



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

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May 24, 2020 – 7th Sunday of Easter

PARISH OUTREACH

We continue to wrestle with the dangers of gathering. In light of canceling Masses, adoration, and confession we would like to continue to stay connected with each of our parishioners. Fr. Walter continues to grace us with his beautiful reflections, Fr. Joseph has provided for us some refresher lessons that he has so wonderfully shared with our Candidates and Catechumens, and Br. Hyacinth has graciously been livestreaming a daily rosary and Mass through Facebook. You can access these wonderful opportunities for prayer and reflection on our website (<http://www.svsc.info/outreach/>), through our emails, and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine/>)

If you are not receiving our parish emails but would like to, please email us at parish@svsc.info.

We hope to be able to continue to serve your faith throughout this confusing and difficult time.

NEW WEBSITE

We've taken this opportunity to complete a new and improved parish website. We invite you to visit www.svsc.info and find out more about the parish, religious education, music, and keep up to date with Father's daily messages, streaming services, and news. It may be difficult to come to the churches right now, you can now visit the shrines, statues, and altars of our churches in the virtual tours.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat has generously gifted all of us with complimentary access to their online version to help us all pray from home during this time. To use this beautiful source of for prayer, please visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

CANCELED MASSES

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration are canceled in the Archdiocese of New York during this time.

While Masses in the Archdiocese of New York continue to be canceled you can still access Mass online at <https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live> and <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>.

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who continue to come in each day to open, clean, and maintain both our churches. All of your work and devotion is deeply appreciated, especially at this time.

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

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Vicar for Formation

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Sacristan

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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.

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 "Donate" or visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

MUSIC NOTES

Until the cessation of the 'essential personnel only' mandate, the Schola will not be able to sing. During this time, James Wetzel will chant the Ordinary and Propers for the webcast Masses on Sundays and Feastdays from St. Vincent Ferrer (at 10 AM on Sundays and 9 AM otherwise). Online leaflets for these Masses for the faithful at home to follow will be uploaded to our parish website: www.svsc.info/music.

During this time our Music Director, James Wetzel, has been creating an archival record of recordings of liturgies at St. Vincent Ferrer. These live recordings have not been equalized or treated in any way. That the quality is still high in spite of all of these qualifications is a testament to the skill of the singers we are blessed to have.

You can find some of James' favorite recordings onto a Soundcloud account, continuously being updated. All welcome to listen to and 'follow' the channel: <https://soundcloud.com/jamesdwetzel>. We hope that until public Mass resumes and the Schola is able to offer live music again, these tracks will buoy your spirits and serve as a reminder of the beauty of liturgical art and music for which our Parish is known.

Outreach

As we live through this difficult time, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit www.svsc.info/outreach.

Here you can find:

- Materials used during our daily Masses
- Daily Greetings from the Friars
- Resources for Prayer

Our Religious Education page is available to help your children with:

- Prayer in the Home
- Praying with Children in a Pandemic
- CGS Podcasts

Fr. Joseph Hagan has been kind enough to share with all of us a series of talks (including a handout) on *Credo 22-23: Love of God and Neighbor*. This series has been put together for our catechumens and candidates who have been on a long journey to and through RCIA. This series seems particularly helpful while we learn a new way to live alone, together.

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](https://www.instagram.com/svsc_nyc) on Instagram.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, MAY 24
6:00 PM (Vigil) Vid Suljick (D)
8:00 AM Margaret
Cunningham Fay (D)
9:30 AM Fr. John McGuire (D)
12:10 PM For the People of the
Parish
6:00 PM George Delaporte (D)

MONDAY, MAY 25
MEMORIAL DAY
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM *NO MASS*
6:00 PM *NO MASS*

TUESDAY, MAY 26
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM Sean O'Connell

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 28
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Richard & Frances
Reynolds (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 29
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 30
8:00 AM Tom & Ann Bittner (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Leona Wicklow (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 24
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Archibald
Williams (D)
5:00 PM Enriqueta Leong (D)

MONDAY, MAY 25
MEMORIAL DAY
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM *NO MASS*

