

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for March 25/26, 2017 was \$4,528.00

Divine Mercy Parish
Patronal Feast Celebration

On Sunday, April 23, 2017 there will be a special celebration following the Divine Mercy Mass at St. Nicholas Church at 3:00pm. A full catered hot luncheon will follow in the Vetro Center at St. Nicholas. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the parish office. *Please purchase your tickets in advance as food arrangements have to be made. Deadline for tickets is April 17.*

5º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Estamos ya en el culmen de la Cuaresma, hemos llegado al punto del camino de Jesús --ya casi llega a Jerusalén. Escucharemos en las lecturas sobre abrir tumbas de levantarse, huesos secos, y de cómo Dios pone su Espíritu en su pueblo. El Evangelio narra el desasosiego de Marta y María con la llegada de Jesús después de que su hermano Lázaro ya había muerto y ya estaba sepultado, aunque ellas le expresaron su convicción del poder que tenía de sanar: "Si hubieras estado aquí, no habría muerto mi hermano" (Jn 11, 21). Creer en Jesús no debe tener limitaciones, es todo o nada. Esa fue la exigencia del diálogo entre las hermanas y Jesús. Al punto que Marta responde desde el fondo de su ser. "Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo" (Jn 11, 27).

Marta, María y muchos de los judíos presentes creyeron, ellos pasaron la prueba de creer sin reservas en el Hijo de Dios. En el hoy en día ¿qué le respondemos a Jesús? ¿Creo que su muerte y resurrección no han sido en vano? El ahora de la vida eterna es la gracia de Dios trabajando en nuestra vida. Es el continuo desatar de los enredos de nuestras experiencias, es el ansia de libertad expresada en la pequeñez humana. Es el urgente salir de la tumba de nuestros pecados al llamado de Jesús: "¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!". Señor, dame la fuerza de entender el misterio de la muerte. Que no sea de los que se acobardan ante ella. Sino que como Marta y María sea capaz de creer firmemente que tú eres la Resurrección y la Vida. ¡Amén!

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous.!**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Fr. Tom Generations of Faith & Annual Catholic Appeal

Last weekend we began to encourage your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2017. As you know, we had a special appeal last year—Generations of Faith—in place of the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2016. I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the differences in these campaigns and answer any questions you might have about these appeals.

Generations of Faith is a special campaign—one that seems to come along in our diocese every 20 years or so. The aims of this campaign are three fold: (1) help parishes in financial need; (2) aid to retired priests; (3) foster youth ministry in the diocese. These are special needs that demanded attention and are being addressed in the ‘Generations’ campaign. The time frame for this campaign is five (5) years. And so, we can fulfill our pledges to this campaign over the next four years as this GOF campaign began officially in January of 2016.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is—as its title indicates—something that happens every year. This addresses the on-going needs of the diocese that require special support and funding every year; such as support for Catholic Charities, the Catholic Migration Office, Seminary Formation and our Catholic School and Academies.

What we have to balance at this moment is our need to continue to support both campaigns at the same time. For example, I made a pledge to Generations of Faith last year. This year I hope to contribute \$2,000.00 toward the pledge that I made in December of 2015. Last month I made my pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2017. Already I fulfilled a substantial part of my \$1,430.00 pledge for this calendar year.

Only you know what you can afford, and so I ask you to be as generous as possible to both campaigns. If you were unable to contribute to the Generations of Faith Campaign last year—consider making a pledge to the ACA this year.

As in past years, it is my hope that everyone in the parish will contribute something to these campaigns—even a small amount can go a long way if everyone in our parish decides to give something. Look at all the work that has been done in our three parish churches in the last year. Do your best to participate. If you cannot participate, then please pray for the success of these campaigns. Thank you in advance for your response and please know that I hold you in my prayers every day. **Fr. Tom**

Divine Mercy Parish Holy Week Schedule

On Holy Thursday, April 13, at 7:30pm
we will celebrate our parish **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** at St. Nicholas Church.

On Good Friday, April 14 at 1:00pm
We will conduct the Stations of the Cross throughout the streets of our parish, beginning at St. Nicholas Church to St. Francis of Paola Church and ending at St. Cecilia Church.

After the **Stations of the Cross, at 3:00pm**
we will have the **Good Friday Service of the Lord’s Passion** in English at St. Cecilia Church.

On Good Friday, at 7:00pm
The **Service of the Lord’s Passion in Spanish** will be held at St. Nicholas Church.

On Holy Saturday, April 15 at 8:00pm
The **Easter Vigil Mass**
will be celebrated at St. Francis of Paola Church

On Easter Sunday, April 16, the Easter Mass
Will be celebrated

8:00am at Saint Francis of Paola Church

9:30am at St. Cecilia Church

10:30am at St. Nicholas Church

11:30am at St. Francis of Paola Church

12:45pm at St. Nicholas Church

40 Hours of Devotion/April 21st At 7pm to April 23rd at 3pm, 2017

Last year we celebrated 40 hours of devotion. It was very well received. And so once again we encourage your participation in this time of communal prayer pleasing to God.

