



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

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March 15, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. This week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

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, March 17 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer (6 PM) and St. Catherine of Siena (5:15 PM).

LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday Parish Vespers continues at 5:30 PM in the choir stalls at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please consider joining and making this a part of your Lenten observances.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

Tuesday, March 17 is the Solemnity of St. Patrick, the Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Wednesday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

The Schola Cantorum will sing Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Missa Ave Regina*; *Congratulatinini mihi*; and *Ave Regina Caelorum á 8*.

RENEW & REBUILD

RAISING CAPITAL AS A SPIRITUAL WORK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH

Gifts for the Parish's Renew & Rebuild campaign can be made online at RenewRebuild.org/donate and select from the drop-down box, St. Vincent Ferrer/St. Catherine of Siena, or drop off your pledge form at the Parish Office. Donations of marketable securities may have tax savings advantages. For information please contact the Parish Office for details (212) 744-2080.

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

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PARISH STAFF

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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

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

12 NOON Solemn Mass with First Scrutiny *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICK

6 PM Sung Mass and Procession *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 – VIGIL OF ST. JOSEPH

6 PM Sung First Vespers *at St. Catherine of Siena*

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – ST. JOSEPH

6 PM Sung Mass and Procession with Blessing of Bread
at St. Vincent Ferrer

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – LAETARE SUNDAY

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Second Scrutiny *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 – ANNUNCIATION

6 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Third Scrutiny *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

4 PM Low Mass for Palm Sunday *at St. Catherine of Siena*

6 PM Sung Mass for Palm Sunday *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8 AM Low Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

9:30 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

10 AM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

11:15 AM Blessing of Palms *at St. Catherine of Siena*

Procession through the Streets of the Neighborhood

12 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

5 PM Sung Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

5:30 PM Sung Vespers *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Bowler & Yerkes Families,
Andrew & Arthur Williams (D)
9:30 AM Joseph Sabo (D)
12 NOON For the People of the Parish
6:00 PM Patrick Fitzpatrick (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 16
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Manuel Anthony May (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
8:00 AM For the Living & Deceased
Members of the Deeney &
McGuinness Families
12:10 PM Louie Dedvukaj
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
8:00 AM Fr. William C.
Cunningham, S.J. (D)
12:10 PM Dennis Flanagan (D)
6:00 PM Mary Miller & Patrick
Murphy & The Deceased Members
of the Miller & Murphy Families

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
12:10 PM Lee A. Delaporte (D)
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
8:00 AM For the Members of the
Martin Family
12:10 PM Joseph Gorksi (D)
6:00 PM Peter Zacharilla (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
6:00 PM (Vigil) Ante Loncar (D)

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
4:00 PM (Vigil) St. Joseph Novena
10:00 AM For the O'Leary Family
5:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

MONDAY, MARCH 16
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
7:00 AM Julia C. Abaya (D)
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
7:00 AM Greta Lodes (D)
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Maureen Casey (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
9:00 AM Renato S. Ventigan (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish

PARISH PRAYER

INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, Mike Borland, Jan
Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William
Feeley, Emily Garnett, Maggie
Heath, Christine Heller, Joseph
Henaou, Douglas Kozak, Jack
Mangin, Maurice Murphy, David
Olivier, David Reid, Isabelle Rivera,
Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim,
Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, Prechry
Thongtha, & Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Edward Crescenzo, Fransisca,
Lloyd, Maurice Garcia, Lawrence
Marquez, Matthew Martinez,
William Selby, & Lucille Witty, 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
Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Ramon
& Fernando Gonzalez (L); Ita
McEnery (L); James Mohr (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 week, for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Schola will sing music for upper voices (sopranos and altos) by the German Romantic era titans Johannes Brahms, remembered primarily for his four Symphonies, and the more liturgically-focused Josef Rheinberger.

Tomás Luis de Victoria, known as the 'Spanish Palestrina,' was born in Ávila but in 1565 went to Rome to become cantor at the Collegium Germanicum. Ordained a priest in 1575, he received a chaplaincy at S. Girolamo della Carità until King Philip II appointed Victoria chaplain to his sister, the Dowager Empress María in 1587. The Schola will one of his polyphonic Marian antiphons and a Mass Ordinary modeled after it for the Annunciation.

