

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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**Sunday Collection:** Feb. 29/March 1, 2020 was \$3,516.00.

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### Digital Keyboard

A "Williams Symphony Digital Keyboard" is being donated by Divine Mercy Parish. The pedal unit does not work, but it is otherwise in good shape. Available for pick up from 219 Conselyea St.

Contact the Parish Office if interested.

## 8 de marzo de 2020

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma; la semana pasada tentación, y ahora transfiguración. Grandes contrastes que nos llevan a reflexionar en la grandeza de la presencia del Señor entre nosotros. Al resistir la tentación es que llegamos a la transfiguración. Es un juego de armonía de la gracia de Dios en la vida del ser humano. La oración colectiva de la Misa nos ayuda a reflexionar en la maravilla de la Transfiguración: "Señor Dios, que nos mandaste escuchar a tu Hijo muy amado, dignate alimentarnos íntimamente con tu palabra, para que, ya purificada nuestra mirada interior, nos alegremos en la contemplación de tu gloria." Todos hemos sido llamados a la vida y a la luz que brilla en Cristo Transfigurado como lo atestiguan Pedro, Santiago y Juan. La Transfiguración llama a la conversión desde el fondo del corazón.

¿Qué propósito tienes en esta Cuaresma? ¿Dónde debes buscar la conversión? El Evangelio de hoy invita al encuentro con Jesús en la montaña. Si nos fijamos bien y escuchamos con cuidado, notaremos que Jesús nos mostró quien es en realidad en el misterio de la Transfiguración. Por esto Pedro le dice, convencido de la hermosura del resplandor, "Señor, ¡qué bueno sería quedarnos aquí! Si quieres, haremos aquí tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías." "Quedarnos aquí" pero ¿Dónde estamos? ¿Es bueno el lugar donde estamos para quedarnos? Pidamos en esta Eucaristía que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude a comprender que somos hijos e hijas de Dios y lo que esto significa.

### Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

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| Sunday:      | Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9                          |
| Monday:      | Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38                             |
| Tuesday:     | Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12                            |
| Wednesday:   | Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28                                      |
| Thursday:    | Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31                                  |
| Friday:      | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46            |
| Saturday:    | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32                     |
| Next Sunday: | 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 |

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### RIP Carmela Vassalotti (1927—2020)

As you may know, my mother—Carmela—went home to God after a long struggle for many years over numerous health issues. She died the day after Ash Wednesday and was buried this past Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank the Parish of Divine Mercy, the many local parishes, priests and the Diocese of Brooklyn for the many words of sympathy, prayers and Masses offered for my mother. It was truly an overwhelming experience of being supported through a difficult time. Words cannot adequately express my feelings of gratitude to all of you. The best I can say is thank you and God Bless you all—I hold you in my prayers. It is my privilege to be your pastor and priest.

**Fr. Thomas Vassalotti**

### Message from Fr. Tom

The Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor is one of the most intriguing events in Jesus's life. The context of the Gospel is that Jesus tells his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and be rejected and die on the cross. They struggle to understand the meaning of this. Then he challenges them further and informs them of the serious costs of discipleship. The true disciple must take up his cross and follow after the master. In this context, Jesus then leads a few disciples to witness his Transfiguration. Along with the message of the cross and the suffering Messiah—the disciples are given a preview of Jesus's glory. During the mists and shadows of his Passion—our own time of Lent—Jesus assures us of the glory of his victory and of his destination and ours.

During this season of Lent, a time which demands us to take very seriously acts of penance—prayer, fasting and almsgiving—let us not forget the purpose of these practices. Pences remind us of Jesus's own Passion and willingness to suffer for our sake. Jesus's Passion makes credible his message.

We—too—have a role to play. We also need to participate in the Passion. The acts of penance and self-denial help us to share in Jesus's Passion so that we may one day also share in his glory.

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### Adoration

Adoration at St. Cecilia's Chapel, Monday—Thursday  
9 PM to 10 PM.

Adoration at St. Francis of Paola, Monday 11 AM to 1 PM.

### Stations of the Cross

#### 7:00 PM Tri - Lingual

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| Friday | March 13 | St. Nicholas         |
| Friday | March 20 | St. Cecilia          |
| Friday | March 27 | St. Francis of Paola |
| Friday | April 3  | St. Nicholas         |

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### CCD Calendar Dates

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| 3/17/20 | First Communion Parents Meeting, 7pm<br>SFB            |
| 3/21/20 | Confirmation Retreat ICC, 9am-3pm                      |
| 4/18/20 | First Communion Retreat/ site VETRO,<br>8:30am—12 noon |

NO Confirmation workshop scheduled for March due to the Retreats.

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### Young Adult

#### Lenten Bible Study

On each of the Sundays in Lent, there will be a Bible Study immediately preceding the Traditional Latin Mass at the Rectory of St. Cecilia's (84 Herbert St.) from 5:30-6:30pm. Those who participate are also invited to fellowship after the Mass.

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### Giornata di Preghiera – Quaresima 2020

Il 21 marzo al Centro Immacolata Concezione  
Douglaston, Queens

Arrivo e registrazione 9:30 am—Conferenza Spirituale  
10 am—Via Crucis 11 am—Pranzo 12 pm—  
Conferenza Spirituale 1 pm—S. Rosario 2 pm

S. Messa 2:30 pm celebrate da

S.E. Nicholas DiMarzio

\$25 pranzo compreso

IMPORTANTE: Chiamara a 718-649-0324 per  
registrazione.

