

EASTER SUNDAY

"Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed." The two Marys were in for a surprise. They had come, as usual, to do the ritual anointing of their dead friend's body. But on their arrival, not only was there an earthquake, there was also an angel whose "appearance was like lightning" and whose "clothing was white as snow." The brave guards were so scared they "became like dead men," but the women managed to stay on their feet and hear the words of the angel. Guess what! Jesus isn't here. He's been raised from the dead. Now go share the good news!

No wonder these women were feeling a mixture of emotions! They were frightened by these incredible supernatural events, but overjoyed that Jesus was alive again. Just imagine their joy when "Jesus met them on their way," and they were able to embrace him and worship him. What a day!

Now, we too join in the celebration of this day of all days. Every Easter, we recall these glorious events, but we do more than just remember. We also rejoice that our Lord is alive right now, that death and sin have been conquered forever, that the gates of heaven are open for us. The joy of Easter is not a nostalgic kind of happiness that only looks backwards. It is instead a call to rejoice in the gifts that we can enjoy today and in eternity.

We may not have seen the angel, felt the earthquake, or kissed the feet of the risen Lord, but we are nonetheless the beneficiaries of this momentous event. We are an Easter people, a people in the hands of a loving God whose power can overcome all the terrible threats and trials of existence with the amazing gift of eternal life.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for April 1st & 2nd, 2017 was \$3,617.00. The collection for April 8th & 9th, 2017 will appear in next week's bulletin.

Good Deeds

Religious Education at Divine Mercy Parish

Angelina	I made breakfast for my family.
Michael	Helped Mom wash the dishes.
Rosario	Played with my brother.
Jennine	I helped my sister find her hair brush.
Mikaela	I helped my Mom to make my bed.
Nicholas	I brought apples for my class.

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Pero de repente Jesús les salió al encuentro y las saludó. Ellas se le acercaron, le abrazaron los pies y lo adoraron. Entonces les dijo Jesús: "No tengan miedo. Vayan a decir a mis hermanos que se dirijan a Galilea. Allá me verán" (Mt 28, 9-10). ¡Qué belleza de mensaje! Te imaginas que de repente el Señor se aparezca a ti y te diga la paz esté contigo. Y te ponga una cita como ahí te veré con tu familia y con tus amigos. ¿Qué sería lo primero que harías? El Evangelio nos dice que las mujeres se asustaron pero que el Señor las calma y envía de misioneras a anunciar su mensaje a sus hermanos.

Has notado que las mujeres de este pasaje del Evangelio no tienen nombre. ¿Por qué será? Lo imaginas. Es sencillamente porque esas mujeres podemos ser tu y yo, hombre y mujer a los que se aparece el Señor. Este día de Resurrección, no debemos ser simples espectadores. Este día salimos de nuestra tumba del miedo. Resucitar debe ser una experiencia personal de cada cristiano. Vivir como personas resucitadas implica transformar la manera vieja de vivir por una nueva, perfumada y llena de Cristo resucitado. Por esa razón completamos nuestra Cuaresma, por lo mismo nos reconciamos con nosotros mismos, con la familia, con la comunidad y muy especialmente con Dios. San Pablo lo explica así: "Lo mismo ustedes, considérense muertos al pecado y vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús" (Rom 6, 11). ¡Felices Pascuas de Resurrección!

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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Easter Sunday Message From Fr. Tom

Today begins our journey into the Easter Season. We celebrate the bedrock of our hope—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To summarize, we celebrate the greatest event in human history. That God revealed himself fully through his Son Jesus Christ, was born of woman, baptized by John in the Jordan, called apostles to be witnesses to his words and mighty deeds, and that they should hand on the Gospel they first received, most especially the sacraments of the forgiveness of sins and the Eucharist.

We anticipate springtime when we recognize those first small signs. The buds of new growth appear. We see these signs all around us. Let our celebration this day also be for us that sign of hope or new life and renewal. No matter how small or fragile it may seem; let us continue to nurture the seed of faith planted within us by persevering in the practice of, and serious engagement in the life and teachings of the Catholic Church.

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.

As in past years, it is my hope that everyone in the parish will contribute something to these campaigns.

Fr. Tom

****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 requires 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**

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.

Solemn High Latin Mass St. Francis of Paola

Saturday, April 29th, at 5pm
Join the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George on a sacred pilgrimage to St. Francis of Paola Church to celebrate a Solemn High Latin Mass, in the extraordinary form, in honor of St. Francis of Paola, patron saint of the region of Calabria and the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.

Celebrant and Homilist Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Ambrosio.

Veneration of first-class relic after Mass

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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)

BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Friends, Easter is a promise God renews to us each Spring. May the promise of Easter fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Father, when we see needs, help us to sacrifice our plenty; when we despair, help us to give of ourselves. Help us to realize that in serving others, we are serving You. Give us generous and compassion hearts. Amen.

Specific item needed this week: Canned Meats
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – April 16, 2017

BREAD & WINE

Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

ALTAR CANDLES

Louis Anofio by children of Louis Anofio

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Deceased Members of Falabella Family by Jean Falabella

Beceased Members of Falabella Family by Jean Falabella

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, Danny Boyle

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 15, 2017

8:00PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:00am Easter Sunday

11:30am Easter Sunday

Monday, April 17, 2017

7:45am St. Francis by Marie Colas

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

7:45am Alfred Robert Ihne

by daughter Diana Altadonna

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:45am Angelina & Philomenia by Ada

Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:45am Tina & Edward Eack

by Edward & Grace Eack

Friday, April 21, 2017

7:435am Daniel Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00pm Carmine & Generoso Morelli

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00am Giovanni & Maria Corbisiero

by Son Giuseppe

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio

by daughter Carlotta

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 16, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

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

Sunday, April 23, 2017

10:30am Josephine Nieves by Sonia Rivera
12:45pm Gladys Toulis
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Sciangula
3:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Mass

Youth and Family Life 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. Please RSVP to the Rectory.

Life Line Screening Community HealthCare

Will be at St. Cecilia Auditorium/Gymnasium
24 North Henry Street Friday, May 5, 2017
5 Important Screenings: Carotid Artery (Plaque), Heart Rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Call 1-888-653-6450 to register for screening. For more information see flyer in back of Church.

Cub Scout Pack 469

Starting April 21st, 2017, every Friday night Cub Scout Pack 469 will meet in St. Cecilia's Auditorium. This Pack is for young boys age 5 thru 10 and will meet from 6pm-7pm.

Every Friday night Boy Scout Troop for young men ages 11 thru 17 will meet in St. Cecilia Auditorium from 6pm to 8pm.

Learn about Leadership Skills, Wilderness Survival, Serving your Community, Overnight Adventures and much much more. For more info contact infotroop469@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

After the St. Francis 11:30am Mass today Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt in the St. Francis Garden on the corner of Conselyea and Humboldt St. Infant to pre-school age children are welcome. Rain or Shine.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

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

Monday, April 17, 2017

8:30am Maureen Pastina

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:30am Nick LaVeglia
by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

8:30am Msgr. Patrick Fursey O'Toole

Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:30am Cecilia Bondi

Friday, April 21, 2017

8:30am Vincent & Mary Loquercio

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:30am Roger Kobel, Raffloer Family, Thomas Petrowski, Jo & Ed Collins, Eamon & Ray McGinn
7:00pm Open Intention

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.

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!

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

We have **Memorial Gifts**: Bread & Wine, St. Joseph Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Tabernacle Candles, Altar Candles, Blessed Mother Candles, available for the week in the months of April through December.

Stop by the rectory for available dates.

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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.