Choral Music for Upcoming Solemn Masses:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE) – MARCH 22

12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Missa in G minor, Op. 187 (Sincere in memoriam)

– Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Adoramus te, Christe, Op. 37, No. 2

– Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Ave Regina Caelorum, Op. 171, No. 6

– Rheinberger

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

– WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Music of Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611):

Missa Ave Regina

Congratulatmini mihi

Ave Regina Caelorum á 8

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

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present an organ recital of improvised meditations on the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 PM at the Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola (Park Avenue at 84th Street). Renowned for their improvisational skill, David Enlow, the immediate past Dean of the NYC Chapter, and Dr. Kalle Toivio, the 2018 winner of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation, share the bench in a sequence of vignettes on the *Via Crucis*. Saint Ignatius Loyola is home to a landmark four-manual, 91-rank organ built by the English N.P. Mander firm.

The general public is most welcome, and tickets may be purchased the day-of for \$20. Please visit www.nycago.org for more information or contact NYCAGO Sub-Dean James Wetzel at jwetzel@svsc.info.

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.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Church will celebrate 'Laetare' Sunday. This Latin title is taken from the incipit (first phrase) of the Introit of the Mass: '*Laetare Jerusalem, et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam.*' (Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you who love her.) quoting Isaiah 66:10. The analogous Sunday in Advent is the Third Sunday, called 'Gaudete.'

Pope Innocent III in 1216 expounded on it in a sermon: "On this Sunday, which marks the middle of Lent, a measure of consoling relaxation is provided, so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

As a reprieve from the penitential violet, the traditional liturgical color for Laetare Sunday is rose. (*No, it is not pink.*) Furthermore, the use of the organ and moderate floral decorations are permitted.

FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 6 – 9 PM

Frassati Fellowship invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to join us for Holy Hour. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus we decided not to hold the dinner and fellowship portion for the March 15 Frassati Dinner. We will, however, come together in friendship and community for a Holy Hour to pray for those suffering from the coronavirus and influenza, for a resolution to this situation, and for those in fear. Holy Hour starts at 7:20 PM with praise & worship music, and confessions. Prayer teams will also be available. Those who want to go to Mass before the Holy Hour can go to the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. Holy Hour will be from 7:20–8:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. For more information, please email dinner@frassati.nyc or visit frassati.nyc. We will hopefully see you for our next Frassati Dinner and Holy Hour on Sunday, April 19.

COLLECTIONS

MARCH 8, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$17,129

Attendance: 1340

SCRUTINIES

If you regularly attend the Solemn Mass at Noon on Sundays you may remember that during Lent you encounter the three great gospels of the Samaritan woman (John 4), of the man born blind (John 9), and of Lazarus (John 11). Upon the proclamation of these gospels on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent follows extensive prayer over those to be baptized. These events carry the name “scrutiny” because this invite is not as one of study or observation but as prayer. He seeks for our new Brothers and Sisters the loving and challenging work of the Holy Spirit, who, “scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” 1 Cor. 2: 10-11.

Now this year (Year A), we read these gospels at every Mass and so each of us can pray for the catechumens as God’s Spirit actively tends their souls, but we can also invite the Spirit’s scrutiny into our own hearts and minds. His revelations to us may cause pain, but they bring healing and encouragement. I believe we will proceed more serenely and charitably in challenging times if we keep our own conversion at center stage.

The gospels of the scrutinies enable us to do this because they present Christ accompanying a person, or persons, through a protracted experience. Often we see Jesus extend a healing and then move on. In these passages he leads the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, along with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, by stages into the depths of faith. In the course of these many verses the Lord liberates their hearts from the constriction of fear and shame, prejudice and self-righteousness. In effect, each of these Gospels is a scrutiny.

Reflect on how Christ has accompanied us through the stages of our Christian life, bothering us with the truth about ourselves, the weakness and the potential. I would like to focus on the prayer of scrutiny for this and the next two Sundays. As a foundation for this please read the following paragraphs from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

141. The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

142. Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

143. In order to inspire in the elects a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (Gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

144. In the rite of exorcism, which is celebrated by a priest or deacon, the elect, who have already learned from the church their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts for the Savior.

145. The priest or deacon who is the presiding celebrant should carry out the celebration in such a way that the faithful in the assembly will also derive benefit from the liturgy of the scrutinies and join in the intercessions for the elect.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Study Edition. Liturgy Training Publications. Chicago. 1988. P. 78.

Perhaps each of us can now place ourselves in the place of the catechumens for the prayer of exorcism, to be said over them this Sunday.

