



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

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## September 6, 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

### 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.

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.

### LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7. There will only be two Low Masses offered in the Parish: at 7 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and at 9 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. No Confessions will be heard and the churches will close following the Masses.

### NATIVITY OF MARY

Tuesday, September 8 is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. There are only three nativities observed in the Roman Catholic calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for St. John the Baptist.

### REQUIEM MASS ON 9/11

On Friday, September 11, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite at 7 PM will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Schola Cantorum will sing Antonio Lotti's *Missa pro defunctis à 4*. This Mass, sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society, will be offered in particular memory on the 19th anniversary for those who died in 2001.

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. We look forward to welcoming you back in October.

### 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: 10:00 AM, 5 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 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 (EUCCHARISTIC 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

## PARISH OFFICE

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## 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*

Bro. Frassati Davis, O.P.  
*Deacon*

Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.  
*Deacon*

Deacon John M. Powers  
Lee Ann Rubino

*Business Manager*  
James D. Wetzel

*Director of Music and Organist*  
Lisa Harrelson

*Director of Religious Education*  
Ginny McCusker

*Administrative Assistant*  
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*Church Custodian*  
Tracey Hicks

*Church Custodian*

## ST. VINCENT FERRER

### HIGH SCHOOL

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Sr. Gail Morgan, O.P.  
*Principal*

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

## PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday at 12:10 PM

Saturday at 9 AM

Sunday at 12 NOON

20 minutes before each of these Masses we will live stream the Rosary.

Access via:

[svsc.info/outreach](http://svsc.info/outreach)

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The New York Common Pantry, located at 8 East 109 St., 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.

Food services including hot meals and brown bag meals are available seven days a week. Nutrition education provides lessons on healthful eating, nutrition and active living for adults and their families. In addition, counseling and referral services to acquire benefits and entitlements are available to families.

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

Next week, for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets from the Italian Renaissance.

*Sanctificavit Moyses* (Offertory Antiphon)  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Consolator et amator spiritus*  
– Andrea Rota (c. 1553-1597)

## 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.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
6:00 PM (Vigil) C.G. De La Cruz  
8:00 AM Alice Kelley (D)  
9:30 AM Brigid Berlin (D)  
12:00 PM Juan de Jesus Piraquire (D)  
6:00 PM For the People of The Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order  
12:10 PM No Mass-Labor Day  
6:00 PM No Mass-Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
8:00 AM Fr. William C.  
Cunningham (D)  
12:10 PM Alex Sanchez (D)  
6:00 PM Raul Castells, III (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
8:00 AM Louise Meagher (D)  
12:10 PM Alex Sanchez (D)  
6:00 PM Patrick Loynds (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
8:00 AM Catherine & Patrick  
McGlade (D)  
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Alex Sanchez (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
8:00 AM Beverly Wagner (D)  
12:10 PM John Weisz (D)  
6:00 PM Tim Huff (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5  
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget  
McGovern (D)  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Nely Miranda

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)  
10:00 AM John P. Hanson Jr. MD  
5:00 PM David Johnson (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
7:00 AM Jimmy Toner (D)  
5:15 PM No Mass-Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
7:00 AM for The Province of St.  
Joseph  
5:15 PM Stephen Wilcox (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
7:00 AM St. Jude  
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
7:00 AM Eve Fries  
5:15 PM Thank You to St. Jude

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
5:15 PM For the Victims & Families  
of the 9/11 Attack

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
9:00 AM Donald B. Pinto (D)  
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, George Brooksbank,  
Nicole Brooksbank, Roseann  
Connelly, Maggie Heath, Anne Hills,  
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, & 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*  
Adolfo Sardina (L); Ramon &  
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Kevin  
Wilson (D); Helen O'Hagan (D);  
The Souls in Purgatory; The People  
of the Parish; Intention of Donor.  
*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.*

## JESUS AND MARY ON CALVARY

This letter carries the hope that you have come through these months of pandemic with health in body and with peace of mind. Responding to the virus has affected the rhythms of the year. I write these lines in early August, at what should be “going back to school” time. This came to be its own shopping season, replete with traffic increases and enticing markdowns. But now we are not sure what “back to school” will mean; remote or in person, and if in person for how many days a week? A silver lining in this confusion might be that summer will sneak on past Labor Day toward its natural conclusion. This would be a dividend we could use.

If this September is less hectic than most, perhaps you would contribute a little of it to an initiative of prayer which will be new for us and, we hope, timely for you. This year we will hold eight days of prayer in honor of our Lord’s Cross and our Lady’s stance at the foot of it. This octave will begin on Tuesday, September 8, the feast of Our Lady’s Nativity, and conclude on Tuesday, September 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Of course, these days will have as a high point the great feast of the triumph of the Holy Cross on Monday, September 14.

We will offer this time of prayer for patients and caregivers, those who suffer and those who suffer with.

