

2nd Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection for April 13/14 was \$3,158.00.

Sunday's collection for April 20/21 was \$4,819.00.

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

2º Domingo de Pascua

El punto clave en este segundo domingo de Pascua llamado también de la Divina Misericordia, es que la Resurrección del Señor hace la diferencia en el mundo. El pecado es perdonado, la duda se aclara con la presencia del resucitado. El apóstol Tomás exclama lleno de arrepentimiento y gozo: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!". La respuesta de Jesús nos llena de esperanza a todos los cristianos de todos los tiempos: "Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto" (Juan 20:28-29). Lo que le paso a Tomás nos pasa a todos. Hay que proclamar al Señor como nuestro Dios, como el centro del corazón.

Hoy es el día de poner en práctica lo que escuchamos del Evangelio, lo que vemos alrededor nuestro, lo que sentimos y lo que creemos. Dar alcance con nuestro amor al necesitado. Los hechos cuentan tanto como las palabras y el acompañamiento. Jesús nunca nos ha dejado solos. Este domingo de la misericordia es para que nos transformemos en esa compasión de Cristo para los demás. El papa San Juan Pablo II nos dejó un legado de esperanza. Su mensaje aún resuena en el mundo:

Tanto los creyentes como los no creyentes pueden admirar en el Cristo humillado y sufriente una solidaridad sorprendente, que lo une a nuestra condición humana más allá de cualquier medida imaginable. La cruz, incluso después de la resurrección del Hijo de Dios, "habla y no cesa nunca de decir que Dios-Padre es absolutamente fiel a su eterno amor por el hombre. (...) Creer en ese amor significa creer en la misericordia. (Dives in misericordia, 7).

Doctor Assisted Suicide Legislation in New York State

Surprise, Surprise—just in time for Holy Week it was announced that new legislation will shortly be introduced to the NYS Legislature to legalize doctor assisted suicide in our state. This is a serious matter that must be opposed by all people of good conscience. Please contact the governor expressing your opposition:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor of New York State

New York State Capital Building

Albany, NY 12224

T. (518) 474-8390

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact>

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Message from Fr. Tom

This Sunday—Divine Mercy Sunday—we celebrate the patronal feast of our parish. While various devotions within the life of the church are optional (the rosary, the cult of various saints, etc.) the appreciation of mercy as a fundamental attribute of our God—is not optional. This celebration was established in the Universal Catholic Church by Pope St. John Paul II on April 30th, 2000—on the same day that Sr. Faustina Kowalska was canonized. In his homily, St. John Paul II said: “It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” In the same homily, it was declared that the image of Divine Mercy should be venerated on this same Sunday as “it represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world.”

Join us for 40 Hours of Devotion Leading to the Divine Mercy Mass

Location: St. Francis of Paola Church
Beginning: Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm
Ending: Sunday, April 28th at 2:00pm
Mass of Mercy: Sunday, April 28th at 3:00pm in
St. Cecilia’s Church

With reception to follow in the auditorium

What are the fundamentals of this devotion? Here are the ABC’s:

A—Ask—always ask for God’s mercy
B—Be—be merciful unto others
C—Complete Trust—Trust in God’s Mercy

How do we celebrate this feast? Remember the word ‘Finch’:

F—Celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy
I—Venerate the image of Divine Mercy
N—Pray the Novena of Divine Mercy
C—Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
H—Venerate the hour of Divine Mercy which is 3:00pm, the hour Jesus died for us on the cross

Seen Fr. Tom’s Breviary?

What’s a breviary?? It is a book that I use to pray the psalms every day. The breviary is in a leather cover, which looks like it might be a small Bible. The days during Holy Week were very busy and I left it somewhere in the parish—probably in one of the churches. It appears as if someone might have picked it up. If you have seen it, please return it to our parish office or call (718) 387-0256. Thanks—Fr. Tom

Marian Procession

Saturday May 4th, 2019

On Saturday, May 4th we will hold our annual Marian Procession. This year we will begin our procession from St. Cecilia’s Church at 9:30am. A simple collation will be offered in the auditorium and a talk given to the parents and candidates for First Holy Communion. They will lead the recitation of the Rosary as we walk from St. Cecilia to St. Francis of Paola for Adoration and First Penance. We will conclude our procession by walking from St. Francis to St. Nicholas for a rehearsal and lunch in preparation for First Holy Communion the following Saturday, May 11th. Please join us.

Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series

Please join us for our next concert featuring the Arya String Quarter. They will be performing works by Mendelssohn and Haydn, and premiering a new piece by our director of music, Justin Fields. The concert will take place after the 5:00pm Mass on May 4th at St. Francis of Paola. As always, our concerts are free of charge. We hope to see our there!

Nocturnal Adoration All are invited to attend the first Saturday of the month Nocturnal Adoration, Saturday, May 4, at 8 pm in the Chapel of St. Cecilia’s located at 84 Herbert Street. All are invited.

Prayers for Persecuted Christians & Victims of the Easter Sunday Terrorist Attack in Sri Lanka

As of this writing 310 people were killed and over 500 hundred injured in the brutal attack on Christian churches this past Easter Sunday. One of the injured is Chelsea the granddaughter of Genevieve DiCammerata and long-time parishioner of St. Francis. She is undergoing treatment in Singapore. She was serving in Sri Lanka on a mission with the Peace Corp. Pray for her and all the victims of religious persecution. Shortly the diocese will announce a special collection to be taken up for the victim. Please be as generous as you can.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019 If you have not made a pledge commitment and would like to do so, envelopes are available near the doors of the Church

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**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)

Geo Gratias! April 2019 marks the completion of the 10th Anniversary of our parish “Gift of Love” Food Pantry!

May our patron saints, St. Cecilia, St. Francis of Paola and St. Nicholas pray for us as we begin our 11th year of service!

Specific items needed: **Soups**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – April 28, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Joan D’Arienzo by Dittus Family

ALTAR CANDLES

Angela Scannapieco by Tina Carannante

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Patrick Solomita by Dominick & Josephine Siano

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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

LIVING ROSARY

On the Monday’s of May the Rosary Society invites our parishioners to pray the Rosary in public, outside our parish Church of St. Cecilia. Please join us on the following evenings of prayers as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus. May 6, 13, 20, 27.

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

Saturday, April 27, 2019

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

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, April 29, 2019

7:45am Patrick Solomita by Carmela &
Raymond Vomero

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

7:45am John Porcelli by Dittus Family

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

7:45am John & Carmela San Pietro by Family

Thursday, May 2, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Dennis Torre & Sonia
Rivera

Friday, May 3, 2019

7:45am Linda Anacrellico by Santaromita Family

Saturday, May 4, 2019

7:45am Patrick Solomita by Anthony Porcelli
5:00pm Rose & Michael Torro by Family

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00am Marie Bavuso by Donini Family
11:30am Giovanni Donza by Wife

**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.

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 pm in St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Join in prayer following the 5pm Mass on Saturday May 4th, at St. Francis of Paola Church. We will assemble in the front left pews.

APRIL 28, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, April 28, 2019

10:30am Michele Torres
For the People of Divine Mercy

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

7:00pm Joan D'Arienzo by Mr. & Mrs.
Dominick Sciangula & Family

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:30am La Familia Martinez – Angel by Fr. Tom

Pray For the Sick:

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, Frank Grutza, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, Cathy Leonick, Chelsea DiCammerata

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Joan D'Arienzo, Robert E. Pelletier, Jennie Falabella, Rafaela Pacifico, Esther Ramos, Bambi Crosse-Canalini

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	Antonio Arlistico
Evelyn Barbecho	Benjamin Benavides
Mia Bobe	Odalis Castro
Julia Costa	Tyler Cotter
Nancy Flores	Anay Garcia
Elmer Garcia	Angel Huerta
Ashanti Lopez	Naomi Maharaj
Angel Marmalejo	Antonio Moschella
Sophie Navarrete	Rebecca Ortiz
Franklin Rivera	Christopher Samaniego
Kaden Sambula	Alanis Santiago
Dylan Villacis	Michael Williams

Banns of Marriage

Sharon Gizzie & Joseph La Polla
St. Francis of Paola Church – 4p.m.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert
Patricia Ann Seaman, C.S.J.
Leonard Gifford
7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, April 29, 2019

8:30am Philip Joseph by Lucy

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:30am Elias Sidiroglou by Fr. Tom

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

8:30am Janine Liegi by Mr. & Mrs. Cono De Paola

Thursday May 2, 2019

8:30am Valentina Gattinara by Laura Feola

Friday, May 3, 2019- First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, May 4, 2019

8:30am Rose Ferrari by Fr. Tom

Sunday, May 5, 2019

9:30am Laura Vitolo Pastina
Rosary Society
Ed & Jo Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**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.

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm in St. Cecilia's Auditorium. All are welcome.

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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