



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

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## July 12, 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – Thursday, 10 AM – 2 PM, Friday.

### WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

We have begun a new schedule for our weekly Holy Hour on Wednesdays:

6:30 PM – Simple Exposition following Mass

7 PM – Preaching & Confession

8 PM – Compline & Benediction

Please join us to be with the Lord. Oh come, let us adore Him!

### 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:

8:45 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

7:25 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM (HOLY HOUR AND  
CONFESSIONS)

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

#### 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.

*Deacon*

Deacon John M. Powers

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*Assistant Organist*

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*Director of Religious Education*

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## ST. VINCENT FERRER

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*Principal*

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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.

## 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](http://www.svsc.info) and go to "Donate" or visit [www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26](http://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26) and click "Start Giving."

## 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](http://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, JULY 12  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Albina Belardinelli (D)  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
9:30 AM Dr. Jose Pedro Arzac Palumbo (D)  
12:10 PM Special Intention  
6:00 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, JULY 13  
8:00 AM For all Deceased Members of the Province and the Order, Deceased Relatives, Friends, & Benefactors, and for all the Faithful Departed (D)  
12:10 PM Special Intention  
6:00 PM Maria Kullos (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 14  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM Special Intention  
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15  
8:00 AM Br. Michael Downey, O.P. (D)  
12:10 PM Claire Mackey (D)  
6:00 PM Mark Gjelij (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 16  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)  
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 17  
8:00 AM Philomena McGovern  
12:10 PM Special Intention  
6:00 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 18  
8:00 AM Br. Timothy Radcliffe, Br. Carlos A. Azpiroz Costa, & Br. Bruno Cadoré, ex-Masters of the Order  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Roseann Connolly

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JULY 12  
4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Rosa Maria Arechiga (D)  
5:00 PM Donald B. Pinto (D)

MONDAY, JULY 13  
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Xandria & Rob Bernardo (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 14  
7:00 AM Beverly Wagner (D)  
5:15 PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15  
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM Doug Childs (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 16  
7:00 AM For the Medical Personnel in our Hospitals  
5:15 PM Beverly Wagner (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 17  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)  
5:15 PM Patricia Arechiga

SATURDAY, JULY 18  
9:00 AM Richard and Grace  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Marina Lucido (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Dr. Aborosi, Michael Aerts, Marie Barbutti, 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 Simon Castillo, Marko Gjelij, Jerzy Glowczewski, John Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, Patricia Kathryn Reed, Ruby Sebastian, & 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*  
Mark Gjelij (D); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Montana Sisters; 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

## MUSIC DURING REOPENING

During the quarantine, we were able to continue offering music at Mass via our webcast. With the resumption of public worship in the archdiocese, it is a joy to once again provide live sacred music. In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, here are several notes on liturgical music in the parish as we move through these phases of reopening.

- Usually during the time between Corpus Christi and Holy Cross Day (September 14), the Schola Cantorum goes on its summer holiday, and the 12 NOON Mass is with a cantor only. Because a third of its season was lost to the quarantine, a small ensemble from the Schola will be offering polyphony at the 12 NOON Mass this summer. Even if you do not attend this Mass in person, please do tune-in to the webcast to hear the our Schola.
- The leaflet provided for Mass must be limited to one sheet of paper. **Please take it with you after Mass.** Those left in the pews or returned to the baskets after Mass cannot be reused.
- Congregational singing is to be limited. Therefore, we are omitting the Post-Communion Hymn.
- Although music for it is not included in the leaflet, the congregation is still welcome to sing the *Roman Missal Mass*, the setting of the Mass Ordinary (*Kyrie, Gloria, etc.*) used during Ordinary Time, the *Pater noster*, and other dialogical responses.
- The Responsorial Psalm is the almost-universally used option for that which comes between the readings. However, the *Responsorium* (also known as the *Gradual*) is the more ancient choice, which is sung by the cantor or Schola alone. While it often uses a different text than the one appointed for the Responsorial Psalm (for those consulting a hand missal or copy of *Magnificat*), it still compliments the rest of the lectionary, accommodates the restrictions on congregational singing, and exposes the faithful to an exceptionally beautiful yet all-to-rarely heard genre of chant.

## MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets from the Italian Renaissance.

*Justitiae Domini* (II) (Offertory Antiphon)  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Benedicamus Deum*

Giovanni Bassano (c. 1558-1617)

Giovanni Pierluigi, born in the town of Palestrina near Rome, began his musical life as a chorister in the choir of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in 1537. Palestrina's first published book of Masses was so well received by Pope Julius III that he was named *maestro di cappella* of the Julian Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica in 1551. He held similar positions elsewhere in Rome, including at St. John Lateran (where he succeeded Orlando di Lasso) and St. Mary Major before returning to St. Peter's in 1571. Palestrina composed at least 105 settings of the Mass, nearly 400 motets, and countless other choral works, many of which were published in his lifetime. As the most famous and influential Renaissance composer, his style is considered the definitive example of "correct" vocal writing, a technical mastery which earned him the moniker 'Prince of Music.'

