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September 5, 2021 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6. There will only be two Low Masses offered in the Parish: at 7 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and at 9 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. No Confessions will be heard and both churches will close following the Masses.

NATIVITY OF MARY

Wednesday, September 8 is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

There are only three nativities observed in the Roman Catholic calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for St. John the Baptist.

REQUIEM MASS ON 9/11

On Saturday, September 11, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite at 12 NOON will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The Schola Cantorum will sing Manuel Cardoso's *Missa pro defunctis*, a masterwork of the golden age of Portuguese polyphony. This Mass is sponsored jointly by the Parish and the New York Purgatorial Society and will be offered for those who died in 2001.

The two morning Masses on September 11 (8 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena) will be offered in commemoration for the fallen as well. A book of remembrance will be available in St. Joseph's Chapel at St. Vincent Ferrer and at the Purgatorial Altar in St. Catherine of Siena.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER

From the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, September 8 through the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Wednesday, September 15, the Parish will offer 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. The prayer of the Octave will be said at all the Masses. Holy cards and petition slips will be found at the Pieta at St. Vincent Ferrer and at the foot of the great Cross at St. Catherine of Siena near the Book of the Sick.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Tuesday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. There will be a Solemn Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena. The Schola Cantorum will sing Josef Rheinberger's *Messe in G*, Op. 151, 'Sanctae crucis', and Orlando di Lasso's *O crux splendidior – Dulce lignum*.

Wednesday, 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.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Catherine of Siena on Tuesday and Wednesday following the 7 AM Mass and 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. The other, at St. Vincent Ferrer, marks the end of the liturgical year on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

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

(Canceled for the summer months
and will resume September 19)

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MASS CELEBRATING ST. MARGARET OF CASTELLO, O.P.

On Saturday, September 18 there will be a Sung Mass at 12 NOON at St. Catherine of Siena to celebrate the canonization of St. Margaret of Castello, a 14th century Dominican tertiary who was born a crippled, blind, and hunchbacked dwarf. Through her holy life she is now a patroness of the disabled. Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., Executive Director of the Dominican Friars Healthcare Ministry of New York, will be the celebrant, and Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., will be the homilist. A holy card of St. Margaret will be distributed at Mass.

NEW YORK CHORAL CONSORTIUM SING-IN

The New York Choral Consortium is a membership organization comprising most volunteer and professional concert choruses based in New York City. NYCC's *The BIG SING* is an annual free singing event and is an opportunity for choristers from different ensembles to sing together. Typically at the beginning of summer, this year's tenth anniversary production will be on Sunday, September 12 at 3 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Parish's organist, James Wetzel, will be the accompanist. All are invited – either as a participant or as an audience member. Since this is not a Parish event, the NYCC will ask for proof of vaccination and for masks to be worn for all attendees. For more information: newyorkchoralconsortium.org/events

MUSIC NOTES

The Schola will sing for a number of upcoming services:
Saturday, September 11, for the 12 NOON Dominican Rite Requiem Mass on the 20th anniversary of 9/11.
Sunday, September 12, for the 12 NOON Solemn Mass for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Monday, September 13, for the 6 PM Prayer Service for the opening of the 76th Session of the U.N. General Assembly, with prelude music beginning at 5:45 PM, at the Church of the Holy Family (315 East 47th Street).
Tuesday, September 14, for 5:15 PM Solemn Mass at St. Catherine of Siena for the Feast of the Holy Cross.
Musical details for the special services may be found in the general announcements.

For next Sunday, the Schola will offer music of two composers who heralded the transition between the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Ippolito Baccusi was born in Mantua and by the late 1560s he had been appointed assistant *maestro di cappella* of St. Mark's in Venice. After studying in Ravenna, he held the position of *maestro di cappella* of the Church of St. Euphemia in Verona (1572-1575), the Monastery of St. Stephen in Venice (1575-1583), the Cathedral of Mantua (1583-1592), and the Cathedral of Verona (1592 until his death). Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck was a Dutch composer, organist, and pedagogue, who before 1580 succeeded his father as organist of the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam, a post he retained until his death.

Hoc signum crucis – Ippolito Baccusi (c. 1550-1609)

Qui vult venire post me – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
6:00 PM (Vigil) Genaro Munoz (D)
8:00 AM Anniversary of Deceased
Friends & Benefactors of the Order
9:30 AM Dante Rizzo
12 NOON For the People of the Parish
6:00 PM May Corso (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM **No Mass – Labor Day**
6:00 PM **No Mass – Labor Day**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Vilma Yapjoco (D)
6:00 PM Raul Castells, III (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8:00 AM Daniel Frances Boltja (D)
12:10 PM Doreen DeVivo (D)
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:00 AM Fr. William C.
Cunningham, S.J. (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 AM Eugene Gaughan (D)
12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
6:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
6:00 PM John Weisz (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
4:00 PM (Vigil) Maria Cecilia L.
Punzalan (D)
10:00 AM Anniversary of Deceased
Friends & Benefactors of the Order
5:00 PM Living & Deceased Priests
of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:00 AM Armando Balubayan (D)
5:15 PM **No Mass – Labor Day**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Virginia Rillo (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring
The Triumph of the Holy Cross
and Our Lady of Sorrows

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:00 AM Kathleen O'Brien (D)
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring
The Triumph of the Holy Cross
and Our Lady of Sorrows

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring
The Triumph of the Holy Cross
and Our Lady of Sorrows

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 AM For the Victims & Families
of the 9/11 Attacks
4:00 PM Octave of Prayer Honoring
The Triumph of the Holy Cross
and Our Lady of Sorrows

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

Maritz Abreu, August Arace,
Fr. Roger Callum, Lydia Campbell,
Roseann Connelly, John Consigli,
Helen Devaney, Johan Domingo,
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Hipos, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca
Dominic Mathew, Jared Miller, Jay
Mortimer, Marie O'Sullivan, Arilda
Palces, Danny Ramos, Madeline
Reyes, Jim Robothem, Nora Ryan,
Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, James
Sterling, and Margery Sugarman.

*Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Carol Dorrian, Paddy McKenna,
William Edward Sirico,
Anthony M. Scotto, Janice A.
Wilson, Daniel Zwiren 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

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Teresa Donnelly (D); Syble
Wilson (D); Souls in Purgatory;
The People of the Parish, Special
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St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp

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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;
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***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.*

OCTAVE OF PRAYER HONORING THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF SORROWS

It is with great joy that I write to you on the occasion of our annual celebration of the octave of prayer for the Feast of our Blessed Virgin Mary and the Exultation of the Holy Cross. The Board of Directors for the Shrine of St. Jude met on June 15 and voted to appoint me as its new director to replace Fr. Walter Wagner.

This letter invites you to join the patrons of the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude in our annual celebration of the Octave of Prayer which begins on Wednesday, September 8, the feast of Our Lady's Nativity, concluding on Wednesday, September 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Within this octave we recall the fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, September 13 and the Exultation of the Holy Cross on Tuesday, September 14.

The intentions for this Octave of Prayer will be offered for patients and caregivers in the various hospitals that the Dominican Friars minister to within our Parish. This is the principal ministry of the Dominican Friars residing here in the Priory of St. Catherine of Siena from its inception. One might walk into the church at any time during the day to witness individuals and families both in prayer and in tears on behalf of their loved ones suffering in our neighborhood hospitals. We bond with them in prayer and sufferings during their difficult times.

The celebrations of these days extend to us that perfect opportunity to reflect upon events in the life of Mary and of her Son, Jesus Christ. The birthplace of Mary is commemorated at the Basilica of St. Ann on the site of the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9). It is the supposed location of the home of Joachim and Ann. On September 13 we reflect upon Fatima apparitions when Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. The message to these children and to us includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer, especially the contemplative prayer of the holy rosary.

Certainly, the high point of our octave will focus on the Exultation of the Holy Cross. "Because by our holy cross you have redeemed the world." We will remain powerless if we do not appreciate the richness and the meaning of this cross and why Christ died for us. During Holy Week we focus on the sufferings of Christ Crucified. In our celebration of the Triumph or Exultation of the Holy Cross, our focus shifts to the glory and victory of the cross. We approach the cross not with sorrow but with joy, not as a symbol of death but of life, not a sign of defeat but of victory, and certainly not as a cause of fear but of hope.

And in concluding this octave we stand at the foot of the cross with Mary the Mother of the Lord. The location of this feast in the liturgical calendar reminds us of the suffering of Mary during the passion and death of Christ. She stands with St. John and becomes the mother of all the living. And as our Mother we can go to her with confidence that she will respond to our needs and prayers.

During this Octave of Prayer we will unite ourselves with all those who we know on the beds of suffering as well as the caregivers at their side. The Octave Prayer will be recited daily at all the Masses in both of our churches. There will be a designated location in both churches for writing your intentions. The Octave Masses for these intentions will be celebrated daily at St. Catherine of Siena at 5:15 PM.

On the feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Tuesday, September 14) and Our Lady of the Sorrows (Wednesday, September 15) there will be ALL Day Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 7:30 AM Mass until Benediction at 4:30 PM. It is hoped that you might consider joining us for some period of prayer during these special days.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Father Joseph P. Allen, O.P.
Shrine Director



A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Beginning September 2021, members of the Social Concerns Committee will resume collecting donations which support the New York Common Pantry. The Pantry is located at 8 East 109th Street and is dedicated to reducing hunger throughout New York City.

Your donation makes a difference! Last year our Committee collected approximately \$13,000 for the Pantry from our generous parishioners. You can donate by cash or check on FOOD SUNDAY at Mass or you can donate via WeShare on our Parish website, svsc.info.

FOOD SUNDAY collection dates for 2021/2022 are: September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19

Religious Education registration for the 2021-2022 parish year is now open. We will offer in-person Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for children from 3-years-old through 6th grade at St. Catherine of Siena. We will also offer in-person Confirmation preparation for youth in 7th and 8th grades and for older teens who are not yet confirmed at St. Vincent Ferrer. Sessions begin the week of September 19.

Please visit svsc.info/youth-religious-formation to learn more and register for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education, at lhharrelson@svsc.info.

We look forward to welcoming your children back in September!



RCIA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20

Want to become a Catholic? Or need to be confirmed? Beginning September 20, our RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will meet in-person every Monday at 7 PM.

Email Fr. Joseph Hagan at rcia@svsc.info.



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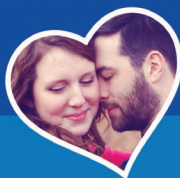
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