

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who THEY were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for March 4/5, 2017 was \$2,921.00.

Youth After School Program

Our Parish's After School Program is off to a successful start. All young people in grades 4-12 (ages 10-18) are welcome to participate!

The program meets in St. Francis Rectory Basement (219 Conselyea St.) from 3:00-6:00pm. After a short prayer, time for homework and socializing.

See you there!!

2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¿Qué montaña de nuestra vida debemos de escalar para ser testigos de la transfiguración de Jesús? Seguramente primero, debemos de escalar la montaña de saber escucharlo y llevarlo hasta lo profundo de nuestra vida. Además, de abrir nuestro corazón para tocar su presencia. Cuando llegemos a la cima de la montaña sentiremos la satisfacción de haber trabajado y luchado hasta el cansancio para lograr un mundo más justo y humano. La Cuaresma es un tiempo muy especial que la Iglesia nos brinda cada año para acompañar a Jesús hasta el Monte Calvario. Este camino hacia la montaña también es un paso de subir y escoger la visión de lo divino, que fue lo que Jesús trató de hacer que sus discípulos vieran, y escucharan lo que venía. ¡Su gloria! "Ahí se transfiguró en su presencia: su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve" (Mt 17, 2). Estas palabras del Evangelio son muy importantes para tener en cuenta en nuestra oración y tiempo de trabajo durante los cuarenta días, ya que son nuestra esperanza en la Resurrección. La cruz, sí, eso lo sabemos muy bien, primero, el sufrimiento sublimado hasta el extremo por amor a una sociedad más justa. Para luego disfrutar de los frutos del trabajo realizado en la Pascua ya cercana. No olvidemos durante la semana que la Transfiguración es un regalo tangible de Dios para todas las personas de fe. La semana pasada Jesús nos invitaba a vencer la tentación para que al vencerla podamos ser transfigurados en personas más buenas. Tentación y gloria son parte de la vida cotidiana. Se trata de vencer para brillar en la sencillez del amor de Dios.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent is one of the penitential practices required of all the faithful who have attained the age of fourteen. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the parades and many celebrations that occur on this day and in view of the fact that it is the patronal feast of our neighbors in the Archdiocese of New York, in accord with the norm of law, I hereby grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I strongly encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

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Lent is for Listening

Our mission as a Catholic parish is to help people encounter Christ in their lives. This is called “Evangelization.” The principal tool of evangelization is listening—not talking. Following the direction of Pope Francis, I wish to embark on a Lenten effort for Evangelization which requires your participation. This involves the whole parish. It is easier than you might think.

I am asking that you invite 5 or 6 people to your home for a one hour meeting with myself. Invite only people who you know have not gone to church in a long time, who might be confused about Church teachings, or who are generally uncomfortable with religion in their lives. No food, no drink, no coffee please—just people!

It is not my goal to convince people of anything or argue with anybody. I just want to listen. I can listen in English, Spanish, and I have a basic working knowledge of Italian. So language is not a problem. All you have to do is call the office to arrange for a visit and invite people to your house.

Needless to say, managing three churches and 13 buildings is not easy. But I believe so strongly in this that I am willing to do whatever it takes to make this work and to make myself available to YOU! Obviously, I cannot do this alone. Please call the rectory office to participate at (718) 387-0256.

God Bless you this Lent.

Fr. Tom

National Italian Apostolate

Lenten Day of Prayer March 18, 2017

Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Parkway
Presented by Father Giacomo Sgroi of the Diocese of Monreale, in Sicily. Spiritual Conferences, Mass, Lenten Devotions.

The day of prayer begins at 10am with arrival and registration at 9:30am. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes hot lunch. Contact the Rectory if interested.

