



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

September 10, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus takes up His Cross," Dominican Church of St. Pius V, Providence, RI, photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS TIMES

Weekday	8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6 PM
Saturday	8 AM, 9:30 AM (Dominican Rite), 6PM (Vigil)
Sunday	8 AM, 9:30 AM, 12 NOON, 6 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday– Saturday	5:15–6 PM (plus Wednesday at 7:15–7:55 PM)
Sunday	7:45–8 AM, 9:15–9:30 AM, 11:30 AM–12 NOON, 5:15–6 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30–8 PM
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St. Catherine of Siena

MASS TIMES

Weekday	7 AM, 5:15 PM
Saturday	9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil)
Sunday	10 AM, 5 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekday	4:40–5:05 PM
Saturday	3–3:50 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday	3–4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi)
Thursday	5:45–7 PM

The Parish

Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

Weekday 7:25 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers
Saturday 8:30 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers
Sunday 8:45 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 AM Rosary and Vespers

St. Catherine of Siena

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM Lauds, 4:45 PM Rosary,
 7:00 PM Vespers
Tuesday 8:00 AM Lauds, 4:45 PM Rosary,
 6:00 PM Vespers
Saturday 8:40 AM Rosary
 9:00 AM Lauds during Mass
Sunday 7:00 PM Vespers

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation please visit our website: svsc.info/sacramental-record-request.

BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena please visit our website, svsc.info/baptism and download the Baptism request form and email it to parish@svsc.info. A priest will be in touch with you to set up a meeting and to schedule the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

For information about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at either St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, please visit our website: svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony. Please review the Wedding and Marriage Preparation Policy and note that it takes a minimum of six months preparation time before the wedding.

RCIA

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, please email rcia@svsc.info to ask about our RCIA program.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

To learn more about having a child begin formal preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please email Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education at LHarrelson@svsc.info.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the church or at home (for those who are homebound). Please email parish@svsc.info or call **212-744-2080** to set up an appointment.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Michael Carty, Nimah Collins, John Crosson, Annette Cunningham, Maureen Dorsey, Roland Goslett, Pat Groh, Angie Guyott, Maggie Heath, Bill Horning, Jeremy Kyser, Robert J. Quackenbush, and Helen Skorutowicz.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

John F. Breedis, Carol Higgins Clark, Therese Martin Di Maio, Ethel Garcia, Matthew Martinez, Donald Moglia, Keiko Reitz, Stan Sitarsky, Margot Slater, and the souls of all our recently deceased.

HOSPITAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for the sick, the dying, and their families in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Hospital for Special Surgery, Rockefeller University Hospital, Residents of the Mary Manning Walsh Home, and the Intentions of the Dominican Healthcare Ministry.

Join and Donate



COME JOIN THE PARISH

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Please visit our website, svsc.info/join-our-parish, or stop by the Parish office to register as a parishioner.

To receive up to date information also, please sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email the Parish office, parish@svsc.info.



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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 AM Thomas Parsons (D)
9:30 AM John Weisz (D)
12 NOON Alphonso Pisacano and
Annarose Panebianco-Cecere
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM Odette Van Acker (D)
12:10 PM John Weisz (D)
6:00 PM For the Victims and Families of the
9/11 Attacks

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM For the deceased of the Parish, the
deceased parents of members of the Order,
and the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars,
and benefactors of the Order
12:10 PM Nimah Collins
6:00 PM Nely Miranda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM Timothy Kleveland
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Michel David-Weill (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM Joseph Omandi (D)
12:10 PM Luigi & Marinella Lombardo (D)
6:00 PM John Patrick Foye (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM Julio Vega (D)
9:30 AM Victoria Osejo Special Intention
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the Foye,
Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, and Murphy
Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Antonia Franco
Dominguez (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 AM For the Victims and Families of the
9/11 Attacks
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrow

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrow

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrow

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 AM Special Intention (D)
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrow

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring the
Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Zocchia Family
4:00 PM (Vigil) Maria Cecilia Punzalan (D)

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 Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
John Donnelly (D); Robert Williams (D);
Kathleen Howley Special Intention; People
of the Parish; Special Intention; and Souls in
Purgatory

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in Ukraine

St. Martin de Porres

Jenny Ruiz (D)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Purgatorial Candle

Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D);
Marie E. Litrenta (D); Olga Rose Litrenta (D);
Pedro Litrenta, Sr. (D); and Pedro
Litrenta, Jr. (D)