Taken together the feasts of Jesus and Mary on Calvary capture a crucial truth of human life and reveal how God’s intervention has transformed it. He has come to meet us at the point of our powerlessness so that we might experience his power to save and to free.

We find the point of our power in our capacity to accomplish. Completing a task or realizing a dream brings us to that human high point where we can affect the world for the better and fulfill our potential. Accomplishment enters conversion when we use drive and talent to foster the gifts of another. Is there any substitute for the sense of accomplishment parents experience when their children accomplish?

Achievement draws on initiative, imagination, and discipline, and so demands a context of freedom. We rack up accomplishments in our jobs and relationships, and so it may seem that obligation drives us, but in the end no outside force can exercise our faculties for us.

Succeeding and failing, and struggling to achieve tells a lot of our story and builds a lot of our self-image. So, a dreadful shock comes when we cannot achieve for ourselves but become the recipients of achievement, the initiative of our neighbors and the works of God. Sickness, aging, and dying bring us to this point of passivity, as does our helplessness before the plight of others. Here we encounter an impotence that appears to rob us of humanity itself until we recognize it as part of humanity and befriend it as part of God’s creation.

Jesus crucified and his Mother suffering beside him show us the pain of the hour of our passion (undergoing) and of our compassion (undergoing with). They also reveal the amazing potential of these moments in the working of God’s grace.

In moments of passion and compassion we enter dead ends of human life from which we naturally try to escape by flight or by fight: we avoid our suffering, or that of another, either by fixing it or running away from it. We know that we have reached our “hour” when neither is possible. We find ourselves in a trip that will elicit rage and frustration, resignation and denial - all most human. But if we can recognize this time as something God allows as a real part of our being human and being with other humans, then such a terrible cul de sac becomes a privileged time of prayer and trust that refines our charity.

In these Covid days those who suffer and those who suffer with have taken a place at the center of our consciousness, and we find ourselves newly aware of the singularity of the hour of passion and compassion. In a way, the isolation of Covid sufferers, and the barriers placed between them and their caregivers, points the eyes of faith to their closeness with God.

Our octave of prayer will be a time to remember those we know on beds of suffering and those standing beside them. Our petitions will recognize their loneliness and fear, their frustration and anxiety, their transformation and growth in love.

As always there will an octave shrine, with holy cards and petition slips, in each of our churches of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer. The prayer of the octave will be said at each mass in our parish.

We hope this prayer will offer a witness of faith in the medical community where we find ourselves. Thank you for joining us.

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.

## St. Vincent Ferrer High School

- Our High School is preparing to open next week. Sr. Gail Morgan, Principal, and the faculty have done amazing work in adapting their space and their methods to our new circumstances. Please pray for the life and ministry of our school community.

## Community Notes

- Welcome back Fr. Albert Paretsky. Fr. Paretsky has completed a stint of teaching on the West Coast and has returned to share his generous ministry with us. We are delighted to have him back.
- Br. Martin Davis and Br. Frassati Davis will be teaching part time at St. Vincent Ferrer High School this year. They will join Fr. Matthew Carroll who is already on the faculty full time.

## Octave of Prayer

- On Tuesday September 8, the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity, we will begin an Octave of Prayer concluding in the paired feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) and Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15).
- As we celebrate the power of the Lord's Cross and of Our Lady at the foot of it, we pray for patients who experience the mystery of illness and age, and for their caregivers who, like Mary, exercise the ministry of compassion.
- Holy cards and prayer intention slips will be at the foot of the rood in St. Catherine's (next to the book of the sick) and at the Pieta in St. Vincent Ferrer's.

## Monday, September 7

## Labor Day

- Pray for those whose work has kept us safe and supplied during these months of pandemic.
- Pray for those who have lost their jobs in these times.

## Tuesday, September 8

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- On this beautiful feast of Mary's birth, pray for those who today will resume regular patterns of work.
- Pray in a special way for the safety, perseverance, and resourcefulness of students and teachers who resume familiar roles in unfamiliar circumstances.

## Wednesday, September 9

## St. Peter Claver, SJ (Memorial)

- This Catalan Jesuit priest lived from 1580 –1664, and worked in Colombia among the slaves.
- Pray for an end to racial prejudice.
- Pray for all those trapped in involuntary servitude through human trafficking.
- Pray for the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits) and all their endeavors.
- Pray for our Pastoral Council that tonight has its first meeting of this parish year.

## Friday, September 11

## The Nineteenth Anniversary of 9/11

- Remember those who died on this day in 2001, and pray for their families and friends who will never forget their loss.
- Pray for all who have died in terrorist attacks.
- Pray for our intelligence and counter-intelligence communities.
- Pray that the life of the world may somehow come out from under the shadow of terrorism.

## Saturday, September 12

## The Holy Name of Mary

- In difficult times and anxious moments the names of Jesus and Mary become one word prayers connecting us to active and loving heavenly friends.