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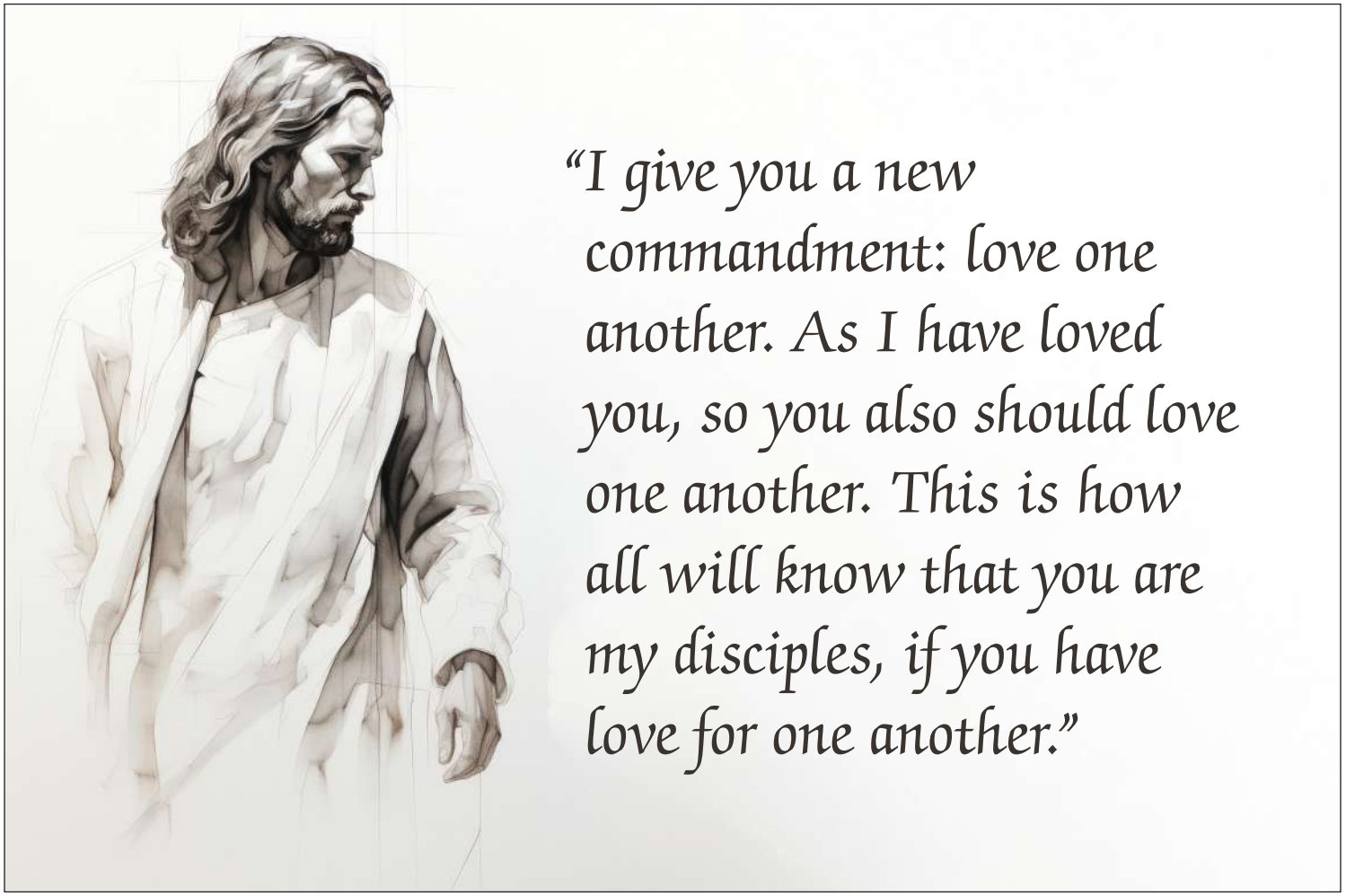

OUR STAFF:

Pastor:
Reverend Father
Antonius Peter Gopaul

Parish Secretary:
Allison Gullap

Maintenance:
Richard Mahabir

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 17th — 5:00 p.m.
Lavern Marshall — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 18th — 8:00 a.m.
Claudia Kong-Ali Bocas — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Rosie Mejias

11:00 a.m.
Santiago Rodriguez — In Memoriam
Requested by the Gillies Family
Christian A. Gillies — Birthday Blessings
Requested by the Gillies Family
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Uedianise Prince Almonor — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Germaine Bellamy
Veronica McIntyre — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Gloria James
Phyllis Cox — In Memoriam
Requested by Maureen Mc Millian
John Wills —In Memoriam
Requested by The Wills Family

Monday, May 19th — 9:00 a.m.
Kayla Forbes — In Thanksgiving
Requested by Gillian Forbes and Family

Tuesday, May 20th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagracia
Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Wednesday, May 21st — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Eileen Charles — In Memoriam
Requested by The Charles Family

Thursday, May 22nd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
Ian and Catherine Bubb — In Memoriam
Requested by Veronica Bubb

Friday, May 23rd — 9:00 a.m.
Joyce and Muzaf Nasir
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Saturday, May 24th — 9:00 a.m.
Marc Jean — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Marc Jean — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Altar Flowers
John Wills — In Memoriam
Requested by The Wills Family

Altar Candles
Kathy Sammy — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Rohan Abraham Romain — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Arlain Richard Boucaud — In Memoriam

The Cost for Easter Flowers From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday Totaled $8,154.95

Flower Donations Totaled $3,421.00

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Robert Brennan has announced that Father Gopaul's term has come to an end, and he is being transferred effective October, 2025.

