

The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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July 5, 2020 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Outreach

As New York City and the Archdiocese of New York continue to reopen our parish has resumed in-person Masses following the regulations of the Archdiocese. The regulations allow us to have gatherings in church at 25% capacity. Since it is summer, and since many have left the city, we think we will be safe having our **regular schedule of Masses** with proper precautions observed. Likewise, regular confessions can now be heard as usual, provided we maintain social distance in the confession line.

For Masses we will need to observe the following:

- We need to wear a mask, or its equivalent, in church.
- We practice social distancing as indicated by the markers.
- We make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided.
- The churches will be cleaned between masses.
- Please follow instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion that will be given at the Mass.

Parish Live Streaming

During the months of pandemic the streaming apostolate did great work at keeping us connected and we think it has a role to play in our future. Our plan for July and August is to live stream parish Masses as follows:

Monday - Friday - 12:10 PM

Saturday - 9 AM

Sunday - 12 NOON

20 minutes before each of these masses we will live stream the Rosary.

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.

Parish Office Hours

With our Masses resuming, our offices have reopened as well. The parish offices will be open 10 AM - 3 PM, Monday – Friday.

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

We have begun a new schedule for our weekly Holy Hour on Wednesdays: 6:30 PM – Simple Exposition following Mass

7 рм – Preaching & Confession

8 PM – Compline & Benediction

Please join us to be with the Lord. Oh come, let us adore Him!

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who have continued 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:

8:45 AM (READING AND LAUDS) 5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

Monday – Friday:

7:25 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

Wednesday:

7:00 PM (HOLY HOUR AND Confessions)

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM (READING AND LAUDS) 5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

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

Parish Office

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St. Catherine of Siena 411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065 Office Hours: Monday–Friday: 10 AM–3 PM

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P. *Pastor*Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.

Vicar

Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P. Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P. *Sacristan*

Fr. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P. Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.

Deacon

Deacon John M. Powers Lee Ann Rubino Business Manager James D. Wetzel

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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

During the quarantine, we were able to continue offering music at Mass via our webcast. With the resumption of public worship in the archdiocese, it is a joy to once again provide live sacred music. In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, here are several notes on liturgical music in the parish as we move through these phases of reopening.

Usually during the time between Corpus Chrisi and Holy Cross Day, the Schola Cantorum goes on its summer holiday, and the 12 noon Mass is with a cantor only. Because a third of its season was lost to the quarantine, a small ensemble from the Schola will be offering polyphony at the 12 NOON Mass this summer.

The leaflet provided for Mass must be limited to one sheet of paper. **Please take it with you after Mass.** Those left in the pews or returned to the baskets after Mass cannot be reused.

Congregational singing is to be limited. Therefore, we are omitting the Post-Communion Hymn.

Although music for it is not included in the leaflet, the congregation is still welcome to sing the Roman Missal Mass, the setting of the Mass Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.) used during Ordinary Time, the Pater noster, and other dialogical responses.

Outreach

As we continue the process of reopening, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit www.svsc.infoloutreach.

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 on Instagram.

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, JULY 5
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz
8:00 AM Pope Emeritus
Benedict XVI
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

Monday, July 6 8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order (D) 12:10 pm Special Intention 6:00 pm Elizabeth Regan (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 7 8:00 AM Katthleen Redmond (D) 12:10 PM Special Intention 6:00 PM Special Intention

Wednesday, July 8 8:00 am Louie Dedvukaj 12:10 pm Special Intention 6:00 pm Special Intention

Thursday, July 9 8:00 am James V. McGuinness (D) 12:10 pm Special Intention 6:00 pm Special Intention

FRIDAY, JULY 10 8:00 ам Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D) 12:10 рм Jeanne Gorski (D) 6:00 рм Special Intention

Saturday, July 11 8:00 am Br. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, Master of the Order 6:00 pm (Vigil) Albina Belardinelli (D)

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, JULY 5 4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D) 10:00 AM Gavino P. Abaya, Jr. (D) 5:00 PM Sabina Quiyugan

Monday, July 6 7:00 am For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 pm Gavino P. Abaya, Jr.

Tuesday, July 7 7:00 am Gavino P. Abaya, Jr. 5:15 pm In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 8
7:00 am For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 pm Stephen Wilcox (D)

Thursday, July 9 7:00 am Special Intention 5:15 pm Silvana Cichi (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 10
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Miguel & Teodola Lucido (D)

Saturday, July 11 9:00 am Special Intention 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, Marie Barbutti, Mike Borland, George Brooksbank, Jan Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William Feeley, 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, Oxsana Skop, Prechry Thongtha, Barbara Tracy, & Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jerzy Glowczewski, John Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, Patricia Kathryn Reed, & Joseph Michael Thomas, 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); Sr. Mary Ellen Lynch, O.P. (D); Father's Day Novena; For the Souls in Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; 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

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July

• That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

In Time of Pandemic

- Pray for those parts of our nation experiencing an increase of hospitalizations for Covid-19 at this time.
- Pray for those in the hospital, those who care for them, and for their families.

Community Notes

- Please welcome back Fr. Joseph Allen. We are delighted to have him back with us at St. Catherine's after his months of quarantine in Maine.
- Please welcome Deacon Br. Frassati Davis. Brother will join the Dominican Community at St. Vincent Ferrer for a pastoral year. His ministry will be multifaceted but happily will include service in the parish.

