



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

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July 26, 2020 – 17th 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.

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!

TRANSFIGURATION

Thursday, August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Saturday, August 8 is the Solemnity of St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers. There will be a Solemn Mass at 12 NOON at St. Vincent Ferrer, and for it the Schola Cantorum will sing music from the Franco-Flemish Renaissance: Philippe de Monte's *Missa Quomodo dilexi* and Orlando di Lasso's *Salve Regina à 6* (1604a).

ASSUMPTION

The Parish's Solemn Mass for Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on the Vigil, Friday, August 14 at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, and for it the Schola Cantorum will sing Antoine de Fevin's *Missa Ave Maria* and Josquin's *Ave Maria, Virgo serena*.

Masses for the Solemnity on the day itself, Saturday, August 15 are at 8 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 9 AM (webcast) at St. Catherine of Siena.

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 (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

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
Pastor

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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."

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.

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.

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, JULY 26
6:00 PM (Vigil) Fred Wicklow (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Anne & Celia Carrigan (D)
12:10 PM Mr. John Narkiewicz (D)
6:00 PM Victoria Schultz

MONDAY, JULY 27
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Miranda Barnhardt
6:00 PM Jorge Miranda (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 28
8:00 AM Martin Slattery & Joel
Crager (D)
12:10 PM Miranda, David, & Family
6:00 PM David Reid Scott (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 30
8:00 AM Pat & Alan Thompson
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Claudette Colbert (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 31
8:00 AM Richard & Frances
Reynolds (D)
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00 AM Special Intention
6:00 PM (Vigil) Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JULY 26
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Victor Mondelli
5:00 PM Kenneth Glasser

MONDAY, JULY 27
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Jean Glasser (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 28
7:00 AM Ms. Canton-Williams
5:15 PM For the Living & Deceased
Priests of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 30
7:00 AM Beverly Williams
5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 31
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Fernando O. Velasco (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
9:00 AM Robert Torre
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, TMarie Barbutti, George
Brooksbank, Andrew Fraser, Maggie
Heath, Christine Heller, Joseph
Henaou, Douglas Kozak, Jack Mangin,
Jared Miller, Murphy, David Olivier,
Fernandez Randely, Anchalee Sae-
Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Barbara Tracy,
& Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Arneal Asiong, Francis
Baring, Simon Castillo, Courtney
Garner, Mark Gjelaj, Cardinal Zenon
Grocholewski, Stanley Nadel, Helen
O'Hagan, David Reid Scott, Ruby
Sebastian, Smokey, & 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); Jack
Ryan Keegan (L); For the Souls in
Purgatory; For the People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor; Special
Intention

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Joan Catherine Hodgkins (D)

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, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM,
and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.*

This Week of Grace

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July

- That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

In Time of Pandemic

- Pray for those parts of our nation experiencing an increase of hospitalizations for Covid-19 at this time.
- Pray for those in hospital, those who care for them, and for their families.
- Pray for those whose economic well-being has been jeopardized by the Coronavirus.

July 26 The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

- Pray for the Sunday Mass ministry of our parish and so many others, that we may meet effectively the needs of those able to gather for Eucharist, and those who participate by live-streaming.

July 29 St. Martha

- Pray for those who pour their energy and creativity into running a home.
- Pray for all those in the hospitality industry, particularly in these times.
- Pray that we may each have the grace to choose the "better part."
- At the death of her brother, Lazarus, Martha was led by Jesus into a deep faith in Christ the Resurrection and the Life: pray that our own belief in the Lord's victory may grow.

July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

- St. Ignatius (1491 - 1556) founded the Jesuits in the crucial moment of the Counter-Reformation.
- Pray for the Society of Jesus and all their works.
- Pray for all who follow the Ignatian way of prayer, especially St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises.
- Pray especially for our neighbors, the parishioners and clergy of the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola.

August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

- St. Alphonsus (1696 - 1787) founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists).
- Pray for the parish and retreat ministries of the Redemptorists.
- On this feast of a great moral theologian, pray for all in the Church who exercise this ministry at the present time.
- Pray also for confessors and penitents, that as people come out of lockdown they may be freed up by giving a moral and spiritual accounting of this pandemic time.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets from the Italian and Franco-Flemish Renaissance.

Precatus est Moyses (Offertory Antiphon)
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Venite ad me omnes
– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

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.

AL FRESCO

For a decade now New York City has given me the gift of walking. Since our parish merger in 2015 my range has shrunk but my constancy has risen. Walking serves me as exercise and as a blessed time of solitude and recollection: the swifter my pace the more I savor interior gifts. Park Avenue and Third Avenue have broad sidewalks and afford me the straightaway I crave. By contrast the many “look-in-able” windows of narrow Lexington slow everyone down, deprive me of momentum, and send me frustration in its stead. If I look to cover a distance I will often go a block out of the way to avoid Lex.

Now that is all changed and the sidewalks of Lexington have become my *arrondissement* of encouragement. Byways that slowed me down now bring me to a halt and I give in. Decked with umbrellas and crisp, white linen they seduce me into a seat and soon I tuck into a plate of pasta washed down with something tall and cool. Thus parked I re-connect with a dormant part of myself. How fine to see diners and walkers greet each other. An owner setting up tables looks up and asks after a Friar. I see a waiter I know and seek an update on all his colleagues. Everyone wants to know how everyone else came through it all.

Familiar tastes and sounds make me at home, even though home never used to include staff in face masks and empty spaces in the oddest places. Determination and ingenuity cover the gap and make it work. Restaurateurs reach to cooking and clients in any way they can, and their zeal tells me not only about economy but about vocation. Yes, they are people of business, but they are also people of art, impelled by their medium to produce. Adapting and innovating have put new texture into their *oeuvre*.

All of a sudden somebody creates a sidewalk cafe and a pounded and pocked piece of concrete ends up the seedbed of a renaissance. Yes, proprietors are driven by need and impelled by creative juices, but they are also rebuilding society. Their energies foster that part of the social fabric they can reach out and touch. What is in a cocktail, but the power to lure two people out of their apartments into the safe place where they reconnect? What is in a plate of pasta but the wholesalers with a new order? What is in a cheeseburger plate but three people called out of furlough back into work?

If we were just lifting dust cloths and resuming a routine that would give quiet satisfaction. But when we see ancient human drives surging through new channels we should sit up, take notice, and find encouragement. Places that have been “locals” for decades reinvent themselves and help us have life together in the midst of a pandemic. The proprietors of our avenues grasp the need to invest in real places in real time, so that if life must flow through narrow veins, it does so with the force of creativity and dedication.

Quickening neighborhoods figure everywhere in the history of our city. Immigration swells them, business sets them bustling, and fashion puts them on the map. No matter what sparks them, each becomes five blocks of a hearth around which all kinds of urban dwellers discover they are known even as they come to know.

It brings no small satisfaction to think that even as a parish like ours draws on the congregation of urban souls, it also contributes diversity, staying power, and refuge.

Even before Covid we saw signs that neighborhoods were under pressure from skyward rents and burgeoning e-commerce, perhaps our brave new cafes give a sign of the shape they will assume in a post-corona world. Certainly the tables in the parking lane tell the story that in the biggest of cities we need a village.

If we take a seat in our new village square I hope we remember the intrepid people who see to our needs and wants. The undying spirit of New York abides in them as in no one else.

Summer Peace!



Fr. Walter