



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

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September 13, 2020 – 24th Sunday

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

Our Parish has resumed in-person Masses following the regulations of the Archdiocese of New York and New York City. The regulations allow us to have gatherings in church at 25% capacity. We have resumed our regular schedule of Masses with proper precautions observed. Regular confessions can now be heard as usual, provided we maintain social distance in the confession line. The churches will be cleaned between Masses.

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.
- Please follow instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Monday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Tuesday, September 15 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. There will be a Sung Mass at St. Catherine of Siena at 5:15 PM on both evenings.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday and Tuesday following the 7 AM Mass and concluding before the 5:15 PM Mass

One of two such periods of extended adoration offered annually in the Parish, this one is offered for the intentions for those suffering in the hospitals and for those who care for them. The other, at St. Vincent Ferrer, marks the beginning of the liturgical year on the first weekend of Advent.

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

Monday, September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

WEEKLY MASS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

On Saturdays, when the liturgical calendar permits, the Saturday 9 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena will be celebrated as a Sung Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On all Saturdays in September and October, excluding October 17 (the Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch), we will offer a different Marian Mass.

RCIA BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 21

Want to become Catholic? Or need to be confirmed? Email Fr. Joseph Hagan at rcia@svsc.info. Beginning September 21, our RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will meet every Monday at 7 PM. During Covid, we will have a mix of in-person and online meetings, following safety protocols.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS OCTOBER 5

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

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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, 5:1 PM
WEEKDAYS: 7 AM, 5 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)
MONDAY – FRIDAY:
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)
MONDAY–FRIDAY:
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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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.

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASS AND ROSARY SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday at 12:10 PM; Saturday at 9 AM; Sunday at 12 NOON.

Starting after Labor Day, we will be changing the time of our Livestream Rosary. The friars will livestream the Rosary at 9AM on weekdays and 8:30AM on Saturdays. The livestream will feature different areas of the church along with quick preaching before the Rosary.

Access via:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The New York Common Pantry, located at 8 East 109 Street, is dedicated to reducing hunger throughout New York City while promoting dignity, health and self-sufficiency. Since 1980 it has been an emergency food provider offering meals and support services to nearly 400,000 individuals.

In the past years our parishioners have generously contributed to support the work of the New York Common Pantry. We appreciate your past contributions to this organization and hope that you can continue to support their work. There will be containers for your contributions in both churches as you leave Mass the weekend of September 12–13.

If you send your Church donation by mail or on-line and would like to make a donation for the New York Common Pantry, please include a check made out to "St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena." Include a notation for "New York Common Pantry."

The dates of our collections for the Pantry for 2020-2021 are as follows: September 13, October 9, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 11, May 2, and June 6.

MUSIC NOTES

Since the resumption of public Mass in June, the Schola has sung a polyphonic setting of the Offertory Antiphon from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's collection *Offertoria totius anni*. We will continue this intermittently into the fall, singing only those Antiphons which are not already in our library of repertoire.

For example, next Sunday, the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the text of the Offertory Antiphon is *Si ambulavero in medio tribulationis* (If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation) from Psalm 137 (138). The Schola sang Palestrina's setting last season, so this year we will offer one composed by a comparatively obscure Bologna-born contemporary.

At the Communion, the Schola will sing a musical setting of the Gospel parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20). Francisco Guerrero, with Cristóbal de Morales and Tomás Luis de Victoria, form the triumvirate of Spanish Renaissance composers of the first rank. Guerrero held the position of *maestro di capilla* at the Cathedrals of Jaén and Seville, his native city. He traveled widely and published a popular account of his Holy Land pilgrimage. His musical output is extensive and has remained popular since its publication, especially in Latin American Cathedrals.