TUESDAY, MAY 26
7:00 AM Giuseppe DiMarco (D)
5:15 PM For the Living & Deceased
Priests of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Ignatius Bonanno (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 28
7:00 AM Maria Encarnacion
Litrenta (D)
5:15 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 29
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM For the Poor Souls
in Purgatory (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 30
9:00 AM John Friedel
4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People
of the Parish

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, Michael Aerts, Mike
Borland, George Brooksbank, Jan
Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William
Feeley, Emily Garnett, Maggie Heath,
Christine Heller, Joseph Henao,
Douglas Kozak, Jack Mangin, Jared
Miller, Murphy, David Olivier,
Fernandez Randely, David Reid,
Isabelle Rivera, Lorna Shepherd,
Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina,
Lisa Selby, Prechry Thongtha,
Barbara Tracy, Michael Travis, &
Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Jerzy Glowczewski, John
Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, Juan
de Jesus Piraquive, Patricia Kathryn
Reed, Joseph Michael Thomas, &
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);
Sister Malachy O'Brien, O.P. (D); For
the Souls in Purgatory; For the People
of the Parish; Mother's Day Novena;
Intention of Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan (L)

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

This Week of Grace

This week I invite you to make your own lengthy prayer below. This is the prayer of consecration in the Ordination of Priests. These words, along with the laying on of hands are considered the operative words in the conferral of Holy Orders.

It would be great to pray this prayer for the following intentions.

- For Fr. Hyacinth Grubb and his seven classmates, that their years of priestly service may be blessed with fruitfulness and joy.
- Most of the ordained Friars celebrate their anniversaries in these last days of May. Pray for our perseverance, and that of all priests.
- Pray for the renewal of the Priesthood in our time, and that men we recognize a call to share in it.
- Pray for the encouragement and healing of priests separated from active ministry for any reason.

Draw near, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God,
author of human dignity:
it is you who apportion all graces.
Through you everything progresses;
through you all things are made to stand firm.
To form a priestly people
you appoint ministers of Christ your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
arranging them in different orders.

Already in the earlier covenant
offices arose, established through mystical rites:
when you set Moses and Aaron over your people
to govern and sanctify them,
you chose men next in rank and dignity
to accompany them and assist them in their task.

So too in the desert
you implanted the spirit of Moses
in the hearts of seventy wise men;
and with their help he ruled your people with
greater ease.

So also upon the sons of Aaron
you poured an abundant share of their father's plenty,
that the number of the priests prescribed by the Law
might be sufficient for the sacrifices of the tabernacle,
which were a shadow of the good things to come.

But in these last days, holy Father,
you sent your Son into the world,
Jesus, who is Apostle and High Priest of our
confession.

Through the Holy Spirit
he offered himself to you as a spotless victim;
and he made his Apostles, consecrated in the truth,
sharers in his mission.

You provided them also with companions
to proclaim and carry out the work of salvation
throughout the whole world.

And now we beseech you, Lord, in our weakness,
to grant us these helpers that we need
to exercise the priesthood that comes from the
Apostles.

Grant, we pray, Almighty Father,
to these, your servants, the dignity of the priesthood;
renew deep within them
the Spirit of holiness;
may they henceforth possess this office
which comes from you, O God,
and is next in rank to the office of Bishop;
and by the example of their manner of life,
may they instill right conduct.

May they be worthy co-workers with our Order,
so that by their preaching
and through the grace of the Holy Spirit
the words of the Gospel may bear fruit in human
hearts
and reach even to the ends of the earth.

Together with us,
may they be faithful stewards of your mysteries,
so that your people may be renewed in the waters
of rebirth
and nourished from your altar;
so that sinners may be reconciled
and the sick raised up.
May they be joined with us, Lord,
in imploring your mercy
for the people entrusted to their care
and for all the world.

And so may the full number of the nations, gathered
together in Christ,
be transformed into your one people
and made perfect in your Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

TRADITIO INSTRUMENTORUM

Usually I speak about this unique day as the “Sunday in the Upper Room.” It lands in the pregnant days between the Ascension of the Lord and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. In the Cenacle, Mary and the Apostles pray their way through an extraordinary paradigm shift: from their sheltering in place will emerge a whole new way of life. Global intimacy with the Risen Lord Jesus will mark human history going forward.

