

PALM SUNDAY

"Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

Sunday Collection for April 1 & 2, 2017 will appear in next week's bulletin.

Divine Mercy Parish

Patronal Feast Celebration

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Mass 3pm / St. Nicholas Church

Main Celebrant Auxiliary Bishop Neil Tiedemann

Catered Hot Luncheon

Immediately Following Mass

In the Vetro Center

Ticket \$15.00 per person

Please purchase your tickets in advance as food arrangements have to be made. Deadline for tickets is April 17.

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Hemos acompañado a lo largo de la Cuaresma al Señor, y hoy él ha llegado triunfante a Jerusalén. Al prepararnos para celebrar la liturgia detengámonos un momento para vivir de verdad esta Semana Santa con todo nuestro corazón. Que no sea una semana más, sino que el Triduo Pascual que se avecina sea un verdadero cambio de actitud de nuestra parte. Reflexionemos sobre el modo de actuar de Jesús durante su arresto, traición, pasión y crucifixión. ¿Cómo actúa ante el peligro? ¿Cómo le contesta a Pedro? ¿Cómo se revela su amor incondicional hacia la humanidad? El Misterio Pascual es el centro de nuestra fe y es lo que celebramos durante todos los domingos del año.

El punto es, no quebrantarnos a las primeras de cambio con las vueltas que nos da la vida de un momento a otro. Jesús nos da ejemplo de fe, confianza y entrega absoluta al Padre y su amor por la salvación de la humanidad entera. Para nosotros hoy, la meta es seguir las enseñanzas del Evangelio y comprometernos de manera personal con Jesús como verdaderos discípulos de la sociedad actual. ¡Esa debe ser nuestra verdadera pasión!

Cantemos, pues, con alegría. "¡Hosanna! ¡Viva el Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!" (Mt 21, 9). Este Domingo de Ramos, estamos invitados a reflexionar en el conocimiento de quién es Jesús en la vida personal de cada uno. Para que nuestra fe y confianza no sea solo una ráfaga de entusiasmo que se apaga el Viernes Santo con la muerte del Señor. ¡Somos resurrección, somos luz, somos Pascua!

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!**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

A Message from Fr. Tom

We cannot know the source of our redemption without the suffering of the passion—the cross. The early followers of Jesus called themselves the followers of the Way. Jesus says to us, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” The celebration of Passion Sunday—Palm Sunday—reminds us that the way to the truth and the life must take us through the suffering God’s Son endured for our salvation.

Through recognizing Jesus through the passion, we come to know more and more who He is. We recognize the wounded Christ in our midst—in the daily suffering we encounter each day—and the suffering of the Catholic Church. **Fr. Tom**

Generations of Faith / Annual Catholic Appeal

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.

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. 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. (English/Spanish)

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 St. 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

****CORRECTION****

**40 Hours of Devotion/April 21st
At 7pm to April 23rd at 3pm, 2017
In Saint Francis of Paola Church**

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. Francis Church (NOT ST. NICHOLAS)** from Friday, April 21st at 7pm to Sunday, 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**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**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)

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."*

Merciful Father, grant that as we make this journey of life we will lean heavily upon your promises and reach out, not only in charity but also in justice, to those who are poor and weak. Please give us the strength to live out the commandment your Son gave to us that we should love one another as He loves us. Amen.

Specific items needed this week: **Coffee, Tea**

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church

Memorial Gifts – April 9, 2017

BREAD & WINE

Erik Brown

by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D'Arrigo & Family

Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

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, Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano, Ed Scala, Al Pettenato, Jim McGurran,

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, Fred Schwally, Raul Carreiras

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, April 8, 2017

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

Monday, April 10, 2017

7:45am Grandparents Petrosino Falce
by Iginio & Giovanna Falce

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:45am Neil Rullo by A. DiGiovanna

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday No Morning Mass

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Good Friday

Good Friday No Morning Mass

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - Holy Saturday

8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

8:00am Easter Sunday
11:30am Easter Sunday

Good Friday Procession / April 14th

This year the way of the Cross Procession begins from St. Nicholas at 1:00pm and stops at St. Francis on its way to St. Cecilia for the Passion Service at 3pm. Please arrive at St. Nicholas by 12:30pm, so we may begin on time.

Easter Vigil / Saturday / April 15th

This year we will celebrate our Easter Vigil at St. Francis of Paola, at 8:00pm. Please arrive by 7:30pm to insure we may begin on time.

Youth After School Program at DMP

The After School program meets in St. Francis Rectory Basement (219 Conselyea St.) from 3:00-6:00pm. All young people in grades 4-12 (ages 10-18) are welcome to participate!

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

<i>GOAL</i>	\$375,000.00
<i>Pledged</i>	\$400,471.00
<i>Paid to Date</i>	\$176,434.00

APRIL 9, 2017

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

Sunday, April 9, 2017

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

Thursday, April 13, 2017 – Holy Thursday

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14, 2017 – Good Friday

1:00pm Way of the Cross Street Procession
beginning St. Nicholas to St. Francis
ending at St. Cecilia
7:00pm La Pasion del Senor

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

10:30am Easter Sunday
12:45pm Easter Sunday

**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!

**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.

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

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

Monday, April 10, 2017

8:30am Timothy Miguel Thomas
by Lardes Perez

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

8:30am Fred Schwally

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

8:30am Adeline Pastina

Thursday, April 13, 2017 – Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday No Morning Mass

Friday, April 14, 2017 – Good Friday

Good Friday No Morning Mass
3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 15, 2017 – Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday No Morning Mass

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Sunday
7:00pm No Evening Mass

**The Rosary Society of DMP Presents
Spaghetti Dinner & Penny Social**

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

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

Reconciliation Monday, April 10th

April 10th has been designated once again in our diocese as "Reconciliation Monday". All of our three parish churches will be open from 3pm to 9pm that day as a priest should be on duty to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He may have to take a break from time to time – so be advised.

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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.