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September 19, 2021 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary

SOLEMN MASS FOR OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

There will be a Solemn Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, September 24 at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Mass will be celebrated according to the Anglican Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite and will be the first such Mass ever offered in New York City. All are most welcome.

The Personal Ordinariate was created by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009; it allows groups of former Anglicans converting to Catholicism to retain some of their liturgical patrimony.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's apparition to Lady Richeldis de Faverches in 1061 in the small village of Walsingham in Norfolk inspired what would become the strongest Marian devotion of the Catholic faithful in England. A pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham's shrine trailed only those to Rome and Santiago de Compostela in popularity. Destroyed in the Reformation in 1538, Pope Leo XIII re-founded the shrine in 1896, sparking a resurgence of devotion in the 20th century.

Fr. Armando Alejandro, Jr., a priest of the Ordinariate, will celebrate the Mass, and Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., himself a convert from Anglicanism, will preach.

The Parish's Schola Cantorum will sing music of the Anglican choral tradition, including Herbert Howells's *Collegium Regale Communion Service*, originally written for the choir of King's College, Cambridge.

For more information, email James Wetzel at jwetzel@svsc.info.

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will recommence next Sunday, September 19 at St. Catherine of Siena from 3 PM until Benediction at 4:45 PM.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken-up to support St. Joseph's Seminary – Dunwoodie, the seminary of the Archdiocese of New York. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

Tuesday, September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

MICHAELMAS

Wednesday, September 29 is the Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, commonly known as Michaelmas. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Orlando di Lasso's *Missa Domine Dominus noster*; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Stetit angelus*; and Richard Deering's *Factum est silentium*.

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

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MUSIC NOTES

Next weekend, for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will offer two grand double-choir motets of the Spanish tradition. Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla was born in Málaga, Spain, and held positions at the Cathedrals of Jerez de la Frontera and Cádiz before emigrating to the New World in 1620. Having settled in Puebla, Mexico (then in the viceroyalty of New Spain), he was appointed *maestro di capilla* of Puebla's Cathedral in 1629. The music of New Spain, since its beginnings in the 1530s, had been modeled on that of Old Spain, and during Padilla's tenure, Puebla boasted a music establishment rivaling anything in the Spanish Empire. Under the beneficence of Bishop Palafox y Mendoza especially, the choir included 28 men and 11 boys – much larger than any choir in Rome.

Super flumina Babylonis á 8 – Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Exsultate justi in Domino – Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla (c. 1590-1664)

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PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATED

Based on the CDC and the Archdiocese of New York recommendations, we have adjusted our Covid guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For additional information and updates, please visit our website: svsc.info/parish-covid-19-protocols.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic Boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Thursday, October 7, from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. For additional information, please write, e-mail, or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100 ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.

FORDHAM PREP OPEN HOUSE

Fordham Preparatory School, located on the Rose Hill campus of Fordham University in the Bronx, will host an Open House on Thursday, October 14 at 6 PM and Saturday, October 30 at 11 AM. For details on admissions, including in-person and virtual events, visit: fordhamprep.org/admissions. For additional information call (718) 584-8367 or email admissions@fordhamprep.org.

PARISH EMAIL

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**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
6:00 PM (Vigil) Maria Teresa Morosetti (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Jane Sellner (D)
12 NOON Brent L. Bouchez (D)
6:00 PM Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 PM Raul Castells, IV

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:00 AM Benefactors of the St. John Paul II Society
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 PM John P. Kane (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:00 AM Pete Damiani (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Mary O'Brien Heller (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 AM Lourdes Dancel Roy (D)
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM Sue Crissy (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:00 AM Odette Van Acker
6:00 PM Victorine & Armando Van Acker (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Gretta Lodes (D)
5:00 PM Carmina & Jeff Levine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:00 AM Joan Hollywood (D)
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
7:00 AM Julia Folan (D)
5:15 PM Amelia Espinosa (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Nora Hickey (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
9:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga (D)
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Fr. Roger Callum, Lydia Campbell, Roseann Connelly, John Crosson, Helen Devaney, Johan Domingo, Bill Fisher, Jr., Maggie Heath, Felix Hipos, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca Dominic Mathew, Arilda Palces, Madeline Reyes, Jim Robothem, Bill Rudd, Nora Ryan, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Margery Sugarman.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Felix Alvarez, John Consigli, Carol Dorrian, Paddy McKenna, Sr. Maureen O'Toole, William Edward Sirico, Anthony M. Scotto, Janice A. Wilson, 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, New York-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; Jack Ryan Keegan (D); Sr. Clara Mohan, o.p. (D); Souls in Purgatory; The People of the Parish; Special Intention; Intention of Donor.
St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Alicia Garcia (D)

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.

“I rejoiced when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’” – Psalm 122:1

Beautiful church architecture goes a long way. From elegant arches, to vaulted ceilings, to large stained-glass windows that flood the church with their transformation of light, gothic architecture draws the mind and the heart up to the Lord so that while we remain on this earth we might nevertheless be drawn into the realm of heaven. We are so blessed in both of our churches to have remarkable architectural designs that aid our prayer.

We are also blessed with another kind of church architecture too: the architecture of the Mystical Body. Here, we focus not so much on the physical buildings but on God’s people. Clerics and the laity are the most obvious image of this on a daily basis—the priest and the deacon at the altar along with the congregation in the pews, each in their own unique ways, all offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Yet, when a religious community administers a parish, there is another element at play that also can bear great fruit.

With the arrival of Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer, O.P., the new prior at St. Catherine of Siena Priory, some people have asked: What’s a prior? How is that different than a pastor? These are great questions that relate to the architecture of the Mystical Body, and so I wanted to share a little bit about how the structures of religious orders relate to parishes.

