

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

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May 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATED

Based on the CDC and The Archdiocese of New York recommendations, we have adjusted our Covid guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For additional information, please visit our website *svsc.info/parish-covid-19-protocols/*

Overall, in this transition, we trust your patience and especially your Christian charity.

PENTECOST

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., our new Pastor, will be visiting this weekend and will preach at all Masses.

On Saturday, May 22, there will be a Solemn Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost at 7:30 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Vigil Mass, similar in form to the Easter Vigil (but much more brief, lasting only about 80 minutes).

The other evening Masses at 4 and 6 PM on Saturday, May 22 will still be offered as well, but the 6 PM Mass will be a Low Mass.

The schedule for Pentecost Sunday, May 23 is as usual, with the Schola Cantorum singing for the 12 NOON Solemn Mass.

TRINITY SUNDAY – FRASSATI DAVIS'S MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

May 30, the first Sunday after Pentecost, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. St. Rupert commented, "The time is well chosen, for, immediately after the descent of the Divine Spirit, began the preaching and belief and Baptism and confession in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Frassati Davis, O.P. who has been serving as a deacon in the Parish for the past year, will be ordained to the holy priesthood in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 22. On Trinity Sunday, he will celebrate the 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer as a Mass of Thanksgiving.

While in New York, Br. Frasasti has ministered to a number of Hispanic apostolates, so he will also offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in Spanish on Saturday, May 29 at 7:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 31. There will only be two Low Masses offered in the Parish: at 7 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and at 9 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. No Confessions will be heard and both churches will close following the Masses.

PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Friday, May 28 through Labor Day weekend, the Parish office will be open Monday –Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM and 2 - 4 PM. Fridays, the office will close at 2 PM.

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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Fr. Walter Wagner's New Assignment

Father Walter has announced the new mission that has been given to him: to become Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

The new Pastor of our Parish will be Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., currently the Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry of Providence College in Rhode Island. These new assignments will commence early July. May these intervening months be a fruitful time of prayer and transition in our Parish.

To read Fr. Walter's letter and view his video announcement regarding his new assignment, please visit our website, svsc.info. In addition, you can also view Fr. Peter Martyr's video introducing himself to the Parish community.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the Schola will sing music of the Italian Renaissance. A solemn Te Deum will be sung at the conclusion of Mass. Palestrina is known as the Prince of Music, and his music is the model par excellence of Renaissance polyphony. His contemporary, Andrea Rota, served as maestro di cappella of St. Petronio, an enormous Basilica in Bologna known for its musical prowess.

Missa Papae Marcelli – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) Benedicamus Patrem – Andrea Rota (1553-1597)

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If you are someone who shops on Amazon already, please consider using AmazonSmile and listing us as your charity. Let your friends and family know as well! Any questions, please email or call the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

Sunday, May 23 6:00 pm (Vigil) Rev. Augustine Yurko, OSB & Rev. William Yurko (D) 8:00 am Attracta McGoldrich (D) 9:30 am Danielle Laroche (D)

Parish 6:00 PM Frank Tweedle (D)

12 NOON For the People of the

Monday, May 24 8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order 12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D) 6:00 pm Georgie Delaporte (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 25 8:00 AM Margaret Cunningham Fay (D) 12:10 PM Roseann Connelly 6:00 PM Jerry Jean Claude

Wednesday, May 26 8:00 am Eugene Gaughan (D) 12:10 pm Karen Cuddy (D) 6:00 pm Frances & Richard Reynolds (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 27 8:00 AM Jerry Jean Claude 12:10 PM Aga Zmigrodska 6:00 PM Jim Mooney

FRIDAY, MAY 28 8:00 AM Jerry Jean Claude 12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D) 6:00 PM Eugene Moriarity (D)

Saturday, May 29 8:00 am Marguerite Cosgrove (D) 6:00 pm Leona Wicklow (D)

MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 23 4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D) 10:00 AM Anne Gallagher 5:00 PM Mary & Timothy Lynch (D)

Monday, May 24 7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 pm Anne Laspina (D)

