



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

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October 11, 2020 – 28th Sunday

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The churches are cleaned between Masses.

COLUMBUS DAY

In observance of Columbus Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 12. Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual.

DECADE OF PRAYER

From the Feast of St. Luke on October 18 through the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude on October 28, the Parish will offer Decade of Prayer. In these days we pray to St. Luke as the patron of physicians and to St. Jude, as the Apostle of Hope. The prayer of the Decade will be said at all the Masses. Holy cards and petition slips will be available at both Churches.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, October 26 at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FEAST OF ST. JUDE

Wednesday, October 28 is the Feast of St. Jude, Apostle and patron saint of hope and impossible causes. There will be a Sung Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena for the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York. This will conclude the Parish's Decade of Prayer to St. Jude.

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Island, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

FALL PARISH STUDY

This Fall, Fr. Walter is leading a Parish Study series on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Please go to our website at svsc.info for the full details. The series will run from October 6 through Thanksgiving. All sessions will be available on-line. It is never too late to join.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6 PM

SUNDAY: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,

12 NOON (SOLEMN), 6 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6 PM

SATURDAY: 8 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4 PM

SUNDAY: 10 AM, 5 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LIVESTREAM MASS

SUNDAY: 12 NOON

WEEKDAYS: 12:10 PM

SATURDAY: 9 AM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY:

8:45 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

WEEKDAYS:

7:25 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (HOLY HOUR AND
CONFESSIONS)

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY:

3 PM (EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION)

WEEKDAYS:

5 PM (ROSARY)

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM

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ST. JUDE

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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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Parish is now offering an additional period of weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evenings at St. Catherine of Siena. Sponsored by the Dominican Friars Healthcare Ministry of New York, this will be a time of prayer for those who are sick and those who care for them.

5:45 PM – Exposition and preaching

6:45 PM – Benediction

7 PM – Vespers

7:15 PM – Salve Procession

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit *svsc.info* and go to "Donate".

RCIA IS STILL ACCEPTING NEWCOMERS

Want to become a Catholic? Or need to be confirmed? Email Fr. Joseph at *rcia@svsc.info*. Our RCIA meets every Monday at 7 PM. We began on September 21, but we'll happily accept new comers. During Covid, we will have a mix of in person and on line meetings, following safety protocols.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will offer musi of two obscure Italian Renaissance composers who were contemporaries of the great Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594).

The Communion motet, *Domine Dominus noster* sets the entirety of Psalm 8, the first verse of which is appointed as the Communion Antiphon.

Confitebor tibi Domine

– Giovanni Bassano (c. 1558-1617)

Domine Dominus noster

– Orazio Vecchi (1550-1605)

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

St. Vincent Ferrer High School will host an in-person Open House on Saturday, October 24. Please visit their website, *SaintVincentFerrer.com* to make a reservation. Space will be limited for social distancing.

Dominican Academy will host two virtual Open Houses: Saturday, October 17 from 10–11:30 AM and Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 5–6:30 PM. An RSVP is required on their website *DominicanAcademy.org*

Fordham Preparatory School has two in-person Open House events scheduled: Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, November 1, at 1:00 PM, provided they are able to do so based on recommendations from public health officials. For more details visit: *fordhamprep.org*

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:00 PM (Vigil) Umberto
Del Ciglio (D)
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families, Andrew
& Arthur Williams (D)
9:30 AM Marie Lewis (D)
12 NOON Garvey & Mary Meade (D)
6:00 PM Mary Ellen & Patrick
Foye (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Angelo A. Soldato (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
8:00 AM Melissa Fishel (D)
12:10 PM Venie Czobor
6:00 PM Benedict Fenwick (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
8:00 AM Patrick Loynds (D)
12:10 PM Stephen & Rose Stack (D)
6:00 PM President Donald J. Trump

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
8:00 AM Sr. Petra of Schoenstatt
(D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
8:00 AM Ellen Keane in
Thanksgiving
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Mary Heller Dixon (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
8:00 AM Robert Suarez (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Kodie Healy (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
7:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga
5:15 PM Donald B. Pinto (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
7:00 AM James A. Kerl (D)
5:15 PM Poor Souls In Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Mary Ellen McCarthy (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:00 AM Evangeline Cornista (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Astrid DeLeon Castro, Roseann
Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Mary
Gormley, Maggie Heath, Annette
Howard, Janice Joy Isidro & baby girl
Isidro, Robert Knight, Rosie Mann,
Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, &
Oxana Skop.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Sandie Bonfield, Evelyn
Bryant, Barbara Chin, Dorothy
Cunningham, Benedict Fenwick,
Ethel Garcia, Claudio Huerta,
Matthew Martinez, Genaro Munoz,
Rosemary Munshower, 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
Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Mary
Donoghue (D); Ramon & Fernando
Gonzalez (L); Souls in Purgatory;
The People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan
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.*

A PEBBLE THROWN IN A POND

We draw closer to our common exercise of the franchise, a duty and privilege we received from our forebears and hope to hand on intact to our progeny. For Christians, voting and believing refine each other; belief directs voting beyond short-term self-interest, and the work of voting clarifies the content of belief. The Fathers of the Church agree with the Founding Fathers that voting can point us toward the common good, and the Fathers would add that God's kingdom comes closer when this happens. Indeed the Papacy and religious communities, like the Dominicans, depend on elections to manifest the movement of the Holy Spirit. So in preparing to vote we draw on two traditions and each believes we can fill out the ballot with something more than greed, fear or anger.

