

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for March 11/12, 2017 was \$3,503.00.

**Religious Education
Time & Talent**

Julia - to help sweep in the house
Guadalupe – to help with my sister
Anay – helped cleaned the classroom
Michael – helped Mom cook
Jennine – I shared with my sister a fun dip
Deven – helped around the house

3er DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Por propia experiencia nos damos cuenta de que en nuestra sociedad actual es muy difícil conversar cara a cara a causa de la tecnología moderna. Por esa razón cabe que nos preguntemos lo siguiente. ¿Qué tan seguido durante el día me detengo simplemente a conversar con alguien? ¿Cuántos mensajes envío por mi celular al día? ¿Cuántas veces escucho atentamente a la otra persona? Conversaciones genuinas son difíciles de tener en estos tiempos, estamos perdiendo la oportunidad de encontrarnos el uno con el otro. Lo moderno de la tecnología nos está arrastrando muchas veces a solo vernos por "FaceTime".

Esto no fue así con la samaritana del Evangelio, ella y Jesús si se detuvieron a conversar y a escucharse uno al otro en un diálogo genuino. "Si conocieras el don de Dios y quién es el que te pide de beber, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva" (Jn 4, 10). La conversación continuó hasta llegar al punto de que la mujer fue a su pueblo llevando la buena noticia de lo que había descubierto. Pero, a nosotros ¿qué nos dice todo esto? ¿Cómo tener una conversación con Jesús? Bueno, seguramente el primer paso es salir de nuestra comodidad para buscar un espacio para el diálogo. Los samaritanos lo hicieron y llegaron a la siguiente conclusión. "Ya no creemos por lo que tú nos has contado, pues nosotros mismos lo hemos oído y sabemos que él es, de veras, el salvador del mundo" (Jn 4, 42). Hoy es el tiempo para encontrarnos y conversar en familia, con amigos y de escuchar a los que más nos necesitan. ¡No perdamos el tiempo, la mujer samaritana es nuestro ejemplo a seguir!

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Fr. Tom

Everything must have water to survive. Water is essential to all life. I had the opportunity at various times in my life to experience the desert. It made a lasting impression upon me. It's interesting, the element that is most absent—water—is that element that makes the most impact. Consider the iconic images of America, the grassland of the American prairie, the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley—even when water is scarce—the magnificent work of God's creation—the beautiful vistas of the American West—but above all—life itself—are only possible through the presence of water. May we reflect upon Jesus and many graces he offers us in the Eucharist and in the Confessional as that life giving source that we cannot live without.

In Prayerful Remembrance of Rev. Msgr. Patrick Fursey O'Toole

As was announced last week at all of our Masses, on March 8th, 2017 the retired pastor of St. Cecilia's Msgr. Fursey O'Toole went home to God. It was my privilege to visit him just a few days before his passing in the hospital. He died a holy death. His brother Joseph arrived from Ireland and managed to be at his bedside just 15 minutes before he died—a true gift from God. He held a great love for the church of St. Cecilia—his mother's name—and for its people. I want to thank all of those who accompanied him, helped him in his declining health and stayed in touch with him over these past few years. I know it meant a lot to him. Thank you for all the many members of the St. Cecilia community who attended the Vigil and Funeral Mass. I especially want to thank Barbara Vetell who was his healthcare proxy and was with him every step of the way. Thank you all! We were privileged to know this holy priest. **Fr. Tom**

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.

**Pray for our students
who will be receiving Confirmation on
Saturday, March 25 at our Parish Church of
St. Cecilia.**

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!**

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.

A Day of Prayer for the Unborn

Sponsored by the 30th New York District of the Knights of Columbus

Sat. March 25, 2017, 11:00am Mass (English/Polish), At St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church, 607 Humboldt St. Recitation of the Rosary immediately following the Mass. Guest Speaker Mr. Rick Kenney former Knights of Columbus New York State Pro-Life Chairman.

For more information call Karol Jananis, Deputy Grand Knight St. Stanislaus Council #10120, 917-560-3327.

THIRD 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)

**“HOW SPLENDID IS FASTING THAT IS ADORNED
WITH LOVE,
BREAK YOUR BREAD GENEROUSLY WITH ONE
WHO IS HUNGRY
OTHERWISE YOURS IS NOT FASTING BUT SAVING”
(MARONITE LITURGY)**

In the Christian sense, fasting is much more than abstinence from food. Fasting is always closely associated with love and sharing. Much more than a virtue to be practiced, it is a theological responsibility for every and all Christ's followers.

We are grateful that Lent affords us this wonderful opportunity!

Specific items needed this week: **Condiments - all types**

Food Pantry Coordinator & Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – March 19, 2017

BREAD & WINE

John Cornetto III by Grandparents

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Giovanna D'Onofrio by Carol Carannante & Family
Giovanna D'Onofrio by Santina & Aniello DeSarno

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

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Kathleen Fromich, Rosann M. Grieme, Msgr. Fursey O'Toole, Rosemarie Pawlikowski, Stefano DeSena

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, March 18, 2017

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

Monday, March 20, 2017

7:45am DeMartino Family by Rita & Family

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7:45am Sister Matilda of the Blessed Sacrament
by Carlotta Giglio

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:45am Mario Ascione by Rose Ferzola

Thursday, March 23, 2017

7:45am Anna Rufrano
by Maria Murphy & Family

Friday, March 24, 2017

7:45am Carolyn Sekac by Fr. Eugene Carrella

Saturday, March 25, 2017

7:45am Giovanna D'Onofrio by Dennis Torre
5:00pm Deceased Members of the Annunciation
Society

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Giuseppe, Raffaella, Salvatore
Tulumello by Son & Family
11:30am Rosa Fiore by Children

Get Your Sombreros Out and Get Ready to Fiesta Like There is no Mañana!!

The St. Theresa Guild Presents Cinco de Mayo
Saturday, May 6, 2017 – 6:15pm
St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Featuring live performance by the Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino of the New York City Mariachi Conservatory. Authentic Mexican Tacos, Dessert, Sangria, Margarita Cash Bar. All your favorite raffles including 50/50, gift certificates & more!

For tickets call: Rose DeMarino (718-389-4388) Marie Perrotto (718-389-1073) or email: Annette Marino (arm718@aol.com).

Tickets \$35 per Person

MARCH 19, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017

10:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish
12:45pm Louise Ciliotta
Giovanna Morelli

Youth and Family Life

Summer opportunity:

The informational meeting for Camp Veritas occurred on Saturday March 18. Camp Veritas is a family run Catholic Summer Camp for teens in grades 7-12. Any interested family that could not attend the meeting should contact Lauren to receive information. Additional details about Camp Veritas can be found at campveritas.org.

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 by Monday, March 20. 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 would like me to offer up or questions about anything, please email Lauren at youth@dmbk.org.*

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)

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

Monday, March 20, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Friday, March 24, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, March 26, 2017

9:30am Stephanie Frick
Lisa Gandino
Raffloer Family
Junior Nieves
Rosann Grieme
Thomas Petrowski
Peggy Dawson
7:00pm Open Intention

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!!

Bishop McDonnell MHS Reunion

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Bishop McDonnell MHS Reunion will be held from noon to 5pm. It will be held at the former Bishop McDonnell MHS, 260 Eastern Parkway, (Classon and Franklin Aves.), Brooklyn N.Y. Celebrating the classes of 30's, 42, 52, 57, 62, 72. All grads and guests are welcome. The cost is \$90 per person. More info call Rita Monaghan-Maloney'59 at 718-857-2700 ext 2253. Or maloney@blmhs.org

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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.