

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER****4º DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Este 4º Domingo de Pascua celebramos el domingo llamado del Buen Pastor. Este año el Evangelio tiene un particular interés en la imagen de Jesús no como pastor sino como puerta. Esta imagen llama la atención directamente del Resucitado mostrándose como única puerta de entrada. La apertura de la puerta nos muestra la misericordia del Pastor. Por lo tanto debemos de escuchar su voz y seguirlo. "Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que han venido antes que yo, son ladrones y bandidos; pero mis ovejas no los han escuchado. Yo soy la puerta; quien entre por mí se salvará, podrá entrar y salir y encontrará pastos" (Jn 10, 7-9).

Aquí el reto es saber qué tipo de voces se escuchan diariamente. Existen voces que nos mienten, que nos seducen, que nos engañan y nos llevan por mal camino. Otras voces en cambio, nos dan esperanza, nos alientan y nos hablan con la verdad. Las voces primeras roban a quienes las escuchan su tiempo, su realidad, su virtud y sus metas. Las voces posteriores son las que nos guían a una vida plena. Éstas son las voces de personas que han escuchado ellas mismas la voz del Buen Pastor y fielmente le siguen y van hacia donde él les guía haciendo su voluntad. ¿Qué clase de voces escuchamos? ¿Cuáles escuchan nuestros niños y jóvenes? Es bueno que al menos sepamos distinguir las voces que nos rodean. La voz de Jesús está llamándonos por medio de muchas personas que nos invitan a ser mejores. La voz de los pobres alrededor del mundo nos invita a ser generosos. Como ejemplo tenemos a Santa Teresa de Calcuta, ella decía, "Si no puedes dar de comer a muchos pobres que lo necesitan, da por lo menos a uno".

**Sunday Collection**

The Sunday collection for April 29/30, 2017 was \$4,007.00.

**Good Deeds****Religious Education at Divine Mercy Parish**

In Love, I give my Time:

Antonio	I helped my Mon prepare for Easter.
Devenon	I helped clean.
Melanie	I helped to watch the baby.
Michael	I helped Mom to take out the garbage.
Rosario	I helped my sister.

**Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017**

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

## Fr. Tom's Message.....

### 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 Schools and Academies.

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**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER  
ALWAYS TO SILENCE YOUR  
CELL PHONE  
BEFORE MASS**

## Ladies Movie Night

Join us on Sunday, May 21, 5:30 pm, in St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement for Ladies Movie Night. We'll be showing the 1997 Italian comedy-drama "Life is Beautiful", winner of 3 Academy Awards, directed by and starring Roberto Benigni.

This movie will be shown as released in Italian with English subtitles. Refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle.

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## The Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

7:30pm at St. Francis of Paola Church

Ascension Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:45am at Saint Francis of Paola Church

8:30am at St. Cecilia's Church

7:00pm at St. Nicholas Church

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## A Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

Celebrating

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Fatima Apparitions

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio / Spiritual Director  
August 30—September 8, 2017

For a Brochure call the Catholic Tour at  
1-855-564-1008 or jimadair@thecatholictour.com

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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.

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## Rosary Society of DMP

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will take place on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00pm in the auditorium of our parish church St. Cecilia's, located at 24 North Henry Street. New members welcome

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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)*

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears. Grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world. Grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship. Amen. Pope Francis

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

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### St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – May 7, 2017

#### ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Maria Arlia by Frank Marino

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#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Antoinette Ingenito by Rosemary Clementi

#### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Carlotta Giglio

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### Pray For the Sick

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill**

Nicolet Latore, Maddox Moises, Louis Clappi, Patricia Clarke, 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 Gonzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza, Mary Marsden, Frank Cremato

### Pray for the Recently Deceased

Raul Carreiras, Gennaro De Marco, Loretta Marano, Anastasio Vavdadelis, Gerald Primer

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### Parish Polo Shirts

Divine Mercy Parish Polo Shirts are available for purchase by stopping by the Parish Office, at a cost of \$20.00.

