



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

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June 28, 2020 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OUTREACH

As New York City and the Archdiocese of New York continue to reopen our parish has resumed in-person Masses following the regulations of the Archdiocese. The regulations allow us to have gatherings in church at 25% capacity. Since it is summer, and since many have left the city, we think we will be safe having our **regular schedule of Masses** with proper precautions observed. Likewise, **regular confessions** can now be heard as usual, provided we maintain social distance in the confession line.

For Masses we will need to observe the following:

- We need to wear a mask, or its equivalent, in church.
- We practice social distancing as indicated by the markers.
- We make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided.
- The churches will be cleaned between masses.
- Please follow instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion that will be given at the Mass.

PARISH LIVE STREAMING

During the months of pandemic the streaming apostolate did great work at keeping us connected and we think it has a role to play in our future. Our plan for July and August is to live stream parish Masses as follows:

Monday - Friday - 12:10 PM

Saturday - 9 AM

Sunday - 12 NOON

20 minutes before each of these masses we will live stream the Rosary.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

With our Masses resuming, our offices have reopened as well. The parish offices will be open 10 AM – 3 PM, Monday – Friday.

The offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observation of the Fourth of July holiday.

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.

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who have continued 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 (EUCCHARISTIC 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

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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.
Sacristan

Fr. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.
Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.
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Dorothy VanDine
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ST. VINCENT FERRER

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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 continue the process of reopening, 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* on Instagram.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
6:00 PM (Vigil) Special Intention
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)
9:30 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena
6:00 PM John Swajeski (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 29
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena
6:00 PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
8:00 AM Fr. John Healy (D)
12:10 PM Edwin (L) & Jeanne (D) Gorski
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
12:10 PM Jan Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 2
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)
12:10 PM Kristian Urcia Serrano (D)
6:00 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JULY 3
8:00 AM For Pope Francis, Supreme Pastor of the Church and Most Benevolent Benefactor of Our Order
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 4
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 29
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM For the Chew Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
7:00 AM Alice Blanchet
5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 2
7:00 AM Special Intention
5:15 PM George Dianni (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 3
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 4
9:00 AM Special Intention
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, Oxsana Skop, Prechry Thongtha, Barbara Tracy, & 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Isidore Family; Sr. Clara Mohan, o.p. (D); Father's Day Novena; 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

This Week of Grace

June 28 The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year Religious Liberty Week 2020

- This observance began last Monday and concludes this week on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The days from June 22 to June 29 embrace three feasts of saints who spoke truth to power, which is a central function of religious liberty.
- St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (June 22) refused their assent to legislation of Henry VIII separating England from the jurisdiction of the Holy See.
- St. John the Baptist (June 24) challenged King Herod regarding the legality of his marriage.
- St. Peter and St. Paul challenged institutional religious authority regarding its treatment of the Messiah.
- The religious freedom we enjoy makes it possible for members of every faith to carry out this sacred and difficult ministry of truth.
- Pray for all whom the Holy Spirit moves to take this Holy Risk.

June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

- Pray that the Lord may bless the “Petrine” ministry of Pope Francis.
- On this Feast of St. Paul pray that more and more people may accept the complete gift of the redemption.
- Below find the splendid solemn blessing for this feast:

May almighty God bless you,
for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving confession
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church's faith.

R. Amen.

And having instructed you
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
may God teach you constantly by his example
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.

R. Amen.

So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
and by the support of their intercession,
God may bring us happily to that homeland
that Peter attained on a cross
and Paul by the blade of a sword.

R. Amen.

June 30 The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

- Pray for the Church of Rome as she emerges from lockdown, and for the hastening of the time when multitudes may again visit the tombs of the apostles and martyrs.

July 1 St. Junipero Serrra, OFM, Missionary (Memorial)

- Pray for the Church on the West Coast in these difficult Covid days.

July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle (Feast)

- Pray that we who walk by faith may recognize our Christ our Lord and God at the hour when we are called upon to give an account of our hope.

