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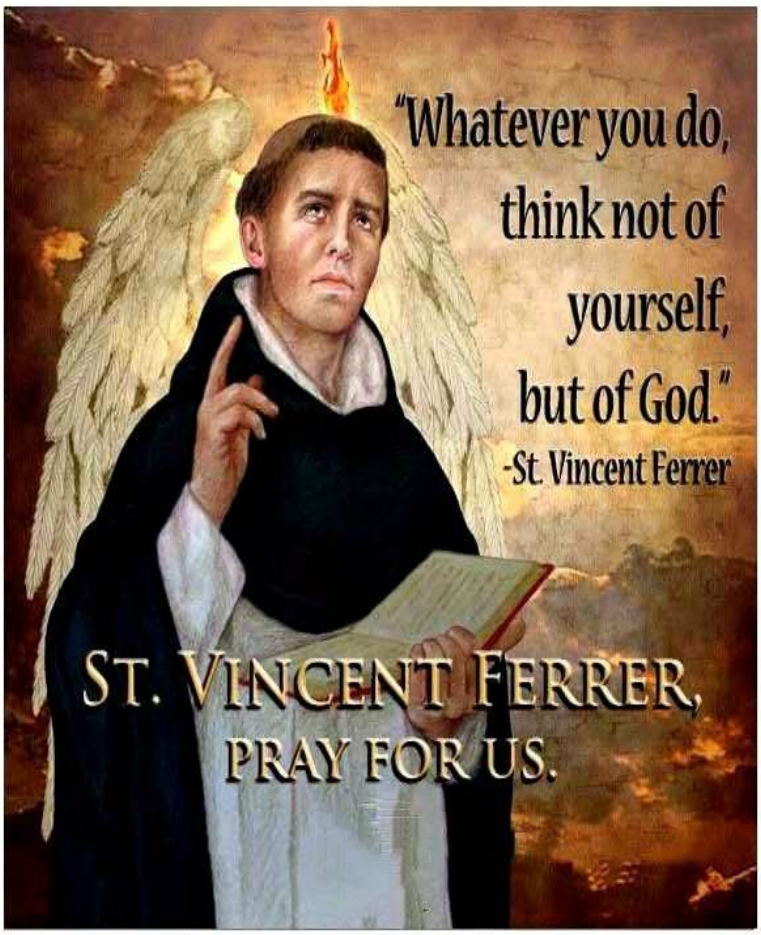

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Charismatic Group la Paix** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Legion of Mary** *Rectory basement* at 10:00 a.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m.
Mary's Apostolate 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	***In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	***Group la Paix* Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	**Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 23RD 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 22nd **5:00 p.m.**
Myrbel Jean-Baptiste - In memoriam
Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Sunday, July 23rd **8:00 a. m.**
Dennis and Stephen Bernard - In memoriam
Requested by the Bernard and Redhead families

11:00 a.m.
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
George Keith Jacob - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Monday, July 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Makhlūf, Priest
Magalie Philogene - Healing

Tuesday, July25th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saint James, Apostle
Collin Retemeyer - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Wednesday, July 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary Scotti - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Thursday, July 27th **9:00 a.m.**

Friday, July 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Margaret F. Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Saturday, July 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

"If abortion isn't wrong, ...then nothing is."
Mother Theresa

To livestream Masses visit
saintvincentferrer.org

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Bishop Robert J. Brennan

Altar Flowers:
Auxillary Bishops of Brooklyn

Sanctuary Candle:
Men and Women Religious

Altar Candle:
Pastors who served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Candle:
Priests who served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Candle:
Sisters who taught at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph's Candle:

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit www.pre-cana.org.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

Mass Intentions

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.
Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date. Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.
Please make a donation with each request.

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Readings of the Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43.
In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners, to respond to salvation in the Kingdom (3). The Lord is good and forgiving (Ps), lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins (1). May the Spirit assist us in our weakness (2).

- What word or words in today's gospel caught your attention?
- What in this comforted you?
- What in this challenged you?

Monday:
Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42.
At the Red Sea the Lord saves the Israelites from death (1, Ps). Jesus is the sign of the Father (2).

Tuesday:
2 Cor 4:7-15, Ps 126:1b-6. Mt 20:20-28.
Called as an apostle (2), James is the first to be struck down (1). Those who sew in tears will p in joy (Ps).

Wednesday:
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
God's extraordinary intervention is a sign of his assuring presence (1, Ps). Jesus introduces the parable of the sower (2).

Thursday:
Ex19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56;
Mt13:10-17. The all holy and glorious God (Ps) speaks to Moses on Mt. Sinai (1). How blest are the eyes of the disciples for seeing Jesus, and blest their ears for hearing him (2).

Friday:
Ex 20:1-17; Ps19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
God's Law (Ps), the Decalogue, is given to Moses (1). God's word must be heard in faith and rooted in love (2).

Saturday:
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;

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"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church
School of Religious Education
Grades 1-8

Registration for September has begun

First Communion
The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

Faith Formation
Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

Confirmation
The preparation is a 2-year program, typically in the 7th and 8th grades.
The 2 years of preparation are MANDATORY.

Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us in our celebrations.

