

Easter Sunday

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection for April 6/7 was \$3,440.00. This week's collection will appear in next week's bulletin.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

are a wonderful way to honor and remember
your loved ones.

The following Memorial Gifts are available

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles
St. Joseph Candles

For available dates and more information about the Memorial Gifts call the Parish Office.

Domingo de Pascua

Al cantar con júbilo y esperanza el "aleluya" nos unimos todos al gozo de la Iglesia por la resurrección del Señor. A lo largo de la Cuaresma pusimos nuestra confianza en Dios y no quedamos defraudados. Hoy, en todo el mundo, los cristianos nos alegramos y transmitimos la palabra "aleluya" para continuar con ese gran júbilo en el corazón por el resucitado. La Iglesia se engalana con sus velas encendidas que nos indican que debemos de caminar en la luz. El Cirio Pascual, signo de Jesucristo Resucitado, nos recuerda que pertenecemos por nuestro bautismo al Reino de Dios. Es un día de alegría y de búsqueda. ¿Quién quitara la piedra? ¿Dónde está el Señor? ¿Quién lo ha visto? El Evangelio nos dice. "El primer día de la semana, muy temprano, fueron las mujeres al sepulcro, llevando los perfumes que habían preparado. Pero se encontraron con una novedad: la piedra que cerraba el sepulcro había sido removida, y al entrar no encontraron el cuerpo del Señor Jesús." (Lucas 24:1-3)

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en el numeral 989 dice lo siguiente:

Creemos firmemente, y así lo esperamos, que del mismo modo que Cristo ha resucitado verdaderamente de entre los muertos, y que vive para siempre, igualmente los justos después de su muerte vivirán para siempre con Cristo resucitado y que Él los resucitará en el último día (Vea Juan 6:39-40). Como la suya, nuestra resurrección será obra de la Santísima Trinidad.

Esta es la razón de la Pascua, la vida nueva en Cristo. Es la razón de los cantos de "aleluya" que resuenan entre los muros de nuestras parroquias multiculturales a través de los Estados Unidos y del mundo entero. ¡Resucitó, Aleluya!

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 9-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

EASTER SUNDAY

A Message from Fr. Tom

Today begins our journey into the Easter Season. We celebrate the bedrock of our hope—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To summarize, we celebrate the greatest event in human history. That God revealed himself fully through his Son Jesus Christ, was born of woman, baptized by John in the Jordan, called apostles to be witnesses to his words and mighty deeds, and that they should hand on the Gospel they first received, most especially the sacraments of the forgiveness of sins and the Eucharist.

We anticipate springtime when we recognize those first small signs. The buds of new growth appear. We see these signs all around us. Let our celebration this day also be for us that sign of hope or new life and renewal. No matter how small or fragile it may seem; let us continue to nurture the seed of faith planted within us by persevering in the practice of the Christian faith and serious engagement in the life and teachings of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Tom

Mass is being moved To the Auditorium

Due to construction being done in St. Francis of Paola Church is has become necessary for us to move all weekday and the Sunday Masses from the Church to the Auditorium.

Starting on Monday, April 29th until Friday, May 17th, all weekday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in St. Francis Auditorium.

When coming for Mass at that time please use the 200 Woodpoint Road entrance.

Keep checking the bulletin for progress and up-dates.

Adoration on Monday's in St. Francis of Paola will be cancelled while construction is in progress.

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 22, 2019.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We Congratulate

We congratulate the following children who have received Confirmation here at Divine Mercy Parish, in the church of St. Cecilia on March 29, 2019. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.

Jack Analco
Evelyn Barbecho
Mia Bobe
Julia Costa
Nancy Flores
Elmer Garcia
Ashanti Lopez
Angel Marmalejo
Sophie Navarrete
Franklin Rivera
Kaden Sambula
Dylan Villacis

Antonio Arlistico
Benjamin Benavides
Odalis Castro
Tyler Cotter
Anay Garcia
Angel Huerta
Naomi Maharaj
Antonio Moschella
Rebecca Ortiz
Christopher Samaniego
Alanis Santiago
Michael Williams

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019 As of April 1, 2019

Goal	\$35,578.00
Pledged	\$13,915.00
Paid	\$ 9,606.00

Pledge envelopes can be found in the back of Church.

40 Hours of Devotion Leading to Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 28th Mass at 3 pm

Last year we celebrated 40 hours of devotion. It was very well received. And so once again we encourage your participation in this time of communal prayer pleasing to God.

Our parish will offer 40 hours of uninterrupted Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Francis from Friday, April 26th at 7 pm to Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm.

This is in anticipation of the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and the special Mass at the Hour of Mercy at 3 pm, on Sunday, April 28th, at St. Cecilia's.

The Church requires that at any given hour at least two persons must keep watch with Jesus through the 40 hours. We must have your participation! Soon, we will be asking each parishioner –as in year's past- to sign up for an hour to watch and pray with Jesus. Please respond generously with your time.

