

6th Sunday of Easter

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection for May 18/19, 2019 was \$2,812.

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

6° Domingo de Pascua

Todo lo que Jesús hizo en su vida pública lo hizo con amor. Escuchar a las personas sin prisa, mirando a los ojos, esperando respuesta y perdonando. Nunca la persona se iba sin ese consuelo de escucha y dialogo. Algunas veces dialogaba con preguntas y respuestas como el pasaje de la Samaritana. En otras ocasiones, como con Pedro a orilla del lago, afirmando a Pedro en ese rol tan importante del amor. Y así, podría mencionar muchos ejemplos. En esta ocasión surgió otra pregunta para Jesús: "Judas, no el Iscariote, le preguntó: 'Señor, ¿Por qué hablas de mostrarte a nosotros y no al mundo?' Jesús le respondió: 'Si alguien me ama, guardará mis palabras, y mi Padre lo amará'" Y Jesús agrega. "Entonces vendremos a él para poner nuestra morada en él." (Juan 14:22-23).

El punto clave del Evangelio de hoy es que Jesús nos invita a mantener su palabra. Cada palabra es una enseñanza, es un reto; Siempre invitando a ver al Padre en Él. Este es el mandato para sus seguidores, amar totalmente. Amar es un aprendizaje, es un proceso a la apertura a pesar de las dificultades, a ser receptivos, aunque seamos rechazados, y ser obedientes a lo voz del Espíritu Santo. Con respuestas positivas, siempre viendo y discerniendo el lado de las cosas sin tomar partido, es que alcanzaremos la paz prometida en esta Pascua. "Les dejo la paz, les doy mi paz. La paz que yo les doy no es como la que da el mundo. Que no haya en ustedes angustia ni miedo." (Juan 14:27-28). Gracias Señor por infundir animo en nosotros y por tu presencia en la Eucaristía.

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 Queen 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!

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.

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A Message from Fr. Tom

The message of today's readings captures the itinerary of the Christian life. This is the Christian's journey from Lent to Easter. This journey takes us from death to life. As Christians we must experience life differently. The unique experience of Christian life flows from the participation in the unity that exists between the Father and the Son. By God's grace we come to see life coming about even in moments of loss. What drives Jesus to embrace the cross is to do the Father's will and expresses his love for sinful humanity. Therefore, our understanding of love is found in the person of Jesus. His obedience to the will of the Father teaches us that love is more than a feeling but a decision of the human will. Therefore, we need to keep our focus on Jesus and the way in which he defines love through sacrifice. By God's grace and our diligence, this love will abide with us. As a consequence of this Sunday's Gospel message a few key points:

- Jesus commands us to keep his Word. We follow a plan that is not our own
- We are recipients of the Father's love. This is distinguished from the approval the world gives.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit; More than laws or commands, the Spirit will keep us on the right path and help us.

The fullness of God's plan can be found in the experience of the Christian disciple: God dwells in them. God the Father enters unconditionally and without limitations in the life of the one who believes in the Son. God enters not by force but by free choice, with a familiar friendship and intimacy.

Scam—Beware of Any Communication from the Pastor Asking for Gift Cards

An old email phishing scam targeted at church-goers has been picked up and dusted off, hoping to find new victims. I hope you know me well enough and how I run our parish—that I would NEVER approach you in this way asking for financial support. This is a fraud-seeking play on your good faith and to rob you and our parish. Don't fall for it!

The basics of the scam are that church members get an email or a text message from me or someone claiming to represent DMP requesting them to make a contribution to the church by buying and sending in gift cards. The messages seem harmless enough and will use my name. They have an email address that looks legitimate, but upon further inspection, the email

address is actually from a provider different than the one the church typically uses. In some instances, the sender's name may look correct but is missing a single letter.

No church solicits gift cards nor does the IRS which is why when someone posing as a religious institution or the IRS asks for a payment through a gift card you *can be sure* it is a scam.

The second thing that we all should do is to always confirm the legitimacy of any request for a donation of any kind before making a payment. Be on your guard and delete these messages immediately!

Fr. Tom

Sacramental Guidelines

Regarding Communion—A Reminder!!!

