

Give Central Electronic Giving

Please Register to Donate Weekly to Divine Mercy Parish Via Give Central

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:

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

Search for the name of your charity by entering it into the search box and scroll to view the results. Click on the name or image you wish to donate to. You will be taken to that organization's "home" giving page, with their top four giving opportunities. Click the orange "View More" button to see a list of all events.

If your charity has many different giving opportunities, they may be divided into Categories. You can view the events in these Categories by clicking the links.

2. Select your donation: Click on the fund you wish to donate to and fill out the information requested. The options will vary depending on what your charity has made available. For a regular (not a pledge) 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 start immediately. If you do not choose a future date, the "default" is the current date and your first donation will be processed today.

Recurring gifts will occur based on the First Payment Date. *You can set your Sunday offering to happen every Sunday, just choose the next available Sunday from the date-picker.*

Frequency: Do you want to make your donations weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually? Your chosen charity will have determined the frequency options that are available to you. For example, a church may allow you to make your Sunday donation on a weekly or monthly basis, but provide only an Annual option for special occasions like Easter and Christmas.

End Date Type: You can make an ongoing gift that never expires, or set a specific date on which you wish to stop making the 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 in an online shopping cart until you are ready to "Checkout." If you wish to make additional donations to your charity, 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 that all details were entered correctly, and check out all the features. *Remember the username and password you have selected, so you can 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 your gifts!

A Message from Fr. Tom

This Sunday's parables use images of buried treasure, the well-known 'Pearl of Great Price,' and a great catch of fish. All these images speak to passionate human interest. Who cannot relate to finding something in a store at a bargain price or the excitement of catching a fish? So these human passions and self-interests at work must be brought to bear on our seeking the Kingdom as well. These experiences do not speak of sacrifice but self-interest and personal engagement which strives after a great treasure which is knowing and possessing the things of God.

Supporting our Local Precincts 94th & 90th of the NYPD

Please know our parish is planning a special event to say thank you to our local police force and let them know that we support them during this difficult and disorienting time. It seems almost impossible to believe that we should have to say this—but such is the nature of our time and the political climate of our city. Of course, all law enforcement—like the Church herself—is in perpetual need of reform. Two things we should bear in mind: (1) we don't let a few bad individuals or actions speak for the whole of a people or profession: (2) it should be clear that the current problems with the pandemic and the death of George Floyd are being used to advance an agenda. Make no mistake—it is an anti-religious and anti-Catholic agenda. Witness to how a number of statues venerating Catholic Saints have been desecrated and even torn down! We—as a community—must stay awake to these trends. I ask you to contact our local representatives and express your displeasure at these actions which are hitting so close to home.

As for the event acknowledging and supporting our police—we'll spread the word soon on what is being planned and finalized. Thank you and please pray for us and for me your pastor during this difficult time.

Fr. Tom

Bible Study with Fr. Tom/Wednesday Evenings 7:30pm via Zoom

We continue to offer our weekly Bible Study on Matthew's Gospel Via Zoom. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Contact Fr. Tom at 'fathertom@dmbk.org' for more details if you wish to join in—it's easy and it's free!!

Catholic Statues

We Venerate NOT Worship Them

We are blessed with many beautiful—irreplaceable statues in all three of our Churches. From time to time, people ask questions about these images. Do we as Catholics worship statues and thus violate the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God and Thou shalt have no other gods before me." We shall not make craven images or worship them.

Images of Saints are a reminder of the heroic virtue of certain Saints and how they now can intercede for us—as they are now definitively in heaven. That's what being a saint means. The Church declares in her authority that an individual by the proven evidence of their life is in heaven. And so, by their heroic virtues, it is right and just that we should honor them. How many of us would pay great sums of money to see someone throw, hit or catch a ball in a stadium. We honor—and enrich—these individuals by wearing replicas of their names and their jerseys. Could we do no less for the great saints? Of course devotion can take extremes. The power we venerate is a spiritual power. It cannot be localized in a dead object made of wood, plaster or plastic. We also have images depicting Jesus and sometimes even God. Are these offenses as well? I recall the words from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: "For God who said, '*Let the light shine out of darkness*', has also made the light shine in our hearts to radiate and to make known the Glory of God, as it shines in the face of Christ." Therefore, the image of Jesus is the image of God. Again, we do not worship images, but we are reminded—and images help us—that the church is not a '*what*' but a '*who*.' We are called into relationship with a person—Jesus Christ—so that we may come to know and worship the unseen God.