Blessed Mother Shrine, Sanctuary Lamp

Priscilla Ventigan

St. Martin de Porres Candle

Maria Marta Litrenta; Rose Ann
Connolly (D); Bridget Heeran (D)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Margaret of Costello, Priory Chapel, and St. Jude Shrine

Maria Marta Litrenta

Rosary Altar

Maria Marta Litrenta; Letty Dolan

A Summer of Transfiguration

TRANSFIGURED LIVES

This past summer was beautiful. From the Corpus Christi Procession with the new banners and the flower girls leading the way for the Lord, to the celebration of the Sacred Heart as a principle point of the month of June, to 4th of July festivities, to the 700th Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas's canonization, to St. Dominic's Days with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. and Fr. Malachy Napier, C.F.R. preaching the two Masses in honor of St. Dominic, to end of the 125th Anniversary Year of the Dominican ministry at St. Catherine's with Cardinal Dolan, we have had a splendid summer rich with grace and the goodness of the Lord.

At the same time, we had some beautiful catechetical moments. From Br. Charles's Parish Study on the connection between confession and the Eucharist to Fr. Ignatius's Midday Retreat with the Mystics that included the Sisters of Life and Dominicans from around the world just a couple of weeks ago, we have been blessed with solid and fruitful preaching. We have been illuminated by the Lord's grace so that as we come to know the Lord more nearly, we may love Him more dearly.

TRANSFIGURED BUILDINGS

Yet, it was not just our minds and hearts that were being transfigured. The spaces in our buildings have also been receiving an overhaul. The most obvious is the confessional renovation at St. Vincent Ferrer. While this is not yet quite finished (please pray that the additional panes of glass that will reduce the sound and the visibility of the penitents come very soon!), we have almost completed it. We now have four functional confessionals, one with a door large enough for wheelchairs and strollers, a chair in the first confessional for those who are not able to kneel, and the text of the Act of Contrition printed in multiple languages in each of the confessionals to aid penitents whose first language is not English. I hope that these renovations will not only make the sacrament more accessible in practical ways but also more fruitful in spiritual ones as the Lord pours out His mercy upon us and the Madonna of Mercy (whose painting now hangs in each of the confessionals) intercedes for us.



*"Transfiguration of the Lord," Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, London,
photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.*

In addition to that, we have also renovated our atria for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which helps us to account for more children in the program as well as for its importance in the life of the Parish. There are now two atria at St. Catherine's, which are both larger and more well-lit. We also finished the renovation of the new atrium at St. Vincent's for the Infant-Toddler section of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. These three beautiful atria will be such an integral part of our ability to pass on the faith to those youngest among us.

As a result of the movement of the atria at St. Catherine's, we renovated the old atrium space and turned it into St. Joseph Hall, where we held the reception after the recent Anniversary Mass. This space can open into the foyer and even into the courtyard if need be (you might have noticed some new plant life in the courtyard there too).

All in all, this has been a summer of transfiguration (including our bulletin template), which I hope sets the stage for the Lord to profoundly transform our lives as we begin this new year. May it be one of goodness and grace, health and holiness!

In Christ,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.

Upcoming Events



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Octave of Prayer

From the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, September 8 through the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday, September 15, the Parish is offering an Octave of Prayer. In these days we recognize Jesus' Passion and the Blessed Mother's compassion, and thus we pray for those undergoing their own passions of illness, injury, and age, and for their caregivers. Holy cards and petition slips will be found at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent and at the foot of the great Cross at St. Catherine near the Book of the Sick.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Mission Appeal Weekend

This weekend we welcome Fr. James M. Lynch, a Maryknoll Missioner, who will speak at some of the Masses today on behalf of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Maryknoll is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Maryknoll's task is to bring God's Word to foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Gospel, not in word alone, but in practical and concrete actions by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless and comforting the oppressed. Today's second collection will go to support their efforts. Please be generous.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:00 PM Requiem Mass for 9/11

On Monday, September 11, a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite will be offered at 7 PM at St. Vincent to commemorate the 21st anniversary of 9/11. The Schola Cantorum will sing *Requiem á 6* by Jean Richafort. This Mass is sponsored jointly by the Parish and the New York Purgatorial Society and will be offered for those who died on 9/11. All are most welcome.

The 7 AM Mass at St. Catherine and the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent will be offered in commemoration for the fallen as well.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5:15 PM AND FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 5:15 PM Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Friday, September 15 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. There will be a Sung Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena both evenings.

