

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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A Message from Fr. Tom

We gather to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. 'Epiphany' means manifestation—the presence of God incarnate in our time and space. This is the Christ child just born. The presence of a God entering into human form and likeness means that God wishes to share in and reveal himself to all who share this human likeness. And so, God desires to reach all peoples. We recall the Magi whose adoration of Christ the infant King we celebrate today. They represent peoples of all nations who seek and desire to find the truth which has been definitively revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. He has entered our time and space.

In our Gospel, the Magi from the East see a star which is to herald “the newborn King of the Jews.” A story which we are all familiar with should be appreciated for its great power. It contrasts the power of the world—symbolized by Herod and ways in which power in this world thinks and operates. The infant King of the Jews—Jesus Christ—however is born humbly, anonymously. He is born without any of the trappings of power or manipulation. We are free to accept or reject Him. The message of today is one of realism; we see both great evil and great goodness side by side. Most often this is how we experience life.

When we are presented with a gift we naturally understand that a response is required. How will we respond to what God has done and is doing in our lives? What coffers will be opened to our God and King? Now is the time to offer our gifts to God and community; gifts that are fruits of our faith and the Holy Spirit. Of the many ways that God could have come to his people and deliver them from oppression, sin and ever-lasting death, no one could have anticipated the cross. Thus the sadness of this present Christmas season—the loss, loneliness and isolation brought on by this pandemic—we can see was always part of the experience of Jesus' birth. The wood of the manger was never far from the wood of the cross. Yet, we—as Christians—are called to live in hope. Hope is a way of looking at life. Hope is trust and confidence in God's providence. Living in hope means not being caught up in my own limitations or pride that says I can do it on my own. The foundation of our hope is in memory. We remember the saving acts of our God in history and the personal graces that brought us to this day—and that our God will continue to act in the present to save us.

Fr. Tom

Maria Goretti Network

(MGN_ On-line Support Group)

Join the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) and to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org
Next Meeting: Friday, January 15th 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM MGN Online Support Group

Catholic Charities

Bishop DiMarzio and the staff of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, along with those served by Catholic Charities, send their sincerest thanks to the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish for their generous contributions to the *Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities*. Your gifts enable Catholic Charities to continue to work with the children and families of our diocese who are in need. If you missed the special collection, your donation is still urgently needed to help Catholic Charities continue our critical work. Donations may be mailed to: **Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, Attn: Development & Communications, 191 Joralemon Street, 12th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11201**

Request for Assistance for our After School Enrichment Program

Although our Academy has closed, we continue to be innovative in Divine Mercy Parish in reaching out to our needy families—especially in this time of pandemic. Our after school program on Thursdays is flourishing. We can use your help. Could you consider a gift to help in one of the following three areas:

Art Supplies

Music Instruction

Physical Education/Games

There are many families with many children. One participating family has five (5) children in the program. Their everyday expenses raising their children are great. **Fr. Tom**

Pray for Vocations

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St. Francis of Paola

Memorial Gifts – January 3, 2021

BREAD & WINE

Richard Monaco by Jimmy Rodrigues & Luann Fortunato

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Florence & Anthony Giglio by Family
Florence & Anthony Giglio by Family

Reception of the Eucharist during the Pandemic... Safe Distancing, the Mask, Reception by Either Hand or Tongue

Please bear in mind the following when coming forward to receive the Eucharist during Mass:

1. Please lower your mask before the reception of the Eucharist. The priest wears a mask to insure your safety. If you receive by hand—please consume the Body of Christ immediately in the presence of the priest. Do not walk away holding the Eucharist in your hand.
 2. By diocesan protocols—it is licit to receive the Eucharist by mouth. We ask those who receive by mouth to wait to receive last the Eucharist. Also, please know that the priests of DMP have a sanitized cotton ball or wipe to use to keep their hands sanitized when distributing the Eucharist.
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Congratulations

We congratulate the following students from Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School who have received the following academic accomplishments for the First Quarter:

Principal List

Julia Costa
Vincent Gangone
Genna Sgrizzi

First Honors

Angelina Cipriano

Second Honors

Joseph Nitti
Daniella Velez

The Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2021 is open for intentions from January to June. Come to 219 Conselyea St. to book your Masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00am Open Intention
11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

Monday, January 4, 2021

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:45am Anne Marie Delio by Augustina Di Giovanna

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:45am St. Jude by James Rossetti

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:45am Giuseppe Ruggiero by Rosa

Friday, January 8, 2021

7:45am Vincenzo Martello by Rosa

Saturday, January 9, 2021

7:45am Deceased Members of Donnanduono Family by Antoinette Long
5:00pm Russell Mechaluk by Barbara Guidice Michael & Angela DePaula

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am Charles J. Palmaccio by daughter Melissa

ST. THERESA GUILD

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild is *tentatively* scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7pm in the St. Francis of Paola Auditorium. Members will be notified prior to this date as restrictions may force cancellation of meeting/party.

Please use Woodpoint Road entrance and note that masks are required for entry.

The Bulletin

This bulletin was printed in advance due to the holidays.

JANUARY 3, 2021

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:30am Jose E. Vargas Ramirez
Eternal Rest Pedro Espinal
Eternal Rest Maritza Munoz

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00pm Thelma Franco

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30am Jose E. Vargas Ramirez by Family
For Health: Digns Rodriguez Perez
Marisa Munoz by Jose Munoz

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Rose Ferzola, Russell Mechaluk, Edward L. Handley,
Benny Moccio

Pray for the Sick

Gabriel Freeman, Orfa Herrera, José Miranda, Eustolia
Torres, Daniel Miranda, Luz Adriana Miranda, Maria
Tellone, Iris Ardovini, Craig Hammeberg

Parish Stewardship Program

Online Giving Enrollment

Please help us increase and sustain our offertory to
ensure we can continue to meet our parish's needs and
the families it serves.

Create your online giving profile today!



SAVE TIME

Takes a few minutes to complete.



BUDGET

Set-up recurring payments to meet your needs.



SECURE

Only you have access to your information
with a personal log-in.

Parish Bulletin Electronically

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:30am Rosary Society
Josephine Heffron
Rychalski Family: Living Intention
7:00pm Eamon McGinn (11th Anniversary)

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:30am Edward L. Handley

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30am Open Intention

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:30am Romeo Barrios

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:30 am Open Intention

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:30am Conversion of Souls & For the Espinal
Family

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:30am Rose Del Vicario (Anniversary)
Barney & Angie Cavallo
Lucy and Pete La Veglia
Caliendo Family
Josephine Heffron
Bernadette Criscio (Anniversary)
7:00pm Open Intention

Come Celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the 10:30 am Mass
Followed by a Celebration in Msgr. Vetro Auditorium

Faith Formation Workshop

On January 16, 2021 we will be offering a mandatory
Faith Formation Workshop for all the leaders and
parents of the Religious Education Program. The
workshop will be in Spanish, in the Vetro Hall at 9:30
am.

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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.

Receive Our Parish Bulletin Electronically

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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.