July 4 Independence Day

- In recent months many have embraced a common discipline of life in order to promote the common good. For those reflecting on their participation this verse of America the Beautiful may be helpful.

*Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.*

THE BEAUTY OF DISCIPLINE

June 2020 challenged the life of our city and nation in serious ways. At the same time it helped the medicine go down in a most delightful way. Our spoonful of sugar came in days of exhilarating light and clarity.

On one of halcyon days, about two weeks ago, I barreled out of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in the direction of my favorite barista. Electronically I had commissioned a beverage to keep the edge on. The sun warmed me, the air refreshed me, and the green trees delighted me. Then I heard a gracious voice, "Sir, may I ask you for a dollar?" The voice belonged to a very dignified lady who resides in our neighborhood and presides at any number of its corners. It mortified me to realize that in these days of app-ordering I had no shareable cash. So I offered an apology, which she graciously accepted and then added, "but please go get a mask and be safe." I blushed, thanked her for the reminder, and retraced my steps to get the covering from my office. My second lap for coffee had all the same pleasures as the first, minus the delicious fresh air.

But after I got over being flustered about the mask I got a very fresh insight about my encounter with the gentlewoman in question. She and I had engaged in something more than an edifying conversation between neighbors. We were two New Yorkers supporting each other in a common discipline. She was watching out for me and I hope I would have done the same for her. For three months our parish and city have embraced a regimen designed to protect our health and it placed extraordinary demands in every area of our life. For practicing Catholics it has meant living without the sacraments which are their ordinary spiritual sustenance. Naturally, people did not eagerly embrace a lockdown, and naturally, many have lifted it from below well before it is lifted from above. But before we hurry on we should recall that for three months we held firm in an extraordinary way of life.

Many have lodged medical, legal, and aesthetic objections to every element of the plan, and about these I am in no position to make a judgement, except to assert that no one looks better in a mask. Nevertheless, I come out of lockdown edified that many thousands of people heeded those charged with public health and embraced a series of challenging disruptions in their personal, professional, and social lives. Naturally, we protected ourselves, but we also perceived the common good and worked for it. Our capacity for this gives me a new lease on public life.

We focus frequently on our divisions, and these cut across politics, economics, and culture, often in debilitating ways, but the masks and the distancing connect us across those same lines. Just think of it, people of all ages, colors, shapes, and wallets accepting the blue paper emblem of pandemic times. That we have sustained these common disciplines for so long tells we have social and spiritual strength with room to grow.

Growth shines out as a fruit we can take from this unique time we did not choose, nor would choose again. When people can sacrifice their the lifestyle, their looks, and their fresh air for the common good they grow less self absorbed and more aware of needs beyond pleasure and convenience. Such a stance gives a foundation for communal renewal. Recent events point to the fraying of the social fabric, but the disciplines of the pandemic suggest its abiding suppleness.

I discern this resilience in the masked souls I share the avenues with, but I also perceive it in my Dominican Brothers and Sisters who have turned on a dime to new patterns of common life and ministry. I see it in our parish staff who have shown amazing resourcefulness and dedication during these long weeks. They never gave up.

I also recognize it in my parishioners who settled in to the routine of live streamed Mass and Spiritual Communion. Some even became collaborators in the live streamed apostolate. I would be preaching and see Nadir or Tracey come bounding over to (then) Br. Hyacinth or Br. Albert and I would know that someone was letting us know that the sound was bad, or that we were upside down on their screen. Such commentators are not content to be passive consumers, but have come to "own" the ministry. They had joined their clergy in a common discipline of connecting the Mass and Rosary to as many people as possible, as effectively and beautifully as possible.

The encounters captured in these lines flew by, and need not have been noticed among a sea of Covid concerns, but they stand out as evidence of God sustaining the fabric of things, even when no thing or no one seems able to. When I see His grace at work fueling human stick-to-it-iveness I find reassurance for going forward and then some.

I submit that perseverance during Covid will yield amazing fruit after Covid, and I am prepared to be amazed.

Summer Peace!

Fr. Walter