



THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH STUDY

This Winter, Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P. will lead our Parish Study series. This semester he will continue his study on the Book of Genesis. Sessions will continue on Tuesday, January 28 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, January 27 at 7 PM, a sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, O.P.

Tuesday, January 28 is the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church known as the *Doctor Angelicus*. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. The 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession and Blessing of Candles.

INVITATION FROM THE ST. VINCENT FERRER CONVENT

On Sunday February 2, the Dominican Sisters in the convent at St. Vincent Ferrer invite single women, 20 to 45 years of age, to join them in the Convent at 3:45 PM for a time of conversation, prayer, and Adoration, followed by Sung Vespers at 5:30 PM in the church. This is an opportunity for the Sisters to get to know a little better those whom they encounter in the parish, and for you to become better acquainted with their Dominican life of prayer and ministry.

The convent, at 152 East 66th Street, is entered through the iron gate east of the 66th Street door to the church.

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:

8:50 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (SUNG VESPERS)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:25 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS

AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

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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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

St. Catherine of Siena
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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.
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PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, and how to become more involved in our common life, please take a green Parish Handbook.

For information about the music program, please take a Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching'. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex and online.

To register as a parishioner, please use the form found at the back of the Handbook or online. Follow us on facebook @StVincentAndStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

PARISH CALENDAR

JANUARY

JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 2 – NOVENA OF THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 – CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

12 NOON Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7 PM New York Purgatorial Society Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Blessing of Candles *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule with

10 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet Service

at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass

at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
6:00 PM (Vigil) Louise & Dick Buckley (D)
8:00 AM Raquel Taton (D)
9:30 AM Raymond Murphy (D)
12 NOON Dorothy M. Grever (D)
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Mary O'Connor
6:00 PM Richard & Frances Reynolds (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
8:00 AM Anthony, Jane, & Michael Sellner (D)
12:10 PM Mary O'Connor
6:00 PM Thomas Francis Foye (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
8:00 AM Frank Zaccaro (D)
12:10 PM Patricia Kelanak (D)
6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M. Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
8:00 AM Mrs. Oscar de la Renta
12:10 PM Mrs. Oscar de la Renta
6:00 PM Eleanor Dix (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
8:00 AM Seth Reid (D)
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorski (D)
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:00 AM Dana Greechan
6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
4:00 PM (Vigil) Gloria Lyn (D)
10:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Mijacika & Tayijancil Families (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Fayez Dahan (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
7:00 AM Moneta & Thomas Boyle
5:15 PM Luiz Nestor Simion Roratto (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Heinz Budag (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
7:00 AM Special Intention
5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Rosaria De Paolis (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
9:00 AM Chris Adiletta
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list.

Mike Borland, Bernadette Carty, Jarrod Dubesko, Edana Fenske, Emily Garnett, Christine Heller, Joseph Henao, Anne Hills, Cody Ingram, Douglas Kozak, Jared Miller, Jay Mortimer, Maurice Murphy, David Olivier, David Reid Isabelle Rivera, Scott, Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, William Selby, Prechry Thongtha, & Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Robert Calise, Judy Cosme, Fransisca, Lloyd, & Maurice Garcia, Matthew Martinez, & Earl Petillo, 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
Michael Antoru; Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Frank Nordone (D); Aquila Zacharilla (D); For the Souls in Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; Intention of Donor

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

Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, what would have been the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time is displaced by the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The celebration, fixed to February 2nd (forty days after Christmas), was previously styled the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Finding its origin from the local observance of Jerusalem, this holy day, commonly called Candlemas, is perhaps the most ancient festival of Our Lady and is prayed as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. It marks the end of the Christmas cycle in the liturgical year and is when crèche scenes are traditionally taken down.

The Feast commemorates three things: the obedience of Mary to the Mosaic Law's ritual of purification – according to Leviticus 12:6, the period of impurity after giving birth was forty days; the presentation of Jesus in the Temple in which he, as the firstborn son, is consecrated to the Lord according to the Law; and the meeting of the infant Jesus with the aged Simeon.

Traditionally, as a reflection of Christ the true light, the beeswax candles to be used throughout the proceeding year are blessed on this festival: Candle+Mass. Even in modern times, candles remain a required part of the Church's liturgical expression as a sanctifying sign (sacramental) of the partnership between God and his creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands becomes something beautiful and useful, as is explained in the Easter Vigil's *Exsultet*.

For Candlemas, the 12 NOON Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession and a Blessing of Candles, and the Schola will sing music of three Romantic composers, an Englishman, an Austrian, and a Norwegian:

Mass in F – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Virga Jesse floruit – Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Ave maris stella – Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

For information about the music program, please take this season's Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching', available in the narthex and online.

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 "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

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.

