

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

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### Sunday Collection

Collection for Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2018 was \$3,247.00.

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### St. Francis of Paola Now Open Weekdays

The Church of St. Francis of Paola will now remain open during daytime hours weekdays Monday through Friday 7am to 2pm. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

## 3er Domingo de la Cuaresma

En este tercer domingo de Cuaresma, estamos llamados a escuchar las señales que da Jesús como signo de alerta de lo que es la Pascua. Una de las señales que el Evangelio enfatiza sin lugar a duda, es que, el cuerpo de Jesús es presencia viva del nuevo templo de Dios. Por lo tanto, por medio de Cristo Dios hace una nueva creación en nosotros. ¿Cómo? Si, poniendo a Jesús como el centro de nuestra vida. Lo viejo del pecado debe ser sacado fuera. El tiempo de Cuaresma es para que destruyamos todo lo que nos atormenta y aleja de la gracia de Dios. Tal como, las estructuras de odio, envidia, celos, materialismo, arrogancia, racismo y del estatus económico y social de la sociedad actual que muchas veces nos destruye. Solamente, al sacar todo esto de nuestro corazón, el Señor podrá construir algo nuevo y mejor en nosotros. ¿Al ser templo de Jesús, que necesito limpiar de mí? ¿Qué significa para mí y mi familia, que Jesús saque a los vendedores del templo? Yo puedo y debo tener la seguridad que al identificarme como templo de Dios, la vida será más llevadera, y las luchas que tenga que soportar por la fe, lejos de alejarme de Dios me harán fuerte dándome la oportunidad de ver las señales de la presencia de Dios en lo que me rodea. Los Mandamientos, son otra señal que lejos de atarnos nos dan libertad, la esclavitud es cosa del pasado. Por último, otro elemento a considerar es que San Pablo hace hincapié en la locura de la cruz. Para los judíos escándalo. Para los griegos locura. Pero. Para nosotros los bautizados es; fuerza de Dios y sabiduría de Dios. (1 de Corintios 1:22-25).

#### Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.
Scrutiny:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.
Scrutiny:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### A Message from Fr. Tom

The cleansing of the Temple took place in the Temple of Jerusalem in the court of the gentiles. It was a place of common ground and encounter between Jew and gentile. Here in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, it feels like we too are living in the court of the gentiles. If we are to survive as a parish, we need to be a place where the people outside of our community can recognize something authentic and beautiful taking place within our community. In religious terms, we must be a dwelling place of God's presence—less self-referential—and more interested in encountering others as our means of encountering God. So we are called to live out our faith actively and in the public square. I believe God is asking us to courageously witness to our faith. I believe keeping our churches more accessible during the day is a helpful step so that others may find in our houses of worship 'A house of prayer for all peoples.' This demands that we not cling to the memory of a glorious past that we recognize slipping away with every funeral. I hope that by our fidelity to Jesus this Lent, we can be assured through the cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ—we are a people who possess the future!! Our primary business is therefore, not with the preservation of buildings, but with the salvation of souls. **Fr. Tom**

### Pray for our students

who will be receiving Confirmation on Saturday, March 10, at 11:00am, at our Parish Church of St. Cecilia.

### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11, please remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour the night before.

### After School Program

Join in on the fun and come to the Divine Mercy After School Program on Friday's in the St. Francis of Paola Rectory basement. The program is for the young people in our parish who are in the 4th grade and up. The program is free of charge and will feature arts and crafts, games, movies, homework help as well as volunteer opportunities and outings. Time 3pm to 6pm.

### Divine Mercy Parish

### Church Restoration Memorials 2018

If you would like to let someone (a family member, friend, etc.) know how special they are to you, or to honor the memory of a deceased loved one or in the name of your family please consider one of the following Church Restoration Memorial's. An engraved brass plaque or a material tag will be affixed on or near the fixture noting your dedication.

#### St. Francis of Paola Church

Restoration of O. L. Mt. Carmel Statue	\$ 500.00
New Vestment	\$ 500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Window Restoration	\$ 2,000.00
Garden Trellis for St. Francis	\$ 3,000.00

#### St. Cecilia Church

Chapel Restored Pews	\$ 1,500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Remounting St. Cecilia Mural	\$ 2,000.00
Chapel Sanctuary Mosaic	\$ 2,000.00
Organ Restoration	\$ 5,000.00
Restored Pulpit	\$10,000.00

#### St. Nicholas Church

New Vestment	\$ 500.00
Funeral Pall	\$ 1,500.00
Organ Restoration	\$ 2,000.00
Baptismal Font	\$ 3,000.00

### Save the Date

Sun., March 11	Daylight Savings Time begins
Sun., March 25	Palm Sunday
Mon., March 26	Reconciliation Monday
Thurs., March 29	Holy Thursday
Fri., March 30	Good Friday
Sat., March 31	Easter Vigil
Sun., April 1	Easter Sunday
Fri., April 6	40 Hours Devotion
Sun., April 8	Divine Mercy Sunday

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

St. Cecilia	Thursday's 12:30pm (English)
St. Francis of Paola	Friday's 7:00pm (English/Italian)
St. Nicholas	Friday's 7:00pm (Spanish)

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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)*

It is important for us to remember that it is impossible to serve God with all our hearts and at the same time miss out on God's call to care for the needy.