In order to receive the Body of Christ worthily each Sunday the faithful Catholic must:

- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion;
- Be free of any serious or mortal sin—this means going to Confession regularly. If you have any questions about this—please speak to a priest!
- Fast one hour prior to the start of Mass.
- The preferred manner to receive the Eucharist/Holy Communion for at least the last 1,000 years is by mouth. This is supported by documents of the post-Vatican II era.

However, you may also receive by hand if you wish. Please do not grab at the host with your hand. Receive Jesus like a beggar in need of his healing presence and grace. If one receives by hand—hold out your hand like a plate. The communicant must respond with a firm 'Amen' before placing the host in their mouth and do so while they are in the presence of the priest. **NO ONE MAY WALK AWAY WITH THE HOST IN THEIR HANDS.**

There have been reports of desecrations of the Sacrament, and we need to be on our guard and stay vigilant about this. The enemies of Jesus and the church are very real.

- Please arrive early before the start of Mass to pray and recollect yourself for the gift you are about to receive.
- Please stay to the end of Mass and remain a few minutes to recollect yourself and make a spiritual thanksgiving.

Thank you for bearing these points in mind.

Fr. Tom

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Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry At Divine Mercy Parish

Thank you for your continued generous support of our ministry. Your kindness fills our parish with love and compassion..

Specific items needed: **Tea/Coffee**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – May 26, 2019

ALTAR CANDLES

Jacqueline Dittus by Dittus Family
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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Alan Bergamo by Mom
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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.

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 evening for prayers as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus. May 27. Time 7:00pm.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, May 25, 2019

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 and Family
Angelo Tellone by daughter Grace and wife Marie

Monday, May 27, 2019

7:45am Rose Marie Esposito by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Mazza

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:45am Fortunato Aliperti by Wife

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:45am Milton Louis Roman by Maria Goitia

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ascension of the Lord

7:45am Patrick Solomita by Rose Ann Fortunato

Friday, May 31, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Rose Ann Forutnato

Saturday, June 1, 2019

7:45am Giuseppe & Brina Ruggiero by Rosa
5:00pm Emmett Frank by Wife

Sunday, June 2, 2019

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am Christopher Quinn by Dom & Phyllis Salvato

Affordable Housing Open for Applications

Applications are being accepted for affordable housing at 319 Broadway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211.

Those interested should apply online at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect or write to request a paper application, MGNY Consulting Corp. 18 Bridge Street Suite 2-D, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Deadline for application is: June 7, 2019

For more information contact MGNY Consulting Corp. 718-522-1111.

MAY 26, 2019

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

Sunday, May 26, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00pm Barbara Biachini by Laura Feola

Sunday, June 2, 2019

10:30am Christopher Quinn by Dom & Phyllis Salvato

Pray For the Sick:

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, Dolores Mulcahey, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, C.S.J.

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Bambi Crosse-Canalini, Andrea Catalanotti, Chelsea Decaminada, Maria Hernandez, Joan D'Arienzo, Wendy Nunziato, Filemena Tomiano, Carmela Trezza, Valentina Zacchia, Frances Vitale, Ann Luisa Piro, Grazia Ferro

Brad Shepik Organ Trio

Our next concert features the Brad Shepik Jazz Organ Trio, Brian Charette (organ) and Anthony Pinciotti (drums).

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 and Leslie speaker.

Please come and hear wonderful jazz for free!

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

**Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule
Divine Mercy Parish**

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

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

Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert

Rafaela Pacifico

Deacon Carlos Valderrama on his Ordination Anniversary 25 Years

7:00pm Wendy Nunziato

Monday, May 27, 2019

8:30am Romano Giuliani by Fierello Giuliani

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

8:30am Thank You for 25 year of Loyal Service

Deacon Carlos Valderrama

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

8:30am Emily Blazak

Thursday May 30, 2019

Ascension Thursday

8:30am Louis Riccio

7:00pm Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 31, 2019

8:30am Ann & Ken Kiefner

Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:30am Vito Brancato 99th Birthday - Living Intention

Sunday, June 2, 2019

9:30am Lily & Nicky Lettieri

San Pietro Family

La Veglia Family

Rosary Society

Ben Brancato

Ed & Jo Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

7:00pm Open Intention

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Tuesday, June 4th, at 7pm in St. Cecilia's auditorium.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

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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Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

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