

May 21, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



“Jesus said to his disciples ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him because he remains with you. I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you... And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.’”

The priestly prayer of Jesus, similar to a pep talk or farewell speech, reassures the disciples of Jesus’ ongoing concern before His imminent departure. The promised Spirit offers life, protection and guidance to us all. How rarely do I treasure the fact that Jesus speaks to the Father on my behalf and promises me the gift of the Spirit when He leaves. That same promise continues today, as we need the Spirit.

He continues to watch out for us in our need as He speaks to the Father on our behalf. The advocate is present to us all to guide and guard, to direct and sustain us on our journey of holiness. Basically Jesus tells me I am loved by all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS
& SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 20 *Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest* | *Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21* (290)

12:10 p.m. Chris Combs

5:30 p.m. Margaret Bongiorno

Sunday, May 21

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 (55)

9:00 a.m. John Flynn

11:30 a.m. Emil & Michael Ferfoggia

6:00 p.m. *People Of The Parish*

Monday, May 22 *Saint Rita Cascia, Religious* | *Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a* (291)

12:10 p.m. John Schultz (*Living*)

Tuesday, May 23

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11 (292)

12:10 p.m. Violet Horvath

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15 (293)

12:10 p.m. Joseph A. Hand

Thursday, May 25 *THE ASCENSION OF*

THE LORD | *Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20* (58) *or where the Ascension is transferred to the following Sunday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20* (294)

12:10 p.m. Izzy Petterino

Friday, May 26 *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23 (295)

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury Bishop*

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for May 14, 2017

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$1,766 9:00 am: \$1,522

11:30 am: \$2,015 6:00 pm: \$1,188

Sunday Masses Total: \$6,491

Second Collection: \$1,322

Parish Pay: \$470

Faith Street: \$487

Grand Total: \$8,770



**We congratulate our children
who will received their First
Communion on May 21, 2017**

*We pray that you will forever be blessed as you continue
to trust God and grow in His grace.*

Congratulations!

Academy of St. Joseph

Open House

Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:00 am - 10:00 am

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THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT NYU SUMMER SCHEDULE

*The Catholic Center will remain open for most
of the summer. For the second year now, we
will continue to have our daily time of
adoration: Monday— Friday 4:15 - 5 p.m.*

Please come and pray.

Pax Christi Metro New York

Sunday's readings are precursors to the upcoming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. First, we have Jesus telling his disciples, "In a little while the world will no longer see me...." Then we have St. Luke reporting that Peter and John went to Samaria to lay hands on the people that they might receive the Holy Spirit. These two messages are intimately linked. Jesus is leaving, but sending the Holy Spirit. Of such is the hope about which St. Peter writes in the Second Reading. Of such is also the joy in which we can all share. Although Jesus has left our earthly home, he is still with us. We can continue to see him in one another imbued with the Holy Spirit. But do we? And if we do, do we accept the fact that sometimes we may be maligned for doing the good that Jesus would have us do and that the Spirit enables us to do? Let us be open to the Spirit that we might do good no matter the cost.