

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

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### Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for July 29/30, 2017 was \$3,443.000

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### Summer Movie Night

Thursday, August 17, 2017 7pm

St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement

We'll be showing the movie for a perfect summer night: "**Grease**" starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

All are welcome.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Come join us.

### La Transfiguración del Señor

Pedro, Santiago y Juan querían descansar en sus laureles disfrutando de la gloria de Jesús. La voz divina que se escuchó desde el cielo los trajo a la realidad. No se podían quedar allá arriba, tenían que bajar de la montaña, escuchar a Jesús y vivir lo que habían visto y oído. Su propia trasfiguración y la nuestra de ver la gloria deben pasar en aceptar el costo de lo desconocido de la jornada diaria en el discipulado. Ser discípulo del Señor no es tarea fácil, cuesta y eso lo sabemos. El Papa Francisco, en su rezo del Ángelus el primero de marzo del 2015 nos dijo:

"Este es mi Hijo amado; escuchadlo' (Mc 9, 7). Jesús es el Hijo hecho Siervo, enviado al mundo para realizar a través de la Cruz el proyecto de la salvación, para salvarnos a todos nosotros. Su adhesión plena a la voluntad del Padre hace su humanidad transparente a la gloria de Dios, que es el Amor... La consigna para los discípulos y para nosotros es esta: '¡Escuchadlo!'. Escuchad a Jesús. Él es el Salvador: seguidlo". Continúo el pontífice: "Con Pedro, Santiago y Juan subamos también nosotros hoy al monte de la Transfiguración y permanezcamos en contemplación del rostro de Jesús, para acoger su mensaje y traducirlo en nuestra vida; para que también nosotros podamos ser transfigurados por el Amor". Transfigurados por el amor, es lo fundamental del mensaje, sobre todo en estos tiempos de oscuridad e incertidumbre para muchos inmigrantes de esta país y del mundo entero. La Segunda Carta de Pedro también lo clarifica: "Hasta que despunte el día y el lucero de la mañana amanezca en los corazones de ustedes" (2 Pe 1, 19).

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### Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, a holy day of obligation. You are encouraged to attend Mass on this day to honor our Blessed Mother.

Vigil Mass Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:30pm Mass at St. Francis of Paola Church

Solemnity of the Assumption, Tues., August 15, 2017

7:45am Mass at St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am Mass at St. Cecilia's Church

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### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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### A Message from Fr. Tom

#### Meaning of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

One of the most succinct descriptions of the meaning of the Sacred Heart devotion comes from the theologian Karl Rahner, “The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to humanity that the mysteries of the universe are fundamentally benevolent.”

Contemplating the night sky or the magnificence of a natural wonder like the Grand Canyon can no doubt fill the soul with awe and wonder. Yet to be honest, these wonders of nature can also be disconcerting and even terrifying to contemplate. A close star or galaxy can be 2 million light years away. This means that the light we observe from such a source took two million years to reach us traveling at 186,000 miles per second (pretty fast huh!!!). Or taking the Grand Canyon, we observe 2 billion years of earth history before our eyes—layer upon layer of things living and dying over such an immense period of time. It is natural therefore—as we often do consciously or not—to pose the question: where does my life fit into all this immensity of space and time? What difference can my life or any human life make in the face of this reality? Is life just a chance accident of chemistry? Can human love have any meaning at all as the prophets and poets say? And what of life after death? These are the fundamental questions of life. To this I respond that life matters! We were meant to contemplate this reality. Or better still, the universe was meant for you. At last, through the laws that God created to govern life in this universe you came along and asked the question and searched for meaning. All of creation was waiting for this moment for you to contemplate in your freedom the mystery of God found in contemplating these big questions and in the order found in mathematics, chemistry, physics and natural beauty. Finally, God sent his Son Jesus as the key to unlock and reveal the deepest meaning of human existence.

*“And only when God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.”* Pope Benedict XVI

**Fr. Tom**

### Pilgrimages

#### With Fr. Rafael and Fr. Tom

You may have noticed in our church vestibules that our own Fr. Rafael Perez will be the director of a retreat to the shrine of O.L. of Guadalupe in Mexico in December 2017. I, your pastor Fr. Tom, have been invited to lead a pilgrimage as well in October 2017 to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona. Please feel free to ask us if you have any questions or would like to join us on these pilgrimages.

### A Few Words about Decorum during Mass in Church

I have been noticing a few things which I must call to your attention about decorum—behavior in Mass:

- Please be sure to fast one hour before any Mass you attend. I notice many people bring coffee cups into church and leaving them in the pews. One may consume only water or necessary medication one hour before the start of Mass.
- Please maintain a proper attitude of silence while in church. I am glad that people are coming together and seeing old friends. But, personal conversations are best left for a time and a place outside of church. Remember, you are in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle once you enter into any of our churches or chapels. Please behave accordingly.
- Please remain in church until the final blessing and closing hymn is sung. Many people are cutting out of Mass immediately after they receive the Eucharist. It is proper not only to stay to the end of Mass, but worthy to linger a few minutes and make a recollection or thanksgiving for the grace of the Eucharist that has been offered to us.
- Please wear proper attire to Mass during the summer months. No shorts above the knee and no flip flops.