Half a century ago Vatican II recognized that voter awareness would become more crucial. It recognized that the gap between local and global was narrowing, so that personal choices would affect wider and wider circles of people. The prophetic office of the Council becomes ever more apparent to me as I make my way through *Gaudium et Spes* and its teaching on the Church's presence in the modern world. I am mining these spirit-filled pages for principles that can help us in our work as electors.

In previous letters we named some terms of engagement. We, the Church, have a call to share freely the fruits of our relationship with Christ, and we do this by reflecting on human events in the light of the Gospel and by inserting these insights, without agenda, into the discourse of our time. Christ's ministry as presented by the Evangelists, connects with human progress in a focus on the potential and the needs of the human person. Jesus certainly preaches to crowds, but the moments that reveal his transformative impact come with individuals: the woman of Samaria, the man born blind, the woman caught in adultery, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. At such moments Jesus not only offers a teaching, but with the Holy Spirit enables a profound movement in personal outlook and behavior. The Council too, sees past the crowd to the person. Consider this:

"...there is a growing awareness of the sublime dignity of the human person who stands above all things and whose rights and duties are universal and inviolable. He ought, therefore, to have ready access to all that is necessary for living a genuinely human life: for example, food, clothing, housing, the right freely to choose his state of life and set up a family, the right to education, work, to his good name, to respect, to proper knowledge, the right to act according to the dictates of conscience and to safeguard his privacy, and the right to freedom even in matters of religion." (Gaudium et Spes #26)

It would limit the power of this passage to read it only as a list of civil rights; more profoundly, it delineates the social goods which enable the dignified and multi-faceted life for which we were made. The social deference mandated here extends not to groups but to individuals, so that the Council, like Christ himself, reaches beyond every demographic and political category to the mystery of the person, which no category captures.

If each woman and man is to possess social space like this, it will come not only as a work of government, but of the spiritual, commercial, and cultural institutions that have direct impact upon individual life. My personal capacity for a fully human life rests upon the US Government, the Roman Catholic Church, the Dominican Order, the City of New York, the Nineteenth Precinct, Apple, Netflix, my retailers (I am not telling), and you!

That's right! You are a factor in my human thriving. The way you vote, invest, shop, dine, dress, and walk down the street has an impact on my quality of life. I, likewise, hold this power in your life. When you and I vote we exercise social power over countless people, touching each facet of life enumerated by the Council Fathers.

It follows that if I perceive my vote as a volley fired in one battle of an ongoing clash of social forces, I will miss the significance of casting the vote. Measured by the words of the Council, for those eligible, voting is a right and a duty that is inviolable. Certainly my vote follows upon discernment of the merits of policies and the capacities of candidates, but I evaluate these against the thriving of my neighbor who was made by God to thrive.

Christ serves people on this basis. His ministry has become mine not just by ordination, but by baptism. In virtue of our rebirth you and I share Christ's capacity to turn the saying around and never to miss the trees for the forest.

To be continued...

Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2020

• We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

The United States Conference of Bishops

- During this Respect Life Month pray that we may discover again the preciousness of each human being, and the significance of each stage of life in the completion of the person.
- Pray for the amazing work of the Sisters of Life, and of Pregnancy Help, who not only tell people this truth but enable women to respect their own lives and those of their children.
- October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we pray that each household may be a safe place for the adults and children gathered there.
- Pray for victims of domestic violence and those who help them to recover from it.

October 11

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

- Today we will seek support for the formation of the Dominican Friars in their novitiate and seminary years. Pray that we will be able to give a high quality of instruction to the young men who have presented themselves for lifetimes of consecrated service.
- Pray for the young Friars themselves as they face the challenge of leading the Church into an unclear future.
- Remember the ladies who reside at the Park Avenue Shelter, those who reside with the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Bronx, and the Mothers and Babies served by the Sisters of Life. We are collecting to support them all during these weeks until Thanksgiving.

October 12

Columbus Day

- Pray for those who devote their lives to exploration and take risks in pursuit of their quest.
- Pray for Italian Americans, for whom this is an important day.
- Pray that Native Americans may thrive in their life and work on this Indigenous Peoples Day

October 15

St. Theresa of Avila, Nun and Doctor (Memorial)

- St. Theresa (1515-1582) led the reform of the Carmelite Order and initiated its "Discalced" branch.
- Pray that the whole Carmelite Family of cloistered Nuns, Friars, Sisters, and Laity may teach us the beauty of solitude, silence, and contemplative prayer.
- Pray especially for the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm, who minister with such dedication at Mary Manning Walsh Home.

October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

- St. Ignatius, martyred in 107 AD, served as Bishop of Antioch. He was arrested and taken for trial in Rome. He also wrote letters to Christian Communities that reveal the early ministry of Bishops, Presbyters (Priests), and Deacons. They also show the early preeminence of the Roman Church.
- Pray for the renewal of the life of the Clergy

ALMS FOR EVERY AGE

Every year we participate in programs that help to support the young, adults, and the elderly. During this time of Covid-19, we are inviting you to join us in contributing to those in need. Now, and running through Thanksgiving, we are accepting donations in both St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's. There are boxes set up in both Churches for you to drop off your donations.

For the Young:

Infant & children's clothing, baby toiletries, infant & children's toys, diapers & wipes

For the Adults:

Women's tops & sweatpants (sizes 10-16), women's hats/scarves/gloves, & women's cologne

For the elderly:

Boxes of tissue, mild body wash, body lotion, & mouthwash

Thank You for Your Generous Donations!