

6th Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection: April 28/29, 2018 was \$3,095.00.

Save the Date

Thursday, May 10	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 13	Mother's Day
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day
Saturday, May 19	Rosary Society Fundraiser
Sunday, May 20	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 27	The Most Holy Trinity
Thursday, June 14	Flag Day
Sunday, June 17	Father's Day

6° Domingo de Pascua

En nuestro círculo personal de amigos es, naturalmente, preferible escoger cuidadosamente un grupo pequeño. Hay personas con las que nos sentimos cómodos, nos comparten sus valores e intereses, nos apoyan y nos hacen felices. . En este Evangelio Jesús nos reta a ensanchar nuestro entendimiento de la palabra amigo. Al amar como Jesús nos ama, debemos automáticamente tratar a los demás como amigos. Personas, a las que les damos atención, preocupación, cuidado, respeto y dignidad. El amar a Jesús, es dar nuestra vida por estos amigos, personas junto a nosotros, extranjeros, inmigrantes, y aun yendo más allá nuestros enemigos. Precisamente, lo que hacemos cuando suceden desastres naturales, como terremotos y ciclones. Nos esmeramos por ayudar a quien sea sin conocerlo.

"Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen unos a otros como yo los he amado. No hay amor más grande que dar la vida por sus amigos, y son ustedes mis amigos si cumplen lo que les mando". (Juan 15:12-14). Para crecer el círculo de amigos al estilo de Jesús, fijémonos en el crecimiento de aceptación de los que nos rodean en la familia y la sociedad. "Todos deben entrar en el círculo". "Ya no los llamo servidores, porque un servidor no sabe lo que hace su patrón. Los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que aprendí de mi Padre". (Juan 15:15). Quiere decir, que, debemos de tomar las cargas y las alegrías de los demás como nuestras. Examinemos nuestras actitudes de amistad. ¿Cómo trato a mi esposa, esposo, a nuestros hijos? ¿Cómo trato a mis trabajadores? Entonces, que aprendí de la Palabra de Dios hoy, soy ¿Siervo o amigo?

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Message from Fr. Tom

Our neighborhood is situated near the Ridgewood Aquifer. This is an expanse of hills that runs from Brooklyn all along the North Shore of Long Island. This geologic phenomenon was left 16,000 years ago by the glacier that created Long Island. This stretch of hills is a natural aquifer. That is to say water accumulates and seeps out from the rocks and sand beneath this land mass. Small creeks and streams are naturally generated from this geologic phenomenon (if anybody asks—it's called a Glacial Moraine). I believe there are some people still in our community who recall the "old-timers" of their youth that remember the features of agrarian Brooklyn: the creeks, streams and farms that once filled our neighborhood.

Well, the fact is nobody thinks much about these things anymore, because all those life giving sources of water have been sealed up or routed into sewer pipes. We may hear the water flowing from time to time when the workmen open up the street, but now it's all under control and covered over with asphalt and concrete. Has the life giving energy of Jesus become for us like those natural sources of life giving water that once flowed freely and are now all blocked off and under control?

The celebration of Ascension Thursday marks the end of a period of 40 days since Easter. We celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. While he lived among us, Jesus was a man of a specific time, culture and place. God acted in that time place and culture in order to reveal him as his Son and to the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel. For a time after that first Easter Sunday—Jesus appeared to his disciples so that his disciples could confirm the Resurrection. But now—after the Ascension—a new time has begun.

The power of the Resurrected Jesus must not be like those sources of water underneath us that are now blocked up and controlled. The power of God's presence is something that cannot ultimately be controlled. It is grace that flows freely. Jesus is the source of energy to us who are marked by Baptism. Jesus has not stopped working but is now available to all who believe in him—in every time, culture and place so that the rivers of life-water that come to us through the Resurrection of Jesus may be on-going in us.

Fr. Tom

The Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass / Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:30pm St. Francis of Paola Church

Ascension Thursday, May 10, 2018

7:45am St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am St. Cecilia Church

7:00pm St. Nicholas Church

Girl Scout Troop 2-996

Our Girl Scout Troop 2-996 is working on their Bronze Award and will be collecting school supplies and toiletries for Hour Children, a nonprofit organization helping women and children in need.

The following items are needed: notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, crayons, coloring books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and deodorant.

Please put your donation in the box located in the back of church. Deadline for donation is Sunday May 20th.

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations

We congratulate the following students who have achieved academic accomplishments for the Third Quarter at Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School.

Antonio Cipriano First Honors

Steven Clementi Second Honors

POSITION AVAILABLE

Divine Mercy Parish is seeking a full time maintenance person. To apply e-mail your resume to parishoffice@dmbk.org or drop off your resume at 219 Conselyea Street, the Parish Office.

Keep in Your Prayers

Please pray for all our Communion Students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 12, 2018 here at Divine Mercy Parish.

May is the Month of Mary

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. Please join us on these evenings of prayer as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus. May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Time 7:00pm.