Church Cleanliness

The two spaces that are open daily are St. Francis of Paola Church and St. Cecilia Chapel. We are keeping to a regular schedule of sanitizing these spaces several times each day. I am asking parishioners not to touch any statues or other items that might potentially transmit the Corona Virus.

Please be assured we continue a vigilant schedule of cleaning. Our full-time staff are now back in the rectory and we are marshalling our forces to keep the churches sanitized and safe for your worship.

Sign-up for “Give Central” from your Mobile Phone

Enrollment is safe and a contactless option for supporting our parish. We appreciate your continued support during this challenging time. From your mobile phone, text to our text-to-engage number: **718-841-0256**. You can text the word **SUNDAY** to make an offertory gift. You can text the word **QUICK** to sign up for email news, to join the parish, or make a prayer request. Or you can scan below QR codes with your phone’s camera to do the same:



St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – July 26, 2020

BREAD & WINE

Joan D’Arienzo by Annette Marino

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Cesar Alvarez by Annette & John D’Arienzo
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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Rita De Martino by Annette Marino - D’Arienzo
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Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, July 25, 2020

5:00pm Gennaro Adamo by Carlotta

Sunday, July 26, 2020

8:00am Open Intention
11:30am Aramenta Sealy Antoine & Family
Matilde Velasquez by Granddaughter Maria
Heroína Martinez by Wanda Marty

Monday, July 27, 2020

7:45am Vincenzo DiMieri & Angela Trezzo

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

7:45am Anna Scibilia by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Mazza

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

7:45am Open Intention

Thursday, July 30, 2020

7:45am Ali by a Friend

Friday, July 31, 2020

7:45 am Giovannina Buono by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Mazza

Saturday, August 1, 2020

7:45am Open Intention
5:00pm For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:00am Giovannina Buono by Kristen Stallone
11:30am Our Lady of the Snow Ladies Auxiliary

MASS BOOK 2020 IS OPEN JULY TO DECEMBER

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.

JULY 26, 2020

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

Sunday, July 26, 2020

10:30am Jostin Espinal
Jaison Espinal
Joven James Garcia

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, August 2, 2020

10:30am Jose Quinones
Reinaldo Quinones
Maria Tapia y Hijo

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Irene Doxey, Josephine Viola, Delores Mulcahey, Anna Scibilia, Valarie Bruno, Msgr. Francis Manzo, Carmen Valderrama, Ciro Savino

Please pray for the sick

John Sierra, Jessica Sierra, Pamela Stenberg, Dominick D'Amato, Alicia Bojarska, Louise Buono

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are glad to announce that the registrations for our Religious Education Program, for the year 2020-2021, **has OPENED**. The Faith Formation office hours are 8am to 3pm. An Online Registration is available on our parish website.

Given the uncertainty of the times, a **blended learning model for religious education** has been approved by the Diocese of Brooklyn and is the **recommended** format moving forward. This model allows religious education to be done in both an in-class and at-home setting depending on the circumstances. It also addresses the fact that the parent/guardian is the primary educator and formator of their children in the Faith.

For more information please contact Wanda Marty, Director of Faith Formation at 347-521-0068 or send us an email to faithformation@dmbk.org

**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**

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

Sunday, July 26, 2020

9:30am Mae Leavy
Dominick J. Brancato 70 Birthday in Heaven
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, July 27, 2020

8:30am John Astore

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

8:30am In Honor of St. Anthony

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

8:30am Fred DeLuca

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:30am Andrew (Andy) Washack: Good Health

Friday, July 31, 2020

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Saturday, August 1, 2020

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7:00pm Msgr. Michael Phillips Happy 60th Anniversary in the Priesthood

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

What is the Annual Catholic Appeal?—As you may know, the ACA is proposed annually to parishes typically during Lent. Obviously, that was not possible this year. It has as its purpose to assist the ongoing charitable activities of the diocese that cannot be funded by one special collection during the course of the year. These services include: (1) Religious Education; (2) Support of our seminary; (3) Aid to Catholic Charities; (4) Aid for migration services.

2020 Parish Goal:	\$42,432.00
Donors to Date:	48
Pledged:	\$17,736.00
Received	\$9,194.00

If you have not made a commitment to this appeal, I ask you to please do so. You will find a dedicated information table in each of our churches with commitment forms and progress reports.

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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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