23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27
**Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church**

**Mass Intentions and Readings**

**Saturday, September 7**—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm**  
4:00pm †Regina Abria by Jasmin Waas

**Sunday, September 8**—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am Brid Burke (living) by the Kelly Family  
10:30am Fr. Kevin Forsyth (living) by Verlie Harrison  
4:30pm †Jose Azevedo by Maria Azevedo  

**Monday, September 9**—St. Peter Claver  
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Schreer, Futerman, Chessin & Santomasino Families by John & Barbara Suo  

**Tuesday, September 10**—Weekday  
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Pope, Spillane & Lavenski Families by John & Barbara Suo  

**Wednesday, September 11**—Weekday  
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Pope, Spillane & Lavenski Families by John & Barbara Suo  

**Thursday, September 12**—Weekday  
7:30am In thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph by John & Barbara Suo  
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Luke 5:39-42

**Friday, September 13**—St. John Chrysostom  
7:30am Intentions of the Parishioners  
Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:3-17

**Saturday, September 14**—Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 15:1-32

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm**  
4:00pm †Stephanie & Frank Raucci by Lorraine Sagnella

**Sunday, September 15**—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am †James McCartin (1st anniversary remembrance) by Parish  
10:30am Joan Farrington (living) by the Tuesday Prayer Group  
4:30pm †Elaine Vanni (5th anniversary) by Frank & Mary Lussier  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 15:1-32

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**Stewardship**

“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”  
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other  
**“G I F T S”**  
Giving In Faith Through Stewardship  
Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service.

**Treasure (Resources): Financial Report**

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Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord! May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!

**Staff**

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Father Binny Issac and Father Joy Jacob, Parochial Vicars  
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Nancy Hanson, Parish Minister  
Cornell Bialicki, Music Director & Organist  

**Finance Council**

Father John, Matt Fortney, Michael Mason, David Whidden, Don Duman (Trustee) & Cindy Russo (Trustee)

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Virtus Facilitator: Annette Whidden  
Pro-Life: Dorothy Deitelbaum  
Raffle: Don & Jackie Duman  
Attic Treasures: Joan Bettencourt  
Food Bank: Barbara Salerno & Mabel Duman  
Cooking Club: Joanne Ramos  
Adult Faith Formation Minister: Sherri-Lyn Raimo  
Retreat Coordinator: Mary Welch  
Holy Name Society President: Don Duman  
Our Lady’s Guild Co-Presidents: Mabel Herring and Jackie Duman

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**Rest in Peace**

Those who perished in Hurricane Dorian  
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
We look at the importance of the Mass.

Why go to Mass?

Those who believe in God know that they owe him worship. After all, we’ve received everything from him. So we ought to give him thanks and offer him a pleasing sacrifice.

The question is, though, what sort of sacrifice pleases him? How can we adequately thank the Lord for what he has given us?

Scripture is clear: There is no sacrifice worthy of the name except the one sacrifice that Jesus offered on the cross. Hebrews 10:12 says that Christ “offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins.” That sacrifice cannot be repeated. The Mass in not an additional sacrifice or a repetition of Christ’s sacrifice; rather, it is a re-presentation of the one sacrifice of the cross.

Because Christ is a unique human being, the sacrifice he offered on the cross once and for all is a unique act. He is a human being, so it was an act that took place in history and is therefore past. He is God, who is outside of time and lives in the eternal present: past and future are always present to him. This means that the actions of Christ on Calvary and on Easter Sunday morning are eternal acts that can be made present again by the power of the Spirit.

This is what happens in the Eucharist. The power of Calvary—the sacrifice that takes away sins, heals, and transforms—becomes present and available to us. It can be applied to our need.

But that’s not all. The cross is incomplete without the Resurrection. You can’t understand what happened on Good Friday apart from what happened two days later on Easter Sunday. The Resurrection, too, is made present every time the Eucharist is celebrated. When we go to Mass, we are mysteriously present at the foot of the cross, watching the Savior give his life for us. And we’re also standing outside the open tomb with the women who greeted the risen Jesus. “This is for you. I give my life to you,” Jesus is saying at every Mass. “Receive my power.”

Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice in order to bring us salvation and give us Spirit. Pentecost is the fruit of the sacrifice of the cross and the victory of the Resurrection. Thus, the church teaches that every Mass is a new Pentecost, a new opportunity to receive the Spirit afresh.

Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church’s sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 739]

To sum up, the Mass is Christ’s sacrifice made present again. It’s not recalled, as if it had been absent or was merely a past event. It’s re-presented. And so when we go to Mass, we are connected to the life-giving power of these saving events that have the power to make all things new.

[catholic.com]
**Faith Formation**

There will be a meeting of all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, September 14th in Church following the 4:00pm Mass.

As we announced recently, the Book of Mass Intentions for the year 2020 is open. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, please stop by the Parish Office any weekday between 10am and 3pm.

In addition, the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week at a time, for you to honor or remember your loved ones.

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish is seeking new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in either of these important ministries.

**Baptism**

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)

Parent (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held October 1 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**

September 8 Frank DiBiase / Andy Hanson
September 15 Caryn Robinson / Mabel Herring

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**SAVE THE DATE! NEXT WEEK!**

**St. Vincent Ferrer Car Show**

Sunday, September 15, 2019
12—4 pm in the upper parking lot
Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019
There will be Food, Music, Great vintage and new Cars!

**Saint Vincent Child Care Center**

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**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.

**Important: Register online only at:**
www.virtusonline.org

Church of the Assumption—Woodbridge
Monday, September 9—6:00pm
Our Lady of Fatima—Yalesville
Sunday, September 15—9:45am
**LET US JOURNEY WITH CHRIST**  
**POPE FRANCIS**

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Monday-Friday 10am-3pm  
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Parish website: saintvincentferrerchurch.org  
Email Father John: kcjohnsd@gmail.com  
Phone Father John: (203) 729-4543 ext. 101

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

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**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER**

Our next meal for the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter is on Sunday, September 22, 2019. The meal will be Breaded Chicken Thighs and Drumsticks, Mashed potatoes, Salad and Ambrosia. We are asking our Parishioners to provide us with instant mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, flaked coconut and mini marshmallows. We thank you for your continued support.

Our weekly **Bible Study** resumes on Friday of this week, September 13th at 7pm in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about God’s holy word.

**SEPTEMBER 8TH —**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. Can you let go? If you can let go to follow as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations  
Pastoral Center  
Telephone: 860-761-7456  
Email: vocations@aohct.org or Visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

Scott Hahn

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Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren’t addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the “great crowds” - to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to “hate” our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him.

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today’s First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God’s heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today’s Psalm. No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today’s Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.
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