



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

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June 14, 2020 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

PARISH OUTREACH

We continue to wrestle with the dangers of gathering. In light of canceling Masses, adoration, and confession we would like to continue to stay connected with each of our parishioners. Fr. Walter continues to grace us with his beautiful reflections, Fr. Joseph has provided for us some refresher lessons that he has so wonderfully shared with our Candidates and Catechumens, and Br. Hyacinth has graciously been live-streaming a daily rosary and Mass through Facebook. You can access these wonderful opportunities for prayer and reflection on our website (<http://www.svsc.info/outreach/>), through our emails, and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine/>)

If you are not receiving our parish emails but would like to, please email us at parish@svsc.info.

We hope to be able to continue to serve your faith throughout this confusing and difficult time.

NEW WEBSITE

We've taken this opportunity to complete a new and improved parish website. We invite you to visit www.svsc.info and find out more about the parish, religious education, music, and keep up to date with Father's daily messages, streaming services, and news. It may be difficult to come to the churches right now, you can now visit the shrines, statues, and altars of our churches in the virtual tours.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat has generously gifted all of us with complimentary access to their online version to help us all pray from home during this time. To use this beautiful source of for prayer, please visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

CANCELED MASSES

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration are canceled in the Archdiocese of New York during this time.

While Masses in the Archdiocese of New York continue to be canceled you can still access Mass online at <https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live> and <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>.

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who continue to come in each day to open, clean, and maintain both our churches. All of your work and devotion is deeply appreciated, especially at this time.

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

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.
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Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.
Vicar for Formation

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Sacristan

Fr. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.
Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.
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Church Custodian

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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.

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 "Donate" or visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

MUSIC NOTES

Until the cessation of the 'essential personnel only' mandate, the Schola will not be able to sing. During this time, James Wetzel will chant the Ordinary and Propers for the webcast Masses on Sundays and Feastdays from St. Vincent Ferrer (at 10 AM on Sundays and 9 AM otherwise). Online leaflets for these Masses for the faithful at home to follow will be uploaded to our parish website: www.svsc.info/music.

During this time our Music Director, James Wetzel, has been creating an archival record of recordings of liturgies at St. Vincent Ferrer. These live recordings have not been equalized or treated in any way. That the quality is still high in spite of all of these qualifications is a testament to the skill of the singers we are blessed to have.

You can find some of James' favorite recordings onto a Soundcloud account, continuously being updated. All welcome to listen to and 'follow' the channel: <https://soundcloud.com/jamesdwetzel>. We hope that until public Mass resumes and the Schola is able to offer live music again, these tracks will buoy your spirits and serve as a reminder of the beauty of liturgical art and music for which our Parish is known.

Outreach

As we live through this difficult time, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit www.svsc.info/outreach.

Here you can find:

- Materials used during our daily Masses
- Daily Greetings from the Friars
- Resources for Prayer

Our Religious Education page is available to help your children with:

- Prayer in the Home
- Praying with Children in a Pandemic
- CGS Podcasts

Fr. Joseph Hagan has been kind enough to share with all of us a series of talks (including a handout) on *Credo 22-23: Love of God and Neighbor*. This series has been put together for our catechumens and candidates who have been on a long journey to and through RCIA. This series seems particularly helpful while we learn a new way to live alone, together.

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](https://www.instagram.com/svsc_nyc) on Instagram.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Bowler & Yerkes Families,
Andrew & Arthur Williams, & Br.
Michael Yerkes (D)
9:30 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Donald Trump
6:00 PM Clarita George (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 15
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Fr. Christopher
Johnson, O.P. (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
8:00 AM Samuel D. Williams (D)
12:10 PM Zygmunt & Monica
Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Thomas J. Lenihan (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the T.J. Cunningham
Family (D)
12:10 PM Eugene Grisz
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members
of the Lay Fraternities of
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 19
8:00 AM Anthony Sellner (D)
12:10 PM Louie Dedvukaj
6:00 PM Jose Miranda (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Bernard Doherty
Family (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Mary Morrissey (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
4:00 PM (Vigil) Sacred Heart Novena
10:00 AM For the People of
the Parish
5:00 PM Sacred Heart Novena

