18th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

[Jesus] said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” - Lk 12:15

SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

First Saturday, August 3—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Matthew 14:1-12
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Paul Cyr by his Family & Friends

Sunday, August 4—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Paige Batten by Dave & Mary Welch
10:30am †Max Draskovic by his wife, Wanda
4:30pm †Michael Somo by Cindy & Gregg Russo

Monday, August 5—Weekday
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Suo, Sutera, Lewanduski
and Hind families by John & Barbara Suo
Numbers 11:4b-15 / Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the LORD
7:30am The Children & Grandchildren of John & Barbara Suo
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—9:00am

Wednesday, August 7—Weekday
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Scheer, Futerman, Chessin &
Santomassino families by John & Barbara Suo
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm—7:30pm

Thursday, August 8—St. Dominic
7:30am †Concetta Mengacci (1st year remembrance) by the Parish
Numbers 20:1-13 / Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 9—Weekday
7:30am †Deceased Priests & Religious & the Souls in Purgatory
Deuteronomy 4:32-40 / Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 10—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm Patricia Hurley (living) by Anthony & Helen Finateri

Sunday, August 11—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Allison Bergen by John & Barbara Suo
10:30am †William McKenna by Rita Withee
4:30pm †Jose Azvedo by his wife, Maria

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Discover your God-given gifts and find a place
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- $ 2,108.00 Envelope Offertory for July 28, 2019
- $ 678.00 Loose Offertory for July 28, 2019
- $ 723.00 Previous weeks & other donations
- $ 3,509.00 Sub-total
- $ 241.00 Cathedraticum
- $ 3,268.00 Total that stays in the parish for our use.
- $ 1,772.00 Summer Missionary

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and Jackie Duman

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
in memory of
Liliana Caico
by Giuseppina Fazzino

Rest in Peace
The deceased members of our parish family.
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
Our questions for this week focus on the Eucharist.

What are the rules of fasting before Communion and why is it done?

The Eucharistic fast is intended to focus our minds on the solemnity of what we are doing in receiving Communion. Originally, the fast was from midnight before receiving Communion. Later that was reduced to three hours for food, and now it is one hour from food and liquids other than water and medicine.

For a lay person, the fast is one hour before receiving, not an hour before Mass begins. This applies to everyone who is of age to receive Communion. In case of severe hardship or very advanced age or illness, even the one hour can be dispensed.

Should parishioners remain kneeling after Communion until all the extra hosts are put back in the Tabernacle?

The general custom has been to kneel until the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Tabernacle. But it is equally appropriate to sit. The primary consideration should be reverence and meditative prayer, whether this comes through silence or through a Thanksgiving hymn.

What is the purpose of the cover the priest has over the Chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer?

The “cover” is called the Pall. It has been used for centuries. The purpose for it was to prevent dust or other foreign objects from falling in the Chalice. Until after the reforms following the Second Vatican Council, it was a liturgical requirement that the Pall be kept on the chalice except during the Consecration and Communion. That requirement was abolished. So it is now a practical decision for the priest to make. Some priests like to adopt the older practice.

What does the light near the Tabernacle symbolize?

It is called a Sanctuary Lamp. It is lighted when the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle. Here in our parish of St. Vincent Ferrer it is our custom to remember a loved one by requesting that the Sanctuary Lamp be lit for a week for that person.

A few further thoughts on Holy Communion:

The Holy Eucharist is the most important of the seven sacraments because, in this and in no other sacrament, we receive the very body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Innumerable precious graces come to us through the reception of Holy Communion.

Communion is an intimate encounter with Christ, in which we sacramentally received Christ into our bodies, that we may be more completely assimilated into his. “The Eucharist builds the Church,” as Pope Saint John Paul II said (Redemptor Hominis 20). It deepens unity with the Church, more fully assimilating us into Christ.

The Eucharist also strengthens the individual because in it Jesus himself, the Word made flesh, forgives our venial sins and gives us the strength to resist mortal sin. It is also the very channel of eternal life: Jesus himself.

Because of the gravity of Jesus’ teaching on receiving the Eucharist, the Church encourages Catholics to receive frequent Communion, even daily Communion if possible, and mandates reception of the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season.
Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

**Baptism**

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held **August 6th at 6:30pm**. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you **must** sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents **must** be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

**MONEY COUNTERS**

August 4  John Henry / Pat Kurowski
August 11  Sandy DeGennaro / Steve Shulick

**URGENT!**

Today is Food Pantry Sunday for August. The Ecumenical Food Bank is in urgent need of donations of non-perishable foods. Your donations are greatly appreciated each month. Oftentimes in the summer, we might not be mindful that there are folks who are in need. Our parish has always been most generous to the Food Bank which is in great need. Thank you for your help!!!

St. Francis Church (in unity with St. Vincent Ferrer) will be supporting **SCHOOL SUPPLY** needs for NAUGATUCK YOUTH SERVIES: boys and girls—ages 10-15 and COVENANT TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF GREATER WATERBURY—ages 5 years and up. We are asking you to generously help this Outreach Project by supplying any of the following items:

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- COLORED PENCILS
- LOOSELEAF PAPER
- 1” BINDERS

Donations can be placed in the box labeled **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** in the foyer here at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Last day for drop off is Sunday, August 18th.

**Parishioners in active ministries**

(lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese.

Holy Rosary—Ansonia
Monday August 12—6:00pm
Church of the Assumption—Woodbridge
Monday August 26—6:00pm

**Important: Register online only at**:  
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The 2019 Summer Music Festival on the Naugatuck Town Green takes place Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm. Concerts benefit the Naugatuck Food Bank (*please bring non-perishable food donations*).

TUESDAY AUGUST 6

MARTY Q

(CLASSIC POP & JAZZ)

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**EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER**

**Sunday**  
8/4/19 Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm

**Monday**  
8/5/19 Mass @ 7:30am

**Tuesday**  
8/6/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 8:00am—9:00am

**Wednesday**  
8/7/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 6:30pm—7:30pm

**Thursday**  
8/8/19 Mass @ 7:30am

**Friday**  
8/9/19 Mass @ 7:30am

**Saturday**  
8/10/19 Mass @ 8:00am // **Confessions @ 3:00pm** // Mass @ 4:00pm

### REFLECTION ON THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus. Like the Israelites we recall in this week’s Psalm, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink.

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God’s goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they’ll afford us security and rest.

All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week’s First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week’s Gospel. The rich man’s anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God’s care and provision. That’s why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker.

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him. We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

Scott Hahn

### ATTIC TREASURES CONTINUED!  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Due to the large amount of unsold donations, the Family Center will be open from 9am until 12noon.
Please help by taking whatever you want (for a free-will donation) or fill a bag or boxes to drop off to other charities. The more you take, the less work is required by our overworked but very generous volunteers!

Praying does not cease for summer vacation.  
St. Paul says, “Pray constantly!”

St. Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church

**August 4th—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus warns “take care to guard against all greed.” Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God’s will for you. If His will is for you to become a priest or religious, Call—

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