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.

MINISTRY APPEAL

Young adult males, single or married, as well as boys in fourth grade or higher are invited to consider joining our parish guild of Altar Servers, those who assist the priest at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information, please contact our parish coordinator of servers, Steve Quatela, through parish@svsc.info or (212) 744-2080.

We are also in need of Ushers (Collection Offering) and Greeters at both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (212) 744-2080. You may also leave your name and contact information with the guard in the narthex of St. Vincent Ferrer at any time.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

To inquire about volunteering in our Parish, please use the form found on our website, www.svsc.info or <http://www.svsc.info/volunteers/>.

DOMINICAN THIRD ORDER

Are you a layperson who believes that you are called to a more profound interior life through the charisms of the Dominican Order? You may want to visit the Dominican Third Order (Lay Fraternity) Chapter that meets in the Parish Center of St. Vincent Ferrer on the third Thursday of each month from 6 – 8 PM. All are welcome. To learn more visit <http://laydominicans.org/>, or visit our blog at <http://lolotac.blogspot.com/>.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary welcomes memberships into the council that meets at St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM. Legion meetings consist of prayers, review of work projects, and assignments for the coming week. Our ministry is visiting the sick at Mary Manning Walsh and bringing Communion to catholic residents. If you are interested please contact the spiritual moderator, Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P. or president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

PRESENTATION

Some advice comes so simply that you never forget it.

When I served as Novice Master I lived at our Priory and Parish of St. Gertrude in Cincinnati with Fr. Clement Burns. "Clem" as we knew him, was a son of the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer. He grew up in a walkup on Third Avenue, and came to know his vocation while serving mass every morning. (On Sundays he proudly served the High Mass because he excelled at the complexities of the Dominican Rite. But in old age he would have been amazed that younger people would now celebrate it voluntarily.)

Having been ordained in 1954 he celebrated Mass and preached through the Second Vatican Council and its aftermath. He served us as Master of Students and Master of Novices. St. Dominic's own life as an itinerant preacher was Clem's way in the Order. (Our Holy Founder's love of poverty also claimed Clem's heart: he preferred McDonald's to Denny's because you didn't need to leave a tip.) Clem's was a prophetic life: in the 1960's he demonstrated and got arrested in the civil rights movement, and in the 1980's he repeated the process during the pro-life movement. Clem's inner life blossomed in the charismatic renewal and he would stand in St. Gertrude's Church for many hours praying over people.

After all of that, in the autumn of his life, when he stood up at Community Mass to offer advice to novices, he said simply, "Tell God you will do whatever He wants."

This preacher's life revealed the impact of so simple a sentence when uttered in loving response to being made, redeemed, and sanctified. Years of experience did not lead Clem to his observation. Rather, his stance shaped his experience. Clem was a presented person. He had assumed a stance of complete surrender and absolute confidence, and so his complete availability to superiors never stifled his initiative, imagination, or startling candors. (Just after Mass to the Celebrant: "Vinnie, that was the best twenty minute daily Mass homily I ever heard.")

Next Sunday, February 2, we rejoice that Jesus himself was a presented person. You may know the Presentation of the Lord as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Here we contemplate Mary and Joseph making their firstborn available to God. But in the whole Gospel we marvel that the adult Jesus assumed this stance for himself. The Letter to the Hebrews puts it this way.

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" Heb. 10: 5-7

It won't surprise you that consecrated women and men recognize themselves in Jesus' presented self, for in making a vow of obedience they have made a solemn presentation of themselves, and find their lives fulfilled in not being self directed. Not for nothing is February 2 the Church's World Day of Consecrated life.

But anyone whose Christianity leads them to a committed way of life becomes a presented person. Having perceived a vocation, they take down their defenses against the unknown and make "whatever God wants" the propulsion and organization of their life. The freedom and serenity of such people attract us accords the lines of age and perspective. Their appeal is mystical. Our straitlaced novices loved Clem, who said mass in white sneakers and regularly omitted liturgical things he found tiresome. Without being told the Brothers knew he was free in God.

This year our parish is celebrating nine days of common prayer in preparation for Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas. On that day we will have the opportunity at the NOON and 5 PM Masses to receive a lit candle and make a presentation of it at the altar. By this we renew for ourselves the stance of presentation our parents placed us in at baptism. In so doing we become, like our Incarnate Lord, lights in the darkness.

Presentation as the stance for a lifetime becomes possible when we realize that the one who made us will not fail us, and that He who knew us before our birth will provide us with gifts to offer. Presented people give back what they have received, and so presenting ourselves will demand that we actively and gratefully receive the gift of self.

These days of prayer will offer the chance to do just this. As has become usual with us, the prayer of the novena will be said at all the Masses.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. (Lk. 2: 30-31)

V. We ponder your loving kindness.

R. Within your Temple, O Lord.

Let us pray.