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### The Bulletin

The representative from Liturgical Publications, the bulletin company, Mr. Paul Kerwick, will be here taking ads for the bulletin the week of August 14, 2017. You may call him at 718-387-0256 or visit him in the parish office at 219 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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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)*

REFLECTION:

*"LORD, TEACH ME TO BE GENEROUS. TEACH ME TO SERVE YOU AS YOU DESERVE. TO GIVE AND NOT COUNT THE COST"...*

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Specific items needed this week - Coffee/Tea  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**  
**Memorial Gifts – August 6, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Eleanor O'Hare by Annette Marino-D'Arienzo

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Janet Ciorciari by Frank Marino

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**San Donato**

Come celebrate the feast of San Donato

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm

158 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn NY

All are welcome

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**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy**  
**Second Annual Benefit Dinner**

Honoring Deacon Philip A. Franco, PhD.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6-10pm

Giando on the Water

400 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$125.00 per Person

For Tickets, Commemorative Journal Submissions &  
Further Information:

[QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website](mailto:QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website)

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email)

718-388-7992 – phone

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

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

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

5:00pm

Sara Porcelli

by Fran & Joe Piccora & Family

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

8:00am

For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am

Eleanor O'Hare by Family

**Monday, August 7, 2017**

7:45am

San Donato by Mazza Family

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

7:45am

Anastasio Vavladelis by Melissa

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

7:45am

Sara Porcelli

by MaryJoe & Robert Stallone & Family

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

7:45am

Ralph Panarese

by Cono Thomas Trubiano

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

7:45am

Rev. Stanislaus Shen

by Joseph & Agnes Sun

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

7:45am

Anastasio Vavladelis

by Lucy Corbiesero

5:00pm

Rose & Michael Torro by Family

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

8:00am

Mary & Michael Anolfo

by Nancy & Louis Anolfo

11:30am

Rosa Fiore by Children

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**Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**December 9-14, 2017**

Please join "M and M Travel" and Fr. Rafael on a pilgrimage to Mexico City, Mexico to celebrate the feast day of:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 9-14, 2017. The pilgrimage includes excursions to Tiaxcala & Puebla & the celebration of the Mass of Roses at the shrine on Our Lady's feast day.

Total cost is \$2,049. To book and for more details, contact Mike Milano: 1-800-773-2660 or visit.

AUGUST 6, 2017

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

10:30am Blanca Montesdeoca by Husband & Son  
12:45pm Sr. Rose Michael Hillary  
by Janet P. Codogan

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

10:30am Open Intention  
12:45pm Antonina Tarasento by Mr. & Mrs.  
Francesco D'Arrigo & Famly

**Pray For the Sick**

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

Maddox Moises, Rodolfo Bienvedno Pichardo,  
Luberky Novas, Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano,  
Peter SanPaola, Joseph Mauceri, Rae Pacifico, Frank  
Cremato, Dora LoGrosso, John Porcelli, Jeanette Pellot,  
Viny and Nancy Gonzales, Sister Paul Marie  
Filippelli, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny,  
Nick Dandrea, Fran Dandrea, Stanley Dandrea,  
Giuseppina Valenti, Carmella Ciafia

**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Theresa Imperato, Rose Passaro, Rose R. Tramutra,  
Joanne Bushwick, Robert Niebuhr

**128<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Rocco**

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Most Precious Blood Church

113 Baxter St., N.Y. 10013

*St. Rocco, helper of the sick and Saint of miracles.*

12:00pm High Mass in Honor of St. Rocco

1:30pm Procession of St. Rocco through the streets of  
Little Italy

5:00pm DJ, Refreshments and Raffle Drawing

**Generations of Faith & Annual  
Catholic Appeal 2017**

**Generations of Faith**

Parish Goal \$375,000.00  
Pledged \$398,655.00  
Pledges paid \$194,289.54

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Parish Goal \$37,450.00  
Pledged \$33,336.00 made 89.1% of goal  
\$27,001.00 81% received

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

9:30am Barney & Angie Cavallo  
Lucy & Peter La Veglia  
Cavallo Family  
Jo & Ed Collins  
Eamon & Ray McGinn  
Rosary Society  
7:00pm Sister Paul Marie Filippelli: Speedy  
Recovery

**Monday, August 7, 2017**

8:30am Anthony & Angela Czeh

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

8:30am Julia Pelletier

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

8:30am Mary & Frank Krug

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

8:30am Joseph Klujsza

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

8:30am Harry & Josephine Easton

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

8:30am Margaret Rossi

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

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

**Thinking of Becoming a Catholic...**

or is someone you know thinking of it? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participation at Sunday Mass and instruction on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA is also for baptized Catholics** who have not received First Holy Communion and or Confirmation. The sessions meet once a week on Thursday, at 7pm. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program, please call the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

**Diving Mercy Parish**

Polo Shirts \$20.00 Baseball Cap \$10.00  
Come to the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm if interested.

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### **Bring Back a Bulletin**

Other Churches have some very good ideas, activities or information in their weekly bulletin which could be incorporated here at Divine Mercy.

So when you are away and visit another Church for Mass please consider picking up an extra bulletin and drop it off at the parish office or in our Sunday collection basket.

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### **Memorial Gifts** **At Divine Mercy Parish**

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine	Sanctuary Lamp
Tabernacle Candles	Altar Candles
Blessed Mother Candles	St. Joseph Candles

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaf and Blessed Mother Yearly Candle (this candle is lit for a year).

All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.