Our parish will offer 40 hours of uninterrupted Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in St. Nicholas church from Friday, April 21st at 7pm to April 23rd at 3pm. This is in anticipation of the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and the special Mass at the Hour of Mercy at 3pm on Sunday, April 23rd. with Auxiliary Bishop Neil Tiedemann.

It is my request that each parishioner take one hour during this time to pray. The Church required that at any given hour at least two persons must keep watch with Jesus through the 40 hours. We must have your participation! We will have sign-up sheets for coverage in the Rectory. Please call and take a slot. **Fr. Tom**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH ALL ARE WELCOME

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)

Dear friends, thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Together, let us pray: Crucified Christ, help us to take our cross day by day. When worries and concerns choke our peacefulness and leave us with anxiety and fear, grant us strength to carry our cross. May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things. And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

Specific items needed this week: Canned meats

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – April 2, 2017

BREAD & WINE

Salvatore Avallone by Maria Graziano & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Louis De Marino by De Marino Family

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Ralph Panarese by Maria Puccio & Family

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Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Rae Pacifico, David Pelletier, Richard Schloop, Frank Cremato, Nicolet Latore, Maddox Moses, 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, Patrick Del Vicario, Fred Schwally, Ralph Varano, Ed Scala, Al Pettenato, Jim McGurran, Maddox Moses

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Msgr. Fursey O'Toole, Rosemarie Pawlikowski, Stefano DeSena, Sister Rose Ellen McCann, C.S.J., Matthew Mancini, Ralph Panarese, Louis Anolfo

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, April 1, 2017

5:00pm Mary & Lawrence Frasca by Family

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00am Terry, Dinny & Rudy Paul
by Paul Family

11:30am St. Francis of Paola

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:45am St. Francis of Paola
by Francesco & Filomena Babino &
Family

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:45am Emilio Gerbasio by Carlotta Giblio

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

7:45am Lutz Family by Family

Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:45am Pasquale & Filomena Cotana
by Giovanna Donza

Friday, April 7, 2017

7:45am Marisa Ferrante by Angelo Cugino

Saturday, April 8, 2017

7:45am Joseph Shen
by niece Agnes & Joseph Sun

5:00pm Sara Porcelli
by Anthony Porcelli & Family

Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00am Sabato Scotti by Scotti Family

11:30am Sabatino & Maddlene Corbisiero
by Sons

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 7:30pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring an "Easter" themed raffle gift. And please remember that all educational grant forms must be returned by the April meeting in order to be eligible for the drawing in May.

Generations of Faith Up-date of 3/15/2017

GOAL	\$375,000.00
Pledged	\$400,471.00
Paid to Date	\$176,434.00

APRIL 2, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 2, 2017

10:30am Pedro Espinal
12:45pm Bettina Giudice by her Children

Sunday, April 9, 2017

10:30am Pablo Sanchez by Margarita Quinones
12:45pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Youth and Family Life

Summer opportunity:

Any interested family that could not attend the Camp Veritas meeting should contact Lauren to receive information. Additional details about this summer camp can be found at campveritas.org.

Save the Date: Confirmation celebrations!

All newly confirmed and high school aged students are invited to a party on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 6:45pm in St. Francis Rectory basement. We will have food, and music to celebrate those who received the sacrament of confirmation. Invite your friends!

St. Anthony News

Palm Crosses will be available for purchase after the Masses during the weekend of April 1st & 2nd at ALL Churches for personal use at the price of \$10.00 per cross. Crosses will also be available for purchase at the Parish Rectory through Wednesday, April 5th, 2017.

Get Your Sombreros Out and Get Ready to Fiesta Like There's 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. Create Your Own Authentic Mexican Tacos, Rice, Beans, Guacamole, Dessert, Sangria, \$2.00 Frozen Margaritas, and More. 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.

April - Autism Awareness Month

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, April 2, 2017

9:30am Rosary Society
Rosann Grieme
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, April 3, 2017

8:30am Ruth Russell

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

8:30am Nicholas and Annette LaVeglia

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

8:30am In Thanksgiving: St. Lucy

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:30am Christopher Mendez: Living Intention
Birthday

Friday, April 7, 2017 - First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:30am Thomas Pugliese 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 9, 2017

9:30am Thomas Pugliese
Kathleen Fromich
Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole
Helen Johnson
John Russo
Francine Fuhrmann
7:00pm Open Intention

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – April 2, 2017

Bread & Wine

In Memory of Tom Sabatino by Marianne & Garcia Family

The Rosary Society of DMP Presents Spaghetti Dinner & Penny Social

May 13, 2017 St. Cecilia's Auditorium
Time 6:00pm Tickets \$20.00
Dinner, 50/50, Prizes, Raffles

Tickets are available from members of the Rosary Society or the Parish Office.

Reconciliation Monday April 10th

All Churches 3pm to 9pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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.