

5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection for May 11/12, 2019 was \$2,459.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

On the weekend of June 1st & 2nd Samar Awwad representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Proceeds benefit Christian families in the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles.

5º Domingo de Pascua

El Evangelio de este V Domingo de Pascua nos dice que "Cuando Judas salió del cenáculo, Jesús dijo: 'Ahora ha sido glorificado el Hijo del hombre y Dios ha sido glorificado en él. Si Dios ha sido glorificado en él, también Dios lo glorificará en sí mismo y pronto lo glorificará.'" (Juan 13:31-32). Con referencia al término de las partidas que frecuentemente indican el final de algo, en esta ocasión Judas cierra su ciclo de fidelidad al Señor. Por el contrario, Jesús anuncia en su partida la apertura a lo nuevo, a la gracia de Dios en la vida humana por medio de la resurrección. Después, Jesús continúa ensañando el mandamiento nuevo; El amor nuevo hacia todos sin distinción de personas, sin límite alguno. Ese amor máximo es comprobado con su muerte de cruz.

¿Amamos nosotros de esa manera? ¿En este momento, a quien le doy amor sin condiciones? El Papa Francisco nos lo repite en todos los momentos que habla en público y en su vida privada. El nos da respuestas seguras con sus palabras y hechos:

El primero es el mandamiento del amor: ya no sólo "amar al prójimo como a ti mismo", sino un paso más: "Amar al prójimo como yo os he amado". "El amor sin límites. Sin esto la Iglesia no va adelante. La Iglesia no respira". "Sin el amor, no crece, se transforma en una institución vacía, de apariencias, de gestos sin fecundidad. Ir a su cuerpo: Jesús nos dice cómo debemos amar, hasta el final". (Homilía del Papa en Santa Marta Ciudad del Vaticano, 26 de abril de 2108).

Readings for the week of May 19, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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A Message from Fr. Tom

Recently, one of the local papers ran an article about the changes taking place in Williamsburg. The piece featured the views of young members of our community in their late 20's who lamented all the disorienting changes that have taken place since their arrival. I have been familiar with Williamsburg for most of my life (40 + years). And I thought, *if only they knew how much this neighborhood has changed!!* It was an interesting observation coming from someone so young. Let's face it—most people have difficulty with change.

The experience of change is oftentimes upsetting and disorienting. I know that when I was ordained a priest, my life changed forever and that it took years to get used to those changes. The life to which I was accustomed came to an end—and a new beginning took place. Something within me had to die to make room for a new life that God had planned for me. New relationships came about and with it came a sense of responsibility and purpose that I did not know before. I was also given to see the world from the perspective of many different cultures and points of view. I was also privileged to encounter many people of great faith in our community who supported me by their prayers and example.

In the context of our readings this Sunday, the newness that God begins is the opening up of “the door of faith to the Gentiles.” A people who were once far off from the God of Israel have been reconciled to God and grafted onto the one tree of Israel. They are made inheritors of the promises made to Abraham and his children. There is “a new heaven and a new earth, a new Jerusalem.” The Jews who became Christians at this time also had to adjust to a “new synagogue,” where both Jew and Gentile could worship together. The familiar customs of ritual purity, dietary restrictions, table fellowship, circumcision, etc. came to an end for those early Christians. More importantly, the definition of community membership and familial relation had to change and broaden. This was no easy task, especially for the Jewish Christians who knew and suffered so much for the traditions of their elders.

When God does something new, something more and new is required of us. This newness comes with sacrifice and trust. When we love one another as he loved us, it is a self-sacrificing love that makes all things possible. I think that is the key theme for us to remember today. The Scriptures well before Jesus' time have encouraged us to “love one another.” What

is new here, the new command is that Jesus asks us “to love one another as I have loved you.” Our understanding of this word ‘love’ is not taken from the popular culture or slogans of our day—but on the self-sacrificing love which Jesus teaches us.

Change in Distribution

Of the Diocesan Weekly Paper the Tablet

We are fortunate to have a very fine Diocesan Paper the Tablet. I have traveled quite a bit and seen the media produced by other dioceses. I can say with all sincerity, in DeSales Media that publishes the Tablet; we have one of the best papers produced by any diocese in the country.

All of this costs money and the parishes have been subsidizing this publication for many years. That is going to have to change. As you may have noticed, we will now be offering the weekly Diocesan Paper “The Tablet,” in a dedicated kiosk or rack.

We encourage you to subscribe to this paper for home delivery by mail. These forms are on the vestibule tables.

When you pick up a copy of the Tablet in church, please pay for your copy. Place one dollar (\$1.00) in the PAY HERE slot for each copy taken.

We will no longer be handing out these papers for free. You are expected to pay for each issue.

Brad Shepik Organ Trio

Our next concert features the Brad Shepik Jazz Organ Trio. It will be held on Friday, June 7th, at 7 pm at the Vetro Center, at St. Nicholas. The concert will showcase our recently restored 1974 Hammond B3 electric organ.

Please come and hear wonderful jazz for free!

Light refreshments will follow. For more info, visit our Facebook page @dmpconcertseries.

