

1st Sunday of Lent

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Sunday Collection

Sunday's Collection for March 2/3, 2019 will appear in next week's bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following students from our parish who have received academic achievement during the second quarter of the current school year from

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Antonio Cipriano	Principal List
Genna Sgrizzi	Principal List
Steven Clementi	First Honors

1er Domingo de la Cuaresma

El pasado Miércoles de Ceniza iniciamos nuestro camino de preparación del 2019. Serán cuarenta días para llegar a la Pascua del Señor. Esa es nuestra meta, quiera Dios que la sepamos cumplir. "Convertirse y creer en el Evangelio"; es la invitación que Jesús nos sigue haciendo cada día de la existencia. Aparte de las lecturas de este domingo, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña: "El movimiento de retorno a Dios, llamado a la conversión y arrepentimiento, implica un dolor y una aversión respecto a los pecados cometidos, y el propósito firme de no volver a pecar. La conversión, por tanto, mira al pasado y al futuro; se nutre de la esperanza en la misericordia divina." (CIC 1490). Esto, por supuesto, nos ha de llevar a la reconciliación o confesión sacramental.

Jesús fue tentado tres veces y las tres le responde al demonio basándose en la Escritura. "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, manda a esta piedra que se convierta en pan." Jesús responde: "Quería enseñarte que no solo de pan vive el hombre, sino que todo lo que sale de la boca de Dios es vida para el hombre." (Deuteronomio 8:3). "Si te arrodillas y me adoras, todo será tuyo." Jesús le replicó: "La Escritura dice: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios y a él solo servirás." (Deuteronomio 6:13). A la tercera tentación: "Si tú eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate de aquí abajo, pues dice la Escritura: 'Dios ordenara a sus ángeles que te protejan.'" Jesús le replicó: "También dice la Escritura: 'No tentarás al Señor tu Dios.'" Palabras del salmo (91:11-12). Inicia la Cuaresma meditando estos pasajes de la Sagrada Escritura---serán de gran ayuda para volver el corazón a Dios.

Readings for the week of March 10, 2019

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Fr. Tom

Lenten Regulations

The Holy Season of Lent has begun—the forty days of preparation before the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. I remind you of the following Lenten regulations:

Abstinence—all of the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent. FYI—the bishops of the United States have recommended abstinence from meat as a penance for all Fridays during the year.

Fasting—all of the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food or snacking during the day.

Almsgiving—Acts of charity are an essential part of the Christian life throughout the year—but most especially during Lent.

Penance & the Eucharist—All Catholics should be free of serious or mortal sin before the reception of the Eucharist. Every Catholic has the obligation to attend the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation at least once every year. Please make time for this essential Sacrament.

Why Catholic—A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church Join Fr. Tom on five (5) Wednesdays during Lent/St. Francis Rectory Dining Room

We will be taking a pause from our regularly scheduled Bible Study on Wednesday evenings to participate in the “Why Catholic?” program and explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class will be conducted in English and meet for one hour from 7:45pm to 8:45pm. Please contact Amelia Castro after the St. Nicholas Spanish Mass for more information on the Spanish language track. Following are the dates for the program conducted in English in St. Francis Rectory:

Wednesday, March 20 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, March 27 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 3 rd	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 10 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm
Wednesday, April 17 th	7:45pm to 8:45pm

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR EVENING HOLY HOUR

9pm to 10pm

During Lent, beginning Monday, March 11th, we will be offering our evening Holy Hour from 9pm to 10pm Monday through Thursday, at St. Francis of Paola Church instead of St. Cecilia’s Chapel.

Morning Prayer

Before Morning Masses at 7:45am & 8:30am

Please join the priests of our parish for Morning Prayer weekdays during Lent. We will begin our prayer 15 or 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please join us.

Pro-Life Help

Catholics and all people of good are still reeling from the extraordinary, scandalous anti-life laws passed by the governor of our state last month. We must, however, recognize the great good that is being done by so many people. Please consider supporting some of these organizations that give women real, material support as an alternative to an abortion:

1. Sisters of Life, 38 Montebello Road, Suffern, NY 10901 T. (845) 357-3547
2. Life Center of New York, 6802 Fifth Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220, T. (718) 748-4992
3. Pregnancy Help, 229 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011, T. (212) 243-0970
4. The Bridge to Life, 147-32 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355, T. (718) 463-1810
5. Good Counsel Homes, 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, T. (201) 795-0637

You are invited to Celebrate the Rededication of Annunciation of The BVM Church and the merging of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Annunciation Parishes

All Services at Annunciation Church
Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00pm - Evening Vespers
Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:30pm - Passion Play
Thursday, March 21st, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission
Friday, March 22nd, at 7:30pm - Parish Mission
Saturday, March 23rd, at 2:00pm - Tribute to Our Blessed Mother by the Parish Children
Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00am - Mass-Rededication & Parish Reception

Come be a part of the Past, Present & Future!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

“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)

“What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.”