Si ambulavero – Ascanio Trombetti (1544-1590)

Simile est regnum caelorum á 6

– Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6 PM (Vigil) Nely Miranda
8 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families, Andrew
& Arther Williams (D)
9:30 AM John Weisz (D)
12:00 PM Dorothy M. Grever (D)
6:00 PM Claudette Colbert (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Rosa Bulong (D)
6:00 PM James Kelly (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Thomas Clark (D)
6:00 PM James Kelly (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory (D)
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of
the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
McGovern Family (D)
12:10 PM Vito A. Giordano (D)
6:00 PM James Kelly (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:00 AM Jane Sellner (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Maria Teresa
Morasetti

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
4:00 PM (Vigil) Donald B. Pinto (D)
10:00 AM Rosa Maria Arecliya (D)
5:00 PM Dr. Louis A. Perrotta

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 AM President Donald Trump
5:15 PM Marina & Cornelio
Crucillo (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
7:00 AM St. Jude
5:15 PM Maria Cecilia L.
Punzalan (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7:00 AM St. Jude
5:15 PM Sylvia De Rogatis (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
5:15 PM Carmina & Jeff Levine

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
9:00 AM Father David Adiletta, O.P.
4:00 PM (Vigil) Gretta Lodes (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, George Brooksbank,
Nicole Brooksbank, Roseann
Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Maggie
Heath, Anne Hills, Annette Howard,
Dorie Klissas, Kathy Masserano,
Barbara, McKinnon, Jay Mortimer,
George Odoi, David Olivier, David
Rakeem, Amy Rhee, Bill Rudd,
Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina,
Blair Scribner, Oxana Skop, & Abby
Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Benedict Fenwick, Stanley Nadel
& Helen O'Hagan, 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; James Mohr (D);
Patricia Mohr (D); 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

St. Catherine – St. Joseph's 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 NARROWEST PLACE

Through the mystery of Christ's Cross, the parts of human life that most constrict us have become the way to our freedom. On Good Friday, we wear red and reflect on the Lord's Passion with austere solemnity, but today's feast looks at the same mystery with festive amazement. We stand back and see how the Cross has actually reformed life. This particular gladness reaches all the way back to the Fourth Century, when tradition holds that St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, found the Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

Two heavy beams thrust upon tired shoulders represent those parts of life assigned to us as things we cannot change, but must bear. Everyone can give an account of this weight in his or her own life, and the content of the burden will vary infinitely. Chronic illness, physical handicap, family tragedy, psychological challenge, temperamental limitations, and relational failure each figure highly in the chronicle of our life's non-negotiables. At the macro level, Mother Nature, the economy, and history deal us hands with a suddenness that takes the breath away.

Every one of us must live within the hard boundaries of life, but we choose how.

Consider our options. The constrictions of life generate powerful feelings that in turn can form the stance we take toward the whole of life. Some, for example, sing a constant song of sadness: the effect of life's tragedies on them is indelible. Others recite the ballad of resentment, waxing eloquent about the ways they have been mishandled and misunderstood. On the other hand, the limitations of being human give rise to a kind of fatalism in some. Another temperament strives furiously against the barriers, battering finitude with sheer determination. Finally, some refuse to admit the existence of such boundaries. Of course, at a given point we could be looking at life through any of these lenses. The challenging thing to look at is which one them is our default perspective.

As Jesus carries His Cross, He makes plain His own understanding of how to live within the givens of life. In His case of course, the Passion is the most constricting of these, and it shows the whole "narrow way" of Jesus. In His humanity Jesus lived a life circumscribed by history, geography and religion. He is a Jew, living in Galilee and Judea, in the First Century. God's plan for the Incarnation placed Him in an ordinary home, with an ordinary trade. His ministry surrounds Him with quite ordinary people who grasp only vaguely, the extraordinary things He says and does. Yet for Him these limits become the basis of thriving. In the parables, the Lord packs profundity into the ordinary, making daily life speak about the things of God.

This wisdom serves not only others, but the Lord himself. In the Passion, He encounters the limits of His people, His friends, and His body. He neither bucks them in anger, nor submits to them in resignation. Rather, He knows that the Father is allowing the circumstances and will make something of them. So it is with love of God and neighbor that Jesus abides in suffering and death. At the end, when there is no more room for Him humanly to live, He knows circumstance cannot shut out the will and plan of God. Indeed, if the Holy Spirit can make the life of a carpenter's son speak to the nation of Israel, then by the same power His death can become a source of life.

