



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

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September 27, 2020 – 26th Sunday

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The churches are cleaned between Masses.

MICHAELMAS

Tuesday, September 29 is the Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, commonly known as Michaelmas. There will be a 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer.

CONFIRMATION AT SOLEMN MASS

On Sunday, October 4 at the 10 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena, the Most Reverend Gerald T. Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the catechumens from our Parish's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We have a new addition to our Eucharistic Adoration offerings. Beginning October 1, Thursdays at St. Catherine's will be a time of prayer for those who are sick and those who care for them. A work of the Dominican Friars Healthcare Ministry of New York.

5:45 PM – Exposition and preaching

6:45 PM – Benediction

7 PM – Vespers

7:15 PM – Salve Procession

Our traditional Eucharistic Adoration will follow the normal schedule.

St. Catherine's on Sundays:

3 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

4 PM – Rosary

4:45 PM – Benediction

St. Vincent Ferrer on Wednesdays:

6:30 PM – Exposition following Mass

7 PM – Preaching

7:15 PM – Confessions

8 PM – Compline, followed by Benediction and Salve Regina

FAITH FORMATION

2020-2021 Religious Education begins October 5 and registration is underway. Please visit svsc.info/religious-formation for more information and to register your child.

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, began September 21 and will meet every Monday at 7 PM. Following parish Covid safety protocols, there will be a mix of in-person and online meetings. For more information contact Fr. Joseph Hagan at rcia@svsc.info.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6 PM

SUNDAY: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,

12 NOON (SOLEMN), 6 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6 PM

SATURDAY: 8 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4 PM

SUNDAY: 10 AM, 5 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3–3:50 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)

WEEKDAYS:

7:25 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (HOLY HOUR AND
CONFESSIONS)

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM (READING AND LAUDS)

5:30 PM (ROSARY AND VESPERS)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY:

3 PM (EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)

WEEKDAYS:

5 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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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.

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASS AND ROSARY SCHEDULE

The livestream mass is weekdays at 12:10 PM; Saturday at 9 AM; and Sunday at 12 NOON.

The friars will livestream the Rosary at 9 AM on weekdays and 8:30 AM on Saturdays. The livestream will feature different areas of the church along with quick preaching before the Rosary.

Access via:

svsc.info/livestream/daily-mass

facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALMS GIVING

Every Fall we run several charitable drives. During this challenging autumn we want to reach out in ways that are manageable. Beginning October 1 we will run three drives concurrently and they will remain open until Thanksgiving. Next week we will have lists of helpful items to support mothers and infants through the Sisters of Life, the elderly through the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the homeless women living in the Park Avenue Armory Shelter. Your generosity is always appreciated.

MUSIC NOTES

October is dedicated as the month of the Holy Rosary. On October 7, 1571, the heavily-outnumbered navy of the Holy League, organized by Pope Pius V (a Dominican) and composed of forces from the major Catholic maritime states in the Mediterranean—primarily the Venetian Republic and the Spanish Empire—defeated the Turkish fleet in a battle off Lepanto on the coast of Greece. Because the victory was attributed to the recitation of the Rosary, the Pope instituted October 7 as a day honoring Mary under the title “Our Lady of Victory.” The universal feast, known as that of Our Lady of the Rosary, is particularly important to the Order of Preachers, who traditionally celebrate the first Sunday of October as Rosary Sunday.

For Rosary Sunday, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets by English Renaissance composer William Byrd. Byrd’s first known professional employment was as organist of Lincoln Cathedral, although little else is certain of his early musical training. Following the death of Robert Parsons in 1572, Byrd became a Gentleman (professional singer) of the Chapel Royal. A practicing Roman Catholic whose name appeared on recusancy lists from 1584, he composed choral music for both the Latin Rite and the English services of Queen Elizabeth’s nascent Anglican Church.

Ave Maria – William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Fac cum servo tuo – William Byrd

NEW MUSIC LIST FOR THE FALL

Music as Holy Preaching, the Parish’s music brochure, is now available in the narthex and online. This booklet contains a list of the fall’s choral repertoire for all Solemn Masses as well as information about the St. Cecilia Guild, our Friends of Music program that financially supports music in the Parish.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check.

To enroll, visit svsc.info and go to "Donate".

