



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

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May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We are following our regular Mass and confession schedule. Please adhere to these guidelines while in our churches: 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. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, a second collection will be taken-up in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor's mission of caring for the elderly at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx.

The Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for 100 needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help the Little Sisters provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. Literature is available in the back of the church. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor visit their website, littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org. Thank you for your generosity. The Little Sisters thank you with their prayers for your intentions.

MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day! There will be a Remembrance Book for all deceased mothers at the Rosary Altar at both Churches. In addition, our Mother's Day Novena starts today, May 9 and ends on May 17. A daily Mass will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer during this time for this intention.

ASCENSION

Thursday, May 13 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Ascendo ad Patrem meum*; Jacob Handl's *Ascendo ad Patrem meum*; and Peter Philips's *Ascendit Deus*.

The 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be a Sung Mass.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

The evening Masses on Wednesday, May 12 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS

Friday, May 14 is the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

St. Matthias had been a follower of Jesus since the Baptism by John in the Jordan and witnessed the Ascension (Acts 1:21-22). He was chosen by lot to become the new twelfth apostle, in place of the betrayer Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:24-25) and was likely one of the 72 disciples sent in pairs by Jesus to preach the Gospel.

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 (SOLENN)*, 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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NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, May 17 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.

PENTECOST

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), includes readings and prayers added by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. The Schola will sing Manuel Cardoso's *Missa Regina Caeli*; Juan Esquivel's *Repleti sunt omnes*; and Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Veni Creator Spiritus*.

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.

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., our new Pastor, will preach on Pentecost.

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.

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MUSIC NOTES

On Thursday, May 13, for the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Schola will sing a variety of music: a Mass Ordinary by an Italian, and motets by a German and an Englishman. (Listed above)

On May 16, for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascensiontide Sunday), the Schola will sing music from Renaissance Spain:

Missa Congratulamini mihi – Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Ascendens Christus in altum – *Ascendens Deus*

– Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, MAY 9
6:00 PM (Vigil) Edward
Munshower, Sr. (D)
8:00 AM Emilio Dancel (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the
Parish
12 NOON Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Elizabeth Regan (D)

MONDAY, MAY 10
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 11
8:00 AM Eugene Gaughan (D)
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Rev. Hugh
Halton, O.P. (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
8:00 AM Carmela Guerin (D)
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 13
8:00 AM Daniel O'Donnell
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM James Raniere (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 14
8:00 AM Ryan Thomas
O'Donnell (D)
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Alejo Ramos (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 15
8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM Celestine Padilla (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 9
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Sylvia De Rogatis
5:00 PM Masood Aziz (D)

MONDAY, MAY 10
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Mr. & Mrs. Reilly (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 11
7:00 AM Daniel Moloney
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Camillo Scaccia

THURSDAY, MAY 13
7:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Koestner Family
1:00 PM For the People of the
Parish
5:15 PM Georges Jacobi (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 14
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Leonard A. Lanzzone (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 15
9:00 AM Josie Luddy (D)
4:00 PM David Johnson (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

August Arace, Jeanette Armentno,
Dr. M. Jwahir Brathwaite, Jack
Briggs, Roseann Connelly, Peg
Creagh, Robin Hambro, Maggie
Heath, Richard Holiday, Daniel
Mackay, Agnes McGrath, John
Morace, Michael Parker, Adolfo
Sardina, Blair Scribner, M. Smith,
Anchalee Sae-Lim, Irene Binos
Villamor, and Janice A. Wilson.

*Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Debra Ackerman, Michael
Buckley, Simon Castillo, Richard
Cunningham, Eugene Gaughan,
Marvin Hagler, Walter Molinelli,
Juan de Jesus Piraquive, Margaret
Kane Schull, Ruby Sebastian, 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 McCarthy (D); Mary
Wilson (D); Margaret Williams (D),
Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Souls in
Purgatory; The People of the Parish;

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.*

INTEGRITY OF LIFE

WHAT IS A PARISHIONER?

I have been wracking my brain and I do not think that in the last eleven years I have said Sunday Mass in another parish. As you read these lines on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, I will be doing just that. Our schedule, customs, and layout have become a comfortable walk in the dark on completely familiar terrain, or like sleeping on one of those mattresses that molds itself the contours of one's back. Now I will be making sure of how to open the tabernacle, and remembering how many steps lead into the sanctuary. When do they do the announcements and how many minsters are there at Communion? It will feel like starting over, except that on unmapped topography I will walk by the light of what God has shown me here.