July 5 The Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

• Our second Sunday with public Mass! May we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharistic life in which we have communion with God and each other, and find the wherewithal for a life of constant growth.

July 6 Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

• St. Maria Goretti (1890 – 1902) was a child victim of rape and murder. Her feast mandates us to pray for the safety of children and all vulnerable people.

July 8 Blessed Adrian Fortescue, O.P.

• This lay member of the Order of Preachers lived from 1476 to 1539. He was a country gentleman and servant of the Crown under Henry VIII. He died for non-compliance with Henry's actions regarding the church. On his feast we pray to find the love of God brings into conflict with love of country.

July 9 St. John of Cologne, O.P., Friar, Priest and Martyr

• John lived from 1500 to 1572. He served as a parish priest in the Netherlands during a period of religious wars. He tried to bring the sacraments to fellow priests held captive behind enemy lines. He was arrested and hanged with them. Notable is his window in St, Vincent Ferrer. He stands between St. John Chrysostom and St. John Fisher in a triple witness to God's love as a basis for challenging state injustice.

July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot

- Living from 480 to 547, Benedict brought to birth a monastic world in the midst of the death of the Roman world. Benedictine monasticism placed (and places) the Gospel in the context of a balanced humane life that fostered the arts and sciences as it developed itself liturgically, architecturally, governmentally, and economically.
- Pray for monks and nuns who follow his Rule, and give thanks for the numberless ways in which they and their predecessors have enriched the Church.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

After the Second Vatican Council, the ancient feast of Corpus Christi became the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the Precious Blood surrendering its separate feast on July 1. Blood so often provokes squeamishness. Conversely, it gives a visual assist to the thrill of violence to which so many of us seem addicted.

The Lord's Passion has poured blood into the heart of our religious practice and imagery. Flowing in the collective veins of the Church, the Blood of Christ continues to stir emotions. The sharing of the chalice causes all kinds of problems: laity dread contagion and clergy fear spillage. At the same time, devout people look upon the blood flowing from the wounds of the crucified and recognize an agony accepted for their healing and eternal happiness.

July is the month of Precious Blood, so during these weeks we can ponder Jesus' regard for blood. He accepted the shedding of his own blood as the culmination of his life and ministry, and he conveys the power and significance of that bloodshed through a shared cup. ("*Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the Chalice of my blood.*") Here he drew on an ancient perception of blood that speaks powerfully to our time.

The ancient Semites understood blood as the creature's principle of life. Here we find one of the core tenets of keeping kosher: one may not consume the blood of another creature. When an animal is slaughtered, for food or for sacrifice, its blood must be poured into the ground. While one might harvest the flesh and skin of the creature, one returns its life to the God who gave it.

All the more powerful than that Jesus commanded his followers to drink his blood. On the Cross Jesus returns his life to God by pouring his blood into us. The flow has never stopped. At the heart of the religion of Jesus lies a sharing of blood and hence of life, which blood represents. Yes, Jesus teaches and imparts wisdom, he also gives of his substance, spending his body in ministry for the welfare of others. Yet on the Cross Jesus gives the blood and shares the life. Here comes the generosity not only of the present but of the future.

When we give of our present, we give the body. We can finish the donated task and resume our life. With the gift of the blood we offer even more because we surrender our options and forfeit control of our future. So marriages, ordinations, and religious professions are all gifts of the blood. In them, simple kindness yields to the very gift of one's insides. One who has given the blood no longer plans, or even dreams, independently, and with the gift of the blood, the future becomes "ours."

So if the Church is the Body of Christ then his blood courses through her veins. Its warmth is perceived in those who have hitched their future to the Church's, without leaving room for take backs.

Usually by this time of year we have celebrated a volunteer appreciation evening and taken the opportunity to acknowledge the gifts of the blood by which the Parish lives. The pandemic broke the external expression of our common life but not its reality. The outreach between people in these last weeks and months was wonderful to perceive. The generous spiritual, financial, and practical support extended by individuals to the community manifested its source in the sharing of life.

Nevertheless, we remember the life we have shared so as to frame a hope of sharing it again. Think of our world before March.

Here the blood filled lungs breathe to read, and sing with beauty and conviction.

Here the blood enlivened the hand to grasp the chalice and the paten, the organ keys, the collection basket, and the pruning shears.

Here the blood surged through the heart and motivated lively concern for the poor.

Here the blood energized the mind to parse a balance sheet, or discuss a policy.

Here the blood gave the courage to catechize the child and the adult.

Here the blood circulated with constancy to administer a school, a sacristy, a committee, a maintenance project.

Here the blood held warmth for the art of improvising a prelude, fashioning a cabinet, designing a garden, conceiving a poster, orchestrating a party.

Here was the marvel of wondrous things done, not for reward, or for fame, but so that the life might be shared which came from above so that we, sharing it liberally, might come to live above.

The Letter to the Hebrews speaks lyrically about the society lubricated and intoxicated by the Blood of the Lamb.

"You have drawn near to Mount Zion and the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:22-24.

May we rejoice always in the marvel of the Body and Blood given and shared.

Peace!

Fr. Walter