January 1, 2023 – Solemnity of Mary

COME JOIN OUR PARISH - ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our community. If you have made the Parish your spiritual home but have not yet registered, please do. This will help us to help you in case you are asked to be a godparent, or in case you would like to get married here. It will also help the Dominicans more intentionally to keep you in their prayers. Moreover, it will be a great means to help you get rooted in and connected to a community. Please visit our website, svsc.info/join-our-parish to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

SIGN-UP FOR PARISH EMAIL

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

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR’S DAY

Sunday, January 1. New Year’s Day, is the Octave Day of the Nativity: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Parish will offer a regular weekend schedule.

The Octave Day of the Nativity celebrates the Circumcision of our Lord. In the Old Law, by the rite of Circumcision, every male Jew became a member and shared in the privileges and blessings of the chosen people of God. Our Lord, the sinless Son of God by nature who therefore did not need adoption into the membership of God’s children, nevertheless submitted to the ancient Law. The Feast of the Holy Name follows on the Octave on January 3 to celebrate Jesus’ name given at the Circumcision

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

On Saturday, January 7, following the 6 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Blessing of Epiphany Water will be given at St. Vincent Ferrer. There is an ancient tradition to bless holy water on this feast in honor of Jesus’ sanctification of the waters of the Jordan at his Baptism. The Church asks God to unseal the font of grace to bless the water and make it a means of both protection from evil and sanctification for people and places. Please Bring a bottle of water if you would like to have Epiphany Water at home.

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 8 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This very ancient feast, with origins in the Christian East, highlights the mystery of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to all peoples, as exemplified by the Magi who came to worship the King of the Jews just born in Bethlehem; the Baptism by John in the Jordan River; and his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Also known as “Little Christmas” or “Three Kings Day” and traditionally celebrated on January 6 as the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Epiphany is considered the peak of Christmastide.
Visitation Circle Monthly Meeting

Saturday, January 7, is the monthly meeting of the Visitation Circle. It will be held in St. Vincent Ferrer Church, starting with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:35 AM, followed by Mass at 12 noon. Refreshments will follow in the Church Priory; a small, free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated. Please note that refreshments will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance.

This month’s meeting will include the presentation of a one-woman play, focusing on varying perspectives of forgiveness—as a comedic avoidance, an act of courage and a hopeful vision.

The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single or separated women. For additional information and a reservation for Saturday's event, contact the Visitation Circle at catherine_o_rourke@hotmail.com or email the Parish Office at parish@svsc.info.

Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There will be a 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Baptism is the official end of the Christmas season, although some Christmas traditions continue until Candlemas.

Music Notes

Next Sunday, for the Epiphany of the Lord, the Schola will sing music by the prolific Franco-Flemish composer Orlando di Lasso. The Communion Motet (Cum natus esset) is an extensive 6-voice setting of the text also read as the Gospel for this Solemnity, Matthew 2:1-12, in which we hear of King Herod’s interview with the Magi and their subsequent travel to Bethlehem to adore the Christ Child.

Missa Ecce nunc benedicite Dominum – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Omnes de Saba venient – Orlando di Lasso

Cum natus esset – At illi dixerunt – Et ecce stella – Orlando di Lasso

Next Week Special Second Collection to Support Holy Family Hospital

HELP US BRING

Hope to Bethlehem

During this Time of Crisis

Learn more about Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation at all Masses on January 8th, the Feast of the Holy Family, at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Holy Family Hospital is a Catholic teaching hospital located in Bethlehem just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. It is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor and at-risk women, infants, and children throughout the Bethlehem region. The Hospital stands as a beacon of hope for families regardless of creed, nationality, or ability to pay. No one is ever turned away. Your generous donations are the perfect gift ensuring the delivery of life, peace, and hope in the Holy Land. This modern-day manger is sustained by generous donations from individuals and parishes throughout the world.

Please visit birthplaceofhope.org/donate to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you.

Christmas Tithing

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. During this Christmas season, please remember us in your Christmas and year-end gift which helps to support the many ministries and services of the Parish.

Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To make your Christmas donation, visit our website, svsc.info/ways-to-give.

You can also give via text message: text keyword SVSC to 800-950-9952. Click the link and complete your gift.
**Mass Intentions**

**St. Vincent Ferrer**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

6:00 PM  (Vigil) Rosemary &
Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)
8:00 AM  Patrick Naughton (D)
9:30 AM  For the People of the
Parish
12 NOON  Christmas Novena
6:00 PM  The Lane Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:00 AM  For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM  Letizia B. Rizzo & the
Deceased Members of the Barbetta
& Rizzo Families
6:00 PM  Christmas Novena

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00 AM  Christmas Novena
12:10 PM  Pauline Kenneally (D)
6:00 PM  James Krassis (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

8:00 AM  Michelle Cox (D)
12:10 PM  Daisy Tiongco (D)
6:00 PM  Robert Mullen (D)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00 AM  Joseph Kiely (D)
12:10 PM  Patsy & Margaret
Cunningham
6:00 PM  Anne McLaughlin (D)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:00 AM  Diane Astuto (D)
12:10 PM  Marissa Di Maggio (D)
6:00 PM  Anne McLaughlin (D)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00 AM  Robert Broglia (D)
6:00 PM  Anne Burke (D)

**Mass Intentions**

**St. Catherine of Siena**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

4:00 PM  (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM  Lilia N. Arenas (D)
5:00 PM  Living and Deceased
Priests of the Parish

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

7:00 AM  For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM  Deceased Members of
the Cox, Foster, Nadel, & Synan
Families

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:00 AM  Federico & Juanita
Bustria (D)
5:15 PM  John & Franziska
Koestner (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

7:00 AM  For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM  Crucillo Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

7:00 AM  Bastino Salamone
5:15 PM  Poor Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

7:00 AM  For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM  Special Intention (D)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:00 AM  Megan Dowling
4:00 PM  David Gale (D)

**Hospital Ministry**

**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 Friars
Health Care Ministry.

**Parish Prayer Intentions**

Elaine Arace, August Arace,
Maggie Heath, Gaye Hooks, Jeremy
Kyser, Hope Niceta, Jocelyne
Owarish, Lillian Previda, Robert T.
Quackenbush, Giovanni Rampone,
Eric Rodriguez, and Emilia Weitzman

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

Judith Brofman, John De Jesus
Cifuentes, Stanley Costillo, Dale
Giles Earhardt, Ellorine Martinez,
Libby Mavroleon, Mary Kate
McShane, Vincent Murray, Billie
Pierre, Ann Quinlan, and the souls of
all the recently deceased.

**Candle Intentions**

**St. Vincent Ferrer**

Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose
Gonzalez; Jack Ryan Keegan;
John Donnelly (D); Patrick
McCarthy (D); Intention of Donor;
Souls in Purgatory; and the People of
the Parish.

Advent Wreath
Mary & Angelo Soldato (D)
Pryor & Adrian Families
Mazza Family
Esperanza C. Valero & Ambrosio L
Valero II

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Richard Janniello

Rosary Altar
Mary Kate McShane (D)

**Candle Intentions**

**St. Catherine of Siena**

Purgatorial Altar Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (D);
Rosa J. Silan (D)

Blessed Mother Shrine,
Sanctuary Lamp
Priscilla Ventigan

St. Martin de Porres,
St. Thomas Chapel,
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
St. Margaret of Costello,
Priory Chapel, and St. Jude Shrine
Maria Marta Litrenta

Rosary Altar
Maria Marta Litrenta;
Intention of Donor

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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.