MONDAY, JUNE 15
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Sacred Heart Novena

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Sacred Heart Novena

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
7:00 AM Fr. Christopher
Johnson, O.P. (D)
5:15 PM Sacred Heart Novena

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
7:00 AM Walter Buergi (D)
5:15 PM Sacred Heart Novena

FRIDAY, JUNE 19
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Sacred Heart Novena

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
9:00 AM Lucy & Richard
Hammond (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, Michael Aerts, Mike
Borland, George Brooksbank, Jan
Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William
Feeley, Maggie Heath, Christine
Heller, Joseph Henao, Douglas
Kozak, Jack Mangin, Jared Miller,
Murphy, David Olivier, Fernandez
Randely, David Reid, Isabelle Rivera,
Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim,
Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, Prechry
Thongtha, Barbara Tracy, Michael
Travis, & Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Jerzy Glowczewski, John
Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, William
Henry Oswald, Juan de Jesus
Piraquive, Patricia Kathryn Reed,
& Joseph Michael Thomas, 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
Rose Donoghue (D); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Robert Hill
(D); For the Souls in Purgatory; For
the People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention

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

BEHOLD, SOMETHING GREATER THAN ME IS HERE.

Young priests can readily consider themselves to be very important. Their initial zeal builds on their already headstrong naiveté, and with such self-importance, young priests may even foolishly attempt to upstage or outdo Jesus Christ in saving the world.

Thankfully, God can handle young priests... or anyone else caught up in self-importance. He knows how to reign us in and bring us back to reality. Certainly, God does this by allowing humiliations to pop the bubble of our supposed importance. But our Father also has another means, a much more powerful means. He shows us His greatness. For in the presence of His mighty love, we realize our littleness, and we humbly and lovingly confess: *"Behold, something greater than me is here."*

Throughout this first year of priesthood, God has kept me grounded repeatedly by such encounters with His greatness. This occurred quite often in helping with our parish's adult faith formation. In this ministry, it is my duty, and my delight, to help people seek Jesus. Yet with a bit of faith, the minister realizes that he is merely a middleman. Jesus is not merely the subject matter of ministry. He is the Teacher. I'm simply His teacher's assistant. *"Behold, something greater than me is here."*

Concretely, this was the story of RCIA this year for me. So many people came seeking Jesus, His Church, the Sacraments, and especially the Eucharist. In hearing their stories, it was clear that Jesus had been seeking each one relentlessly for years, sometimes with great romance. For He is not just the Teacher intent on instructing them. Jesus is the Bridegroom seeking to give Himself to His chosen ones. I am simply and happily His friend, who has the simple task of not messing up a decade-long love story. He must increase. I must decrease. *"Behold, something greater than me is here."*

In an even greater way, God taught me this lesson at Mass, especially at the consecration of the Eucharist. Holding the host in my hands, I ponder how St. Joseph felt at Christmas, in the manger, when Mary first put the Christ Child in his hands. As a father, Joseph is charged with raising and protecting this weak yet precious infant. As a believer, Joseph reveres his Son as the Lord of Hosts who created the heavens, vanquished Pharaoh and His charioteers, and took flesh to achieve the New Passover. I may hold the host in my hands, but the Lord holds me in His. *"Behold, something greater than me is here."*

This moment of the consecration is all the more striking during these strange days of our sacramental exile due to the pandemic. Young priests are sometimes tempted to treat congregations like audiences, and thus, we fall into that self-importance again, treating Jesus like a mere subject matter of His rhetorical prowess. This pandemic is curing that. While your priests intentionally remember the whole parish to each Mass, the physical absence of a congregation highlights the one who is never absent: Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. He still presides at every Mass. I am simply His minister. *"Behold, something greater than me is here."*

This Corpus Christi Sunday, we certainly pray for the return to public Mass, especially that it will be quick and healthy. But may we not return to normal. May Christ the Teacher give us faith to adore His Presence with a vigilant love, and may Christ our Bridegroom win our hearts that we would be wholeheartedly His. And in the radiance of His mighty love, may we confess with all humility and joy: *"Behold, something greater than us is here."*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Hagan, O.P.