A Manhattan experience will not give me a recipe for pastoring in the Blue Ridge, but it will have taught me to discern the complexities unique to that place and to befriend them. A decade of experience will not give me quick answers to their problems; perhaps it will have taught me to listen humbly to the story of their challenges. Life at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena will not give me a road map at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville, but it will have been a pledge that I will not walk there alone.

In this season, by the light of the Paschal Candle, we ponder the works of God, recognizing the Resurrection of Jesus as the *chef d'oeuvre* at the heart of a plan more comprehensive than we can conceive. The growth of a parish and the development of a pastor serve this whole composition, and the forward movement of each makes it more visible. Parishes grow from pastor to pastor, and pastors grow from parish to parish. All the while God's providence makes each stage a springboard to the next.

Neither the parish nor the pastor know what the future holds, except that Easter reveals it to be a movement toward light and life. Presenting myself to the university Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas as Pastor, I will surely and humbly draw on something I learned from you, something I may pose as a question to them: what is a parishioner? This is a question I asked myself any number of times as I developed programs in particular situations and attempted in general, to see to the growth of the whole parish.

I draw my answer from the Rite of Baptism for a child, the Rite that was celebrated for most of us. After the priest baptizes the child he says, "*God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.*" Over the years I have come to recognize that my role as parish priest is to help people fulfill the potential of their baptism, that is, to be through, with, and in Christ, priests, prophets, and kings in the sight of God the Father. A parishioner is one who fulfills these offices in a community of people who hold the same commission.

The parish enables each parishioner member to exercise priesthood; that is, to recognize the works of God and make a response to them. Thus the preeminent mode of Christian worship is gratitude and praise expressed at Mass. But our baptismal priesthood also includes intercession for others, petition for ourselves, and the pardon we must ask for our sins. Within the community, we hope each individual experiences growing awareness and deepening worship, each feeding the other in an upward spiral of intensity.

The parish fosters the prophecy of the parishioner, helping each to become an undefended listener, and a candid speaker. Here we seek to transcend the agendas that block the ears, and the pretenses that obscure our presentation of self.

In the parish each reigns as a king in the manner of Christ crucified. Here we learn to use power. In the light of the Gospel we reappraise wealth, talent, and temperament, coming to see them as means of self control and service. If parish life is a place of real conversion, it helps us to leave off dominating, manipulating, or seeking to impress. Such are not proper means of relating to baptized people.

Taken together, the three offices make clear the amazing dignity of each baptized person, and the exercise of these *Munera Christi* completely reorients the office holder. The work of the parish is to acknowledge the dignity and enable the change.

When I look at a parishioner I see someone to enable, so that they reach the potential of their baptism. I fall short of this when I cultivate them as a donor, enlist them as a worker, or coddle them in dependency. If I really serve the growth of the parishioner, then generosity and vulnerability come as fruits of conversion. I foster the thriving of people if I recognize they are not mine. In the end, pastoral ministry serves the work of God in men and women so that they come to cherish themselves as wonderfully made, foster more generously the gifts of their neighbors, and seek more fervently an eternity with the God whose goodness we taste and see in each Mass.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

May 9 – May 15, 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 Intention

- Pray for the people of India who have suffered terribly in the current surge of Covid-19 cases.

Community Notes

- From May 6 – May 11 Fr. Walter will be in Charlottesville. He will begin getting to know his new parish and community of friars. He hopes to preach all the Sunday Masses there on May 8 and 9.
- From May 22 – May 25 Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth will visit our parish in preparation for becoming our new Pastor in July. We hope he can preach the Masses for Pentecost.
- On May 22, in Washington, Br. Frassati Davis will be ordained to the priesthood. He will return to us to celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving. Next week's bulletin will have further details on the Masses. Fr. Frassati will be with us in New York until the end of the High School year. Then, he will begin his first priestly assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick's Parish in Columbus, Ohio.
- On May 29 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 9

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- On this Mother's Day we pray for our own mothers, living and deceased.
- Pray for those women who long to be mothers, and for mothers who have lost a child.
- Pray for single women and for vulnerable mothers helped by the Sisters of Life.
- Today at Mass we collect for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Pray for the thriving of their mission to give the elderly poor an environment of dignity and joy.

May 13

The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)

- Today, pray for all the baptized, that all may recognize our destiny in glory and organize our lives accordingly.

May 14

St. Matthias the Apostle (Feast)

- St. Matthias was chosen by lot to be the twelfth Apostle in place of Judas.
- Pray for the Holy Father and Bishops in their work of governing the Church.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit, drawing close, would be present in the practical decisions we make to ensure the proper ordering of Church life.

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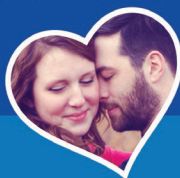


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