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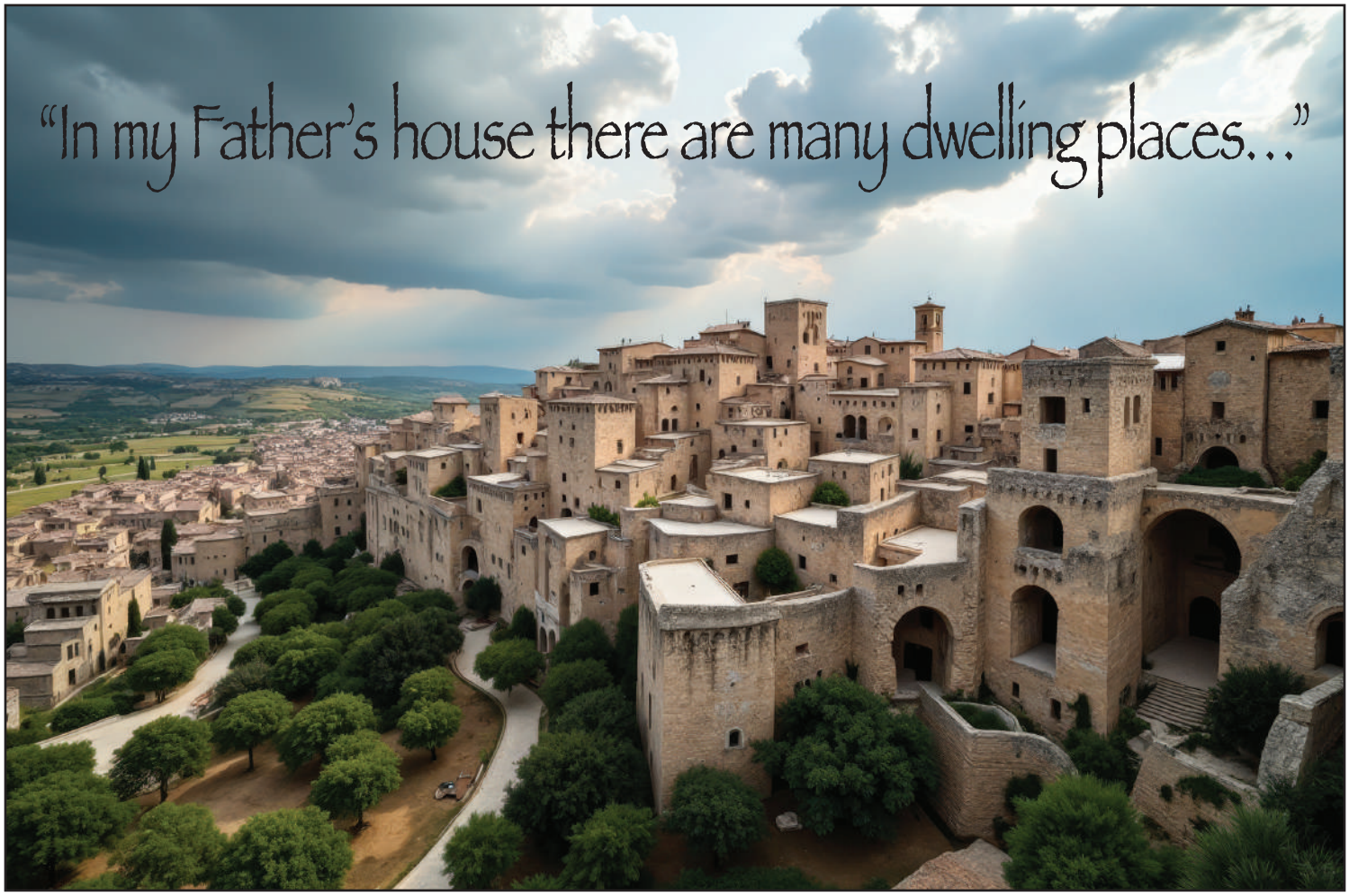

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Michael J. S. Bruno, S.T.D.

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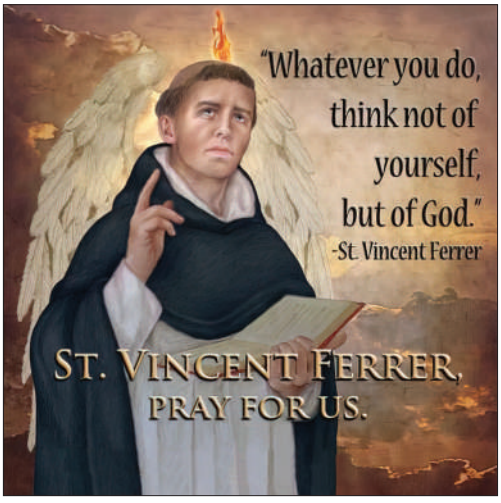

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2 — **5:00 p.m.**
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Rose and Eugene Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, May 3 — **8:00 a.m.**
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Agnes Edna Williams and Judy Williams — In Memoriam
Requested by the Williams Family

11:00 a.m.
For the People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Marie Cecilia Joseph —In Memoriam
Requested by Nesina Francois
Silvia Bartton — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by
Akinyele Adams — Birthday Blessings
Requested by
Sean Forbes — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Gillian Forbes and Family

Monday, May 4 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Sean Scope — In Memoriam
Requested by Sheila Scope

Tuesday, May 5 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Patrick Bernadine — Birthday Blessings
Shirley Bailey — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Alison Matthew

Wednesday, May 6 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Richard Redhead — In Memoriam
Requested by the Redhead Family

Thursday, May 7 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Yvonne Redhead — Birthday Blessings

Friday, May 8 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Kererlen Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Saturday, May 9 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
All Deceased Members of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 3: **Mother's Day Offering**
May 10: **Catholic Communications Campaign**
May 14: **Ascension Thursday**

Please be generous.