Seen Fr. Tom's Breviary

What's a breviary?? It is a book that I use to pray the psalms every day. The breviary is in a leather cover which looks like it might be a small Bible. The days during Holy Week were very busy and I left it somewhere in the parish—probably in one of the churches. It appears as if someone might have picked it up. If you have seen it, please return it to our parish office or call (718) 387-0256. Thanks—Fr. Tom

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**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

Your warm generosity fills our Church with your love. With each donation you give testimony that our ministry is not just about giving out food – it is about building and strengthening our faith Community. We thank you and humbly ask for your continued support.

Specific items needed: **Canned meats**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – May 19, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Antoinette & James Long on their 70th Wedding Anniversary by Grandchildren

ALTAR CANDLES

Antoinette & James Long on their 70th Wedding Anniversary by Great Grandchildren
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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Sister Frances Paul Torre Good Health Living Intention by Rosina
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**Divine Mercy Parish
Pentecost Communion Breakfast
Sponsored by the Rosary Society
Mass at 9:30am at St. Cecilia Church
Breakfast following Mass
in St. Cecilia Auditorium / June 9th, 2019
Tickets \$20.00**

Sr. Arlene Trant, M.M. Quest Speaker
Contact the Parish Office for Tickets

LIVING ROSARY

On the Monday's of May the Rosary Society invites our parishioners to pray the Rosary in public, outside our parish Church of St. Cecilia, followed by Adoration and Benediction inside the Church. Please join us on the following evenings for prayers as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus. May 20, 27. Time 7:00pm.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, May 18, 2019

5:00pm Amela & Joseph Piccora by Children

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00am Teresa Scotti by Family
11:30am In Honor of Antoinette & James Long's
70 Wedding Anniversary by Children

Monday, May 20, 2019

7:45am Giovanni Guadagno by Mr. & Mrs.
Cono Mazza

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7:45am Donald Bedford by Carlotta Giglio

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:45am Lucille Falbo by Phyllis & Dom
Salvato

Thursday, May 23, 2019

7:45am Villella Family by Children

Friday, May 24, 2019

7:45am Giuseppe Friscioni by Daughter

Saturday, May 25, 2019

7:45am Benedict Palmeri by John Passaro &
Family
5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:00am Marie Bavuso by Frances & Josephine
Baglivo
11:30am Mildred Ciorciari by Family
Alan Bergamo Happy Birthday by
Mom & Family
Angelo Tellone by daughter Grace and
wife Marie

Doctor Assisted Suicide

New legislation will shortly be introduced to the NYS Legislature to legalize doctor assisted suicide in our state. This is a serious matter that must be opposed by all people of good conscience. Please contact the governor expressing your opposition:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State,
New York State Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224
T. (518) 474-8390 /

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact>

MAY 19, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, May 19, 2019

10:30am Francisco Chauka

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, May 26, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Raymond Lopez, Sara Chang, Lenny Currie, Bob Hershlag, Jackie Elasser, Jacqueline Mengel, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Frank Grutza, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, Cathy Leonick, Linda Newby, Betty Gifford, Sister Clare Agnes Conforti

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Esther Ramos, Bambi Crosse-Canalini, Andrea Catalanotti, Chelsea Decaminada

Look Ahead

Monday, May 27	Memorial Day
Thursday, May 30	Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, June 9	Pentecost Communion Breakfast
Monday, June 10	Queens of the Rosary Catholic Academy Shake Shack Fundraiser
Tuesday, June 11	St. Anthony Triduum
Wednesday, June 12	St. Anthony Triduum
Thursday, June 13	St. Anthony Triduum
Sat. Sun, June 15/16	Mission Appeal Weekend
Friday, June 21	Memorial Mass (11:00am) Daniel Pujdak-Firefighter
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day

Burger, shakes and fries... Oh My!

Head to Shake Shack at 160 Berry Street (North 5th Street) on Monday, June 10, to have a great meal and support Queens of the Rosary Catholic Academy!

Please take a flyer located in the back of church and hand to cashier when ordering.

Queen of the Rosary will receive 25% of all designated sales from 11 am to 9 pm.

See you at the Shack!

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, May 19, 2019

9:30am Kathleen Hanson
John Pelletier
Anthony Salzano
Tom Sabatino by Cunnizzaro & Garcia Family
Sister Miriam Daniel Pender, Living Intention

7:00pm Open Intentions

Monday, May 20, 2019

8:30am Joan D'Arienzo

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

8:30am Fiorello Family

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

8:30am Sara Capobianco by Laura Feola

Thursday May 23, 2019

8:30am Padre Pio by Marie Sepe

Friday, May 24, 2019

8:30am Catherine Fagan

Saturday, May 25, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert
Rafaela Pacifico

7:00pm Wendy Nunziato

Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 pm at St. Nicholas

Ascension Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:45 am at St. Francis of Paola
8:30 am at St. Cecilia
7:00 pm at St. Cecilia

ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL

Fr. Tom will continue the study of St. Luke's Gospel for the next two Wednesday's in St. Francis Rectory beginning at 7:45 pm. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379