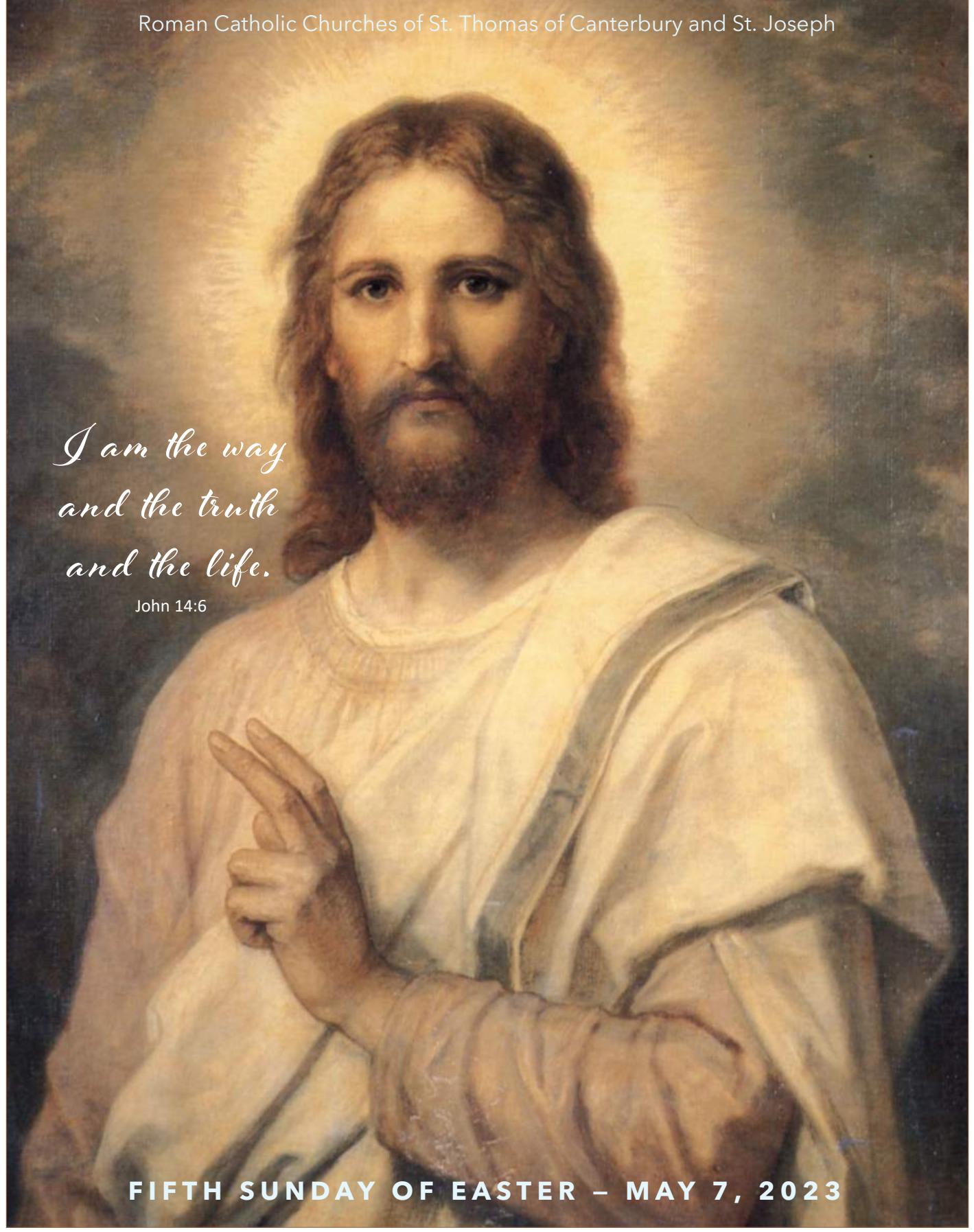


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John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 7, 2023

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Daily Mass:  
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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD Thursday, May 18

Masses are at 8:30 am, noon, and 7 pm.

This is a holy day of obligation

**Mother's Day is May 14.** Envelopes to remember your mother, grandmother, mother-figure, etc. (living or deceased) are in your envelope packet and in the back of the church. All mothers will be remembered in a novena of Masses beginning May 13th.

Register your child for **2023-24 Faith Formation Classes** today.  
Classes begin in first grade. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

Inquiry and the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT)**: Do you know someone who might like to learn more about our faith? Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and guidance but has wonderful rewards! Classes begin in the fall but now is a time for "inquiry". There is no obligation or commitment in asking. Email Mary Ellen at [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com) with any questions or to sign up.

Junior Catholic Daughters Association News...

~ The Spiritual Adoption Committee **Baby Shower** will be May 14th after all Masses. Drop off baby items, diapers, wipes, formula, etc. by the St. Thomas old school and enjoy light refreshments.  
~ Join us for a **Rosary for the Pre-Born** on May 14th, after the 10 am Mass, by Our Lady of Fatima statue. The missionary image of our Lady of Guadalupe will be displayed.

The next **St. Marianne Cope Outreach** Food Drive will be Saturday, May 20th. Want to help? Know someone in need? Email John at [outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com).

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Due to the publisher of our bulletin, John Patrick Publishing, relocating to Pennsylvania, our copy will have earlier deadlines for the month of May. This will delay the reporting of offertory amounts.