The collection *Offertoria totius anni secundum Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae consuetudinem*, published in 1593, contains sixty-eight five-voice settings of the Offertory Antiphons for all Sundays and major feasts of the liturgical year. In this set, Palestrina uses melodies of his own creation instead of taking the chant as his musical starting point. Even in comparison to other works of Palestrina's, these motets are conservative in their construction, especially in the treatment of dissonances. Just as the collection is thematically ordered according to the liturgical year, it is musically ordered according to the ascending church modes. This system of modality, originally applied to chant and similar to our modern notion of major and minor scales, was applied to polyphonic music by 16th century theorists Heinrich Glarean and Gioseffo Zarlino.

This summer, the Schola will survey this collection of polyphonic Offertory Antiphons, singing the appointed one each Sunday.

# COVID-19 IN RETROSPECT

A REFLECTION FROM SR. MARGARET OETTINGER, CHAPLAIN/DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL CARE

As I reflect back on COVID-19 I do so with a compassionate heart and deep respect for both staff and patient's courage and resilience. Initially I was able to visit patients and share prayer and reflective listening.

They were valiant patients who were so sick yet so thankful for the care they received. As their conditions worsen, I became more dependent on our family management system. This required contacting the family and listening to what their hopes and desires were for their loved one. It ranged from healing to a miracle. The impact of what was being shared knocked us both off our feet. It seemed one day their loved one came to get better, and then the next realizing things were looking bleak. There was a sense of immediacy in the need to talk about DNR, health care proxy and sensitive topics which are often avoided.

Next was a daily check in from the HSS family management team which included a doctor, nurse, a patient service representative and the Chaplain. Daily Calls were made as each of us on the team were assigned to reach out to a patient's family. The intention was to listen, affirm, and assess what the family concerns were. The results were sometimes heart aching, as the fears at this time outweighed the issues. We were, at times, asking young adults to make decisions for their parents with whom they had never talked about end of life.

The ethics committee was an asset in talking, sharing and telling stories to explain what DNR meant. There was need to also collaborate with the Palliative Care team. Together the wisdom of the group enabled myself and the team to be good advocates. These were dramatic and dynamic meetings with the family. It taught us that we need to continually explain the meaning and the importance of palliative care and DNR.

Recognizing the need for support and affirmation, the leadership team asked if I would share Daily reflections/inspirational thoughts to help in providing support and confidence to enhance a caring spirit for the staff. The Response to the reflections was expressed with gratitude "they gave me strength and hope when beginning each day."

Many requests from the patient's pulled on our heart strings. Statements like, "Nurse, please tell my Mom I love her." "Doctor, my son has a Rosary and he wants to give it to me, can you get it for me?" "Nurse please hold my Mother's hand and tell her that I love her." "The doctor took the time to call me and helped me to understand what Palliative Care means." "Sister, thank God for you, I am so glad that you are with me."

"These interactions were indicative of the compassionate loving care shown and received from a caring team who made a difference in the life of our loved ones and families."

The Spiritual Care team worked hand in hand with the medical and administrative staff to be present in every way possible. Our priests were on call to us and frequently came to anoint the sick and dying. It was an eye opening experience for them as well as they went to the bedside—outfitted in PPE provided by the Nursing staff. The experience of the distances that needed to be maintained and the decreased tactile sensation mandated by the PPE was an obstacle the Priest overcame as they brought presence and peace to the patients. The comfort they provided during this difficult time was indeed extraordinary.

As for myself, the patients were so honest and revealing that I felt honored to be a part of their journey. We are blessed by the way HSS #1 Orthopedic Hospital became #1 Heroes in the COVID19 Pandemic.

*"You do not need to work to become Spiritual. You are Spiritual. You need only to remember that fact. Spirit is within you. God is within you."—Julia Cameron*

I am a member of a dynamic team of Dominican Sisters and Brothers who are chaplains. We have worked closely together for 28 years, and during that time we learned that affirmation and support are the qualities that enabled us to become a tremendous team. This is evident to everybody at Hospital for Special Surgery, where I am a chaplain and the director of pastoral care. There is so much to say about the challenges, opportunities, and blessings I have encountered as a spiritual care provider. Perhaps, it is easiest to describe my experience by sharing a story with you.

A young boy who was brought into the hospital for surgery unexpectedly suffered a seizure. This stopped the surgery and placed him in intensive care at New York Presbyterian. The attending physician contacted spiritual care and strongly suggested that I join the child's care team. I immediately reached out to the patient and his parents. Recognizing their anguish, along with the nurse, I arranged for a room at the Belair, our lodging for patient families. This permitted the boy's parents to remain close to their son throughout his ordeal.

From then on, I worked closely with the young boy and his parents. We discussed their feelings and fears. Many visits included tears and moments of remembrance. As a chaplain, I learned that listening is an art that allows someone to share their thought and emotions. Listening plays an important role in reaching positive outcomes. Meeting with the family, nurses, and doctors, as a team, also played an important part in achieving positive results.

As the days passed, the parents became more settled and demonstrated confidence and a positive attitude. The young boy also displayed a wonderful, positive spirit and eventually participated in the hospital's talent show. I, too, felt a joy in their spiritual and emotional confidence.

- Sr. Margaret Oettinger, O.P.