

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."

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

3er Domingo de Pascua

¡Desayunar con el Señor! Me imagino la cara de sorpresa de los apóstoles al reconocer la presencia de Jesús a orillas del lago. Qué gran manifestación de su amor para ellos en esos momentos que pasaban. Era el tiempo de creer, de recordar su presencia física entre ellos; Y ahora, la sorpresa? "Muchachos, ¿han pescado algo?" Por supuesto, no estaban preparados para tal sorpresa. Pero, Jesús si lo estaba. Nos dice el Evangelio que tenía pan y pescados listos para comer. El tomo el pan y lo repartió, lo mismo los pescados. Luego, al terminar de comer vienen las tres preguntas para Pedro: "Simón, hijo de Juan, ¿me amas más que éstos?" Pedro, se puso triste por la pregunta tres veces y declara su amor incondicional para suplantar las tres negaciones y tener su conciencia en paz. Como se diría en la actualidad, ahora viene el reto, el compromiso nuevo, renovado y lleno de nueva vida.

Casi todo ser humano se resiste al cambio y con frecuencia necesita estímulo desde fuera de su entorno. Jesús, el gran Maestro, sabe eso y estimula a sus apóstoles al cambio. Evangelizar desde la experiencia de la resurrección. Ahora, cabe la pregunta para nosotros los bautizados: ¿En qué estamos y dónde están los demás? ¿Seremos fieles como sus discípulos? El Señor nos pide una transformación, un cambio radical en cómo somos y pensamos. Es en la Eucaristía donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Hombres y mujeres de toda raza y cultura están invitados: "Vengan al Banquete".

Readings for the week of May 5, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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A Message from Fr. Tom

The figure of Peter is fundamental for us as Catholic Christians. He and his successors—the Popes—are the chief shepherds and a principle of unity for our church. Jesus said to him, “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” [Matt. 16:18] Quite a statement! Remember it when your Evangelical/Protestant friends challenge you about fidelity to the Bible. But this significant figure can raise challenges for us. Why? He is flawed and impetuous. Peter denies his master. Peter can get the gold star at one moment “You are the Christ, the Holy One of God” and then a moment later “Get behind me Satan, you are thinking as men do and not as God.” We tend to associate authority and governance (Peter’s Office) with rules, laws, obligations and rubrics, NOT necessarily with love; a demand clearly made by Jesus today in our Gospel. Service out of love is the only way—love of the truth, love for the good, love of the other, love when it hurts and when it costs us something. Consider the following: authentic sacrificial love; responsibility; service; sacrifice:

- Authentic love—“Do you love me?” Love must guide the exercise of authority.
- Responsibility—our faith is a gift. Jesus gives the summons for us to communicate this gift.
- Service—“feed my lambs”—especially religious vocations & marriage
- Sacrifice—“Worthy is the lamb that was slain.” The Russian author Dostoyevsky said: “The problem is not that we suffer but that we believe ourselves to be worthy of our sufferings.”

Divine Mercy Devotion

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

Poetry Reading/Thursday, May 16th, 2019 7:00pm
Green Door Gallery

Corner on Skillman Avenue and Humboldt Street

The theme of this evening is “Poetry Collaboration and Craft.” This event is sponsored by the Heart’s Home Community and Communion & Liberation, USA. Featured poets will be Jane Satterfield and Ned Balbo. Admission is free.

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

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 Quartet. 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 5:00 pm Mass on May 4th at St. Francis of Paola. As always, our concerts are free of charge. We hope to see you there!

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, followed by Adoration and Benediction inside the Church. Please join us on the following evenings of prayers as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus. May 6, 13, 20, 27.

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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)

“Thank You” to the wonderful parishioners who generously continue to support our pantry ministry. Your acts of unselfish generosity affects people in more ways than you know.

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

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – May 5, 2019

ALTAR CANDLES

Thank You by Lacerenza Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Immacolata Baglivo by daughter Carol
Maria di Meo by daughter-n-law

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

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

As of this writing 390 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 victims. Please be as generous as you can.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, May 4, 2019

5:00pm Rose & Michael Torro by Family

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00am Marie Bavuso by Donini Family

11:30am Giovanni Donza by Wife

Monday, May 6, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Carmela & Raymond Vomero

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:45am Millie & Angie by Sisters Antoinette & Rose

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:45am Suplica M. Pompei by Marie Sepe

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Dorothy & John Colasanti

Friday, May 10, 2019

7:45am Vincenzo & Angela Di Mieri by Nicolina Babino

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:45am Giovanni Guadacino by Maria Iannuzzo Zollo & Family

5:00pm Mother's Day Remembrance

Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

11:30am Mother's Day Remembrance

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, in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium.

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, May 5, 2019

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, May 12, 2019

10:30am Mother's Day Intentions

Pray For the Sick:

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, Linda Newby

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Jennie Falabella, Rafaela Pacifico, Esther Ramos, Bambi Crosse-Canalini, Andrea Catalanotti

Banns of Marriage

Sharon Gizzie & Joseph La Polla
St. Francis of Paola Church

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>

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

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

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

Monday, May 6, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

8:30am Ziccardi Family

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

8:30am Amelia Allocca by Fr. Tom

Thursday May 9, 2019

8:30am Giulia Pendenza by Laura Feola

Friday, May 10, 2019

8:30am Angela Brancato

Saturday, May 11, 2019

8:30am Rose Del Vicario

Sunday, May 12, 2019

9:30am Mother's Day Intentions
7:00pm Mother's Day Intentions

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 during 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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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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

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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