A **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** is being held May 4-9 at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point. The exhibit contains an assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of many of the Eucharist miracles recognized by the Church. There is no cost to attend this event. Visit [marianshrine.org](http://marianshrine.org) for information.

Couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2023 are invited to the **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** on Sunday, June 4th at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Dolan is the celebrant. Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Contact the Parish Office to register. Registration closes on Monday, May 15th at 5 pm.

# THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## THERE IS A PLACE FOR ME

From Pope Francis' address at the Regina Caeli in the Library of the Apostolic Palace  
Sunday, for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10 May 2020

**D**EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, GOOD MORNING. In today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 14:1-12), we hear the beginning of Jesus' so-called "Farewell discourse". They are the words he addresses to the disciples at the end of the Last Supper, just before facing the Passion. In such a dramatic moment Jesus began by saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (v. 1). He says it to us too, in life's troubles. But how can we ensure that our hearts are not troubled? Because the heart does become troubled.

The Lord indicates two remedies for being troubled. The first is: "Believe in me" (v. 1). It would seem to be rather theoretical, abstract advice. Instead, Jesus wants to tell us something precise. He knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone, when one difficulty is added to another. We need Jesus' help, and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him. Because liberation from being troubled depends upon entrusting ourselves. Entrusting ourselves to Jesus, taking the "leap". And this is liberation from feeling troubled. Jesus is risen and lives precisely to be always by our side. We can thus say to him, "Jesus, I believe that you rose again and are beside me. I believe that you listen to me. I bring to you what upsets me, my troubles; I have faith in you and I entrust myself to you".

There is then a second remedy for being troubled, which Jesus expresses with these words: "My Father's house has many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you" (v. 2). This is what Jesus did for us: he reserved a place in Heaven for us. He took our

humanity upon himself to carry it beyond death, to a new place, to Heaven, so that we might also be where he is. It is the certainty that comforts us: there is a place reserved for each of us.

There is a place for me too. Each of us can say: There is a place for me. We do not live aimlessly and without destination. We are awaited. We are precious. God is in love with us, we are his children. And he has prepared for us the most worthy and beautiful place: Paradise. Let us not forget this: the dwelling place that awaits us is Paradise. We are in transit here. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever. Forever: it is something we cannot even imagine now. But it is even more beautiful to think that this forever will be entirely in joy, in full communion with God and with others, without any more tears, without resentment, without division or turmoil.

But how can we reach heaven? What is the way? Here is Jesus' decisive phrase. He says to us today: "I am the Way" (v. 6). Jesus is the way to go up to Heaven: to have a living relationship with him, to imitate him in love, to follow in his footsteps. And I, a Christian, you, a Christian, every one of us Christians, can ask ourselves: "Which way do I follow?". There are ways that do not lead to Heaven: the ways of worldliness, the ways of self-affirmation, the ways of selfish power. And there is Jesus' way, the way of humble love, of prayer, of meekness, of trust, of service to others. It is not the way of my self-centeredness. It is the way of Jesus, who is the protagonist of my life. It is to go forth every day, asking him: "Jesus, what do you think of the choice I made? What would you do in this situation, with these people?". It will do us good to ask Jesus, who is the way, for the directions to reach Heaven. May Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, help us to follow Jesus, who opened Heaven for us.

## 2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: Retired Priests

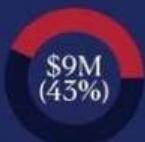


This is a direct appeal from the Archbishop of New York to parishioners and friends of the archdiocese to raise \$21<sup>+</sup> million in funds to support the budgetary needs of its ministries, charitable works, schools, parishes, seminary, priest retirement residences, and administrative offices.

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St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$70,500.00.

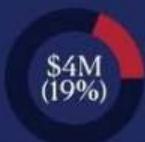
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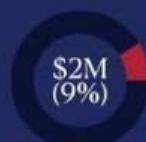
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### READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Reading I — Acts 6:1-7

The Greek-speaking Hellenists feel neglected by the Twelve. This creates a need for apostolic helpers. Thus are seven “reputable” men selected for the task of serving the whole community.

#### Reading II — I Peter 2:4-9

The writer pictures the Church as a “spiritual household.” Then he confers on it four titles that were once used of Israel in the Old Testament.

#### The Gospel — John 14:1-12

Jesus calms the disciples’ fear of death and then responds to Thomas’ query about “the Way.” Meanwhile, Phillip struggles to “see the Father”. Jesus’ response adds up to two important answers for us to remember.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at [stmariannecope.com](http://stmariannecope.com).

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral, visit [catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses).

Stay involved by staying informed. **Sign up for flocknotes** at [stmariannecope.com](http://stmariannecope.com).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Mon, May 8

8:30 +Matilde Mendes by Halvorsen family

#### Tues, May 9

8:30 +Horan and Kelly families by Kathy Kelly

#### Wed, May 10: St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

8:30 +Margaret and Thomas Burns by Clare Burns

#### Thurs, May 11

8:30 +Anthony Fraraccio and Theresa Henry by Linda Siner

#### Fri, May 12: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

8:30 +Richard Cibirka by Doris and William McDermott

#### Sat, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 +Agano and Salvo families by Linda Siner

4:30 Mother’s Day Novena

#### Sun, May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 Mother’s Day Novena

10:00 Mother’s Day Novena

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

The parish offers Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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