



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

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## September 20, 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### WEEKLY MASS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

On Saturdays when the liturgical calendar permits, the 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](mailto:rcia@svsc.info). Beginning September 21, our RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will meet every Monday at 7 PM. Following parish Covid safety protocols, we will have a mix of in-person and online meetings.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS OCTOBER 5

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

### 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

## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.  
*Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.  
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Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.  
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Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.  
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Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.  
*Deacon*

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*Director of Religious Education*

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*Church Custodian*

## 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.

## 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](https://svsc.info/livestream/daily-mass)

[facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine](https://facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine)

## 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. 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.

Our next collection dates for the New York Common Pantry are as follows: 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*. Next Sunday, the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the text of the Offertory Antiphon is *Super flumina Babylonis* (By the waters of Babylon, there we sat and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.) from Psalm 136 (137):1.

At the Communion, the Schola will sing a setting of Psalm 23 (24) (The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.) by Philippe de Monte. One of the most prolific composers of the Renaissance, perhaps of all time, de Monte penning over a thousand madrigals in 34 books, 38 settings of the Mass, about 250 motets, and 144 madrigali spirituali (sacred madrigals). In the 1550s he sang in the chapel choir of Philip II of Spain and visited England in that capacity for the wedding of his employer to Mary Tudor. Upon the death of Jacobus Vaet in 1567, Monte was appointed *Kapellmeister* to the Austrian Habsburg court, serving Maximilian II and Rudolf II, in Vienna, and after 1583, in Prague, until his death in 1603.

*Super flumina Babylonis á 5*

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Domini est terra – Quis ascendet in montem Domini*

– Philippe de Monte (1521-1603)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Maria Teresa Morasetti (D)  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Ronnie Lizares (D)  
12:00 PM Roseann Connolly  
6:00 PM Raul Castells IV (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order  
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)  
6:00 PM Elizabeth Regan (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
8:00 AM Mary B. Jennings (D)  
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)  
6:00 PM Kathy Masserano

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
8:00 AM Peter Damiani (D)  
12:10 PM Thomas Clark (D)  
6:00 PM Mary O'Brien Heller (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)  
6:00 PM Richard & Frances Reynolds (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
8:00 AM President Donald Trump  
12:10 PM Francis Goss & Family  
6:00 PM Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
8:00 AM President Donald Trump  
6:00 PM (Vigil) May Corso (D)

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Gretta Lodes (D)  
10:00 AM Claire Kwiatkowski (D)  
5:00 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM May Lenehan (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
7:00 AM Na Theresa Cabihe (D)  
5:15 PM President Donald Trump

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
7:00 AM St. Jude  
5:15 PM Ronta Svoboda (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
7:00 AM President Donald Trump  
5:15 PM John Peter Hertig (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society  
5:15 PM Carmen Mallia (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
9:00 AM Mr. Robert Siano (D)  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

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

Sandie Bonfield, George Brooksbank, Nicole Brooksbank, Roseann Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Ethel Garcia, Maggie Heath, Anne Hills, Annette Howard, Rosie Mann, Kathy Masserano, George Odoi, David Olivier, David Rakeem, Amy Rhee, Bill Rudd, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, Oxana Skop, & Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Chin, Benedict Fenwick, Ethel Garcia, Claudio Herta, Matthew Martinez, 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, New York-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; Intention to St. Vincent Ferrer; Elizabeth O'Keefe (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.*

## OF SERVICE

Back in March and April, the pandemic presented a clear pastoral challenge to us: we needed to help people through a period of singular isolation, anxiety, and and dislocation. Now we find ourselves in the crucible of a challenging election. With Covid and climate still active concerns, constitutional duty beckons, and I wonder how we can be of service.

One first principle comes to mind in each election cycle and in each controversy: we are everyone's priests and I am everyone's Pastor. In our preaching and praying, I hope we make room for the divided electorate of our time to be at Mass together. All comers should feel safe in church and find a reprieve there.

But ministry must do more than not offend. Christ not only promises eternity, he also proposes a way of living that prepares us for it. Political activity figures in our nature as surely as commerce, and so the Gospel addresses the use of power and the fact of ambition. It follows that Christian ministry includes helping people be political in way that flows from faith and deepens it. So I ask myself: how do we connect preaching with political reality in a divided time without widening the division? Over this past weekend a very Dominican solution came to me: there must be something on point to read!

