



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

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## April 4 – Easter 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.

### EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All services are in person, and registration is not required.

\*These services will also be livestreamed via svsc.info and the Parish's Facebook page.

- 8 AM Low Mass – St. Vincent
- 8:45 AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer – St. Vincent
- 9:30 AM Sung Mass – St. Vincent
- 10 AM Sung Mass – St. Catherine
- \*12 NOON Solemn Mass – St. Vincent
- 2 PM Exposition – St. Vincent
- \*2:45 PM Organ Recital – St. Vincent
- \*3:15 PM Solemn Vespers with Benediction – St. Vincent
- 4 PM Sung Mass – St. Vincent
- 5 PM Low Mass – St. Catherine

### SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection taken-up today, Easter Sunday, will be to help meet the expenses of the music and flowers for Easter. Envelopes for this collection can be found in each church on the tables at the back of the church.

### EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON

An afternoon of devotions will be offered on Easter Sunday at St. Vincent Ferrer. Eucharistic Adoration will begin with Exposition at 2 PM.

James Wetzel will offer an organ recital at 2:45 PM, with music of Josef Rheinberger.

Solemn Paschal Vespers will be celebrated at 3:15 PM for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Magnificat Primi Toni* (Book III) and Claudio Merulo's *Haec est dies à 5*.

"When evening came on that day, the first day of the week... Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: 'Peace be with you, alleluia.'" (John 20:19; *Antiphon to the Magnificat of Second Vespers of Easter*)

### LOW SUNDAY/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EXPOSITION

Next Sunday, April 11 is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer following the 12 NOON Solemn Mass, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM and Benediction at 4 PM. At St. Catherine of Siena, Adoration will be from 3–5 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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## ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Next weekend, 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.

## MASSES OF EASTER WEEK

The Octave of Easter, also known as Easter Week, is the eight-day period of celebration that runs from Easter Sunday through Low Sunday and marks the beginning of Eastertide. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer Monday–Friday (April 5–9) and at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena on Saturday (April 10).

In the Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment and transition, breaking through the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. (That is why, for example, many baptismal fonts have eight sides.) The greatest feasts of the liturgical calendar (Christmas and Easter, and previously Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and Sacred Heart as well) are given an "Octave." In this way, the Church prolongs the joyful festivities of the solemnity itself.

Because Easter Sunday is the highest ranking of all days of the liturgical year, Easter not only gets an Octave, but an entire season, known as Eastertide, that encompasses the Ascension and lasts 50 days until Pentecost. The Pascal Candle, blessed on the Easter Vigil, is kept burning in the sanctuary throughout Eastertide.

## MUSIC NOTES

On Easter Sunday and next week, for Low Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter), the Schola will sing music of relatively obscure composers of the Italian Renaissance.

Giovanni Animuccia spent his professional maturity in Rome. He became *maestro di cappella* of his friend and fellow Florentine [Saint] Phillip Neri's newly-founded Oratory, a position he held until his death. Concurrently, beginning in 1556, he served as *maestro* of the Julian Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica, succeeding Palestrina.

In 1566, Andrea Gabrieli was appointed organist of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice where he remained until his death. He taught Hans Leo Hassler, who introduced Andrea's style to Germany, and his nephew Giovanni Gabrieli.

Giovanni Battista della Gostena's date and circumstances of birth in Genoa, as well as information regarding education, are unknown. From 1584 to 1589 he worked in his native city's Cathedral of St. Lawrence as a priest and *maestro di capella*.

*Missa Victimae Paschali laudes* – Giovanni Animuccia (c. 1520-1571)

*Maria stabat ad monumentum á 6* – Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

*Tulerunt Dominum meum* – Giovanni Battista della Gostena (c. 1558-1593)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*No Announced Masses*

MONDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order

12:10 PM Alice Monahan (D)

6:00 PM Steven Creagh (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Michael  
Bruno (D)

12:10 PM Remedios Malala  
Silvestre (D)

6:00 PM Lauren Kearns (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM Bart & Bridget  
McGovern (D)

12:10 PM Gabriella Zmigrodzka

6:00 PM Mr. Kean

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Sharbel Family (D)

12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)

6:00 PM Jack, Natalie, Marie, &  
Francis Egan O'Brien (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM Roseann Connelly

12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick  
McGlade (D)

6:00 PM Tom Flavian (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 AM Joseph Braddock (D)

6:00 PM Fr. Carl Johnson (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*No Announced Masses*

MONDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph

5:15 PM Leoncia Ventigan (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 AM Mr. Sam Schera (D)

5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St.  
Jude

5:15 PM Rosina Spani (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 AM Robert Byers (D)

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the  
Scully Family (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
of St. Catherine of Siena

5:15 PM Petra Velasquez (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM Frank McDarvy (D)

4:00 PM David Gale (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, Robin Hambro,  
Roland Goslett, Maggie Heath, Peter  
Lord, John Morace, Michael Parker,  
Adolfo Sardina, Anchalee Sae-Lim,  
Blair Scribner, Michael Wigan, and  
Kieran Wrynn.