But this year has found us in the Upper Room for weeks; partaking of its comfort and confinement, its constriction and its potential. Indeed, the live-stream creates a new global intimacy as it links our upper room to yours, but also to innumerable others. With nimble charity Br. Hyacinth Grubb, along with Br. Albert Dempsey, accepted the ministry of the virtual cenacle as a diakonia (deacon’s service) assigned by the pandemic itself.

How beautiful and how difficult that our Brother stood in that same stream to be ordained yesterday and to say his Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving today.

I write about these liturgies days ahead but I trust that they will do us a service, not unlike the beautiful sessions of Parish Study Br. Hyacinth produced in Holy Week. Usually we perceive the Easter mystery by means of great crowds and grand gestures. This year it registered through a small camera held up close to Holy Week’s objects. Liturgically, celebrations that usually envelop us we beheld in miniature, and gained new entree into the mysteries of our faith.

Likewise, ordinations and “first masses” demand pulling out all the stops. They surround the creation of clergy with clerical beauty, vested, ranked, and processing. But this year the pandemic’s rules and the camera’s range will take us to the heart of the rites, allowing us to see things usually obscured by the gorgeous crowd. If we place ourselves in the stream of this weekend we can take the ordination and first mass as a unity that will show us something amazing about the priestly ministry.

Indeed, this bulletin presents two jewels of the ordination rite for us to ponder up close. We have the prayer of consecration which, along with the laying on of hands, provides the operative element in the sacrament of Holy Orders. I invite you to make this prayer your own in these days with several possible intentions. Please have a look on page 4.

But now let me take you to another moment and its words. After Br. Hyacinth was ordained and vested Br. Albert prepared the altar and the gifts. He then placed them in the hands of Bishop Whelan, who in turn confided them to Br. Hyacinth kneeling before him. As he did so he said,

*“Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God.
Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate,
and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross.”*

In that moment you beheld the *traditio instrumentorum*, the handing over of the instruments of the ministry. The chalice and paten are tools for the receiving, offering, and sharing of God’s gifts, and they will be for Fr. Hyacinth objects of daily touch. At every Mass these vessels receive bread and wine to represent everything that God has given and that humankind has received and worked upon with craft, reason, and imagination. The priest proffers them to God in thanksgiving and confidence. God’s transforming response makes these gifts the wherewithal we receive in communion to go deeper, longer, and higher in our life with Him and each other. Such is the pattern of the Mass we see, but its power lies in the life of Christ we remember. In the “mystery of the Lord’s Cross” we see Jesus receive his own humanity with love and then offer it into God’s healing and elevating plan. The transformed life we encounter in the Resurrection is now shared everywhere in Holy Communion. In the Lord’s Easter mystery and in the Eucharist we recognize an exchange of gifts that makes humanity a cooperator in the work of divinity. God gives the gifts to be offered to him, but human beings have the task of recognizing the gifts as such and then making the offering in confident faith.

The priest, wielding the paten and chalice, stands at the nexus of this exchange every day. Not only does he carry out the receiving, offering and sharing indicated by his tools, he has the call to invite the “holy people” to be with him in the exchange by their awareness.

The words of the *traditio* summon him to make this exchange visible in his own person, not only by saying Mass frequently and devoutly, but handling his own humanity in the same manner as the bread and wine: “receive,” “offer,” and “share” become the movements of priestly growth. In the end the task of “saying mass” becomes less and less external to me and more revelatory of me, not because the mass changes, but because I bear more and more the likeness of what I do.

On Thursday of this past week I celebrated my 27th anniversary of ordination, and I can perceive the stamp of the Eucharist on my life. With each day I discern more of life as a gift and I feel more confident in the offering of it. As receiving, offering, and sharing become more instinctive to me I relish the title given by the prayer of consecration, namely helper. Yes, I try to support the bishop and my superiors, but I also help people recognize how much they have to receive from their God, how much of life is a gift, and how much each of them is a gift. Then I try to help them be generous with themselves and so discover the intimacy of their relation to the Risen Lord.

What joy it gives me, so many years in, to see young men start on this lifelong work of finding the gift of themselves as they handle the gifts of others.

Ascensiontide Peace!
Fr. Walter