From the Resurrection on, the Cross has triumphed in the lives of Christians in just this way. How many have lived lives of quiet joy within boundaries of persecution, economic hardship, or personal handicap. Their faith grasps that God is present in two very profound ways to those parts of life we cannot change. First, within them He shows His grace through the resourcefulness, creativity, and above all generosity, with which His people suffer limits, and so taste real happiness within the narrowness of this life. Second, God also shows His power beyond them. The work we do to live well within the limits of our humanity fosters the very qualities of soul that will make us able to live joyously before the face of God for all eternity. By contrast, resentment, self-pity, fatalism, and arrogance simply do not get us ready.

For me, poor eyesight has been the teacher of this wisdom. There are many things I cannot do, yet when I run into the limits, I never fail to meet the people who can help me. The experience of this providence squelches the temptation to feel sorry for myself. The limits have challenged pride and fostered trust. They have worked to help me see that God does direct my life.

In the 1990's, the doctors were able to give me implanted lenses that put two thirds of my prescription inside my eyes. But I have saved carefully my old "bottle bottom" glasses. They were the occasion of exclusion and a sign of frustration, yet they are also precious to me for teaching me through a handicap, how to live a free life. I live comfortably within this boundary because my faith tells me God sees what I do not. Those thick lenses represent a present limitation which has taught me to long for that sight not qualified by any horizon. As a cross I carried, they were heavy; as a gift of God they are beautiful. I hope they will continue to teach me how to ask for help, how to age, to endure sickness, and of course to die.

In the Communion we have with Jesus Crucified!



Fr. Walter

This Week of Grace

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2020

- We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Days of Eucharistic Adoration

- On Monday September 14, and Tuesday, September 15 we will expose the Blessed Sacrament at St. Catherine's for two days of prayer on behalf of patients and their caregivers. See below for notes on the feasts.
- Pray for the fruitfulness of these days.
- We will expose the Sacrament at the conclusion of the 7 AM Mass. The Rosary will be said at 4:45 PM and benediction will follow at 5 PM. Each day will conclude with sung Mass at 5:15 PM.
- These days will conclude our Octave of Prayer to Jesus and Mary at Calvary.

September 13

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

- We take up again, today, the rhythm of monthly collections after Mass for the New York Common Pantry. Thank you for remembering all the New Yorkers newly in need of this assistance.
- Pray for all the works of our Social Concerns Committee who take up these collections.
- This evening the Frassati Young Adult Fellowship resumes their monthly cycle of Holy Hours in St. Vincent Ferrer's. Please pray for all young adults at this challenging time.

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

- This beautiful feast recalls the tradition that St. Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, found the True Cross in Jerusalem.
- This feast celebrates the mystery of the Cross itself. An instrument of cruel execution has become a sign of consolation and love: such is the power of God to transform the darkest places of life.
- By tradition, this day marks the resumption of church life, and parish life, in its full intensity. The new Parish Year lasts until Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021.

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

- Pray for all who experience the mystery of compassion, who through work or relationship are present to the suffering of the sick and dying, especially their families, for the medical professionals who care for them, and for the chaplains who attend them.
- On this day of Mary at the Foot of the Cross, pray for parents who must endure the suffering of their children.

September 16

Sts. Cornelius (Pope) and Cyrian (Bishop) Martyrs (M)

- Cornelius died in 253 AD and Cyprian in 258 AD.
- As Pope and Bishop of Carthage respectively, they worked together to ensure mercy for those Christians who failed in time of persecution. At the same time, persecution claimed each of them.
- Pray that the Church may continue to be noted for her practice of mercy, as she has received it from her Lord.

September 18

St. Juan Macias, O.P. Friar (Optional for the Order)

- St. Juan (1585-1645) migrated from Spain and spent most of his Dominican life in Lima, Peru, where he was a friend of two other Dominican Saints, Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres.
- Juan served in the Order as a Cooperator Brother, that is he was not ordained, but lived the fraternal life essential to the Order's nature, and he contributed to the running of the Priory and its ministries in the burgeoning Peruvian church.
- Pray for the continued flourishing of this crucial vocation within the Dominican vocation, for it reminds all of us of the essential character of our calling.
- Pray for Br. Thomas Aquinas Dolan, Br. Martin Davis, and Br. Damian McCarthy who carry the fraternal life and ministry so fruitfully in our corner of the Order.