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:00 PM (Vigil) May Corso (D)
 8:00 AM President Donald Trump
 9:30 AM Alessandro Corradini (D)
 12:00 PM Giulio & Livia
 Andreotti (D)
 6:00 PM Marion M. Delaporte (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
 Parish & the Order
 12:10 PM Arthur Lyncee Duroseau
 & Solange Nicholas (D)
 6:00 PM Rafael Gutierrez (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:00 AM Catherine Margaret
 Doherty (D)
 12:10 PM Kathleen Sowards
 6:00 PM Thomas Cosgrove (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8:00 AM Rocca Cavallo (D)
 12:10 PM Elizabeth Campbell (D)
 6:00 PM Kathleen Sowards

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:00 AM Special Intention for a
 Petition to St. Vincent Ferrer
 12:10 PM Rose Peveri (D)
 6:00 PM Benjamin J. Reidy (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:00 AM Carolyn Kelly (D)
 12:10 PM Zygmunt & Monica
 Gorski (D)
 6:00 PM Frank J. Doherty (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 AM Mary Borg (D)
 6:00 PM (Vigil) Peter
 Romagnino (D)

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
 10:00 AM For the People of the
 Parish
 5:00 PM Maria M. Litrenta

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:00 AM For the Province of St.
 Joseph
 5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00 AM Lisa & Ed Baker (D)
 5:15 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00 AM St. Jude
 5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 7:00 AM Richard Miller (D)
 5:15 PM Beverly Wagner (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
 5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 AM Fernan Yulek Orozco
 4:00 PM (Vigil) Dr. & Mrs. John
 Logan (D)

PARISH PRAYER**INTENTIONS**

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

Nicole Brooksbank, Astrid DeLeon
 Castro, Roseann Connelly, Andrew
 Fraser, Maggie Heath, Annette
 Howard, Denise Joy & baby Isidro,
 Robert Knight, Rosie Mann, David
 Rakeem, Amy Rhee, Adolfo Sardina,
 Blair Scribner, & Oxana Skop.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
 of Sandie Bonfield, Barbara Chin,
 Benedict Fenwick, Ethel Garcia,
 Claudio Huerta, Matthew Martinez,
 Genaro Munoz, 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);
 The Souls in Purgatory; The People
 of the Parish; Patrick McCarthy
 (D); John Russell (D); Intention of
 Donor; Special Intention.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
 Jack Ryan Keegan
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
 St. Catherine – *St. Martin de Porres*
Candle
 Maria Marta Litrenta

*Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM,
 and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.*

THE SIGNS OF THE TIME

September 2020 evaporates before my eyes. My open windows admit the wonderful crisp air of this time and I feel the precious gift of something familiar, something dependable. With fewer meetings and happenings I savor the season and grab some cozy reading time. For a few luxurious minutes at day's end I study beautiful things. Aging gracefully in our library at St. Catherine's is a collection of splendid "coffee table" books. Bedtime reading becomes a good all-around workout when I curl up with these tomes, look beyond the fabulous color plates, and take on the text. English country houses provided me a whole course in social history, the Vatican revealed the development of papal life, and now Venetian churches and palazzos disclose their secrets to me. Such riches delivered in a warm bed with a lullaby of horns from First Avenue!

Dislodged from their dusty repose these great volumes ground me with their substance and their quality. Resorting to them helps me undertake a counter-discipline. When the brisk morning comes I take on the news and survey a panorama of upsets so comprehensive as to seem curated. Gazing into my little phone I find a miniature coffee table book capturing the interplay of disaster and folly in plates and text. Reading for calm, reading for challenge; in each case reading makes the discipline. Reading the text of the art books rescues their use from escapism, and reading the news saves keeping current from obsession.

My life and ministry demand that I know tradition and avoid nostalgia, and that I study today's happenings with the distance real study demands. If my work of preaching demands detached awareness, the whole Church shares this assignment with me. Indeed Vatican II summoned all of us in the Church to the engagement and detachment of reading. Reflecting on its relation to the world around it the Council wrote, "At all times the Church carries the responsibility of reading the signs of the time and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel." (The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*, #4)

Gaudium et Spes now has more years on it than my art books. As it read the text of the "modern world" it studied the end of colonialism, the Cold War, and the Space Race. In the United States the Civil Rights Movement had achieved momentum and the anti-war movement gathered steam. In the face of these events the Council Fathers "read." Parsing the text of their times, they kept the double discipline of staying grounded in tradition and of keeping a finger on the pulse of things.