Young Families – Play Dates

Tuesday & Thursday at St. Francis Auditorium - time 10am to 12pm and Wednesday at St. Cecilia's Auditorium - time 10am to 12pm. All children are welcome. To be added to our email list please email: youth@dmbk.org.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lenten Regulations

The Holy Season of Lent has begun – the forty days of preparation before Easter Sunday. Please note the following regulations:

Abstinence — all the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting — all the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Almsgiving — the bishops of the United States have recommended abstinence from meat as a penance for all Fridays of the year. Individuals may substitute for that tradition some other practice of self-denial. Acts of charity are an essential act for all Christians during the year, but most especially during Lent.

Penance & Eucharist — the faithful are encouraged to celebrate the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance frequently during the Lenten Season. Reconciliation Monday this year is on Monday, April 10. All of our Churches will be open from 3pm to 9pm offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross Every Week

Thursday's	St. Cecilia	12:30pm
Friday's	St. Francis	7pm (Italian/English)
Friday's	St. Nicholas	7pm (Spanish)

Married Couples Retreat

Our parish will sponsor a retreat for married couples the last weekend of March during Lent. The dates are Friday, March 24th to Sunday, March 26th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, L.I. The retreat will have two language tracks—English & Spanish led by Deacons John Warren (English) and Elkin Tamayo (Spanish). There is space for 23 couples and the cost for the entire weekend is \$110.00 per couple. Please call the rectory office to reserve your space.

Divine Mercy Parish Choir

The Parish Choir will be meeting regularly in the St. Francis of Paola Choir Loft after the Sat. 5pm Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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)

One of the practices we follow as we enter the Lenten season is to show sorrow for our sins by fasting. During lent, we fast because Jesus fasted during his time in the desert before he began his public ministry. We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor and don't have the blessings we enjoy. Fasting helps us to be more loving and compassionate.

Specific item needed this week: **Canned meats (hash, franks, stew etc.)**

Food Pantry Coordinator & Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church

Memorial Gifts – March 12, 2017

BREAD & WINE

Pat Krieger by Teresa Puccio & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Gabriele Carannante by daughter Tina

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Cantelmi Family by Teresa Kukura

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ARISE Together in Christ

Interested in sharing how God is working in your life within the context of everyday experiences, Scripture & Catholic Tradition?

Then join one of our **ARISE** faith-sharing groups for **Lent**:

- Wednesday Group meets 7:30 - 9:00pm
- Thursday Group meets 8:00 – 9:30pm
- Friday Group meets 7:00 – 8:30pm

Additional Spanish-speaking **ARISE** groups will also be available.

ARISE groups are now meeting, but there's still time to sign-up! **So please sign-up today:**

- Complete the sign-up card located on the table in the back of the churches and return it to the rectory **OR**
- Call one of our **ARISE** parish team coordinators:

Dennis Torre – for **ARISE** in English 718-644-8036

Amelia Castro – for **ARISE** in Spanish 347-787-4059

Please pray for spiritual renewal and the success of **ARISE!**

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, March 11, 2017

5:00pm Priscilla (Pat) Lorenzo
by Lorenzo Family

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:00am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am San Sabino

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:45am San Sabino

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:45am Marty Pizzariello
by Janine & Robert Colon

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7:45am Carl Battista by Family

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:45am Danny Ihne by sister Diana Altadonna

Friday, March 17, 2017

7:45am Gabriele Carannante by Family

Saturday, March 18, 2017

7:45am Ersilia & Giuseppe Falce
by Iginio & Giovanna Falce
5:00pm Dominick & Josephine Citera
by Mary Joe & Rob Stallone & Family

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00am In Honor San Guisepe
by Filomena Babino & Family
11:30am Luigi Sepe by Marie Sepe

Ladies Movie Night

Join us on Sunday, March 12, at 5:30pm in the St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement. We'll be showing the 1963 classic musical comedy "Bye Bye Birdie" starring Dick Van Dyke and Ann Margaret. Refreshments will be served and we will have a 50/50 raffle. This movie was rated G in 1963 but would likely have earned a PG rating by today's standards.

