



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

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November 15, 2020 – 33rd 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.

THANKSGIVING NOVENA

From Wednesday, November 18 through Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26, the Parish will offer a Thanksgiving Novena of Prayer. Holy cards and petition slips will be available at both Churches.

PRESENTATION OF MARY

Saturday, November 21 is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Sung Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena.

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, November 22 is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, is the culmination of the time after Pentecost during which the Church lectionary has been describing the workings of the Holy Spirit in the world, urging the faithful to prepare for the coming (the Advent) of the Lord, both in his lowly birth at Bethlehem and in his kingly glory at the end of the age.

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, there will only be two Masses offered in the Parish: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The churches will close following the Masses.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 25-27, but Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual on Wednesday and Friday.

ADVENT EXPOSITION AND RETREAT

In preparation for Advent, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28. On both days, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8 AM Mass until 12 NOON, and again following the midday Mass until Benediction at 5:45 PM. To accommodate Benediction, the Friars will pray Vespers on Friday and Saturday at 5:30 PM instead of 5:45 PM.

In conjunction, Fr. Walter will offer his eleventh-annual Advent Retreat on Saturday, November 28. A morning conference will be given at 10 AM; an Advent Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be offered at 12 NOON, and an afternoon conference will be given at 3 PM. For more information or to register for the retreat, please email the Parish Office at parish@svsc.info.

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

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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10 AM–3 PM

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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.

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. It provides an important opportunity to reinforce the engaging acts of charity and justice being done in our own parishes across the Archdiocese. A key feature is that a significant portion of the funds will provide a number of seek grants to our parishes. Thanks to your generosity, last year more than 25 parishes and community-based works of charity across the Archdiocese were able to receive grants to serve our neediest neighbors

Learn more about the collection at catholiccharitiesny.org/ccj/.

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."

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, custom designed for the Parish, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer Church vestibule.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Schola will offer music of the Italian Renaissance, including a choral Mass Ordinary.

Giovanni Francesco Anerio was a member of the Roman School, bridging the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods. (His elder brother Felice was also a composer.) Giovanni Francesco's musical style is more progressive than other Roman composers, though he also shared some of the stylistic tendencies of his brother who was much indebted to Palestrina. He served for several years as *maestro di cappella* of the Lateran Basilica in Rome (as did Palestrina and Lasso) and later held a similar post at the Verona Cathedral. He became a priest in 1616, and in 1624 became choirmaster to King Sigismund III of Poland in Warsaw.

Gioralmo Giacobbi was born in Bologna, grew up as a choirboy of the city's Basilica of St. Petronio, and served as *maestro di cappella* there from 1604 to 1628.

Costanzo Porta, born in Cremona, was a Conventual Franciscan with a reputation as an expert contrapuntalist and teacher. He studied with Adrian Willaert at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice alongside of Claudio Merulo, Cipriano de Rore, and Andrae Gabrieli. In 1552 Porta became *maestro di cappella* of Osimo Cathedral, taking a similar post in Ravenna in 1566.

The Feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians, is also November 22, so in commemoration of that, the Communion motet is a variant of the text of the Magnificat Antiphon of her Vespers.

Missa In te Domine speravi

– Giovanni Francesco Anerio (c. 1567-1630)

Salve victima salutaris

– Girolamo Giacobbi (1567-1629)

Cantantibus organis

– Costanzo Porta (1529-1601)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families; Andrew
& Arthur Williams (D)
9:30 AM Zenia Rebong Co (D)
12 NOON Marie Laura Isidore &
Daniele LaRoche (D)
6:00 PM Boleslaw & Stefania
Grzesiak (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM John P. & Lil
O'Connell (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:00 AM Rose Zaccaro (D)
12:10 PM John McMahan (D)
6:00 PM Roseann Connolly

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
8:00 AM John Richard Lienhardt
& Family (D)
12:10 PM Teresa Bonaford (D)
6:00 PM Jack & Ellen Moloney (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:00 AM Rose & Andrew Mennella;
Angelina Finguerra (D)
12:10 PM Josephine Dancel (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:00 AM Cushlo Martin
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski,
OFM (D)
6:00 PM Martin Burns (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:00 AM Rose & Andrew Mennella;
Angelina Finguerra (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
4:00 PM (Vigil) Stanley Nandel (D)
10:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga (D)
5:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:00 AM Gavino C. Abaya III (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00 AM Margaret & Vincent
Costello (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
9:00 AM Frederick Padovano (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) Thanksgiving
Novena Intentions

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Eduardo Abreau, Roseann Connolly,
Kat Fox, Andrew Fraser, Richard
Hawkins, Maggie Heath, Rosie
Mann, Maurice A. Murphy, Sabina
C. Quiguyan, Adolfo Sardina, Blair
Scribner, Dennis Smith & Riceal
Wells

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Dorothy Cunningham,
Rosemary Munshower, Nancy Noth,
Jean Sharbel, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
Jack Ryan Keegan; Eleanor
McCabe (D); Souls in Purgatory;
The People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; All Souls Remembrance

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Juan DeJesus Piraquive
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.*

GRATEFUL IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL

I craft the final edits of this letter on Friday November 7. At this moment our eyes are glued to the electoral map and we are waiting, waiting and wondering. How will it all turn out? Nevertheless, it is time for me to invite you to join our Thanksgiving Novena, and the deadline will not wait.