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### Generations of Faith

As of 2/20/2020

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| Pledges | 201          |
| Goal    | \$375,000.00 |
| Pledged | \$469,678.00 |
| Paid    | \$378,297.40 |

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### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

One of the practices we follow as we enter the Lenten season is to show sorrow for our sins by fasting during Lent. We fast because Jesus fasted during his time in the desert before he began his public ministry. We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor and don't have the blessings we enjoy. Fasting helps us to be more loving and compassionate.

Special Items needed: **Canned meats (hash, stew, franks, etc.)** Food Pantry Coordinator

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### St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – March 8, 2020

#### BREAD & WINE

Carmela Napolitano by Carol Carannante & Family

#### ALTAR CANDLES

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, for my health, my two children, my grandson and to give thanks by Gertrudis Vidot Linares

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#### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Carmela Napolitano by Carol & Carmine Carannante

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### St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7 pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please note the earlier start time which will allow us to recite prayers and have a brief business meeting immediately followed by the 2019 movie “Unplanned” (at approximately 7:30 pm). No raffles will be sold this evening. New members are always welcome.

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### Lay Baptismal Ministry

We are looking for couples to begin a Lay Baptismal Ministry here in Divine Mercy. The couples will be trained to facilitate Pre Baptismal preparation and post baptismal encounters for families who are seeking the sacrament of baptism or have recently baptized in our parish Community. Please contact our parish office to register. The Pastor, Priests and Baptismal Ministry will work together as partners in this important endeavor.

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

#### Saturday, March 7, 2020

5:00pm Rocco Cimino by Family

#### Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00am Giuseppe Lanzieri by Evelyn Volin

11:30am San Sabino Society

#### Monday, March 9, 2020

7:45am Carmela Vassalotti by Fr. Eugene Carrella

#### Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:45am Tom Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:45am Helen De Santo Birthday in Heaven by Theresa Knapp

#### Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:45am Philip & Mary Conforti by Daughter Lucille

#### Friday, March 13, 2020

7:45am San Sabino Society

#### Saturday, March 14, 2020

7:45am Open Intention

5:00pm Ralph Panarese by Wife & Family

#### Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00am Giuseppe, Raffaella & Salvatore

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11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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### Portraits of Immigrants: Unknown Faces, Untold Stories

The Diocese of Brooklyn's very own Green Door Gallery at St. Francis of Paola invites you to New York Artist/Writer Betsy Ashton's powerful exhibition of portraits and stories of immigrants and refugees designed to counter fear and hate with kindness, truth and understanding.

Opened: Weekends Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>

Fri.: 6 PM – 8 PM Sat. & Sun.: 12 PM – 5 PM

[www.portraitsofimmigrants.com](http://www.portraitsofimmigrants.com)

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### Golden Age

Golden Age meets every Monday, at 200 Woodpoint Road. Time 12 noon to 3:30 pm. Bingo is played. New members are always welcome.

MARCH 8, 2020

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, March 8, 2020

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

### Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:00pm Open Intention

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

10:30am Marisa Munoz by Dennis Torre & Sonia Rivera

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### Pray For the Sick

Trish Randall, Marie Salvato, Caroline Bark, Henrietta Craine, Ralph Pastena, Connie Liest, Patrick Hogan, Charlotte Heslin, Thomas Elsasser, Patricia Clarke, James Long, Felicia Tulmello, Jesni Kampil

### Pray For the Recently Deceased

Laura Vayda, Marisa Munoz, Teresa Kukura, Carmela Costello, Patricia Gray, Carmela Vassalotti

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### Msgr. McClancy Memorial HS

We congratulate the following individuals from our parish community who have received academic accomplishments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter at Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School.

#### *Principal List*

Antonio Cipriano  
Vincent Gangone  
Joseph Nitti

#### *First Honors*

Julia Costa  
Genna Sgrizzi

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### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Cecilia's

St. Cecilia's Church will be celebrating her 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. Committees are being formed. All persons interested in participating should call the parish office and leave their contact information.

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### Rosary Society

The Rosary Society has cancelled their monthly meeting for the month of March. Next meeting is April 8, 2020.

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, March 8, 2020

9:30am Virginia Flanagan  
Arthur Knapp  
Rosary Society  
Francesco, Mary & Frank Florimonte  
7:00pm Carl & Angelina Battista

### Monday, March 9, 2020

8:30am Deborah Gelski

### Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:30am Olga Riccio

### Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8:30am Carmela Vassalotti

### Thursday, March 12, 2020

8:30am Rev. James Krische: Living Intention

### Friday, March 13, 2020

8:30am Villella Family by Children

### Saturday, March 14, 2020

8:30am Nancy Lopipero: Good Health

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

9:30am Connie & Pat Lomuto  
Christine Pizzo  
Frank & Tessie Ricci  
Michael & Anna San Pietro  
Frank & Maria Christine San Pietro  
Barney & Angie Cavallo  
Mela Pugliese: Living Intention 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday  
7:00pm Carmela Hawkins: Good Health

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### The 2020 Census

Every 10 years the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every person living the United States. The 2020 Census helps determine how many representatives each state has in Congress. Responses are used only to produce statistics. Your information is protected and never shared with law enforcement or any other agency, including ICE.

The Census is short and easy to complete. Do not miss out on resources for yourselves and your community. Be counted! For more information, contact John Gonzalez [John.gonzalez@ccbq.org](mailto:John.gonzalez@ccbq.org)

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> 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

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto: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

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