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GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH ALL ARE WELCOME

"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)

"When you reflect on the ministry of our "Gift of Love" Food Pantry", recall what St. Augustine says about Love:

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sights and sorrows of man. That is what love looks like"

Your support of our pantry brings St. Augustine's words to life. Thank you.

Specific items needed: **Hearty Soups & Meats**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – MAY 6, 2018

BREAD & WINE

Graham Family by Teresa Kukura

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Carmela Fusco by Anna & Joe Fusco

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Florence Giglio by daughter Carlotta

Florence Giglio by granddaughter Melissa

Registration for 2018-19 is Now Open At

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC ACADEMY

11 Catherine Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

To learn about the benefits
of a Catholic education, please contact
Principal James Daino at 718-388-7992

www.queenoftherosarybrooklyn.org

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, May 5, 2018

5:00pm Rose & Michael Torro by Family

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00am Padre Pio by Concetta Manzolino

11:30am Sofia Ramirez

Monday, May 7, 2018

7:45am Millie & Angie by Sisters

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

7:45am Suplica M. Pompei by Marie Sepe

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:45am James Salvato by sister Phyllis

7:30pm Vigil: Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

7:45am Pasqualina Lombardi by Connie &
Nicholas Papapietro

Friday, May 11, 2018

7:45am Angela & Vincenzo Trezza by Nicolina
Babino

Saturday, May 12, 2018

7:45am Nicola & Angelina by Ada

5:00pm Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – Mother's Day

8:00am Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

11:30am Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 7:30pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring flowers or a plant for our May crowning table which will be raffled at the end of the evening. Also, please remember to bring your rosary beads to this meeting, New members are always welcome.

Bishop's Appeal

If you have not made a pledge commitment and would like to do so, envelopes are available near the doors of the Church.

MAY 6, 2018

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

Sunday, May 6, 2018

10:30am Juana & Rose Carreiras by Family
Frank M. Cremato by Dennis Torre &
Sonia Rivera

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

7:00pm Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, 13, 2018 – Mother’s Day

10:30am Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance

Pray For the Sick

Mary Kandrach, Rae Pacifico, Kim Camirand, Louis Clappi, Kevin & Christine Orlando, Robert Pelletier, Josephine De Lauro, Barbara Vetel, Valarie Bruno, Dora Logosso, Nancy Gonzalez, Vinny Gonzalez, John Porcelli, Wanda Zadwarny, Richard Schlopp, Angela Mauceri, Frank Grutza

Pray for the Recently Deceased

David Joseph Pelletier, Antonio Arlistico, Giuseppe Corbisiero, Rose Pettenato, Antoni Urzia, Frank M. Cremato

Divine Mercy Parish

Church Restoration Memorials 2018

An engraved brass plaque or a material tag will be affixed on or near the fixture noting your dedication.

St. Francis of Paola Church

Restoration of O. L. Mt. Carmel Statue	\$ 500.00
New Vestment	\$ 500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Window Restoration	\$ 2,000.00
Garden Trellis for St. Francis	\$ 3,000.00

St. Cecilia Church

Chapel Restored Pews	\$ 1,500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Remounting St. Cecilia Mural	\$ 2,000.00
Chapel Sanctuary Mosaic	\$ 2,000.00
Organ Restoration	\$ 5,000.00
Restored Pulpit	\$10,000.00

St. Nicholas Church

New Vestment	\$ 500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Organ Restoration	\$ 2,000.00
Baptismal Font	\$ 3,000.00

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

Sunday, May 6, 2018

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rosary Society
Rose Pettenato
Rev. James Krische: Living Intention
For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, May 7, 2018

8:30am Pacifico Family by Children

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

8:30am Rose Pettenato

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

8:30am Vilella Family by Children

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

8:30am DeGruccio Family by Michael, Alice
Frances & Donna

Friday, May 11, 2018

8:30am Laura Vitolo Pastina

Saturday, May 12, 2018

8:30am Frances Brancato

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – Mother’s Day

9:30am Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
7:00pm Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance

Rosary Society Fundraiser

“Spaghetti Nite & Penny Social”

Raffles/Door Prizes, Spaghetti/Meatballs and or
Linguine White Clam Sauce, Salad, Dessert & Coffee
Saturday, May 19, 2018 Time: 6pm
St. Cecilia’s Auditorium - 24 North Henry Street
Tickets are available for purchase from members of the
Society or the Parish Office at a cost of \$20.

Wedding Banns

Joseph Lapolla & Sharon Gizzie

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on
Wednesday, May 9th at 7pm in St. Cecilia’s
Auditorium. All are welcome.

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Memorial Gifts- At Divine Mercy Parish

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine	Sanctuary Lamp	Tabernacle Candles	Altar Candles
	Blessed Mother Candles	St. Joseph Candles	

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaf and Blessed Mother Yearly Candle (this candle is lit for a year).

All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.