To be honest, it's a hard letter to write. Hanging between us and that turkey dinner are too many questions to count. How will we fare in the election? What will happen with the pandemic? What other wild cards does the climate have to throw at us this Fall? Who will be able to travel and join us at table?

Last week I raised the challenge of this letter with our parish staff and they steered me to the history of Thanksgiving itself. Somebody remembered that Abraham Lincoln had decreed the first national observance of Thanksgiving in the midst of the Civil War. I checked, and sure enough he took this initiative in 1863 at the height of hostilities. I ask myself, what is the logic, then and now, of eliciting gratitude when people are tired and unsettled, to put it mildly. Perhaps in his crucible of war Lincoln glimpsed a truth beneath the division, suffering, and loss besetting him and the nation.

So I sit back and I survey the last six months of turmoil: in public health and the economy, in politics and culture. Our loss of life, wealth, and well-being staggers my imagination, so for what may I be grateful at the groaning table of November 26?

I could start by being grateful to have survived the pandemic to this point, but this simple relief easily gives way to thoughts of those who did not. But if I dig deeper though, I find a deeper awareness of life. For you and I have lived to struggle with events we never would have dreamed of a decade ago, and if we had thought of them we would rightly have evaded them. But escape them we have not, and we find ourselves hopelessly immersed in vast national and global problems we have no personal power to solve. We have only the capacity to live with them.

Ah! But think of what that living has entailed. How have we grown in patience and compassion? What humility have we acquired in the face of so much complexity? Have we not taken up intercessory prayer more readily? Has confronting the fragility of the human situation not surfaced our desire for God? Step back and recognize the facets of growth you see here. Our struggles have made us live more deeply, and this it turns out is a gift.

Any of us would rather come by this gift in some other way, but God's providence has permitted this way. The reality of personal growth in a time of tragedy throws me back upon the gift of life itself. If life with struggle is the way to life's maker, then living is always better than not. Recognizing the essential gift of life opens me to whatever way God wants to make use of that gift, now and in the future. The grateful heart becomes the available heart and the docile heart.

With such awareness I can keep a feast of gratitude with God this November, and so growing in that awareness will be my intention for our Thanksgiving Novena, and I share it with you. Simply put, I seek to grow in gratitude for the gift of my own life, with its blessings and its problems, its strengths and its weaknesses. I invite you to enter into nine days of prayer for this interior thanksgiving, for if we abide in gratitude to the maker of all life, for our life, then our life acquires a grounding that no circumstance can take away.

Our Novena of prayer will begin on November 18 and conclude with the Mass on Thanksgiving Day. During these days we will incorporate the novena prayer into every Mass celebrated in our parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. In each of our two beautiful churches you can visit a shrine of Thanksgiving at the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where you will find holy cards and petition slips. "Jesus always loved those who were his own in the world and he loved them to the end." (John 13:1) Grateful for his companions, Jesus was grateful for his own humanity, so we can make his glorified humanity effective in the embrace of our own.

This letter carries the hope that even in unsettled times your Thanksgiving truly can be such.

Gratefully,



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

Prayer for our nation in the Time of Presidential Transition

*O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design,
graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our nation,
that through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens,
harmony and justice may be assured
and prosperity come through peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.*

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November 2020

- Pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- This week, from November 15-19, the Bishops of the United States gather for their Fall General Assembly.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit may give them the gifts they need to lead the Church at this extraordinary time.
- Pray that in their deliberations the Church may model civil and collaborative governance.
- This Month we celebrate concurrently Black Catholic History Month and Native American Heritage Month.
- Give thanks for the witness of the African American and Native American Communities through centuries of adversity, and that they may continue to thrive.
- Pray that in the spirit of Pentecost the Church may be open always to new peoples and their gifts.

November 15

The Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

- This Sunday is the World Day of the Poor.
- Ask for eyes to see the extent and variety of poverty in our city and world.
- Pray for the poor and those who tend their needs and advocate for their interests.
- Consider a donation to the Sisters of Life, the Residents at the Park Avenue Women's Shelter, or the Little Sisters of the Poor. We are collecting goods for all three organizations.

November 18

Thanksgiving Novena

- Today we begin nine days of prayer in preparation for Thanksgiving Day.
- Our Shrine of St. Jude is sponsoring this Novena and will have petition slips and prayer cards available in our churches.
- Pray that in challenging times we may give the witness of gratitude and of a desire to grow in gratitude.

November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

- This feast honors the tradition that the infant Mary was presented in the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anne.
- A great way to join the celebration is to renew our own stance of presentation before God's plan. In this, gratitude for what we have received becomes the basis for a radical availability.