

2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

Sunday Collection

Sunday's Collection for March 2/3, 2019 was \$3,151.00 and the Collection for March 9/10, 2019 was \$2,818.00.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who helped serve, donate food and money to the Transfiguration Men's Shelter the weeks of February 24th and March 2nd, 2019.

2º Domingo de la Cuaresma

En las lecturas de hoy se refleja la tendencia que el ser humano experimenta cada día de su vida. Vive en una constante tensión de quedarse o irse. Por ejemplo; si estamos en un lugar tranquilo, donde se respira paz y armonía se suele decir "Me gustaría quedarme aquí para siempre". En cambio, si se sufre de alguna enfermedad grave, o muere un ser querido y se sume en el dolor se comenta, "Deseo salir de esto cuanto antes". Se vive así, quedándose y yéndose; dos polos opuestos. En este Evangelio, quedarse e irse esta junto en la vida del discípulo.

Pedro, Santiago y Juan, fueron con Jesús al monte para hacer oración. Mientras oraba, Jesús se transfiguró y su ropa se volvió de una blancura fulgurante. El Evangelio nos narra que Moisés y Elías conversaban con él. En ese instante, Pedro y sus compañeros despertaron y ante tanta belleza, Pedro le propone a Jesús lo siguiente: "Maestro, ¡qué bueno que estemos aquí! Levantemos tres chozas: una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías." (Lucas 9:33). Sin duda, Pedro quería quedarse, no deseaba bajar---era difícil para el irse de ese lugar. Pasa ahora lo mismo; la jornada del discípulo es saber estar en gloria y saber sufrir para poder resucitar. ¿Cómo saberlo? ¿Cómo distinguirlo? Buscando a Dios, estando alerta siempre, aprendiendo en el silencio de la oración sus deseos. Estar, o irse: son dos contradicciones que los seguidores de Jesús viven. El reto es fuerte, la voz de Dios resuena en el Evangelio: "Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido; escúchenlo." (Lucas 9:35). ¡Esta semana solo se trata de escuchar!

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Passing of Angela Scannapieco

We are all shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden passing of Angela Scannapieco (1958-2019). She was, along with Amelia Castro a co-director of our Religious Education Program. Her loss is a big blow for me personally and for our community. She was employed by our parish for a brief time—only since July of 2018. Yet, she said to everyone who knew her—she finally had her dream job and was “ridiculously happy” to be serving in our parish. Her funeral Mass took place on Tuesday, March 5th in St. Cecilia’s and was celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano, Auxiliary Bishop Peter Byrne of the Archdiocese of New York and concelebrated by some 25 priests—it was a beautiful celebration.

Who was Angela? She was a local girl who lived her entire life on Powers Street. In professional life, she started out as a hospital technician. She served at many parishes in our diocese and was a coordinator for the Youth 2000 Retreat Program. In her capacity as a medical missionary she began her association with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This close relationship with the CFR’s—founded by Fr. Benedict Groeschel—remained throughout her life. More than 30 CFR priests and religious attended her funeral Mass. She formally consecrated her life to Jesus in 2001 in a ceremony presided over by Bishop Thomas Daily. She was also the Director of the St. Clare Home for Women since 2010.

Simply put, she was a person whose life was lived for others. This was made very clear to me in the visits I made to her bedside in the last few weeks of her life. I overheard many friends say she really was their mother. To me this captures the content and paradox of a religious vocation. A person who has no children becomes a mother for many. A person who loses themselves in service to others finds their identity and vocation. We pray for her sister Rita and niece Angelina and many friends. Rest in Peace Angela.
Fr. Tom

Why Catholic—A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church Join Fr. Tom on five (5) Wednesdays during Lent/St. Francis Rectory Dining Room

We will be taking a pause from our regularly scheduled Bible Study on Wednesday evenings to participate in the “Why Catholic?” program and explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class will be conducted in English and meet for one hour from 7:45pm to 8:45pm. Please contact Amelia Castro after

the St. Nicholas Spanish Mass for more information on the Spanish language track. Following are the dates for the program conducted in English in St. Francis Rectory:

Wednesday, March 20 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, March 27 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 3 rd	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 10 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 17 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR EVENING HOLY HOUR

9pm to 10pm

During Lent, beginning Monday, March 11th, we will be offering our evening Holy Hour from 9pm to 10pm Monday through Thursday, at St. Francis of Paola Church instead of St. Cecilia’s Chapel.

Morning Prayer Before Morning Masses at 7:45am & 8:30am

Please join the priests of our parish for Morning Prayer weekdays during Lent. We will begin our prayer 15 or 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please join us.