God of power, you sent your Son to be our Savior. Grant that these catechumens, who, like the woman of Samaria, thirst for living water, may turn to the Lord as they hear his word and acknowledge the sins and weaknesses that weigh them down. Protect them from vain reliance on self, and defend them from the power of Satan. Free them from the spirit of deceit, so that, admitting the wrong they have done, they may attain purity of heart and advance on the way to salvation.

The Celebrant then lays hands on each of the elect and then prays with hands outstretched over them

Lord Jesus, you are the fountain for which they thirst, you are the Master whom they seek. In your presence they dare not claim to be without sin, for you alone are the Holy One of God. They open their hearts to you in faith, they confess their faults and lay bare their hidden wounds. In your love, free them from their infirmities, heal their sickness, quench their thirst, and give them peace. In the power of your name, which we call upon in faith, stand by them now and heal them. Rule over that spirit of evil, conquered by your rising from the dead. Show your elect the way of salvation in the Holy Spirit, that they may come to worship the Father in truth, for your live and reign for ever and ever.

May the challenges of this Lent bring us growth in the Lord.

Fr. Walter

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://olotac.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 the president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

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.

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."

MONTEVERDI IN THE PARK AVENUE ARMORY

Claudio Monteverdi's *Marian Vespers* of 1610 will be performed in the Park Avenue Armory from March 21–29, with concerts on Friday and Saturday at 8 PM, Sunday at 3 PM, and Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:30 PM. This is the North American premiere of Pierre Audi's celebrated Dutch National Opera production that opened the 2017 Holland Festival. Conductor Raphaël Pichon will lead his renowned Baroque orchestra and choral ensemble Pygmalion. For tickets and more information, visit www.armoryonpark.org.

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.

2019 TAX LETTERS

DP Murphy and WeShare will be distributing tax notices to parishioners for the 2019 tax year in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received your notice by the end of the month or if corrections are needed. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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 groups 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).

This Week of Grace

The Holy Father's Prayer intention for March 2020

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

General Intentions

- Pray for all those suffering from the Coronavirus, and for those trying to help them.
- Please pray for the intentions offered in our Novena to St. Joseph, which ends on Thursday.

N. B.

- During these days of Lent, when there are fewer feasts of the saints, we will focus on the entrance chant of the Mass. Chosen to provide a perspective for each day's Mass, these passages of Scripture can inform our prayer.

March 15

The Third Sunday of Lent

- *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am poor and alone.* Ps. 95; 15-16
- On this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, pray for those who, having been excluded by others, actively isolate themselves. May Jesus reconnect them to God, neighbor and self.
- Pray for our Catechumens who today undergo the first scrutiny.
- Today we collect for Catholic Relief Services. Ask the Lord to bless their global initiatives on behalf of the disadvantaged.

March 16

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

- *My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.* Ps. 83:2

March 17

The Solemnity of St. Patrick

- *Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.* Ps. 95: 2-3
- Today is the Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese of New York
- Pray for the thriving of our local church in every aspect of its life.
- Pray for the Church in Ireland, that it may grow and thrive.
- Pray for Irish Americans, that they may rejoice in their heritage and their faith.
- Patrick evangelized. Pray that in this present time we may have the courage to preach the Gospel.

March 19

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

- *Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.* Lk. 12: 42
- St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church. On his feast we conclude our Novena intention for those who baptized people who currently do not practice the faith.
- Pray for the unity of the Church.
- Pray for our Province of Dominican Friars who claim St. Joseph as Patron.
- Pray for all who raise with love children not their own.

March 20

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

- *Among the Gods there is none like you, O Lord, for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.* Ps. 85: 8, 10

March 21

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

- *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits; it is he who forgives all your sins.* Ps. 102: 2-3

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstention from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of Days of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meal, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

LENTEN LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES

The penitential season of Lent (from the Old English meaning 'spring' and also known as *Quadragesima* in Latin, meaning 'fortieth') begins on Ash Wednesday.

In Lent, violet vestments are worn and the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* are omitted. According to the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal*, the document governing the celebration of the Ordinary Form of the Mass, the organ is to be used only "to give necessary support to the singing." Thus, as much as possible, the Mass is sung *a cappella*, the hymn accompaniments are subdued, and the organ voluntaries are omitted.

As the Church strips herself of festal trimming entering into the spiritual desert, her faithful are likewise called to a heightened order of penitence, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Making a good confession, attending daily Mass, and praying the Office, Stations, and Rosary are all worthy resolutions.