

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER****2º DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

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### Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was \$4,862.00, and the collection for April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was \$5,338.00.

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### Good Deeds

#### Religious Education at Divine Mercy Parish

Miguel	I helped my Mom clean the house by sweeping.
Melanie	Cleaned the dishes.
Nicholas	I gave a homeless man an apple.
Antonio	Helped my mom recover from procedure.

Durante este tiempo de Pascua, escucharemos en las lecturas lo que los primeros discípulos y seguidores de Jesús vivieron en las primeras comunidades cristianas. Tiempos muy importantes llenos de experiencias personales vividas entre ellos. Pedro, hoy, nos recuerda la gran misericordia de Dios al resucitar a Cristo Jesús, para que tengamos vida y sea en abundancia. Como cristianos esa debe ser nuestra esperanza la vida nueva que se nos ha dado en nuestro bautismo y eso debe ser motivo de alegría en este Domingo de la Misericordia. San Pedro lo describe de la siguiente manera. "Por esta razón, alégrense, aun cuando ahora tengan que sufrir un poco por adversidades de todas clases" (1 Pe 1, 6).

El Evangelio nos lo dice de otra manera, describe al Resucitado animando a sus asustados discípulos que permanecían encerrados a causa del miedo que aún tenían después del escándalo de la cruz y del abandono a su maestro. ¿Qué hacer? ¿Hacia dónde ir ahora? Sin embargo, Dios tenía otros planes para ellos. ¡El encuentro con Cristo resucitado era inminente! Qué alegría tan grande verlo vivo, pero distinto. Hasta Tomás, pasa de incrédulo a creer. Y lo llama por primera vez, "Señor mío y Dios mío" (Jn 20, 29). Esta profunda convicción pasa cuando pasamos por un verdadero encuentro personal con Jesús. ¿Cómo es mi encuentro con el Señor resucitado, cuando aún no lo he visto? Oremos para que estemos abiertos a la presencia del Señor entre nosotros. ¡Vivamos el Misterio Pascual con un corazón nuevo y con una esperanza resucitada!

#### Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Message from Fr. Tom

#### The Feast of Mercy Sunday

This feast was established in the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II after confirming the revelation Saint Faustina Kowalska received from Jesus Christ. She made this revelation known in 14 entries in her writings entitled, Diary. The most comprehensive revelation can be known in Diary entry 699, where she writes that Jesus told her: “The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.” During the time of Saint Faustina, the Sunday mentioned in entry 699 was designated in the “Celebration of the Eucharist” as the “Octave Day of Easter.” It was officially renamed the Second Sunday of Easter after the liturgical reform of Vatican Council II. By the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: “Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday,” Pope John Paul II made the announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of Sister Faustina on April 30, 2000. In his homily, the Pope declared: “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” In the same homily, Pope John Paul II also made clear that the Image of the Divine Mercy Saint Faustina saw is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, because it represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world.

Fr. Tom

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#### Annual Catholic Appeal

**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 this campaign.

**Fr. Tom**

### COME JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH PATRON DIVINE MERCY

**Today, Sunday, April 23, 2016**

**3:00 pm Mass—St. Nicholas / DMP**

Auxiliary Bishop Neil Tiedemann

Will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 pm at the  
Hour of Divine Mercy.

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#### Mass of Hope & Healing

For Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

St. Anselm Church

356 82<sup>nd</sup> Street – Brooklyn

Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Nicholas DeMarzio

All are invited

to come together on this day to pray  
for healing for all those impacted by sexual abuse.

*“There is a light that can overcome the darkness.  
There is no darkness that can overcome the light.”*

*Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB. Cam.*

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#### Solemn High Latin Mass

**St. Francis of Paola**

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

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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#### 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**  
**AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

Deo Gratias! April 2017 marks the completion of the 8th Anniversary of our parish "Gifts of Love" food pantry! We give thanks to Almighty God for the opportunity to serve others in His name.

Through this ministry, loyal volunteers and generous benefactors put into practice the essential elements of effective Evangelization: Justice and Charity, which is the principle of faith sharing and outreach in our parish and our community. These parishioners demonstrate their understanding of the scriptural basis of this principle and the fact that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and thus responsible to and for one another.

May our patron saints, St. Cecilia, St. Francis of Paola and St. Nicholas pray for us as we begin our 9th year of service!

Specific item needed this week: **Soup**

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**  
**Memorial Gifts – April 23, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Ralph Panarese by Jean Falabella

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**Pray For the Sick**

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill**  
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, Dora Logosso, John Purcelli, Nancy Gonzales, Vincent Conzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza

**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Ralph Panarese, Louis Anolfo, Fred Schwally, Raul Carreiras, Gennaro De Marco, Loretta Marano

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**Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School**

We congratulate the following student from our parish who has received second honors, for the Third Quarter, at Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Gianna Napolitano

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

5:00PM For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

8:00am Giovanni & Maris Corbisiero  
by son Giuseppe

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio  
by daughter Carlotta

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

7:45am Thomas Angelina Pasquariello  
by sister Ada Maestrini

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

7:45am For All the Saints by Marie Colas

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

7:45am Giovanni Corbisiero  
by Daughter and Grandchildren

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

7:435am Robert Hirx by Scotti Family

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

8:00pm Antonio Navarro by Mr. & Mrs.  
Francesco D'Arrigo & Family

5:00pm Joseph & Amelia Piccora by Children

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Luigi Sepe by Marie Sepe

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

Sat., 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.

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**Marian Procession**

Join us on Sat., May 6, 2017 for a Procession In Honor of Mary. Procession will start at 9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia and will be led by the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion the following Sat., then Confession for these children only at St. Francis, prayer and lunch/pizza 12 Noon at St. Nicholas Vetro Center, and 1pm Practice for First Holy Communion.

APRIL 23, 2017

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, April 23, 2017

10:30am Josephine Nieves by Sonia Rivera  
3:00pm Gladys Toulis  
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Sciangula

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

10:30am Open Intention  
12:45pm Dominick D'Alto  
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Sciangula

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### **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.

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### **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 boy's age 5 thru 10 and will meet from 6pm-7pm.

Every Friday night Boy Scout Troop, for boys 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](mailto:infotroop469@gmail.com).

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### **The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

Ambassador Program / Fundraiser Dinner—Dance

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 7PM

Msgr. King Hall, 1551 Hendrickson St.

\$50.00 per person

Call 718-774-3806 for more information

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### **May is the Month of the Living Rosary**

On the Monday's of May the Rosary Society of DMP invites all parishioners to pray the rosary in public outside our parish Church of St Cecilia at 7:00pm.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, April 23, 2017

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

### Monday, April 24, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Friday, April 28, 2017

8:30am Leonard Gifford

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:30am Nicholas La Veglia, George Foley, Msgr. Patrick "Furse" O'Toole  
7:00pm John Walsh

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## **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.

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### **Youth After School Program at DMP**

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

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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 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://CampVeritas.com) via the "Camp-in-touch" portal before April 1, for the early bird rate. Any question contact Lauren at [youth@dmbk.org](mailto:youth@dmbk.org) or the Rectory at 718-387-0256.