Devotional Opportunities

Consecration to Our Blessed Mother
for the
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday May 13, 2026
Novena begins Monday May 4, 2026

Holy Hour and Mass
in honor of
The Precious Blood of Jesus
Thursday, July 16th at 7pm.
Holy hour chaplet and prayers
prior to Mass

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Jn 14:1-12) is taken from Jesus' last discourse before his death. The disciples' hearts are troubled, but the Lord speaks reassuring words to them, inviting them not to be afraid: do not be afraid. Indeed, he is not abandoning them, but is going to prepare a place for them and to guide them towards that destination. The Lord today thus shows all of us the wonderful place to go, and, at the same time, tells us how to get there; he shows us the path to travel. He tells us where to go and how to get there.

First of all, where to go. Jesus sees the disciples' distress, he sees their fear of being abandoned, just as happens to us when we are forced to separate from someone we care for. And so, he says: "I go to prepare a place for you … that where I am you may be also" (vv. 2-3). Jesus uses the familiar image of home, the place of relationships and intimacy. In the Father's house — he says to his friends, and to each one of us — there is room for you, you are welcome, you will be received forever with the warmth of an embrace, and I am in Heaven to prepare a place for you! He prepares for us that embrace with the Father, the place for all eternity.

Brothers and sisters, this Word is a source of consolation, and it is a source of hope for us. Jesus did not separate himself from us, but rather opened the way for us, anticipating our final destination: the encounter with God the Father, in whose heart there is a place for each one of us. So, when we experience fatigue, bewilderment and even failure, let us remember where our life is headed. We must not lose sight of the destination, even if today we run the risk of overlooking it, of forgetting the final questions, the important ones: where are we going? Where are we headed? What is worth living for? Without these questions, we flatten our life only into the present. We think we must enjoy it as much as possible and end up living day by day, without purpose, without a goal. Instead, our homeland is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20); let us not forget the greatness and the beauty of our destination!

Once we have discovered the destination, we too, like the apostle Thomas in today's Gospel, wonder: how can we get there? What is the way? At times, especially when there are major problems to face and there is the sensation that evil is stronger, we wonder: what should I do, what path should I follow? Let us listen to Jesus' answer: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). "I am the way". Jesus himself is the way to follow to live in truth and to have life in abundance. He is the way and therefore faith in him is not a "package of ideas" in which to believe, but rather a road to be traveled, a journey to undertake, a path with him. It is following Jesus, because he is the way that leads to unfailing happiness. Following Jesus and imitating him, especially with gestures of closeness and mercy towards others. This is the compass for reaching Heaven: loving Jesus, the way, becoming signs of his love on earth.

Brothers and sisters, let us live the present, let us take the present in hand, but let us not be overwhelmed. Let us look up, let us look to Heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us today renew the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him. May the Virgin Mary, who following Jesus, has already reached the destination, sustain our hope.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates — Merlynda, Khristian, Adryna, Joshua and Madison — as they prepare to be confirmed by Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto on Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Flatlands

Daily Readings for the Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 3
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Monday, May 4
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 6
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7
Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8
Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5
John 15:18-21

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

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Bus leaves from
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- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Questions? Contact:
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Queens - Information & registration

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- 106-12 Liverpool St, Jamaica, NY 11435
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Walk-ins & appointments

Questions? Contact:
Carolina Marin: 929-745-8960
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Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow". Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti §135

Monday, June 29 - Friday, July 24th

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Healing Mass on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Our parish will celebrate the
Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima
with a
Healing Mass
with the possibility of the
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

on
Wednesday, May 13 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Please join us if you are able!

Our School of Religion students
will honor Our Blessed Mother
with the
Rosary and May Crowning
on
Sunday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us!

Join Us For

PIZZA AND CATECHISM

with Father Michael J.S. Bruno

What Do Catholics Believe About Mary?

THURSDAY, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by placing your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church, or by calling the Rectory at: 718-859-9009

A Donation of $5.00 per session is requested to cover the cost of the pizza.

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Please join us as we welcome
Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan,
Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn
for the
Mass of Dedication of
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Sunday, May 31, 2006
at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Reception to follow

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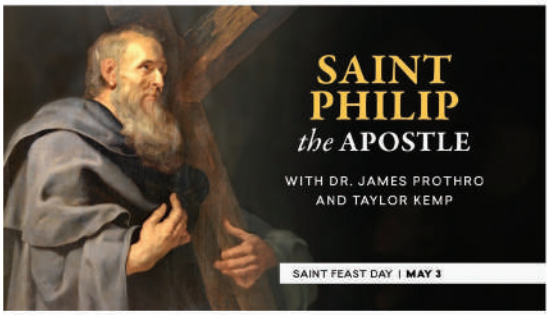
This Week on Formed

Week of May 03, 2026

The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.

Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus also said,
"I am doing the work of My Father."

Find and count the hidden objects in the picture.

What else did Jesus say?

Write the letter in the alphabet that follows each one given below.
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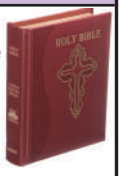

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