My memory called up a text that is fifty-five years old this year. In 1965, the Second Vatican Council issued a final document, its *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. As with so many Roman documents, its working title comes from its first words, *Gaudium et Spes*. To give an immediate context, "The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the men of our time, especially those who are poor and afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well." (#1)

Two things leap out at me from this sentence and they account for my decision to read *Gaudium et Spes* in preparation for the election, and to reflect upon it with you, in these pages, as we head toward Election Day.

First, consider the attribution of the sentence. It does not convey the sentiment of a Pope, or even of the Bishops; it expresses the concern of the whole Christian People. From this I take the idea that along with concern for my salvation, and for the well-being of rest of the Church, I have regard for the situation of all my contemporaries. Jesus shows me this when he sits with the life-battered and excluded Samaritan Woman (John 4), and the Holy Spirit shows me this in the many tongues of Pentecost (Acts 2). Contemplating the Works of God will include the promises of heaven, but also the progress and pain of the people He made. As the Woman at the Well discovered, to become a follower of Jesus is to become more alive by becoming more aware. We meet her hiding from everyone, and we leave her running into town to share the news of Jesus. In her, desire for God and desire for her neighbors awaken together; sanctity and social concern form a unity in her trajectory toward the resurrected life.

Second, ponder the tone of the sentence it empathizes. The Council neither lectures nor patronizes. It offers neither solutions born of superiority nor the indifference born of rejection. It attributes to each of us, and all of us, an awareness that we are at the same time bearers of heavenly promise and people of our time. The gift of faith sustains and guides us, but it does not inure us to the ravages of storm and fire, violence and hostility, in the lives of real people. We fear for them and in all humanity, we fear for ourselves. Since faith points us to a life beyond what shames and scares, it can also impart concern for those who must endure such things without this gift.

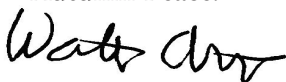
Presence to God and concern for neighbor intersect most powerfully in the humanity of Christ. We hear him deliver the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), and recognize one both eternal and present to each age of the human race. But do we realize that he has worked on our humanity so that it communicates his promise and his presence?

These considerations add up to a mission to live with faith and alertness in the time assigned to me.

It is true that I ultimately must vote for one side or the other, but I can cast my vote with the empathy of the Council by pondering the concerns and hopes that lead people to vote the other way. I may disagree with, and disapprove of, certain social movements, but my Savior equips me to discern the pain lying beneath the noise that they make. He enables me to survey with Him the whole drama of the age and to name its fears and its longings. If I do this I will not be trapped into answering shouts with shouts. It will be my concern to take the second look and see the person.

*Gaudium et Spes* surveys in faith human, social, economic and political activity on a vast scale. Indeed, it is a vast document. But its principle of discernment is the human person, "...considered whole and entire, with body and soul, heart and conscience, mind and will." (#3) If I keep seeing the person I will not vote in hate but in service, and God makes service fruitful.

Autumn Peace!



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.

## The Jewish High Holy Days

• This weekend brings us to Rosh Hashanah and next weekend to Yom Kippur. Pray for the many congregations and families, particularly in our city, who seek to celebrate the High Holy Days in such challenging circumstances. We hope for the safety and joy of all.

## September 20

## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

- On this Catechetical Sunday pray for the work of Lisa Harrelson and her colleagues in the ministry of religious education. In these difficult times they seek to maintain the connection and the content involved in receiving the faith.
- Pray for Fr. Joseph Hagan who begins this year's RCIA tomorrow. Pray for those the Holy Spirit will place in his care.

## September 21

## St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)

- St. Matthew serves as Patron for accountants, tax collectors, and civil servants, among others.
- Pray for those whose attentiveness to keeping records and following proper procedures advances the good order of society, the advance of the common good, and the pursuit of justice.

## September 23

## St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (Memorial)

- Pray for all who have the ministry of confessor in the church.
- Pray that more people will find the healing and freedom offered in the confessional
- Pray for the whole Franciscan Family of Friars, Nuns, Sisters, and Laity.