Read the following scripture: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. How does my life give glory to God? How can I praise God for his glory?

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. When have I felt God's love for me most profoundly? How can I share that love with others?

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. How do I share my faith through my words and actions? How can I reach out to my brothers and sisters in love?

Closing Prayer

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

(From Psalm 145)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday, May 18
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34-35

At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished (1) in their preaching the kingdom of God (Ps). This kingdom, to be marked by our love for one another (3), will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth (2).

Monday, May 19
Acts 14:15-18 Psalms 115:1-4, 15-16 John 14;21-26

Barnabas and Paul attempt to reveal (1, Ps) to the Gentiles the true nature of the living God (2).

Tuesday, May 20
Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145:10-13ab, 21 John 14:27-31a

Paul and Barnabas recount their blessings (Ps) to the church in Antioch (1), and the peace they experienced in the Lord's service. (2).

Wednesday, May 21
Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122:1-5 John 15:1-8

On their way to Jerusalem (Ps), Paul and Barnabas speak (1) of their fruitful mission of gaining disciples for the Lord (2).

Thursday, May 22
Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3, 10 John 15:9-11

The situation of the Gentile converts (Ps) is discussed by the Jerusalem Church (1) whose main concern is that they live in Christ's love (2).

Friday, May 23
Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57:8-12 John 15:12-17

Judas and Silas urge the Gentile (ps) Christians to accept the decision of the Church in Jerusalem (1), and thus live together in love (2), unity, and peace.

Saturday, May 24
Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100:1b-3, 5 John 15:18-21

Paul begins his second missionary journey (1) to the Gentiles (Ps), knowing full well the difficulties he will undergo (2).

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This Week on Formed

Week of May 18, 2025

Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.

Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!

The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

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Scripture Reflection

An Alternative Future

In his classic work, *The Prophetic Imagination*, Walter Brueggemann points out that the twofold task of the biblical prophets was "to criticize" and "to energize." To criticize is to call out all that is wrong with the world—the many hardships people face, the tears that fill our eyes. To energize is to point toward the future—the doors that will open out onto a new Jerusalem where every tear will be wiped away.

I admit that feeling compassion for the suffering comes more easily for me than feeling hope for the future. It is so easy to settle into despair, to believe that nothing will ever change.

Brueggemann argues that Moses was a prophet because, with the help of God, he could imagine a new future. He could see an alternative to the misery of the present. For the Pharaoh of Egypt, there was nothing new. Everything had already come; no change was possible. "Forever," writes Brueggemann, "is always the word of Pharaoh."

And then God bursts forth in a burning bush! God splits the sea, and frees the captives. Christ faces down the ultimate "forever," death, and brings even it to an end. In doing so, he makes all things new.

What can stir us out of despair? What can energize us with the hope that things won't always be the way they are? What can help us imagine an alternative future? In his parting words, Jesus points out the way: love one another.

— Edward P. Hahnenberg

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D., is the author of several books, including Theodore Hesburgh: Bridge Builder and Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers. He is the Breen Chair in Catholic Theology at John Carroll University.

© Give Us This Day

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement requires updated training for all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions.

If you are working with children in any capacity, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete any of the outstanding training items.

If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300, X6076.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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DEATH
MOURNING
WAILING
PAIN,
ORDER
PASSED
AWAY
ONE
BEHOLD
ALL
THINGS
NEW

Jesus told His disciples that He would be leaving them soon. He gave them special instructions.

Fit the words from the list into the puzzle.
Write the words on the lines.

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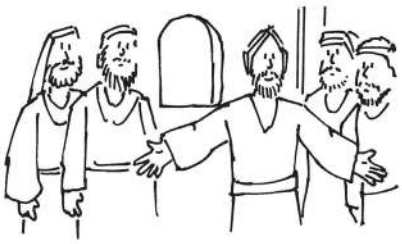
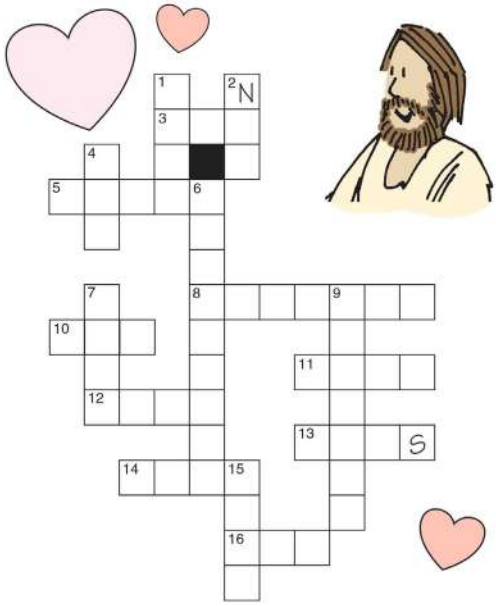
YOU	KNOW	COMMAND
ONE	LOVE	ANOTHER
ALL	HAVE	DISCIPLES
ARE	MUST	
WILL	THIS	





"A _____ _____ I give _____: _____ _____ _____.
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As I _____ _____ _____, so _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.
1 5 4 4 14 11 10 9

By _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ My _____,
13 16 12 7 15 4 3 6

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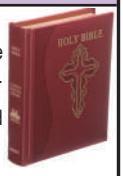

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