Your ongoing support is vital to this important ministry at Divine Mercy Parish. Thank you!

Specific items needed this week: **Condiments - all types**

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – March 4, 2018**

**BREAD & WINE**

Tom Sabatino by Garcia Family

**TABERNACLE CANDLES**

Connie Napolitano by Andrea & Richard Catalanotti

Connie Napolitano by Rosemary Clementi

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Connie Napolitano by Loretta & Frank Pizza

Erasmus Napolitano by Loretta & Frank Pizza

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Michele Mackenzie by Marie & Joe Bavuso

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**Registration for 2018-19  
is Now Open At**

**QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

11 Catherine Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

[www.queenoftherosarybrooklyn.org](http://www.queenoftherosarybrooklyn.org)

Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!

Received a scholarship last year?

Re-apply by March 30, 2018

First time scholarship applicant?

Apply by April 30, 2018

[www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education, please contact Principal James Daino at 718-388-7992.

**WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!**

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

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

5:00pm Sofia Ramirez

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

8:00am De Martino Family by Family

11:30am Pietro Paolo Bianco by Maria Sciotti

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

7:45am Pasqualina Lombardi  
by Cathy & Rose DeMarino

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

7:45am Raffaella & Gianni Babino  
by Nicolina Babino

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

7:45am Rocco Cimino by Family

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

7:45am Dorothy Wisniewski  
by Dittus Family

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

7:45am Giuseppe & Ersilia Falce  
by Igino & Giovanna Falce

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

7:45am Olga Riccio

5:00pm Priscilla (Pat) Lorenzo  
by Lorenzo Family

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

8:00am San Sabino

11:30am Long Island Chapter Columbiettes

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**Choir:** Come join the Divine Mercy Parish Choir. Rehearsals will be held every other Thursday, (3/15, 4/5) at St. Cecilia Church from 6:30pm to 8:15pm.

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**Wedding Banns**

James Coppinger & Sarah Beckhart

Daniel Balmert & Meghan Ventura

Christopher Copeland & Mary Emmi

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**Thank You**

We wish to thank all that helped serve, donate food and money to the Transfiguration Men's Shelter.

MARCH 4, 2018

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, March 4, 2018

10:30am Edward Schmitt Jr. by Elaine Schmitt

### Sunday, March 11, 2018

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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### Pray For the Sick

Carlos Linares, John H. Pelletier, Karen Marchione, Wanda Zadwarny, Clara Chang, Maria D'Amato, Nicola Loguercio, James Smith, Pietrina Morena, Ralph Varano, Rae Pacifico, Louis Carnivale, Catherine Carnivale, Dora Logosso, John Porcelli, Carmella Caiafa, Carol Reilly, Nancy & Vincent Gonzeles, Arthur Salerno, Pat Stead, Marilyn & Joe, Thomas Veneski, Rosemary DiMieri, Yadira Aybar

### Pray for the Recently Deceased

Vincent Socci, Joan Toner, Carl Joseph Wallin, John Caiafa, Domingo Rodriguez, Rosa Sanchez

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### Regulations for Lent

**ABSTINENCE** The faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, GOOD FRIDAY and the FRIDAYS of Lent.

**FASTING** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. If need be two lighter meals may be taken.

**PENANCE & EUCHARIST** The faithful are encouraged to receive the Eucharist and participate in the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation frequently, especially during Lent.

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## Resurrection Garden 2018 Palm Crosses

Resurrection Garden Crosses to be personalized and placed in the Garden are being sold at \$25.00 per cross. The deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Additional forms can be found on the table in the back of the churches.

Palm Crosses for personal use will be made available for purchase after the Masses during the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at ALL churches, at the price of \$10.00 per cross. Crosses will also be available for purchase at the Parish Rectory through Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, March 4, 2018

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

7:00pm Open Intention

### Monday, March 5, 2018

8:30am Carl Battista by Battista Family

### Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:30am Open Intention

### Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:30am Open Intention

### Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:30am Msgr. Patrick Furse O'Toole

### Friday, March 9, 2018

8:30am Open Intention

### Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:30am Patricia Boyle

### Sunday, March 11, 2018

9:30am Connie & Pat Lomuto

Christine Pizzo

Frank & Tessie Ricci

Michael & Anna San Pietro

Frank & Maria Christine San Pietro

Barney & Angie Cavallo

7:00pm Patrick Del Vicario

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### Rosary Society of DMP

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will take place on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, in the St. Cecilia Auditorium at 7:00pm.

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### St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7pm in the St. Francis of Paola Rectory basement. Please note the earlier start time, which will allow us to serve refreshments and have a brief business meeting immediately followed by the movie "Risen" (at approximately 7:30pm). No raffles will be sold this evening. New members are always welcome.

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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.

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