Tuesday, May 25 7:00 am John & Mary Fitzgerald (D) 5:15 pm In Thanksgiving for God's Mercy & Love

Wednesday, May 26 7:00 am Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude 5:15 pm Anna Rita Vittoria Cichi (D)

Thursday, May 27 7:00 am Patrick Fitzgerald (D) 5:15 pm Rose Murphy (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 28
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Special Intention

Saturday, May 29 9:00 am George Herman, Jr. (D) 4:00 pm Cesar Bernardo (D)

Parish Prayer Intentions

August Arace, Jeanette Armentno, Jamie Calabro, Roseann Connelly, Peg Creagh, Maggie Heath, Richard Holiday, Daniel Mackay, Agnes McGrath, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, M. Smith, James Sterling, Irene Binos Villamor, and Janice A. Wilson.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alexandria Bidal, Michael Buckley, Sr. Catherine Murray, Richard Cunningham, Walter Molinelli, John Moran, John Morace, Margaret Kane Schull, Aaron Stern, 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); Bro. Kevin O'Connell, O.P.
(D); William Elterg (D); Souls in
Purgatory; The People of the Parish;
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. 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

GATHERED, ORDERED, FULFILLED

I now possess enough longevity in Church life to perceive how the Holy Spirit builds things up. During my time as Novice Master he gave me an intimate view of his work. From 2000 to 2010 I lived in the same place and followed the same annual rhythm in the life of a Dominican community, parish, and ministry. Ten classes of novices arrived in July and left in August. It ought to have been a life on auto pilot after the first two years, but it never was. In the midst of structural sameness, change surged.

To begin with, each class developed its own culture, seemingly overnight. Preferences in food, patterns of humor, and subjects of group preoccupation shifted in ways that amazed me. Our novices shared a basic demographic ballpark and a perspective on Church life, so the changes from year to year made clear how much individual and shared temperament shaped daily life, outweighing the big theological and social issues people claim to be driven by. In a 24/7 environment, living together gelled life into a distinctive shape within 90 days, and like the culture in a marriage or a family, it had far more depth and complexity than a statistical profile could account for. The defining effect of the intangibles prompted a new awareness of God's providence.

Sure enough, after a few more years I began to discern a deeper current in the progression from class to class. At moments when we needed to develop our life, Brothers with the abilities needed, were on hand. How did men show up just at the right time for publishing books, reconfiguring space, or translating from Latin to English? By the tenth year of my time, our liturgical and communal practice had evolved in ways I never would have dreamed

of at the beginning.

Each class did something new and left it behind. Its successor class recognized this as a part of novitiate life and built on it. I had the privileged perspective of seeing how life acquired more texture and depth as each skill set prepared the ground for the next, and each insight prompted another. The novitiate evolved from class to class without any plan on my part, save my desire to discern the gifts and interests of each novice, and to draw them out in the context of our life, to which he felt called. I perceived, with ever greater wonder, that the Holy Spirit was developing our Novitiate year by year, assembling groups of men at the right time and in the right place. This was a lesson I packed in my suitcase and brought to New York.

If our small novitiate community in Cincinnati was a living organism fostered by the Holy Spirit, then so was this parish. Over my eleven years in New York, this truth revealed itself in spades. First, it became clear to me in the wonderful succession of young Friars who have served us as Parochial Vicars over these last eleven years. Frs. Bruno Shah, John Chrysostom Kozlowski, Innocent Smith, Luke Hoyt, and Joseph Hagan have each been wonderful parish priests, and splendid brothers, but they also came on the scene in a providential succession that was not planned by anyone least of all, me. Each had temperament and talents needed for the moment of our parish history in which he figured.

The Spirit's craft shows up everywhere. I have seen parish administration develop under the late Pat Keegan and then under Lee Ann Rubino, so that the management of affairs became more transparent at a time when society craved institutional candor; the music program developed under James Wetzel through merger and pandemic

become more grounded in the scriptural word and the liturgical tradition.