Pro-Life Help

Catholics and all people of good are still reeling from the extraordinary, scandalous anti-life laws passed by the governor of our state last month. We must, however, recognize the great good that is being done by so many people. Please consider supporting some of these organizations that give women real, material support as an alternative to an abortion:

1. Sisters of Life, 38 Montebello Road, Suffern, NY 10901 T. (845) 357-3547
2. Life Center of New York, 6802 Fifth Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220, T. (718) 748-4992
3. Pregnancy Help, 229 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011, T. (212) 243-0970
4. The Bridge to Life, 147-32 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355, T. (718) 463-1810
5. Good Counsel Homes, 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, T. (201) 795-0637

Stations of the Cross Every Week During Lent

Thursdays	St. Cecilia	7pm
Fridays	St. Francis	7pm (Italian/English)
Fridays	St. Nicholas	7pm (Spanish)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

In the presence of our loving God, let us remember to express our gratitude each day through lives of service, generosity, kindness, care and compassion.

Item needed this week: **Canned Meats**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – March 17, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Ralph Panarese by Wife

ALTAR CANDLES

John Cornetto III by Grandparents

John Cornetto III by Grandparents

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Gabriel Carannante by daughter Tina

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Rosa Fiore by Children

Rose Fiore by Children

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following students from our parish who have received academic achievement during the second quarter of the current school year from **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School**.

Antonio Cipriano	Principal List
Genna Sgrizzi	Principal List
Steven Clementi	First Honors

**You are invited to Celebrate the
Rededication of Annunciation of The BVM
Church and the merging of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Annunciation
Parishes**

All Services at Annunciation Church
Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00pm - Evening Vespers
Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:30pm - Passion Play
Thursday, March 21st, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission
Friday, March 22nd, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission
Saturday, March 23rd, at 2:00pm - Tribute to Our
Blessed Mother by the Parish Children
Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00am - Mass-Rededication &
Parish Reception
Come be a part of the Past, Present & Future!

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

Saturday, March 16, 2019

5:00pm Rosa (Trezza) Tropiano
by son Salvatore Tropiano

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00am Rev. Patrick Burns - Birthday
by Antoinette & James Long

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter
Carlotta

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Rose Ferzola

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:45am Giuseppe Ruggiero by Rosa

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:45am Giuseppe & Joseph Scala by Rosa

Thursday, March 21, 2019

7:45am Eneida Morales by Deborah & Jose &
Family

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Dittus Family

Saturday, March 23, 2019

7:45am John Porcelli by Scotti Family

5:00pm Penny Farco by the St. Theresa Guild

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00am Louis Anolfo by Wife

11:30am Giuseppe, Raffaella, Salvatore Tulumello
by Son and Family

**J.S. Bach with the
International Street Cannibals**

Please join us for an all Bach Concert on April 6th after the 5 pm Mass. The Concert will feature Soprano Christiana Cole singing with the ISC. The program includes the Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B- minor and Cantata No. 82 "Ich habe genug."

Please take a flyer from the Church entrance, invite friends, and find us on Facebook, @dmpconcertseries. Experiencing Bach's music is a wonderful way to enter into the last few weeks of Lent.

10 Days – Holy Land Pilgrimage The Catholic Tour LLC, November 13, 2019. More information call Our Lady of the Angelus Rectory at 718-897-4444. Price \$3,189 per person.

MARCH 17, 2019

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

Sunday, March 17, 2019

10:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, March 24, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Carmine Giglio, Cathy Chang, Eleanor Heck, Angela Mauceri, Janet Gonzalez, Rae Pacifico, Sr. Paul Maria Filippelli, C.S.J., Frank Grutzka, Gennaro Adamo, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmella Caiafa, Maryann Picora, Roseann Frank, Remi Schandel, Sawziy Ali

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Giovanni Guadagno, Aida Luz Lopez, Daniel Distasi, Cherubino Giganti, Theresa Testa, Angela Scannapieco, Joseph Anthony D'Alto

Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian

March 23, 2019 at

Immaculate Conception Center

7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362

Fr. Mauro Gagliardi, professor of theology will preach.
Holy Mass celebrated by
Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio.

The arrival time at Immaculate Conception Center is scheduled for 9:30am. Cost is \$25 for the day and includes lunch. For more information please call Apostolic Oblates #718-649-0324.

St. Cecilia's Prayer Group

Beginning Wednesday, March 13th, at 3:00pm, the St. Cecilia's Prayer Group returns to the Chapel for their weekly prayers and praise.

Pray for our students

who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 29th, at 4:00pm at our Parish Church of St. Cecilia.

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

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:30am Connie & Pat Lomuto
Christine Pizzo
Frank & Tessie Ricci
Michael & Anna San Pietro
Frank & Maria Christine San Pietro
Barney & Angie Cavallo
7:00pm Rosa Fiore by Children

Monday, March 18, 2019

8:30am Rita Kinnane

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

8:30am Giuseppe Feola by Laura Feola

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:30am Carl & Angela (LuLu) Battista by
Barbara Giudice

Thursday, March 21, 2019

8:30am Mary & James Devine

Friday, March 22, 2019

8:30am Donato & Rose Battista by Carol &
Valerie Battista

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:30am Luigi Sepe (Birthday) by Marie Sepe

Sunday, March 24, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert
Lucy D'Onofrio
Joseph Walls
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.

All couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church are invited. 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.

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

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