We give you praise, ever living and ever loving God, for the many gifts you have given each of us and all of us. Grant us grace, we pray, to make an offering of them. As your son was presented in the Temple, so help us present ourselves, that we may share his generosity of self and his freedom in you, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Please join in this common effort and witness.

In these days it is also traditional to honor the Infant of Prague. You still find leaflets for this purpose at his shrine in each of our churches.

HELP US HELP THE POOR

The Social Concerns Committee is accepting monetary donations in the "poor box" on the left side of St. Vincent Ferrer as you enter from Lexington Avenue. We will use this money for our celebrations for the women living at the shelter and other events that do come up during the upcoming year. Please be as generous as you can. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

MAGNIFICAT PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Guided by Dominican priest Fr. Thomas More Garrett, o.p., Magnificat magazine is leading a 9-day pilgrimage to France from June 27 – July 5, 2020. The trip will include stays in Lourdes, Paris, and Versailles. In addition to the shrine at Lourdes, pilgrims will visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the family home of St. Therese of Lisieux, Omaha Beach, and world heritage site Mont-Saint-Michel. For more information visit <https://www.petersway.com/9674.html> or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at thomas.more.garrett@opeast.org.

TAI-CHI CLASSES

Health Advocates for Older People will be sponsoring Tai-Chi classes, the ancient movements and balance exercises to strengthen legs, ankles, knees, and hips. Classes will take place on Mondays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. All are welcome.

LEGACY OF FAITH

The Edward Cardinal Egan Pavilion at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale is home to more than 35 priests. It provides peace, serenity, fellowship, and the highest-quality care for those who have dedicated their lives to serving the glory of God and the well-being of their communities. It is a tangible response to Christ's call to help others. When you sit down to review your estate to reflect your lifelong devotion to the priesthood, you might think about a gift to the Egan Pavilion. The Planned Giving Office can be reached at (646) 794-3317 or plannedgiving@archny.org.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, o.p. at (646) 794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DIVORCE/SEPARATION

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this group meets every first Tuesday from 8 – 9 P.M. and is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and optional sharing guided by an experienced facilitator.

To learn more, visit www.nonnatus.org or "Philly Nonnatus" on social media. Call, text, or email the Director of the Foundation at (215) 870-9913 or director.srnf@gmail.com (type SUPPORT in the title to receive direct link).

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS: REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT, RENEW YOUR SOUL

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap. and Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will be leading several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at (646) 736-7964 or at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com. You may also see the full itineraries online at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Our upcoming pilgrimages include:

Italy/Greece
Shrines, Wines, & Castles (Portugal)
The Camino
Oberammergau/Prague (Passion Play)

Plus our regularly scheduled pilgrimages:

"Franciscan Italy" "Great Women of Faith"
(Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux)
"Holy Land – The Living Rosary"
"Footsteps of St. John Paul II" (Poland/Prague)
"Our Lady in the New World" (Guadalupe/Mexico)
"Catholic Spain" "Fatima" "Journey to Peace"
(Medjugorje)
"Footsteps of Pope Francis" (Argentina/Uruguay)
"Catholic Ireland" "Church of John and Paul"
(Greece/Turkey)

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2020

- That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

From the Conference of Catholic Bishops

- Poverty Awareness Month concludes.
- The Nine Days for Life initiative concludes.

National Catholic Schools Week

- The week that includes the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas is always marked by this observance. Pray for our own school and its mission in our city.
- Pray for all the efforts of the Church to form the young, especially that the specter of scandal will not hold us from the important task of seeing that children grow up with Jesus at the center of their lives.

In the Community of the Parish

- Join in days of prayer to prepare for the great Feast of the Lord's Presentation, to be celebrated this coming Sunday, February 2.
- Here is the Novena Prayer:
We give you praise, ever-living and ever-loving God, for the gifts you have bestowed upon each of us and upon all of us. Give us grace, we pray, to make an offering of them. As your son was presented in the Temple, so may we present ourselves, that we may share in his generosity of self and his freedom in you, for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Friar, Priest, and Doctor of the Church (Feast for the Order)

- St. Thomas (1225 - 1274) is known as the Angelic Doctor or the Common Doctor.
- He is Patron of Catholic universities and schools.
- Pray for the work of theologians in the Church that they may connect the people of this age with what God has revealed in the Gospel for all ages.

January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest and Founder (M)

- St. John (1815 - 1888) is most famous for his work with the young people of Turin, Italy.
- Pray for the wonderful work of the Salesians of Don Bosco.
- Pray that troubled youth everywhere may recognize Christ as the one who brings God's unqualified love for every soul He has made.