

## GiveCentral Electronic Giving

### Please Register to Donate Weekly to Divine Mercy Parish Via GiveCentral

On account of the recent pandemic we continue to struggle through the havoc created in our society. This has also affected our finances. Obviously, many people are suffering for a loss or lack of work. Please know that our parish understands. Give what you can. However, if the Lord has been good to you—please make every effort to keep up on your weekly donations to the parish. FYI, I make it my custom to give my weekly donations—once a month in one lump sum, it's easier that way for me. It also makes things easier for me to keep track of and I am also helping the church to maintain itself. Please continue your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish. Following is information as to how you may register with GiveCentral:

#### 1. Visit: <https://www.givecentral.org> and click “Find Your Charity”

Enter **DIVINE MERCY** in the search box, click on the image for our Parish and you will be taken to the home giving page.

**2. Select Your Donation** You will note various “Ways to Support Divine Mercy” – Annual Catholic Appeal, Sunday Offering, Holy Days of Obligation, etc. Click on the fund you wish to donate to and complete the requested information. You may set up a one-time donation or a recurring donation (e.g., Sunday Offering). For a recurring donation, you will be asked for the following information:

**Amount** This is the amount you wish to give each week, month, year, etc.

**First Payment Date** You can schedule your donations to begin on any date in the future or have them begin immediately. If you do not choose a future date, the "default" is the current date and your first donation will be processed the same day. Recurring gifts will occur based on the “First Payment Date” entered. For Sunday Offering, *you can set your offering to process every Sunday by entering the next available Sunday into the “First Payment Date” box.*

**Frequency** Do you want to make your donations weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually? You have the option to set the frequency of your donations.

**End Date Type** You can elect to make an “ongoing” gift that will not expire until you revisit Give Central and make a change to end your donation or you may make a “custom” one time gift. You have the option to set a specific date on which you wish to stop making your donation. Some people prefer to "set it and forget it," while others like to review their giving on a yearly basis. Your giving pattern is entirely up to you and can be modified at any time.

Now that you have made your selections, click "Add to My Gift Basket." Your Gift Basket will store your donations like an online shopping cart until you are ready to "Checkout." If you wish to make additional donations, you can do so all at once rather than completing the process multiple times. When you are ready, click "My Gift Basket" in the upper-right corner of your screen. This will show you a summary of the gifts you have selected. Take a moment to review that the details are correct, and click "Continue."

**3. Confirm Your Donation** This is where you will complete your GiveCentral profile and register. On the “My Gift Basket” page, verify that your information is correct and then click “Continue”. On the next page, click the "Complete Profile" button on the right side of the screen, under "Sign Up." Then complete the online profile form. *Please note that your address should match the billing address on your credit card or bank statement to make sure your gifts are processed correctly.* Click "Register and Confirm Gift" to complete your profile.

**4. You Are Registered** Take a moment to review your profile and confirm that all details were entered correctly. Check out all the features of GiveCentral like printing a record of your donations for tax purposes. Be sure to *remember the username and password you have selected so that you may log in to adjust your giving at any time.*

Help is always available via the “Support” tab in the menu bar, or you can do a quick search of our “FAQ” by clicking the blue “Help” button in the lower right corner of your screen. Thank you for giving!

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Jesus matters! In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asks the disciples the essential question that all Christians must answer for themselves. Who do you say that this person Jesus is? Remember this point: Jesus does not ask—as any responsible teacher might do—tell me what I taught you about such and such a subject (e.g., morality, the law, justice, mercy, prayer, ethics, worship, etc.). In this scenario, the disciples would dutifully recite back what was previously given to them by their master. Jesus does not do this. Rather—who do—you—say that I am? It’s all about his identity. Of course, the words and teaching of Jesus matter. The words and teaching of Jesus matter because—first and foremost—who Jesus is matters! Consider:

- “Unless you love me more than mother, father sister or brother, you cannot be my disciple.”
- “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”
- “You have heard that it was said [such and such in the Torah], but I say to you.”
- “There is something greater than the Temple [of Jerusalem] here.”
- “My son/daughter, [I say to you] your sins are forgiven.”

Any pious Jew would have to be absolutely crazy to assert something like this unless; one accepts Jesus as the Son of God. He matters not just because of *what* he says, but *who* he is.

