

7th Sunday of Easter

"So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me." Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, I'm not so sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays. One in what? Love. "That the love with which you loved me may be in them." This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. I can hardly remember the names of half the regulars at my Sunday Mass! But that doesn't mean we can't try.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." Jesus had this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle's generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus' words at the Last Supper are a prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. This week, look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within your own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday, invite them over for dinner to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let's allow Jesus' prayer to live in us, to be drawn together in love.

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection June 2/3 will appear in next week's bulletin as this bulletin is being typed in advance due to the Holiday.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

This weekend June 1st & 2nd we welcome Samar Awwad who is representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem. He 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.

7º Domingo de Pascua

La oración de Jesús en el capítulo 17 de Juan no es solo para sus discípulos, sino para todos los creyentes alrededor del mundo. Jesús no es exclusivo de unos cuantos, es para todos. Lo afirma en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy: "Padre, no sólo te pido por mis discípulos, sino también por los que van a creer en mí por la palabra de ellos, para que todos sean uno, como tú, Padre, en mí y yo en ti somos uno, a fin de que sean uno en nosotros y el mundo crea que tú me has enviado." (Juan 17:20-21). La fe de los creyentes en esta unidad en Cristo es grande; Se ve en las personas que salen de sus países en caravanas hacia Europa y los Estados Unidos. Peligran y sufren en las travesías, pero, al preguntarles como van, cual es su esperanza, ellos dicen frases como: "Dios está con nosotros, "Dios nunca nos falla" o, "Mi confianza siempre es Dios y la Virgen María".

Eso dicen ellos; ¿Qué dices tú? ¿Crees realmente que somos uno en Cristo? Cada respuesta es personal y debe venir desde el corazón. No se vale responder a medias. Jesús espera compromiso de cada bautizado, de cada cristiano. Es nuestro trabajo transformar el mundo sintiendo como el otro, poniéndonos en los zapatos de la otra persona. No olvidemos que somos un pueblo en travesía; todos vamos hacia el mismo punto con la misma meta que es la eternidad. ¿Lo crees así? Pidamos al Señor en esta Eucaristía que nos prepare a recibir al Espíritu Santo y abra el entendimiento y el corazón de cada uno para ser uno en Dios.

Readings for the week of June 2, 2019

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 d 7 [cf.7b]/Jn 21:20-25

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Message from Fr. Tom

Our Gospel is taken from the 17th Chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter comprises the great prayer of Jesus to God the Father. "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their Word, so that they may all be one." We rightly read ourselves into the story. Jesus prays for us, and "for those who will believe" in [Him] through the witness of the disciples. This prayer has a very clear purpose and intention. The reason he prays so fervently for us is so that "the world may believe." Jesus prays that we have unity in our belief and that we might all be one. If we are united—then "the world may believe that [God the Father] sent Him." What is necessary for this unity?—love.

Making God known glorifies Jesus, and "Jesus makes God known in the perfect love he shows for his fragile disciples and of course, the self-offering of his life on the cross. In and through his loving, Jesus is glorified, and God is glorified in him. The disciples are to be recognized as sent by Jesus in order that the unity of Jesus and the Father is authentically and credibly revealed by the love with which the disciples have for one another."

What about us today? How might we make God known?

- St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel always, use words if necessary." In other words, it is how we live and the truth that reigns in our hearts. I think of the words of Frederic Nietzsche "I would soon believe in crucified and Risen one, if I could find him in the faces of the redeemed."
- We, as Catholic, are the recipients of a great philosophical and intellectual inheritance that serves us as a very real support and defense for our faith. At the heart of the Christian claim is the Catholic vision of the human person. We are made in God's image and likeness. Human desire and intellectual curiosity can lead us to God. The desire for what is good, true and beautiful can lead us to God.
- Since we are all made in God's image and likeness, we recognize the center or the heart of the human person is spiritual. We are not simply physical beings as the communists or atheists maintain. This center is distinct from our physical, psychological or social dimensions. We are spiritual beings capable of growth and development toward God. In my

view at this very dangerous moment in human history, human survival depends on our recognition that we are spiritual beings.

To thrive we must be in contact with the source. Jesus demonstrates this to us in today's Gospel. Prayer and the Sacraments are the ordinary means by which we affirm the truth of human origins and destiny. Prayer and the Sacraments are the ordinary means to maintain and keep open this essential spiritual dimension of human life and contact with our creator and God.

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**

Divine Mercy Parish
Pentecost Communion Breakfast
Sponsored by the Rosary Society
Mass at 9:30 am 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

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Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry At Divine Mercy Parish

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

“In giving, we imitate God; we mirror God’s unselfishness and love”

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

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – June 2, 2019

BREAD & WINE

Joan D’Arienzo by Mr. & Mrs. Albert & Flora Natale

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Andrea Catalanotti by Frank Marino
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ALTAR CANDLES

Rae Pacifico by Annette Marino D’Arienzo
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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Tina Carannante
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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, June 1, 2019

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

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:45am St. Cono by Nicolina Babino

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

7:45am Michael Madigan Birthday

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:45am Rose Salvato by Children

Friday, June 7, 2019

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Saturday, June 8, 2019

7:45am Jacqueline Dittus by Family
5:00pm Katie Dagrosa by Demarino Family

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - PENTECOST

8:00am Marie D’Alto by Fred & Mary Naccari
11:30am St. Anthony Society

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, 26 Olive Street.

**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.

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting for the St. Theresa Guild will be on Thursday, June 13th, at 7:30pm.

Please join us on Saturday, June 4th, after the 5pm Mass for prayers.

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Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, June 2, 2019

10:30am Christopher Quinn by Dom & Phyllis
Salvato

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - PENTECOST

10:30am Pedro Espinal by Ramonda
Grazia Ferro by Dittus Family

Pray For the Sick:

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:

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

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!

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

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

Monday, June 3, 2019

8:30am Candida Giuliani by Fierello Giuliani

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

8:30am Mary & Sevario Vassalotti by Fr. Tom

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

8:30am Michael V. Quinn (3rd Anniversary)

Thursday June 6, 2019

7:00pm Natalia Giuliani by Fierello Giuliani

Friday, June 7, 2019 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, June 8, 2019

8:30am Antonietta Panno by Laura Feloa

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - PENTECOST

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
Carmela "Millie Mezza by Carmela &
Vincetn Caputo & Family
Christina Curcio

7:00pm Open Intention

Rosary Society

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

Firefighter Daniel F. Pujdak

Memorial Mass – Friday - June 21, 2019
11:00 a.m. St. Cecilia Church

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal \$35,578.00

Pledges \$27,005.00

Received \$15,699.33

for 57 Pledges

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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

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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