

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Following is a summary of the major points given by our Bishop for our protection during this time of crisis:

- **Celebration of Masses** All public Masses are suspended. This ruling is in effect until further notice. Parish Mass intentions will be satisfied. Masses must be celebrated privately.
- **Access to Churches** Churches may remain open for silent Adoration, always bearing in mind the need to limit groups. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has given the recommendation to avoid all social gatherings of 10 persons or more.
- **Parish Events & Meetings** All parish events and meetings should be cancelled. This suspension applies to all parish groups, devotions or other services that have the potential of drawing together crowds of people. Food pantries may remain open to serve people, but always observing social distancing practices.
- **Holy Week** There will be no Masses celebrated publicly on Palm Sunday. Blessed Palms will be left on Vestibule tables for anyone who might stop in to take some. Reconciliation Monday (April 6th) has been cancelled. Holy Week services and liturgies [including the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses] will not be celebrated publically in parishes. The Easter Sacraments of initiation will be postponed.
- **Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy** [The following directive is from Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, Schools Superintendent] All Catholic Schools and Academies will be closed at least until April 20th. We will follow up with more information as situation warrants—this period may be extended further.
- **CCD/Confirmation & First Holy Communion in DMP** CCD classes are suspended until further notice. We will send you information as to when they will resume. First Holy Communion was scheduled for Saturday, May 9th—this will likely be postponed. Confirmation for our youth is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. It is possible we will be able to celebrate this Sacrament—we will keep you posted.
- **Baptisms/Weddings & Funerals** We will continue to celebrate Weddings and Funerals, but attendance limited to family members only. Baptisms are on hold—as they normally are for Lent—Baptisms when they resume will be limited to family members only.

Please check our parish website for further updates. These regulations may change as the situation warrants.

A Message from Fr. Tom/Coronavirus

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

Now is a time for all of us to dedicate ourselves to more fervent prayer and acts of penance and reparation for the end of the current Coronavirus Crisis. The fact that this epidemic is taking place during the Penitential Season of Lent helps us to focus our attention toward one of the themes that began this time of Lent—remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. It is not that I want any of us to lose hope or focus on the negative side of things; but rather to be honest about our own fragility and need for God during this time. Therefore, this can be a VERY GOOD and profitable time for us concerning our relationship with our God. Let us arise to the occasion and use our time well—especially given the fact that most of us will be at home more. Let us during this time turn our attention to God with increased discipline, fervor and devotion. We are reminded we live in no lasting city. Draw near to us O' Lord and graciously hear us.

St. Cecilia Chapel & St. Francis of Paola Will Remain Open

These spaces will continue to remain open weekdays. Slight change—I have expanded the hours in the St. Cecilia Chapel to include the full Friday. The hours are as follows:

St. Francis of Paola Church Open from 7:00am to 7:30pm/Monday—Friday

St. Cecilia Chapel Open from 8:00am to 10:00pm/Monday—Friday

Confessions at Divine Mercy Parish

Priests are available to hear Confessions at any time. We will arrange for Confessions with you personally. Please call the office to schedule a time.

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Fr. Tom Prayer Request

I am asking everyone to pray daily the rosary and the following prayer:

Supplication in Time of Disease

Vouchsafe to hear us, O God, our only salvation! And through the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary, Mother of God and ever Virgin, of thy blessed martyr, Sebastian and of all the saints, deliver your people from the terrors of your wrath, and restore their confidence by the outpouring of your compassion. Be moved to pity, O Lord, at our earnest entreaties, and heal the illnesses of body and soul; so that experiencing your forgiveness we may ever rejoice in your blessing. We beseech thee, O Lord, grant us a hearing as we devoutly raise our petitions to thee, and graciously turn away the epidemic of plague which afflicts us; so that mortal hearts may recognize that these scourges proceed from thine indignation and cease only when thou art moved to mercy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns one God for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

R. Pray for us

Our Lady of Guadalupe

R. Pray for us

Many people were deeply grateful for the procession that concluded our final public Masses on Sunday, March 15th. There is a long tradition in the Catholic Church of offering processions and prayers during times of plague and pestilence. The preceding prayer is the prayer we offered to conclude our litany and procession of protection and aid.

Avoid unnecessary trips to the doctor. Cancel dental appointments & elective surgeries.

Please remember our health care workers are under enormous pressure. Only request a test for the Corona Virus if you really feel sick and have the symptoms. This information is readily available at the website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. Services of skilled health care professionals should only be sought when absolutely necessary during this time of crisis. One of the great fears is that our health care system will be overloaded and there won't be enough beds for people who are really sick.

Remember this: People seriously sick with the Corona Virus when treated in a hospital have a mortality rate of 3%. That number jumps to 11% if they remain at home—please be considerate when using the resources of health care professionals.

Practically What Should We Do to Fight COVID 19—the Corona Virus?