In a parish staffed by a religious order, there are a few things going on. First, there is the connection of the parish to the diocese or archdiocese. The parish falls under the guidance and support of the local bishop or archbishop, who appoints a pastor to serve the parish. Sometimes in larger parishes, you will also have other priests who assist the pastor, i.e. parochial vicars or assistant pastors. In our case, Cardinal Dolan shepherds the Archdiocese of New York, and as the pastor, I report to him and the auxiliary bishops (assistant bishops) that support him and his work of preaching the Gospel. Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P. and Fr. Joseph Hagan, O.P. are our two parochial vicars, and they assist me, especially by helping with the liturgies and parish groups at the churches where they reside. We are also blessed to have Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P. as the sacristan at St. Vincent Ferrer. Nearly everyone knows him, and he has been a wonderful source of continuity in the parish for decades.

The other aspect of a parish staffed by a religious order is the order’s own governmental structure. In the case of the Dominicans, we have two types of communities: a “priory” for a community with six or more friars or a “house” for a community with less than six friars. The Dominican community down at St. Joe’s in Greenwich Village is a house because they have less than six friars while the communities at St. Vincent’s and St. Catherine’ are both priories since both have more than six friars. Both priories and houses are internally governed by a prior or superior, respectively, who oversees the internal communal life of the friars—from the community’s prayer schedule, to our communal meals, to communal penances during Advent or Lent, and to anything else applying to the life of the Dominicans as a community.

Fr. Walter had been in a particular situation where he was both the pastor of the parish and also the prior of the Dominican community at St. Catherine’s. With his departure, both roles needed to be filled. So I was proposed by the Province to the Archdiocese as the pastor, and Cardinal Dolan approved me to be the pastor. Soon after Fr. Walter’s departure, the Dominican community at St. Catherine’s voted and elected Fr. Ignatius as their new prior.

The final aspect of a religious order’s relation to a parish it serves is the most beautiful—the living out of the order’s charism. Each religious order has a charism, its own particular way of living out the Gospel, and hopefully you all have seen good examples of Dominicans through the decades who lived out our charism of preaching for the salvation of souls. Ideally, this charism guides the work of the parish in so many varied ways. A thriving Dominican parish isn’t just one where the preaching at Mass is good, but it’s also one where all aspects of parochial life become an invitation to live the Gospel more deeply, a holy preaching as it is often called. The liturgies and devotions, the parish organizations, the service to local organizations, the fellowship, the charity that is shown by one parishioner to another, and all the rest of the aspects of a parish’s life should all become means of preaching and witnessing to the power of God’s grace active in the world.

May the Lord bless us abundantly so that all that we do may become a holy preaching, and so that all who come here—parishioners and guests alike—even while on this earth may be drawn into the realm of heaven.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.

NEW FACES IN THE PARISH

FR. IGNATIUS JOHN SCHWEITZER, O.P.



It's so good to begin my time here at St. Catherine's and St. Vincent's. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you, and seeing what the Lord does in our midst! A little about myself. I grew up in Ohio. I graduated from the University of Dayton and then joined the Dominicans in 2004. I was ordained a priest in 2011, which has been the greatest grace of my life. My first year as a priest was spent here in NYC at St. Catherine's, doing parish and hospital ministry. I then spent six years living as a monk at the Carthusian monastery in Vermont. In 2019, I returned to the Dominicans, discerning a strong call from the Lord to help others grow in the spiritual and mystical life (see my website www.UpperGarden.org). Since then, I have felt like that little Dominican dog running around with a torch in its mouth, lighting fires of divine Love here and there: Washington DC, Cincinnati, Youngstown, New Haven, and more places, especially through teaching online courses in spiritual theology with Avila Institute. What has captured my heart about St. Dominic is what his contemporaries said of him: "He always spoke either to God or about God." In prayer, he spoke to God and in handing on what he had contemplated, he spoke about God. In this spirit, I look forward to speaking together with you to God and about God!

BR. JAMES MARY RITCH, O.P.



I grew up in Mahopac, NY with my parents and sister. I attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Shrub Oak, NY and John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, NY. I was active in scouting, youth ministry, and sports. My vocational discernment began in high school as a youth group leader on a religious retreat. On this retreat, I heard God's call to become a priest of Jesus Christ. While earning a B.S. in biology from Providence College, I discerned a priestly and Dominican vocation under the guidance of Dominican priests. After undergrad, my interest in biology led me to do research on Huntington Disease at the Massachusetts General Hospital for two years. As a Knight of Columbus, I volunteered at a nursing home and regularly prayed in Adoration chapels in the Boston area. To further pursue my research interests, I attended the graduate school at University of Massachusetts in Worcester and earned a Master of Science in Neuroscience. In 2015, I entered the Dominican Order and was ordained a deacon in March 2021. Some of my past ministry assignments include two D.C. parishes to teach R.C.I.A., a hospital chaplaincy assignment in Virginia, the D.C. Jail, and The Church of St. Joseph in Greenwich Village (staffed by Dominican Friars). My current ministry assignments and educational programs include parish ministry here, hospital ministry in local health institutions, the Clinical Pastoral Education Program (training for hospital chaplaincy), and a course at St. Joseph's Seminary. I have hoped to return to this parish as a Dominican Friar since my first visit in 2004 when I was an incoming freshman at Providence College. I look forward to praying with and meeting with the parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for my priestly ordination in May 2022.

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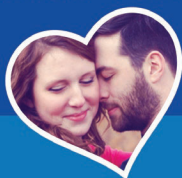
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