
- Pray that confessors may help penitents to rely absolutely upon the Divine Mercy and so be free from fear.

April 13

Blessed Margaret of Castello, O.P.

- Each year we celebrate this Lay Dominican Woman (1287-1320) who, born blind and with severe curvature of the spine, was abandoned by her family but found a home and ministry in the Order.
- On this day a group of physically challenged women and men join us for Mass at St. Catherine's at 5:15 PM. This year the celebration will have extra significance because this Fall, Blessed Margaret is to be canonized.
- Pray for all people with disabilities and for those who have experienced rejection within their families.
- Pray for the life and ministry of Lay Dominican Women and Men.

Below are the prayers for Blessed Margaret's intercession:

O Blessed Margaret of Castello, in embracing your life just as it was, you gave us an example of resignation to the will of God. In so accepting God's will, you knew that you would grow in virtue, glorify God, save your own soul, and help the souls of your neighbors.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose will blessed virgin Margaret was blind from birth, the eyes of her mind being inwardly enlightened that she might think without ceasing on you alone; be the light of our eyes, that we may be able to flee the shadows of this world and reach the home of never ending light; we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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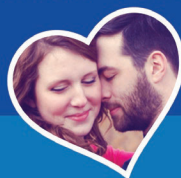


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