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”

So said Benjamin Franklin, the American Statesman and signer of the Declaration of Independence. This applies well in the current environment. Please note the following Center for Disease Control website which will give you the most up-to-date information about this outbreak and how you can keep yourself and household safe. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

What are some practical steps we all can take to fight COVID 19?

- If you feel yourself having symptoms associated with the flu stay home!
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Keep from gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Seniors—those over the age of 65—and those with respiratory problems are at particular risk. They should exercise greater caution.
- Support your local businesses that may be affected by the quarantine restrictions. Consider take-out a few times a month for your favorite diner or restaurant to help them—as they cannot serve guests on their premises.

Our Churches Will Remain Open Longer--Spend an Hour with Jesus

Do Acts of Reparation & Atonement to End this Plague

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a Lenten offering by spending an hour before our Lord. Jesus's Real Presence is present in the Blessed Sacrament which is reserved in our Tabernacles!! How powerful are our prayers when we humbly go before him in these privileged places to make prayer and reparation to God for our needs and atone for sins. The threat of the Coronavirus and many other spiritual plagues can be defeated by your prayers. To this end, I am requesting that every adult in this parish community offer one hour a week in prayer and Adoration before our Tabernacles in one of these spaces. I will be preparing cards that will help to guide you in this offering of your hour. We urgently need to pray for religious vocations, married vocations, our youth, our parish and the protection from the ever present threat of evil in our world. Please take seriously this request of mind. I am certain your life will be enriched by the offering you make to Jesus.

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

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Blessed Mother Teresa

Your loyal support of our Gift of Love food pantry demonstrates the great things that you do with great love! We appreciate all that you do to support this ministry.

Special Items needed: **Spaghetti**
Food Pantry Coordinator

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – March 22, 2020**

BREAD & WINE

Deceased Members Cantelmi Family by Teresa Kukura

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Cono Vertuccio by daughter Maria
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SANCTUARY LAMP

Patrick & Margaret Rocco by Teresa Puccio & Family

ALTAR CANDLES

John Cornetto III by Grandparents
John Cornetto III by Grandparents

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Carmela Napolitano by Tina Carannante
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Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 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 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

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

Saturday, March 21, 2020

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

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00am Louis Anolfo by Wife & Children
11:30am Joseph Rinaldi by Wife Josephine

Monday, March 23, 2020

7:45am Carmela Vassalotti by Loretta & Frank
Pizza

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

7:45am Deceased Members of the Annunciation
Society by Theresa Favuzza

Thursday, March 26, 2020

7:45am Carmela Vassalotti by Marie & Dom
Perrotto

Friday, March 27, 2020

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Saturday, March 28, 2020

7:45am Patrick Grey by Fr. Tom
5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, March 29, 2020

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. & Mrs.
Francesco D'Arrigo & Family
11:30am Anthony Giglio by Melissa Veronica
Granddaughter
Giuseppe Lanzieri by Giovanna
Manzolino
Theresa Kukura by Sonia Rivera &
Dennis Torre

**Thank You St. Anthony Society/10k
Donation!!**

The Parish of Divine Mercy—and especially its seniors—are deeply grateful to the St. Anthony Society of St. Francis for the donation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) towards the cost of the handicapped ramp, to help facilitate entry into St. Francis of Paola Auditorium. As you can see, this work came out beautifully and is a great help to our seniors. Thank You and God Bless your Society.

Fr. Tom

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Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, March 22, 2020

10:30am Iris Bonet: for Prayers by Ada Lopez
Carmela Vassalotti by Sonia Rivera
Marisa Munoz: 40 days passed by
Family

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick

Henrietta Craine, Ralph Pastena, Connie Liest, Patrick Hogan, Charlotte Heslin, Thomas Elsasser, James Long, Felicia Tulumello, Jesni Kampil, Virginia Castro, Patricia (Pat) Baumbach

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Patricia Gray, Carmela Vassalotti, Joan Burton, Patricia Clarke

Celebration of the Eucharist on TV

Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn, (English)

Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City. They are on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48). Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.

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Sunday Collection March 14/15, 2020 was
\$2,124.00

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:30am Agnes Sullivan
Deborah Gelski
Zerilli Family
Ed & Jo Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, March 23, 2020

8:30am Luigi Sepe Happy Birthday In Heaven
Maria Sepe

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

8:30am Carmela Vassalotti

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

8:30am Arthur Knapp, Jr.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

8:30am Thelma Koroky

Friday, March 27, 2020

8:30am Marie Beitto

Saturday, March 28, 2020

8:30am Carmela Vassalotti

Sunday, March 29, 2020

9:30am Deborah Gelski
Kevin Conery
Carmela Vassalotti
7:00pm Cecilio & Maria Molina

Pray for Those Affected by the Coronavirus

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

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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.

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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.