For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

God's love for us

and our love for God aren't seasonal.
We teach our children the importance of consistency in things that are important (e.g. brushing one's teeth).
Praying in church is a necessary action for us, Catholics.
The **Mass** is the greatest prayer.
Bring your children to Mass on Sundays.
We need to thank God.
We need blessings, forgiveness, inspiration and God's peace, even when school is out.

Pope Francis' July Intention

For a Eucharistic life
We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

The Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life."

CCC 1324

Diocese of Brooklyn – Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

28th Anniversary of Kujenga Leadership Conference August 4-6, 2023

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY 11734

The Return **Luke 15:11-32**

The Kujenga weekend is designed as an intensive experience of leadership training with a focus on evangelizing peers. To emphasize the importance of a Christ-centered life in moral and ethical development, to teach the history and traditions of Catholics of African descent in the universal Church, to promote higher education, and explore career opportunities.

Prayer services, workshops, guest speakers, games, youth rally, live band, BBQ, talent show Rite of passage ceremony for high school graduates of 2020, 2021, 2022,2023 and much more.

Registration: $350.00 – DEADLINE: Friday, July 28

Includes transportation, room, meals, and workshop materials

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God will always challenge us—through the voices of those we disagree with, through the words of the Gospel, through life-changing circumstances—to see God as more than we imagined.

Renée Darline Roden

Pope Declares 'Venerable' Mother Lange

One of six African Americans on the path to sainthood moved a step closer when Pope Francis formally decreed that Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, who died in Baltimore in 1882, lived a life of heroic virtues.

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Adding Leaven to Our Prayer

A friend and I were discussing the problem of letting our faith remain in our heads rather than letting it settle into our hearts and lives. When we remain too much in our heads, grounded in the news of the day rather than the Word of God, for example, our faith can become reduced to a set of beliefs to which we respond with a yea or nay, rather than expanding into a relationship of complete trust built on a practice of prayer.

"But I don't know how to pray anymore," my friend said. Today's second reading reminds us that we are not the first to struggle with this reality: ". . . we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with "inexpressible groanings."

St. Paul's description is so vivid. We can imagine the Spirit gently working to redirect our daily efforts to sidestep God's will. With "inexpressible groanings," the Spirit quietly accomplishes what Jesus describes in the Gospel: pulling away the weeds that threaten to devour us, nourishing the mustard seed of our faith, adding leaven to the yeast of our prayer.

Even if we do not know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will come to our aid if we are willing to trust in the movement of God in our lives and get out of our own way.

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Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

What fruit does faith bear in my life? What weeds keep my life from being more fruitful?

The field is the world.

Where is the field that God is calling me to work in? What labor can I give to help those around me?

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

How can I glorify the Lord by life? How can I better share my faith?

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Midwood Catholic Academy prides itself on the education opportunities provided to our students. In addition to a rigorous academic program, students are provided with rich and varied activities that seek to educate the whole child. At **Midwood Catholic Academy** we understand that music and physical activity are vital components of a child's development. Students participate in unique activities such as American Sign Language. We also believe that the social emotional support of students' families is important, especially during these challenging times, students have access to counseling services through our collaboration with PDHP. **Midwood Catholic Academy** supports the potential of all learners. Our teachers and staff are trained to serve students with disabilities as well as English Language Learners. Professional development consistently focuses on strategies for improving academic instruction for at-risk students to ensure their success.

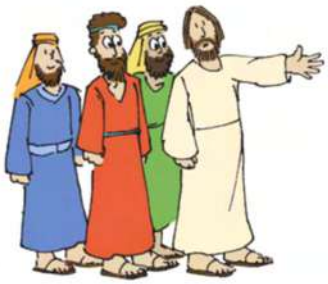
Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

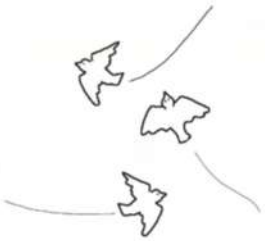
We Are The Church Together!

Without our faithful parishioners, we could not fulfill the mission of our diocese.

Jesus talked about birds – sparrows – to show how valuable human beings are.

Complete the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words to the numbered lines.





Across

3. Another word for "autumn"
4. Means "value"
7. Birds Jesus talked about (We've done this for you)
10. A single thing
11. Contraction for "do not"
12. Opposite of "few"
14. Fearful, scared or alarmed

Down

1. Another word for "shall"
2. A couple of things
3. Male parent
5. Another word for "soil" or "earth"
6. Opposite of "less"
8. Coin of smallest value
9. Sounds like "sew"
13. Opposite of "together"

"Are not (2)_____ (7) _____ sold for a (8)_____?
Yet not (10)_____ of them will (3A)_____ to the (5)_____
(13)_____ from the (1)_____ of your Father.
(9)____ (11)_____ be (14)_____; you are (4)_____
(6)_____ than (12)_____ sparrows."

We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

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Deceased Brothers of St. Augustine High School,

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Permanent Deacons Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer
Religious Sisters who Entered Religious Life From Saint Vincent Ferrer
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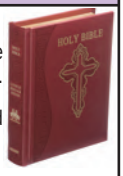

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