

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2nd Sunday of Easter)

The Risen Lord: Head and Body Together!

The great revelation of Christianity is that the God who is Pure Spirit became tangible; took on flesh; could be touched and therefore, more accessible than anyone ever dreamed possible! That's what we celebrated four months ago on Christmas when we acknowledged Jesus as Emmanuel or "God with us". The question after his crucifixion and resurrection is this: Is God still with us? Thomas had his doubts! So did the rest of the apostles who we find in today's Gospel huddled together in the Upper Room in fear of their lives!

So Jesus personally appears to them to reassure them that he is in fact alive and present. The first thing he says to them is: "**Peace be with You**". There was a lot of guilt and shame to go around. After his arrest none of the apostles would have been nominated to receive the prize for being loyal friends or models of courage! But miraculously Jesus seems to have forgotten all about that. He wished them only peace. The next thing he did was show them his hands and his side. Jesus assures them that he is no ghost, but for real! This might be a lesson for all those Christians out there who insist that they are not religious but "spiritual". Jesus went out of his way to say just the opposite: he is NOT just spiritual but flesh and blood. "**Put your hands in my side**", he insisted to Thomas. Translation: It's really me. I'm really here with you.

Touch matters. Songs sung, sermons preached, or religious gestures made don't matter if they don't lead to concrete change in our everyday lives and in the way our lives intersect the lives of others. So, Jesus does one last thing: He breathes His Spirit into them the way God breathed into the lifeless body of Adam in the beginning of creation. Adam, as a result, became a living being. And the community of believers would become the Body of Christ – A Church that exists not only in theory, in spirit or in the abstract. But one that is made up of flesh and blood people who are called to make the risen Christ tangibly present in this world. Jesus Christ is alive and, yes, still with us; not only in spirit but also in the flesh. And we must be his witnesses.

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See Fr. Pat's Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>



Sunday, April 12, 2015

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24: 35-48



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr	13	Priscilla Harvison	- Deceased
Tues	Apr	14	Paul Joy	- Living
Wed	Apr	15	Grace Hansberry	- Living
Thurs	Apr	16	Robert Greenfield	- Living
Fri	Apr	17	Brenda West	- Deceased

Attendance 3067



Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the
School Cafeteria.



Wedding Banns

Miss Margaret Wasaff of Washington, DC and Mr. Brian Kram of Takoma Park, Md are schedule to be married this May, 2015. Please remember them in your prayers.

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2nd Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for support.
Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for Our Parish Poor Fund

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2015-2016 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr. Beatrice Alexander Donovan Anderson William Barksdale Frances Brooks Mary Burgan Williams Burgan Andrew Burton Angela Callighan Elizabeth Carter Phillip Cephas Vincent Clarke, Sr. Annie Cole Tommie Cunningham Pauline Dines Susan Epps Richard B. Fowler Barbara Ferguson Daniel Galloway Inez Gaskins Charles Gathers Thelma Givens Charlene Gordon Valencia Green Robert Greenfield Frances Gulston Grace Hansberry Brian Harvey John Harris	Patricia Herndon Emily Hill Jeanne Hincley Deborah Jackson Eleanor M Johnson Paul Joy Benjamin Kilgore Sedonia Labee Keats Labule Raymond Lane Louisa Lee Mary Leonard Bernadette Mahoney Catherine Mason Florence Matthews James McNamara Leona Miller Sylvia Monroe Julius Oben Colelle Ogbey Theresa Purcell George Queen Ashley Redhead, Jr. Royal Robinson Fran Robertson Lisa Rivera Doris Silas Gertina Simms Kathleen Simms	George Simmons Mary Smith Zedekiah Smith Donnie Stewart Willis Thomas Angela Tilghman Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Hayden Vaughn Lillian Vaughn Terry Vaughn Esperanza Walker Shirley Ward Betty Washington Brenda West Lillie White Bernice Williams Teresa Wilkinson Lozzie York
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Save The Date — SODALITY BAKE SALE

The Sodality will hold its Spring Bake Sale and Silent Auction on Sunday, April 26 after all Masses. The proceeds will go to the Infirmary of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the various projects of the Sodality.



Please Pray for Our Dead

Charles Edwards, Edna Mills
Mother Marcellina Brooks, Brenda West



SHARE Packages

SHARE Packages for the month of April are now on sale at the Ushers' table.

Parish Pastoral Council



Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the Parish Office by Monday, April 13, 2015.



PARK FREE
SUNDAYS FROM 9AM-4PM
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Spring Anointing of the Sick will be held next Sunday, April 19 at the 10:00am Mass. Registration required. Sign-up Sheets are at the Ushers' Table in the back of the Church.

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and more.

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