

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 8, 2018**



"In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

One day a sign outside a church read 'God gave us commandments, they are not suggestions.' As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are well aware of the Lord's desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The ten commandments of Exodus were the requirement of the covenant. The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act. The question 'how well am I doing?' is answered when I look at the beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.

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

Saturday, April 7

Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15 (266)

12:10 p.m. Dan & Marianne Leyden

5:30 p.m. Agnes Kelly

Sunday, April 8

Acts 4:32-35, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31 (44)

9:00 a.m. Ana Stacey

11:30 a.m. Lynette Donner

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 9 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

Is: 7:10-14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38 (545)

12:10 a.m. Emil Ferfoggia

Tuesday, April 10

Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

12:10 p.m. Michael Ferfoggia

Wednesday, April 11 *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21 (269)

12:10 p.m. St. Joseph's Church

Thursday, April 12

Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36 (270)

12:10 p.m. Mr. Nelson Pagan

Friday, April 13 *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15 (271)

12:10 p.m. Daisy Ambraham

Saturday, April 14

Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21 (272)

12:10 p.m. Mars Custodio

5:30 p.m.

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OUR COLLECTION

**Collection for
April 1st 2018
By Mass as follows:**

9:00 am: \$8,541

11:30 am: \$16,457

6:00 pm: \$3,040

Sunday Masses Total: \$28,038

Holy Thursday: \$1,142

Holy Land: \$2,425

Easter Vigil: \$1,945

WeShare: \$375

Faith Street: \$935

Grand Total: \$34,860

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of "one heart and one mind." They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God's children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."



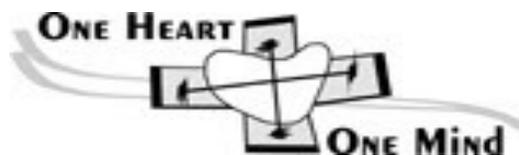
THE ACADEMY OF ST. JOSEPH

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.

We invite you to visit us to learn more about our exceptional education and enrichment programs. We are a private, Catholic school serving students in Pre-K through Eighth Grade. We are still accepting applications for the fall of 2018-2019.

Torsie Judkins, Director of Admissions,
tjudkins@asosj.us to RSVP.



PARISH MISSION

**Monday - Wednesday,
April 30th - May 2nd**

7:00pm (optional Rosary beforehand)

We're very excited to welcome Father Bill Garrott, OP to preach a parish mission here at Saint Joseph's during this Easter season. Father Bill is a brilliant preacher and veteran of over 100 parish missions throughout the US and Canada.

This mission aims to help us all to enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God's merciful touch through the Sacraments. We'll come to a profound encounter of the Father who blesses, the Son who heals, and the Spirit who strengthens.

Mark your calendars for what promises to be a unique, grace-filled moment in the life of our parish and a wonderful way to help us to continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection!

50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.**

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact your parish to register.

**The closing date to register for the Mass is
Monday, May 14, 2018.**

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH!!

Saturday, April 14th @ 5:30pm

We invite you to join us in the celebration of St. Joseph. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this joyful celebration that will begin with our **5:30pm Vigil Mass**.

Followed by a **Community Dinner** next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Our Community Dinner promises to be a night filled with food, music and fellowship!

Dinner will be an authentic Italian meal provided by our fellow parishioner's restaurant Montes.

Music for our enjoyment will be provided by a Brazilian Samba Band.

Throughout the evening we will have a slideshow of parishioner's photos honoring all who make St. Joseph's Church so wonderful! There will be entertainment for both old and young.

Before we depart for home a Raffle will take place—so hold onto your ticket stub!!

This will be an evening for all. A perfect time to come out and fellowship with old friends and the perfect time to make new acquaintances!

To make our slideshow a success we are asking that you e-mail your photos to us at photos@stjosephgv.nyc or you can bring your photos to the church office to be scanned.

We will need all photos no later than April 7th.

The suggested donation for the celebration is:

10.00 per person / \$20.00 per family

The tickets will be available after each Mass on April 7/8

Tickets will also be available in the church office Monday—Friday, 10am—4pm