When we ended up as one parish with two churches, Fr. Joseph Allen was there to make sure St. Catherine's lacked for nothing by way of physical care or pastoral concern. To assist him, the genial Dan O'Leary has made sure the front office at #411 abounded in warmth and concern.

As I look back over the last eleven years, I see our parish relating to its members and to the wider world in ever faster and more effective ways, and that is because Rachel Miller, Ginny McCusker, James Wetzel and our young

Friars had the skills when they were needed, and we were positioned to give scope to them.

As violence increasingly marked our social words and deeds, the parish was able to make a response through the gentle, human-scaled work of Lisa Harrelson in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She was able to surround young people with safety, beauty, and coherence, just when they needed it. With the Spirit's timing, Lisa could build on a foundation laid lovingly by Dolores Getcher back when the parish needed to start Religious Ed from scratch. The industry and zeal of our catechists brought burgeoning sacramental numbers, and there was John Powers with a careful eye and an elegant hand to record the events and certify them. Another beautiful gift, just when it was needed.

Young and old together needed safety and good order in church, and sure enough Nadir, Tony Hicks and Tracey Hicks at St. Vincent Ferrer, and Terrance Freeman at St. Catherine's have been able to give it to them. In days of city lock-down our churches were refuges of light and peace thanks to their ministries.

The continuity of the Church is not to stay the same, but to greet the new in the light of a living tradition. The smile of this welcome has been on the lips of Br. Damian for four decades now. He has received countless wayfarers at our door and welcomed them into the community of the parish, respecting always their comfort and privacy.

At Pentecost we have the opportunity in real time, and among real people to see how the Holy Spirit arranges things in every season for the good of Christ's Body. I look back over eleven years, marvel at his work, and believe.

Peace! Fr. Walter

WEEK OF GRACE

May 23 - 29, 2021

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2021

• Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

General Intentions

- Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide our parish in this time of transition.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East.

Community Notes

- Welcome Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth as he preaches to us this weekend. May his assignment as Pastor be a new Pentecost for our parish.
- Pray for Fr. Frassati Davis as he begins his priestly ministry. Next weekend he will celebrate two Masses of Thanksgiving here in the parish.
- On May 29th Br. Bernard Knapke will arrive to spend the summer with us. He will serve the parish as a deacon. Several other Student Brothers will join the Community at St. Vincent Ferrer to pursue a variety of summer assignments. We are thrilled that this tradition has resumed.
- Please pray for all of these Friars as they set out into new chapters of life.

May 23

The Day of Pentecost

- Pray that the life of the whole Church may manifest unity through diversity as on the Day of Pentecost when the one Gospel was heard in every tongue.
- Pray for all those who actively are discerning the Spirit's call in their lives.
- Pray that those committed to Church life in any way may find this a day of renewal.
- Pray that missionaries may continue to have the grace of Pentecost and insert the life-giving Gospel in
 every cultural, intellectual and artistic setting.

May 24

Mary Mother of the Church

- This beautiful new feast reminds us of Mary's presence in the Upper Room when the tongues of flame appeared. At the Annunciation, her overshadowing by the Spirit anticipated the intimacy of Pentecost and the vast mission that emerged from it.
- We give thanks that the prayer of the Blessed Mother fosters what we do in the service of her son.
- Pray that the pastoral and communal life of the Church may have those nurturing qualities that make her own motherhood apparent.

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

- This joy-filled priest who lived from 1515-1595, practiced the holiness of not taking himself too seriously and of enabling others to do the same.
- Pray that humor may have its proper place in the Christian life.
- Pray for the Congregation of the Oratory founded by St. Philip. May it take its place in the ongoing renewal of the Church as it did at its beginnings.

Mav 28

Memorial Day Weekend

- Each year Memorial Day holds out the promise of a season of rest and relaxation. But it is safe to say that this year we need the gifts of summer more than ever.
- Pray for a healing time ahead!

May 29

Saturday of Week 8

• Today men will be ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the Archdiocese of New York and for the Capuchin Friars of the Renewal. Pray that their priestly lives may be blessed and that there may be a thriving of vocations in our area.

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