A second important theme is the figure of Peter. Peter and his successors are at the heart of many of the controversies around the reception of the Catholic Christian faith. The Papacy—with its authority to define and judge—is a scandal to the dominant secular powers of our time. Peter and his successors challenge the world on issues that are vital to our salvation and indeed the natural law and human survival. Yet these essential questions are difficult to address on the international scale which the institutional church is capable of doing via the Papacy: sanctity of life from conception to natural death; definition of marriage; religious rights and protections; protection and rights of the family; opposition doctor assisted suicide and rights of the aged and infirm—and most recently with Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudate Si,’ has spoken about the protection of our common home and the environment. Let us take seriously how Jesus’ divine authority promoted by the teaching authority of the Catholic Church applies to our lives.

## Justice

Since the death of George Floyd, the struggle for justice is much on our minds and covered in the print and electronic media. What does our Catholic faith say about this most important virtue of Justice? How can our Catholic faith help us to understand and encourage a culture to be more just and pleasing in the sight of God? St. Thomas Aquinas defined justice as the following:

“Giving to the other what is owed to them”

The fact is—so much discussion about justice in our day centers around how people feel or the feelings of others in response to reasoned arguments or ethical or moral judgements. This is getting us nowhere!! We must remember that the highest order of human functioning is our reason—not our feelings, desires or appetites. Our reason and intellect are what set us apart from the other animals. It is a faculty common to all human beings regardless of their religious beliefs. We need to use that reason to speak to others about the truth and to judge well and wisely the things that matter most.

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## Total Consecration to Mary/St. Louis de Monfort/Starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Fr. Tom invites you to join him on a 33 day journey of prayer in devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This 33 day journey is a process whereby we consecrate our lives to Mary and seek the wisdom and graces necessary for our salvation and the salvation of others. We seek to atone for many sins committed by our brothers and sisters that are deeply offensive to God. We will be following the program of St. Louis de Monfort. We will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and conclude during the month of October—the month of Mary and the Rosary—just in time for the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. We will stay in touch electronically. Please register with an accurate email address. Call the office at (718) 387-0256 to sign up.

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## St. Francis of Paola Memorial Gifts – August 23, 2020

### BREAD & WINE

Katie, Michael & Delezia D’Agrosa by Rose DeMarino & Family

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastoral, Trustees, and Finance Council

#### Meeting

August 10, 2020 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reactions to event supporting local precincts. The Council agreed the event was a success, and the police enjoyed the event. The Council agrees this should become a permanent event, perhaps held once a year in the summer.
3. Mass attendance— does the Covid reality become the new normal? The reality we are currently living during the Coronavirus pandemic isn't the new normal. The Council strongly agrees that people are afraid and do not lack a desire to attend Mass. Parishioners can't risk their family members' health and so feel they must avoid Mass or any activity which could spread the virus. If the current trajectory continues, Fr. Tom and the Council will reconsider the Mass schedule after October 1. Father Tom will begin to send a weekly email for parishioners including the bulletin as an attachment.
4. Parish Giving and ACA Information on Give Central is available in each week's bulletin and on the website. The priests will promote electronic giving during the masses. Extraordinary generosity of some parishioners carries the parish with the Annual Catholic Appeal and Generations of Faith.
5. DMP Home School Association Divine Mercy Parish will be hosting a homeschool co-op for the 2020-2021 academic year. The co-op will meet two days a week at 206 Skillman Avenue and will help facilitate homeschooling for families in our community and our city. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please leave your information with Maryann in the rectory.
6. Volunteers to clean parish churches on Saturday morning after Mass. We have one phenomenal volunteer who has helped us clean our churches and gone above and beyond. Also, a group of parishioners at Saint Nicholas has offered to help clean Saint Nicholas and sanitize on Saturdays. If you would like to volunteer to help clean any of our churches, please call Maryann in the rectory office.

7. Open Floor There is ongoing work on Saint Nicholas Church as well as work on Saint Cecilia's. The Grotto of Saint Francis will be renovated as well. All of this work continues to preserve the beauty of our churches.