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Catherine on Thursday and Friday from 11:30 AM, concluding with Benediction and the recitation of the Rosary before the 5:15 PM Mass.

One of two such periods of extended adoration offered annually in the Parish, this one is offered for the intentions for those suffering in the hospitals and for those who care for them.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7:30 PM Upper Garden Prayer Night

Join us for a monthly prayer gathering at St. Catherine of Siena. It will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, songs of praise, spontaneous prayer, sacred silence, Scripture reading, deep listening, brief preaching and an opportunity to be anointed. Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer will lead the gathering as we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12 NOON

Midday Retreat with the Mystics: St. Bruno, the Carthusian

This week's focus will be on St. Bruno (1031-1101) and the Carthusians. Their motto, "The Cross stands while the world turns," has much to teach us today. We will enter *Into Great Silence* (cf. 2005 documentary), as Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer gives a conference talk on Carthusian spirituality and leads us using readings from the Carthusians and drawing from his own experience as a Carthusian monk. A social with light refreshments will follow. For more information see News & Events at www.uppergarden.org.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 3:00 PM**Sunday Adoration at St. Catherine**

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays at St. Catherine resumes next Sunday, September 17, with Exposition at 3 PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4 PM, and Benediction at 4:45 PM, preceding the 5 PM Sung Mass.

The Feast of Holy Cross on September 14 marks the beginning of our Parish Year, the time when many of our parishioners return from their summer travels and when most of our liturgical, devotional, and educational programs begin again after summer hiatus.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 PM****Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines**

After a summer hiatus, the Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis Belanger resumes meeting in the Lower Church at St. Vincent. All parishioners are welcome. The word "mystagogy" refers to the last stage of faith formation for converts. But, in another way, it is the life-long process by which fully initiated Catholics delve more deeply into their faith. This year we'll be reflecting on the history of the Church — an avenue that allows us to learn about devotions, teachings, saints, and sinners. The class will meet throughout the year except when the Tuesday Parish Study series is meeting in the Fall and Spring.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30****National Rosary Pilgrimage**

Join us for the first National Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 30. A group will be leaving from St. Vincent Ferrer Church at 5 AM and returning at 10:30 PM. The cost is \$75 per pilgrim. To register, please visit our website, svsc.info/news or call the parish office.

EVERY SUNDAY**Parish Coffee Hour**

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent after the 12 Noon Mass. In addition, St. Catherine will have their monthly coffee hour following the 10 AM Mass on September 17. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

FALL 2023**Cancer Support Group**

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry is hosting a new Cancer Support Group, helping to find strength to carry our cross in a Catholic community. Monthly meetings begin in the fall of 2023. For more information and to join the group, contact Fr. Hyacinth Grubb at director@healthcareministry.org

A REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Dear Parishioners,

The Social Concerns Committee would like to share with you the ways your generous donations supported our work this past year – September 2022 through June 2023. As usual, you were extremely generous with each of our requests.

One of our major works had been providing entertainment for the ladies at the Park Avenue Shelter with Thursday bingo games. To our surprise, we discovered that the women were not interested in playing bingo at this time. Yet, the women were most appreciative of the individualized Christmas gifts you donated. We wrapped at least three gifts in each bag and arranged to have a festive dinner catered on the day they received your gifts.

We aided the poor in many other ways too. We used some of the toiletries, socks, and clothing you have given for the migrants and to a WIN home in upper Manhattan, a step-up program for women in need. Our collections for the Common Pantry reached \$17,162. At the beginning of Lent, we had an in-kind food drive for specific food items, and you donated so much. In the Spring, we participated in another project for the Common Pantry, preparing lunch bags for weekend distribution. We made sandwiches and included other items. Finally, we had our usual collection of items for the elderly in the Bronx around Mother's Day. Your immediate and generous support of each of our undertakings has made our work so joyous. Thank you.

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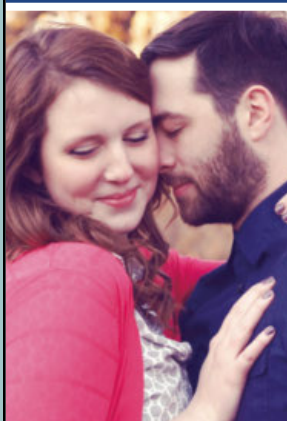
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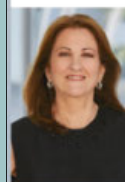
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