Kosciuszko Bridge Associations

We have been notified that Nationalgrid will be installing a new gas main, beginning shortly. Temporary interruption of natural gas service will occur. Area affected will be Nassau, Morgan, Meeker, Driggs Avenues, and Vandam, Apollo, Hausman, Sutton, Varick Streets.

MARCH 12, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, March 12, 2017

10:30am For The Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:45pm Dominick D'Alto
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Baldassarre

Sunday, March 19, 2017

10:30am Open Intention
12:45pm Angelina & Carl Battista
by Barbara Guidice

Youth and Family Life

Summer opportunity:

Come to an informational meeting for Camp Veritas on Saturday March 18 at 11AM in SFRB. Camp Veritas is a family run Catholic Summer Camp for teens in grades 7-12. We will discuss any questions parents and teens have about the camp. This will be followed by a brief witness from teens who have been before. Details about Camp Veritas can be found at campveritas.org.

Soaring High!

A social trip to Sky Zone, a trampoline park, is in the works. If you are interested in taking a trip with friends, please let me know as soon as possible and no later than March 15th. More details to follow next week!

Save the Date! Friday March 31 - Sunday April 2.

“Fearless” a retreat by Youth 2000.

You don't want to miss this awesome opportunity! What's Youth 2000? An organization that runs retreats for 9th -12th graders. Where is it? This time, it's in upstate Poughkeepsie, NY. Imagine...hundreds of teens from around the region, inspiring talks, honest conversation, and powerful worship. YOUTH 2000 NY is pleased to present, “Fearless,” an experience for students in grades 9-12. Join us at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Poughkeepsie, NY. Featuring talks, music by Jess Nayden, and Mass with a Bishop. For more information, visit www.youth2000ny.org or call 845.663.1689.

To register and discuss transportation, please email youth@dmbk.org or call Lauren in the rectory. There is a registration fee, but please do not let financial stresses prevent you from attending. We can always work something out!

Look out for these and more events in the next bulletin. *As always, if you have any prayer intentions you'd like me to offer up or questions about anything, please email Lauren at youth@dmbk.org.*

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:30am Connie & Pat Lomuto
Christine Pizzo
Frank & Tessie Ricci
Michael & Anna San Pietro
Frank & Maria Christina San Pietro
Barney & Angie Cavallo
Maureen Pastina
7:00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus – In Thanksgiving

Monday, March 13, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

8:30am Vincent & Mary Loquercio

Thursday, March 16, 2017

8:30am Paul Namorato
by Carmelo & Diana Altadonna

Friday, March 17, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, March 19, 2017

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Open Intention

Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Sister Rose Ellen McCann C.S.J., Raul Carreiras, Christina Giron, Patrick Del Vicario, Dora Lo Gosso, John Porcelli, Nancy & Vinny Gonzalas, Marti Latterman, Rae Pacifico, David Pelletier, Richard Schloop, Frank Cremato, Nicolet Latore, Maddox Moises, Louis Clappi, Patricia Clarke, Martha Pulgarin, Sister Helen Schmidt I.N.J., Ben Brancato, Marion & Florence De Gruccio, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmella Caiafa, Luann Rizzo, Margaret Cosentino, Rosa Ramos, Maureen Conlon, Msgr. Patrick O'Toole

Recently Deceased

Eleanor Socci, Anna Rufrano, Kathleen Fromich, Rosann M. Grieme

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Memorial Gifts At Divine Mercy Parish

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles St. Joseph Candles Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information on available dates. Also available are Tree of Life Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year). All memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.

Registration for Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas Mount Saint Mary's College
Newburg, New York, July 16 – 22, 2017
Camp Veritas Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, New York
August 13 – 19, 2017

Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. The schedule is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Come get to know other kids your age and experience a week of sports, activities, prayer, and fun! This week of faith and fun is probably the most beneficial gift you could give your teen. Register at CampVeritas.com via the "Camp-in-touch" portal before April 1, for the early bird rate. Any question contact Lauren at youth@dmbk.org or the Rectory at 718-387-0256.