A banner displaying the original Divine Mercy image, (Eugenisz Kazimirowski ), will be displayed on the Humboldt St. side of 206 Skillman Ave. The devotion to the image of Divine Mercy has a rich tradition, and will be a blessing to our people and neighborhood.

8. Next Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7 P.M. via Zoom.

9. Closing Prayer

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

#### Saturday, August 22, 2020

5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre by Family

#### Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:00am Giovanina Donza by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Mazza  
11:30am Lucy Larotonda

#### Monday, August 24, 2020

7:45am Grace & Pat Salino by daughter Marie

#### Tuesday, August 25, 2020

7:45am Alfred & Rose Marie Ihne by Diana Ihne Altadonna

#### Wednesday, August 26, 2020

7:45am Anna Scibilia by Peter & Dorothy Morris

#### Thursday, August 27, 2020

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

#### Friday, August 28, 2020

7:45am Paul R. Namorato by Diana Ihne Altadonna

#### Saturday, August 29, 2020

7:45am Ramona Millan by a Friend  
5:00pm Richard Diav by a Friend

#### Sunday, August 30, 2020

8:00am Edward Bowes  
11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, August 23, 2020

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy  
Juan Carlos Fernandez  
Maximo Omar Morillo

#### Wednesday, August 26, 2020

7:00pm All The Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, August 30, 2020

10:30am Open Intention

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### Pray for the Recently Deceased

Msgr. Francis Manzo, Carmen Valderrama, Ciro Savino, Louise Buono, Aracelis Santa Maria de Gutierrez, Nancy DiGruccio, Gary Vomero, Frances Cannizzaro, Angiolina D'Auria

### Pray for the sick

Dominick D'Amato, Alicia Bojarska, Rev. Kenneth Grande

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### Appeal to Support

#### Ms. Selen Yucel/Heart's Home USA on Mission to Afragola, Italy

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Selen, I am a convert to Catholicism from Islam and a missionary with the Catholic volunteer movement—Heart's Home USA. Since my entrance into the Church all the beauty and knowledge that I discovered in the faith filled my heart with the love of God. I want to share and spread God's calling to others and invite them to the banquet of the Eucharist and pray for those who are away from God's love.

I will be serving in the City of Afragola in Naples, Italy for 14 months starting next month.

I must cover my room and board for this time. I am asking for your help to support my mission there which is funded completely by private donors.

Heart's Home is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. You may send a check or donate electronically. Please indicate on your check.

"Support for Selen Yucel Mission to Italy"

Heart's Home USA [www.heartshomeusa.org](http://www.heartshomeusa.org)  
26 Olive Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, August 23, 2020

9:30am Marie Ferzola - 2nd Anniversary in Heaven  
Anna Scibilia  
7:00pm Open Intention

#### Monday, August 24, 2020

8:30am Alicia Bojarska: Living Intention

#### Tuesday, August 25, 2020

8:30am Carmen Valderrama

#### Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

#### Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30am Deborah Gelski

#### Friday, August 28, 2020

8:30am Anna Scibilia

#### Saturday, August 29, 2020

8:30am God's Blessing for: the USA, Pres. Trump, Law Enforcement, Healing of Justice, Discrimination in our Hearts

#### Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:30am Carmen Valderrama  
7:00pm Tucker Carlson & Family

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### Sunday Masses August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Collection to Aid Christian Community in Beirut

We have all seen the painful images of devastation and heard of the deaths caused by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. In an effort to give aid and support to the Christian Community in Beirut—at the request of Bishop DiMarzio—the second collection on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> will be allocated to this purpose. Please keep the people of Beirut in your prayers—especially the long suffering Christian community. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and God bless you. **Fr. Tom V**

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### Pray for Vocations

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### **Lay Baptismal Ministry**

We are looking for couples to begin a Lay Baptismal Ministry here in Divine Mercy. The couples will be trained to facilitate Pre Baptismal preparation and post baptismal encounters for families who are seeking the sacrament of baptism or have recently baptized in our parish Community. Please contact our parish office to register. The Pastor, Priests and Baptismal Ministry will work together as partners in this important endeavor.

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### **Receive Our Parish Bulletin Electronically**

Would you like to receive our parish bulletin electronically days before everyone else? Then log on to "Parishesonline.com" to register. In a few simple steps you can receive our parish bulletin and more easily stay on top of parish events and other important parish information.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.