

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

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#### February 20, 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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*.

#### Presidents' Day – Parish Offices Are Closed

In observance of Presidents' Day, the Parish *offices* will be closed Monday, February 21. There will be regular Mass and Confession schedules.

#### New York Purgatorial Society Mass

On Monday, February 28 at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

#### Parish Women's Retreat – March 5

Come join us for a women's retreat to prepare for Lent with the Blessed Mother. We will enter into the "School of Mary," to sit at the feet of the Blessed Mother as she teaches us how to know her Son better and to prepare our hearts for Lent and Holy Week.

The Parish Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Visitation Circle, will be on Saturday, March 5 at St. Vincent Ferrer. The conferences will begin with some light refreshments in the Parish Offices at 9:30 AM and the first conference at 10 AM. The official program will conclude with a Mass that begins at 12 NOON. For those who would like to stay for lunch afterward, we ask that you make a freewill offering for the food and are vaccinated.

To register for the Parish Women's Retreat, please visit our parish website, *svsc.info*, to complete the brief registration.

#### Parish Men's Retreat – March 12

For the first time, we will host a parish Lenten retreat for men. All men seeking Christ are welcome. Together, we will enter the "School of Joseph" to learn from him how to live faithfully as men with Jesus Christ and how to serve others as spiritual fathers.

Our retreat will be at St. Vincent Ferrer, beginning with light refreshments at 9:30 AM and the first conference at 10 AM. The highpoint of the retreat will be the Holy Mass at 12 NOON, followed by lunch. The retreat is free, though we welcome any freewill offering to cover the cost of food.

To register for the Parish Men's Retreat, please visit our parish website, *svsc.info*, to complete the brief registration.

#### 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

#### 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

#### Parish Office

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#### St. Vincent Ferrer

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

9 AM-1 PM *and* 2 PM-4 PM

#### St. Catherine of Siena

411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10065 *Office Hours:* Monday–Friday: 10 AM–3 PM

#### Parish Staff

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#### 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 at 6:45 PM from March 8 through April 5.* 

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

#### MARCH FEASTS

The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 рм at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Monday, March 7 is traditional feastday of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. There will be a Mass in the Dominican Rite at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Thursday, March 17 is the Solemnity of St. Patrick, the Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Saturday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church and the Eastern Province of the Order of Preachers. There will be a Solemn Mass and Procession at 12 NOON at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Friday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 рм at St. Vincent Ferrer.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Next Sunday, for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will a motet by Hamburg-born Hieronymus Praetorius, who first studied organ with his father Jacob Praetorius the elder (1520-1586) and took further studies in Cologne. After spending three years as an organist in Erfurt, he returned to Hamburg in 1582 where he worked with his father as assistant organist at St. Jacobi, becoming principal organist upon his father's death. In 1596, Hieronymus traveled to Gröningen where he met Michael Praetorius (no relation) and Hans Leo Hassler. It is likely that from this encounter Hieronymus adopted the progressive Venetian polychoral style that he introduced into north Germany.

Ave Ante me non est formatus Deus – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594) Laudate Dominum – Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

## HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED A REQUEST FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

What was once manna to the Israelites – New York Common Pantry is today to many of God's children of New York. As a parish, we are so very thankful to be one of the sponsors of this organization.

In the 45 years of St. Vincent Ferrer's Social Concerns Committee service to the community, this year has been one of our most challenging. We ask that you join in our effort this coming Lent by donating some select items that the Pantry runs low on at this time of year.

Please select from the foods listed below and drop them off in the bins at the back of either of our churches:

Canned or dry beans; canned fruits and vegetables; canned tuna, salmon and chicken; grains (rice, pastas, barley, quinoa); peanut butter; shelf stable milk; and sugar free hot and cold cereals.

Our food drive, which began on February 14, will end on March 6. Please be as generous as you can be and always are. Thank you.

#### ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit *svsc.info* and go to "Ways to Give." You can also give via text message: text keyword SVSC to 800-950-9952. Click the link and complete your gift.

#### Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

Sunday, February 20
6:00 pm (Vigil) Deceased Members of the Sharbel Family
8:00 am Joan Oswald (D)
9:30 am Daniel H. Brusstar (D)
12 noon Alice McClave (D)
6:00 pm John Patrick Foye (D)

Monday, February 21 8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order 12:10 pm Mary Meade (D) 6:00 pm Richard Hawkins (D)

Tuesday, February 22
8:00 am Edward C. Perry (D)
12:10 pm Stephen & Joseph
Stack (D)
6:00 pm For the Members of The
St. John Paul II Society

Wednesday, February 23 8:00 am Sr. Judith Savard, RSHM & the Deceased Members of the RSHM Community (D) 12:10 pm Kathleen Redmond (D) 6:00 pm Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

Thursday, February 24 8:00 am Rene Concepcion (D) 12:10 pm Charles H. Drew (D) 6:00 pm Mary & John Mulvey (D)

Friday, February 25 8:00 am Louisa Gelin & Children (D) 12:10 pm Soledad Ibarra (D) 6:00 pm Plunkett Foye (D)

Saturday, February 26 8:00 am Mary Cunningham Luby (D) 6:00 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski, ofm

## MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
4:00 PM (Vigil) Nora M.
Hickey (D)
10:00 AM For the People of the
Parish
5:00 PM Catalina Asuncion (D)

Monday, February 21
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Bob Strickland (D)

Tuesday, February 22 7:00 am Protection of Life 5:15 pm Lorenza Mateo (D)

Wednesday, February 23
7:00 am For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 24
7:00 am Sable Regina Fields (D)
5:15 pm Pietro & Mimma
Spani (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

Saturday, February 26 9:00 am Gloria Galasso (D) 4:00 pm Stanley Nadel (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

August Arace, Roseann Connolly, Arnold Drucker, Milley Frias, Dale Graves, Maggie Heath, Susan Heller, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca Lopez, Diane Piro, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Norma Altagracin Torres.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rudolph Bachraty, James Cummings, Noreen Delaney, Francis Lesperance, George Hart, Richard Hawkins, Matthew Martinez, Monica Meade, P.O. Wilbert Mora, P.O. Jason Rivera, 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; Robert Hill (D);
Elizabeth Donnelly (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. 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



Wednesday, *March 2 is Ash Wednesday*, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence.

# Ashes will be imposed during all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

There will be a 6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing music of the Iberian Renaissance: Missa Paradisi portas by Manuel Cardoso and Emendemus in melius and Inter vestibulum by Cristóbal de Morales.

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

The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will take place as usual following the 6 PM Solemn Mass.

#### The Dominican Charism - Study, Spiritual Theology, and Spiritual Reading

There is a somewhat well-known fresco of St. Dominic where he is contemplatively gazing at a book while reading it. What is less known is that that fresco is part of a larger work called "The Mocking of Christ, with the Virgin and St. Dominic" by Bl. Fra Angelico, o.p. This is a part of a series of frescoes that Fra Angelico made for the Dominicans living in San Marco in Florence. Fra Angelico painted a different mystery in Christ's life in each of the cells, or rooms, where the friars lived, and they were intended to aid the friars in meditating on the life of Christ. In "The Mocking of Christ," there is the added element of St. Dominic's contemplative gaze on the Scriptures, which then becomes a visible example of what Fra Angelico was hoping the whole series of frescoes would lead to.

There is something really profound about this with regard to study and the Dominican life. The search for Truth that is carried out beautifully through the study of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Doctrine should lead not just to the transformation of our minds but also to a change in our lives. Study is not just about knowing God but also about living in union with God. It has an end goal: to unite us to the Lord. St. Dominic's meditation on the Gospels was not simply so that he could preach from the font of wisdom, and he didn't meditate on the mocking of Christ just so that he could preach about it. It was also for the sake of his own continued conversion and union with the suffering Christ.

This is one of the reasons for the study of spiritual theology and the practice of spiritual reading. The great spiritual masters—St. Augustine, St. Teresa of Avila, Bl. Columba Marmion, Archbishop Luis Martinez, Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, St. John Paul II, and so forth—have much wisdom to offer as we work toward the conversion of our lives. Often, their writings concretize the other elements of our study so that they can take root in our hearts and take flesh in our actions. The words and witness of the great spiritual writers (just think of St. Augustine's conversion

away from a life of unchastity to a life of purity) guide us on the path to holiness. Studying their works and their lives becomes a beautiful means to aid our own process of conversion and holiness. In a sense, they invite us to meditate on the Truth found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Doctrine so that, like St. Dominic, our minds and hearts can be transformed by Truth.

For those connected to a Dominican parish, this aspect of study works in tandem with the other topics we have reflected on during the past few weeks because it aids the study of Scripture and doctrine and assists in the process of the conversion of the whole person. In doing so, spiritual theology and spiritual reading help us to become united to Christ so that our whole life can be transformed. Things like Parish Study, RCIA, homilies, or advice in the confessional can take even deeper root when we take up the practice of spiritual reading and allow the graces of a more formal study to be augmented by a devotional study.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Tr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, o.P.



Bl. Fra Angelico, O.P., "The Mocking of Christ, with the Virgin and Saint Dominic," 1439-1443, fresco, Cell 7, Convent of San Marco, Florence; photo in the public domain.

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