

FIFTH 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** By the order of Bishop DiMarzio as of Friday, March 20th, there will be no public celebration of the Mass or will there be access to our Church buildings.
- **Parish Events & Meetings** All parish events and meetings are 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** Out of the abundance of caution especially the most vulnerable, Funerals and Weddings **will not** be permitted in church. This is because limiting the funerals and weddings to 10 people is proving not to be feasible. 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.

Confessions at Divine Mercy Parish

Priests are available to hear Confessions. 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
Immaculate Heart of Mary 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. The City of NY is has the highest rate of infection of any city in the US. Please use extra caution—also the rate of infection among younger people is higher. So our young adults should remember that they can very easily spread this virus without knowing they have it. 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.

Pray for those affected by the Coronavirus

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

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Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish

Let us pray...

Mary. Health of the Sick

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. Let us continue to place our trust in Him. May Mary, our Mother, intercede for us all in this time of need!

We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

St. Francis of Paola Church

Memorial Gifts – March 29, 2020

BREAD & WINE

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

ALTAR CANDLES

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

Constantine Lo Presto by Dittus Family

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Monday, March 30, 2020

7:45am Carmela Vassalotti by Augustina DiGiovanna

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

7:45am Joan Burton by Theresa Favuzza

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:45am Frances De Stefano by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Thursday, April 2, 2020

7:45am Lawrence & Mary Frasca by Family

Friday, April 3, 2020

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Saturday, April 4, 2020

7:45am Carmela Vassalotti by Anthony Porcelli

5:00pm Florence & Anthony Giglio by Family

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Carmela Napolitano by Loretta & Frank Pizza

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 29, 2020

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

10:30am Zoila Pacheco by Charlene Jampol

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: No collection March 21/22, 2020.

Pray for Vocations

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

Sunday, March 29, 2020

9:30am Deborah Gelski

Kevin Conery

Carmela Vassalotti

7:00pm Cecilio & Maria Molina

Monday, March 30, 2020

8:30am Tess Mulligan

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:30am Mary Cappiello (Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:30am Carmela Vassalotti

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:30am Lucy and Fred Cox

Friday, April 3, 2020 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

9:30am Rosary Society

Deborah Gelski

Ed & Jo Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Irene Minnucci

7:00pm Open Intention

St. Cecilia Church

Memorial Gifts - April 29, 2020

Bread & Wine

Ruth Russell by JoAnn and Bob

**Observances for the week of
March 29, 2020**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: April Fools' Day

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Friday:

Saturday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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.