St. Augustine

Please be assured that our needy neighbors appreciate the love that comes from the food they receive through your support of our food pantry. May God’s love and blessings rest upon you always.

Item needed this week: **Canned Fruits**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – March 10, 2019**

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

In Memory of the Dazzo Family by Amelia Petagna
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Pray for our students

who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 29th, at 4:00pm at our Parish Church of St. Cecilia.

New Kawai / Baby Grand Piano

Recently, a new Kawai baby grand piano has been put on the market at half price. It is in the interest of the music ministry to purchase this piano. The cost is 18 thousand dollars.

Already, Fr Tom has received slightly more than half that amount from a donor who will remain anonymous. The piano would make an excellent addition to our parish, and expand the quality and types of concerts we can offer, these concerts and recent exhibitions in our gallery space have been extremely well received and can play a vital role in reintroducing the Christian faith to the secular community that surrounds us.

We understand that Christ is the origin and endpoint of all beauty, and encountering something truly beautiful is the beginning of an encounter with Him.

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of this piano. Please speak with our music director Justin Fields.

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

Saturday, March 9, 2019

5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre
by The Torre Family

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00am Patricia Lupo
11:30am San Sabino

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:45am Villella Family by Children

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:45am Tom Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:45am San Sabino

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:45am Marie Bavuso by Ben Moccio

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:45am Robert & Bonnie Cox
by Carl & Valerie Battista

Saturday, March 16, 2019

7:45am Gabriele Carannante by Family
5:00pm Rosa (Trezza) Tropiano
by son Salvatore Tropiano

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00am Rev. Patrick Burns - Birthday
by Antoinette & James Long
11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio
by daughter Carlotta

St. Cecilia’s Prayer Group

Beginning Wednesday, March 13th, at 3:00pm, the St. Cecilia’s Prayer Group will return to the Chapel for their weekly prayers and praise.

**Stations of the Cross Every Week
During Lent**

Thursdays St. Cecilia 7pm
Fridays St. Francis 7pm (Italian/English)
Fridays St. Nicholas 7pm (Spanish)

THANK YOU

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

MARCH 10, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:30am En Memoria de Manuela Pacheco,
Descanse en Paz de parte de sus hijas
Leonides y Casilda

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00pm Marie Bavuso by Sciangula Family

Sunday, March 17, 2019

10:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Pray For the Sick:

Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Carmine Giglio, Cathy Chang, Eleanor Heck, Angela Mauceri, Janet Gonzalez, Rae Pacifico, Sr. Paul Maria Filippelli, C.S.J., Frank Grutzka, Gennaro Adamo

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Bud Madden, Giovanni Guadagno, Aida Luz Lopez, Daniel Distasi, Cherubino Giganti, Theresa Testa, Angela Scannapieco, Joseph Anthony D'Alto

Concert Series

Join us for the next concert series on Saturday, April 6th
at 6:00pm in St. Francis of Paola Church.

**J.S. Bach with the International Street Cannibals
will be performing.**

Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian

March 23, 2019

at

Immaculate Conception Center

7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362

Fr. Mauro Gagliardi, professor of theology will preach.

Holy Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio.

The arrival time at Immaculate Conception Center is
scheduled for 9:30am. Cost is \$25 for the day and
includes lunch. For more information please call
Apostolic Oblates #718-649-0324.

UPDATE

Scaffolding will be going up at St. Francis of Paola
Church for ceiling replacement. Sections of the Church
will be cordoned off, we appreciate your cooperation.

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, March 10, 2019

9:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Thanksgiving & Appreciation to
Fr. Rafael: Living Intention

Monday, March 11, 2019

8:30am Olga Riccio

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:30am Rev. James Krische: Living Intention

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8:30am Linda Southerland by Nancy Villella

Thursday, March 14, 2019

8:30am Ellie Mae S. Komar

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:30am Susan Gernert

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30am Maureen Pastina

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:30am Connie & Pat Lomuto
Christine Pizzo
Frank & Tessie Ricci
Michael & Anna San Pietro
Frank & Maria Christine San Pietro
Barney & Angie Cavallo
7:00pm Rosa Fiore by Children

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

April 26–28, 2019

The retreat is intended for those interested in a
contemplative prayer experience. The day will consist
of prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special
liturgies and daily Eucharist. The cost is \$140 per
person. All are welcome.

For additional information please call Anthony Fucci,
the Center Director #609-884-3829 or email:
mfrc@capemaymarianists.org.

The Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale
Avenue, P.O. Box 488, Cape May Point, NJ 08212.

Web: www.capemaymarianists.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

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Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379