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

### Saturday, May 6, 2017

5:00pm Eveone Reinhardt by Virginia Mannelta

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

8:00am Frances & Louis Porcelli  
by Fran & Joe Piccora & Family

11:30am S. Nicola by Mary Martino

### Monday, May 8, 2017

7:45am Our Lady of Pompeii by Marie Sepe

### Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:45am Millie & Angie by Sisters

### Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:45am Maria Da Cruz by daughter Diane & Sal

### Thursday, May 11, 2017

7:45am Angela & Vincenzo Trezza  
by Nicolina Babino

### Friday, May 12, 2017

7:45am Nicola di Priscio by Ada Maestrini

### Saturday, May 13, 2017

7:45am In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima  
by Carlotta Giglio

5:00pm Mother's Day Intentions

### Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00am Mother's Day Intentions

11:30am Mother's Day Intentions

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## St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring flowers or a plant for our May crowning which will then be raffled at the end of the evening. Also, please remember to bring your rosary beads to this meeting.

New members are always welcome

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## WORKSHOP

Join us on Friday, May 12, for a CUFFH Workshop (free affordable housing information session) in the basement of St. Francis of Paola at 6:00pm. Lottery applications will be available.

MAY 7, 2017

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

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

10:30am Open Intention  
12:45pm Juana & Rose Mary  
by Paul & Dori Carreiras

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

10:30am Mother's Day Intentions  
12:45pm Mother's Day Intentions

**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 (weather permitting) followed by Adoration and Benediction inside the church. Join us on these evenings in prayer as we publically give honor to the Mother of Jesus.

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

**We Congratulate**

We congratulate the following children who have received Confirmation here at Divine Mercy Parish, in the Church of St. Cecilia on Saturday March 25, 2017.

Mauricio Anthony Acateco	Britney Maria Argudo
Deven James Bosselman-Nieves	
Chris Joseph Bryniarski	John Nicholas Chalco
Christina Joan Canalini	Angelique Mary Casimir
Belkis Cecilia Espinoza	Edelmira Teresa Feliz
Josefa Rosa Fernandez	Andy Patrick Flores
Iris Guadalupe Flores	Joselyn Guadalupe Flores
Elizabeth Marie Frias	Jack Luigi Heras
William Michael Herrera	Eric Maximillian Kopec
Oliver Francis Kossakowski	David Dominic Kuczynski
Jahanara Anastasia Lopez	Ashantey Angela Lora
Merlin Cecilia Lora	Ajani Augustine Madhere
Daysy Cecilia Mayancela	Ismael Miguel Medina
Cesar Mary Melia	Steven Anthony Mendez
Karen Veronica Mizhquiri	Jack Sebastina Montesdeoca
Joanna Bernadette Perez-Calderon	
Gabriella Caroline Pecoraro	Alyssandra Ambrose Pena
Ryan Elijah Perez	David Guadalupe Rebollar
Eric Anthony Rivera	Maria Mary Rivera
Vianey Theresa Rivera	Eliana Ava Remi
Ryan Sebastina Sigh	Rosaria Michela Speranza
Ethan Matthew Sanchez	Matthew Eric Toniuk
Samantha Cecilia Torres	Xitlai Guadalupe Valiente
Evelyn Jude Young	

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

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

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

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

8:30am Gifford Family

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

8:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

8:30am Ma Louisa & Victor Gonzalez

**Thursday, May 11, 2017**

8:30am Laura Vitolo Pastina

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

8:30am Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

8:30am Open Intention

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

9:30am Mother's Day Intentions  
7:00pm Mother's Day Intentions

**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns  
Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens Presents  
XXVI KUJENGA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

July 28-30, 2017

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
Huntington, N.Y.

**"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM"**

*Authentically Black Catholic Luke: 9:20*

Early Bird Special Deadline June 30<sup>th</sup> \$185.00 after  
deadline date \$225.00. Cost includes Transportation,  
Room Meals & Workshop Materials.

Final Deadline: July 10, 2017

The Kujenga weekend is designed as an intensive  
experience of leadership training with a focus on  
evangelizing, peers and emphasize the importance of a  
Christ-centered life in moral and ethical development.

A Rite of Passage Ceremony will be held for the  
High School Graduates of 2017.

Open to age Groups: 14 – 18 Years  
A talent Show & BBQ

For more information call Elreta Fowler 718-774-3806  
or blackcatholicconcern@diobrook.org.

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### **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.