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MAY 10, 2026 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

OUR STAFF:

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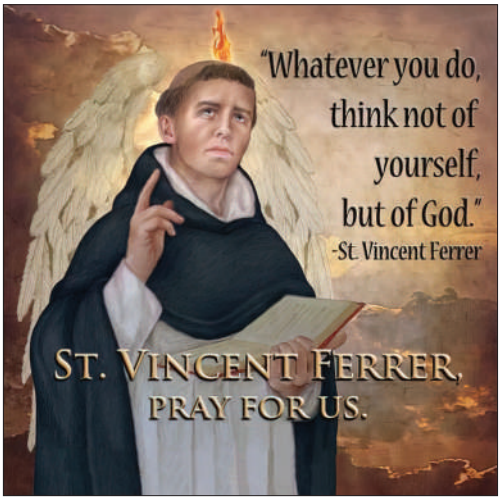

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Midwood Catholic Academy
(Pre-K3-Grade 8)
1501 Hendrickson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-377-1800

www.midwoodcatholicacademy.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 9 — **5:00 p.m.**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Charlotte Mena Kalala — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Lydia Ford

Sunday, May 10 — **8:00 a.m.**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
For All Mothers, Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m.
For the People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
For All Mothers, Living and Deceased

Monday, May 11 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Mitzi Brown — Blessings and Healing
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy

Tuesday, May 12 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
Saint Pancras, Martyr
Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Yvette Isaacs — In Memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne and Family

Wednesday, May 13 — **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Emmanuel Ford — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Lydia Ford

Thursday, May 14 — **9:00 a.m.**
The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
Shirley Mercury — Blessings

7:00 p.m.
For the People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, May 15 — **9:00 a.m.**
Renee and Frank Coutard — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Maire Coutard

Saturday, May 16 — **9:00 a.m.**
Mencia Petion and Sister Anna Bittner
— In Memoriam
Requested by Dayana Eugene

Gifts and Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
Anthony C. Williams — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jean Guy

Bread and Wine
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Easter Season Schedule

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m. — Mass 7:00 p.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 23-24, 2026
Saturday 5:00 p.m. — Mass
Sunday 8:00 a.m. — Mass
Sunday 11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel for today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, speaks to us about the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the Paraclete (cf. Jn 14:15-17). Paraclete is a word that comes from Greek, which means both comforter and advocate at the same time. This means that the Holy Spirit never leaves us alone, he is near to us, like a lawyer who assists the accused person, standing by his or her side. And he suggests to us how to defend ourselves from those who accuse us. Let us recall that the great accuser is always the devil, who puts sin inside of you, the desire to sin, wickedness. Let us reflect on these two aspects: his closeness to us, and his assistance against those who accuse us.

His closeness : The Holy Spirit, Jesus says, "dwells with you and will be in you" (cf. v. 17). He never abandons us. The Holy Spirit wants to stay with us; he is not a passing guest who comes to pay us a courtesy visit. He is a companion for life, a stable presence. He is Spirit and desires to dwell in our spirits. He is patient and stays with us even when we fall. He remains because he truly loves us; he does not pretend to love us, and then leaves us alone when things get difficult. No. He is loyal, he is transparent, he is authentic.

Indeed, if we find ourselves in a moment of trial, the Holy Spirit comforts us, bringing us God's pardon and strength. And when he places our errors before us and corrects us, he does so gently — there is always the timbre of tenderness and the warmth of love in his voice that speaks to the heart. Certainly, the Paraclete Spirit is demanding, because he is a true, faithful friend, who does not hide anything, who suggests what we should change and how to grow. But when he corrects us, he never humiliates us, and never instills distrust. On the contrary, he conveys the certainty that with God, we can always make it. This is his closeness. It is a beautiful certainty.

The Paraclete Spirit is the second aspect. He is our advocate and he defends us. He defends us from those who accuse us: from ourselves when we do not love and forgive ourselves, when we go so far as perhaps telling ourselves that we are failures and good for nothing; from the world who discards those who do not fit into its patterns and models; from the devil who is the "accuser" par excellence and the divider (cf. Rev 12:10), and does everything to make us feel incapable and unhappy.

In the face of all these accusing thoughts, the Holy Spirit suggests to us how to respond. How? The Paraclete, Jesus says, is the One who "reminds us of everything Jesus told us" (cf. Jn 14:26). He reminds us, therefore, of the words of the Gospel, and thus enables us to respond to the accusing devil, not with our own words, but with the Lord's own words. He reminds us, above all, that Jesus always spoke of the Father who is in heaven, he made the Father known to us, and revealed the Father's love for us, who are his children. If we call on the Spirit, we will learn to embrace and recall the most important reality of life that protects us from the accusations of evil. And what is the most important reality in life? That we are beloved children of God. We are God's beloved children: this is the most important reality, and the Spirit reminds us of this.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves today: Do we call on the Holy Spirit? Do we pray to him often? Let us not forget about the one who is close to us, or rather, is within us! Then: Do we listen to his voice, both when he encourages us and when he corrects us? Do we respond with Jesus' words to the accusations from the evil one, to the "tribunals" of life? Do we remember that we are beloved children of God? May Mary make us docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit and sensitive to his presence.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 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 12:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Flatlands

Daily Readings for the Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 10
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday, May 11
Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
John 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, May 12
Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 13
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 14
Ascension Thursday
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday, May 15
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 16
Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16:23b-28

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

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Saint Vincent Ferrer
at 7.30 AM
returning at 3.30PM

Donation $ 80.00

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- Clothing by Season
- Apply to Fairfares
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- Tuesday and Wednesday
- 55 Pierrepont St Brooklyn NY 11201
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Walk-ins & appointments

Questions? Contact:
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Queens - Information & registration

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
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Walk-ins & appointments

Questions? Contact:
Carolina Marin: 929-745-8960
Carolina.Marin@ccbq.org

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

Father Troike Summer Leadership Program

This program is designed for rising LEADERS in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, challenging young men to grow spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially.

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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 is requested to cover the cost of the pizza.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER
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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
Saint Vincent Ferrer Church

Sunday, May 31, 2026
at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Reception to follow

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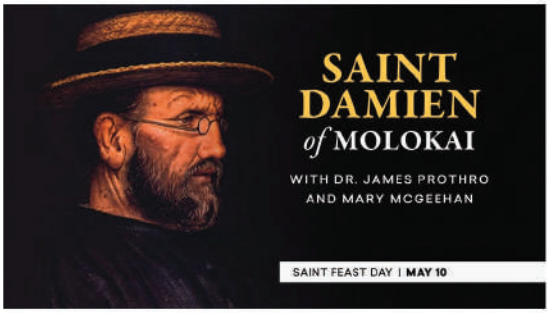
This Week on Formed

Week of May 10, 2026



St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

The Sanctuary Youth Series

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics | Trailer

This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus continued, "I will not leave you all alone. I will come to you. Because I live, you also will live."

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.

Jesus shared a message about love.

Jesus said, "They who have My commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them."

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.
They may be found: →←↓↑↖↘↙↗

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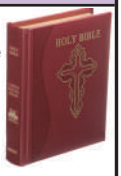

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