These men inhabited the lavish coffee table book of Tridentine clerical life, conferring within that book's most lavish color plate, the Vatican. But they discerned God pulling them beyond it in two directions: to take account of the tradition that gave rise to their world, and to ponder the events that promised to alter it forever. They had the courage to make their frescoed palace not a place of escape, but a seat of observation, courageous and detached.

Looking far beyond Bernini's colonnades they observed that:

Ours is a new age of history with critical and swift upheavals spreading gradually to all corners of the earth. They are the products of man's intelligence and creative activity, but they recoil upon him, his judgements and desires, both individual and collective, upon his ways of thinking and acting in regard to people and things. We are entitled then to speak of a real social and cultural transformation whose repercussions are felt too on the religious level.

They gazed out at different events, but they perceived the same patterns that challenge us. We look upon the world from a technological platform far higher than theirs, but one seemingly more precarious in proportion. Surveying the panorama of climate, politics, and health, we grasp how much has become possible for us and see how little room we have to maneuver. We are so capable and so scared!

The Council Fathers looked with faith upon the crucible of their times, and in that light they put their era in perspective. They regarded the tumult of the 1960's as a "crisis of growth." (#4). This little phrase came to me as a great liberation.

If you think of it, we know crises of growth in our own lives as we make our way into and out of adolescence, middle age, and..... History also shows us these events in the end of the classical world, the feudal world, the agrarian world, and now the industrial world. Painfully we shed ways of living and gathering, dressing and working, creating and governing. We cannot imagine a world without certain elements of life until they, in fact, separate from daily existence and end up in the pages of my art books.

The disorder and distress of losing the familiar in the advent of a new way of living has a spiritual analog. Faith sees that with each age of history we draw closer to God even if stages in the passage feel quite the opposite. Vatican II manifested this truth by looking again at the ancient scriptures and the testimony of the Fathers of the Church. From this quest they derived profoundly deepened perceptions of God's presence in the world. Recognizing that Christ is active in time, moving us toward the Father, they can offer us help.

I think we sit in 2020 with no clear perception of what 2021 will be like, except that God will be present next year. Truthfulness demands observing the crises of this time for what they are, but faith sees that there is something beyond them, indeed someone. God's direction of history will make the best use of our advances, deal the most effective riposte to our pride, and offer a mercy that dwarfs our fears.

Just think, someday God will inspire someone to write the big book about 2020, and to tell its story in plates and text. Somebody will snuggle up with it and perceive that it fit in with the plan after all.

Peace!



Fr. Walter

This Week of Grace

Petitions for Respect Life Month

- Pray for vulnerable women who find themselves to be pregnant.
- Pray for the work of the Sisters of Life.
- Pray for Pregnancy Help, supported by our parishioners, and for other centers that help vulnerable pregnant women.

For the Elections of 2020

- Pray that voters and candidates may recognize their responsibility to seek the common good.

September 27

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

- Today at Mass we take up a collection for the support of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie. The seminary forms priests, deacons, and lay ministers for the Archdiocese of New York, and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center. It is therefore integral to the work of our Local Church in a new time.
- Today is also Priesthood Sunday. Pray not only for vocations to the priesthood, but also for the perseverance of priests in their life and ministry. They, like everyone else, are finding their way across unfamiliar terrain.

September 29

Sts. Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel, Archangels. (Feast)

- Pray that we may honor the angels by recognizing that so much of the order of creation lies beyond the grasp of our senses, and that this universe, beyond our perceiving, is ordered for our thriving.
- Offer thanks that we are loved and protected by these fellow creatures.

September 30

St. Jerome, Priest (Memorial)

- St. Jerome (340-420 AD) famously translated the Bible into Latin in a version we refer to as the Vulgate.
- He was also of famously bad temper, which should encourage many of us.
- Today we are scheduled to begin indoor dining. Pray for those who own restaurants and all who work in them.
- Pray for all our neighborhood businesses.

October 1

St. Therese of Lisieux (Memorial)

- St. Therese lived her "little way" from 1873-1897 and she lived it in the way of Carmel.
- May the "Little Flower" help us not to be afraid of silence and solitude.
- Pray for cloistered nuns who support the life of the Church with their sacrificial life of prayer.

October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

- Offer a thanksgiving for the accompaniment of the Guardian Angels.
- Ponder the preciousness of each person, watched over by a heavenly protector.