EASTER SUNDAY

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt. 25:35-36)

Best Wishes for a Blessed & Happy Easter

Dear Friends, Easter is a promise God renews to us each Spring. May the promise of Easter fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Specific items needed: **Canned Meats**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – April 21, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

ALTAR CANDLES

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**The Saint Theresa Guild Presents
“European Masquerade”
Saturday, May 18, 2019
at 6:15 pm**

Food, Wine, Dessert, Live Entertainment & Fabulous Prizes!

Saint Francis of Paola Auditorium, 200 Woodpoint Road. \$35.00 per person.

Tickets are available at the rectory or by calling Marie Perrotto (718-389-1073) or Annette Marino (646-361-8467) arm718@aol.com

**CELEBRATION
OF OUR PARISH PATRONAL
FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:45 pm

In St. Cecilia / Divine Mercy Parish

We begin at 2:45 pm by praying together

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

And then celebrate Mass at

3:00 pm at the Hour of Divine Mercy

Reception to follow the 3:00 pm Mass in St. Cecilia’s auditorium, 24 North Henry Street. All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, April 20, 2019

5:00pm No Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Easter Sunday

11:30am Easter Sunday

Monday, April 22, 2019

7:45am Daniel Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

7:45am Thomas & Angelina Pasquariello by Ada

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

7:45am The Pacifico Family by Children

Thursday, April 25, 2019

7:45am Luigi Sepe (44 Years) by Marie Sepe

Friday, April 26, 2019

7:45am Giudice Family by Carl & Valerie Battista

Saturday, April 27, 2019

7:45am Antonio Navarro by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco & D’Arrigo Family

5:00pm Cathy Santa Maria by godmother Annette & Family

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am Tina Marie Eack & Edward Philip Eack by Ed & Grace Eack

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Book 2019

The second half of the Mass Book (July to Dec. 2019), will open on Wed., April 24th for intentions. Mass stipend is \$15.00 for a weekday Mass and \$20.00 for a Sat. 5 pm Mass and our Sun. Masses. Rectory is open from 9 am to 8 pm Mon. to Fri. and 9am to 5pm on Sat.

Mothers’ and Fathers’ Dance

Sunday – May 19, 2019 - 12 PM to 4PM

\$15:00 per person; Includes, hot food, drinks, dessert, and live music by Son d’Aqui. \$20.00 after May 1st.

Door prizes, Raffles, 50/50. For tickets call Ivette (917) 446-9581 or Beatriz (347) 617-4127

APRIL 21, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY

10:30am Easter Sunday

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

7:00pm Joan D'Arienzo

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Divine Mercy Sunday

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Pray For the Sick:

Frank Grutza, Gennaro Adamo, Carmella Caiafa, Maryann Picora, Roseann Frank, Remi Schandel, Fawziy Ali, Betty Gifford, Anthony Scala, Theresa Scala, Bob Cohen, Raymond Lopez, Sara Chang, Lenny Currie, Bob Hershlag, Jackie Elasser, Jacqueline Mengel, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Carmine Giglio, Rae Pacifico

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Marie Gallishaw, Joan D'Arienzo, Robert E. Pelletier

Generations of Faith / Annual Catholic Appeal

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the differences in these campaigns and answer any questions you might have about these appeals.

Generations of Faith is a special campaign—one that seems to come along in our diocese every 20 years or so. The aims of this campaign are three fold: (1) help parishes in financial need; (2) aid to retired priests; (3) foster youth ministry in the diocese. These are special needs that demanded attention and are being addressed in the 'Generations' campaign. The time frame for this campaign is five (5) years. *This GOF campaign began officially in January of 2016.*

The Annual Catholic Appeal is—as its title indicates—something that *happens every year*. This addresses the on-going needs of the diocese that require special support and funding every year; such as support for Catholic Charities, the Catholic Migration Office, Seminary Formation and our Catholic School and Academies.

As in past years, it is my hope that everyone in the parish will contribute something to these campaigns.

Pledge envelopes can be found in the back of Church.

Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Sunday

7:00pm No Mass

Monday, April 22, 2019

8:30am Fava Family

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

8:30am Rose Ferrari by Beverly Riccio

Thursday, April 25, 2019

8:30am Joan D'Arienzo

Friday, April 26, 2019

8:30am Vittoria Feola by Laura Feola

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:30am Frances Franchino by Angela Federico

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert

Patricia Ann Seaman, C.S.J.

Leonard Gifford

7:00pm Open Intention

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11:00 am

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person.

Special recognitions will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary.

To register: Contact the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

Looking Ahead

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| April 28 th | Divine Mercy Sunday, 3pm Mass
Reception to follow St. Cecilia auditorium after the Mass |
| May 5 th | DMP Concert Series Arya Quartet, 6pm
St. Francis Church |
| May 18 th | European Masquerade St. Theresa Fundraiser |
| May 19 th | Mothers' & Fathers' Dance |
| June 9 th | Pentecost Communion Breakfast. St. Cecilia's auditorium after 9:30am Mass |
| June 15 th | Mission Appeal Weekend |

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379