Please pray for the repose of the souls  
of Karen Cuddy, Andrew Fraser,  
Eugene Gaughan, Rupert Hambro,  
Jackie McCarthy, Marilyn McCarthy,  
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 McCarthy (D); William Elting  
(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.*

## WHEAT THAT SPRINGETH GREEN

Once, during my seminary years, I noticed my professor entering a procession without the requisite hymnal. Like a good Student Brother, I grabbed one and proffered it. He waved it away, saying, "Walter, after 25 years?" Our encounter has testified to me for more than 25 years since, about the power of hymns once they pass inside. Words sung embed themselves, and the coming of each liturgical season surfaces familiar texts and tunes from deep places of the cerebral hard drive. All of a sudden, like old friends, we pick up where we left off, only deeper.

The Easter Season abounds in these riches.

So when I tried to grasp the character of this particular Easter a hymn text came promptly to my rescue. Have a read of *Now the Green Blade Rises*, printed below. Penned by the Anglican Priest, John McLeod Campbell Crum, these lines see Spring as revealing the paradox of Winter: beneath hard and cold surfaces, life surges. The first greens of March testify to the life underground and promise the luxuriance of Summer.

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

On Easter morning the Holy Spirit discloses Jesus to Mary Magdalene and the disciples as the first fruits from the dead. Behind the cold stone at the tomb's entrance, life has surged against death, and a single one of us has broken through our life's icy finish into an eternal spring. Jesus is the single green blade, but he portends an immeasurable field of wheat that will only grow as broad as Kansas upon Kansas and as high as Billionaires' Row stacked end to end. Here countless stalks rise from seed that germinated beneath the winter ground of human struggle. Now they defy frost after frost with the grace coursing through them.

If you have read this far, you, too, are a green blade emerging from a winter of struggle and becoming a proud ear of wheat that will never stop dropping seeds to the earth. You read this bulletin because you believe in the resurrection, and because you are the fruit of it. You thrive on a promise of eternal life for yourself, but you also convey the promise that Jesus lives.

If this sounds like far away talk, take a look at our neighborhood. Yesterday I saw flats of pansies going into the ground around trees in the Sixties. Right on cue with the vernal equinox they announce Spring, but their life has surged from the seed for weeks to give me happiness in their courageous presence. Now if you are a New Yorker, you know what they portend. Soon there will be flats of tulips, then trays of begonias, with mums to close the season.

Each believer breaks the hard soil of a secular world like a hardy and determined flower in spring. Each such bloom promises a whole garden to come, because God is God, and winter does not come for Him.

Where else have life and love surged unseen? Well, certainly behind our masks. They make a winter of fabric, hiding the face of concern and empathy, joy and humor. Shielded, too, is our appearance newly textured by confrontation with tragedy and by endurance of discipline. As I look at my oncoming neighbors their cloth faces frustrate me, even as they promise me expression and emotion unmasked. Perhaps from above we look like a field of buds about to pop and reveal a whole new array of color, followed by vast bounty of new fruit.

There, for sure, is an Easter view of pandemic practice, but what would you expect from a person whose world view has been shaped by hymns? In the same vein let me predict that 2021 will be the year of two Easters: this Easter Day when I recognize Christ's life surging in me, and the Easter that will happen when I see your face and recognize His life radiant in you.

Easter Peace and Perseverance!

Fr. Walter

# THIS EIGHT DAYS OF GRACE

April 4 – 11, 2021

## **The Easter Octave**

- Live Differently.
  - The Church year has two eight day Sabbaths, one at Christmas, and the other at Easter. No feasts of the Saints interrupt these days. At Mass the Gloria is said each day.
  - Eternal life is something many people do not think about directly, but it shows up in the way we make choices throughout life. These are days to reflect on ways in which Easter has actually touched us. Now is the time to advert to the desire that motivates us quietly all year long.
  - The sign of this difference is the Paschal Candle. It burns in the church to shed the light of the resurrection on past events and current concerns.
  - In this light we find new ways of understanding body and soul, self and others, the goods of this world, and the pursuit of justice.
- Pray about the pandemic in light of Christ's victory.
  - Pray that by the time we finish this season on the Day of Pentecost, May 23, we will have made real strides against the virus.
- Pray for our Neophytes. Those who have come to Baptism and Communion for the first time need our support as the fruits of the sacraments take hold in their lives.
- Pray for those who visit our churches on Easter. May our celebrations be eloquent to them as a testimony that Jesus lives.
- Pray for all of those who will be baptized, receive First Communion, be confirmed, be married, or receive Holy Orders in the light of the Paschal Candle between Easter and Pentecost.

## **April 10**

### **Easter Saturday**

- As an application of the previous petition, pray for our children, who on these Saturdays in Eastertide, will receive First Penance and First Communion surrounded by their families.
  - Last summer when we resumed public worship, we offered these first sacraments to each family individually so as to keep everyone safe and comfortable. The practice revealed itself to be truly effective as a mode of initiation, so we decided that this year we would continue it.

## **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.
- On this Almsgiving Sunday, we remember the poor who recognize the Resurrection in the generosity of Christians.

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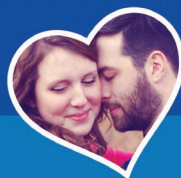


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