

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Sunday Collection

August 10/11, 2019 collection was \$3,008.00.

Change of Mass Time**For St. Nicholas**

Starting September 4th, 2019 the Wednesday night Mass at St. Nicholas, 26 Olive Street, will be celebrated at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar and spread the world.

20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"He venido a traer fuego a la tierra y ¡Cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!" (Lucas 12:49). En este domingo el Evangelio nos lleva al grano, sin rodeos. Jesús habla de las divisiones y dificultades que existen en la vida del ser humano. Las divisiones siempre causan ansiedad, depresión y falta de ganas de hacer el trabajo con alegría. Sin embargo, estos momentos de tensión entre la familia, comunidad y sociedad, son oportunidades para aumentar la esperanza y la paz en el corazón. El seguir a Jesús, no quiere decir que todo sale bien. En ocasiones parece que todo lo que gira alrededor es negatividad. Pareciera que la dirección que se toma es en medio del caos. Pero, permítame decirle que en ese caos se busca a Dios.

Un camino para encontrarlo es el tomar como habito el discernimiento. Aprender a discernir es un paso seguro para tomar decisiones buenas y mejorar las relaciones de uno para con el otro. El papa Francisco, nos ayuda con la siguiente reflexión: "El tiempo en el que vivimos nos exige desarrollar una profunda capacidad para discernir... Necesitamos 'leer desde dentro' lo que el Señor nos pide, para vivir en el amor y ser continuadores de esta su misión de amor? El discernimiento espiritual es la brújula que nos permite reconocer la acción del Espíritu Santo en nuestra vida, en nuestras comunidades y en el mundo." ¿Entonces? ¿Cristo vino a traernos la paz o la guerra? Pidamos, en la Eucaristía, que Dios nos de la fuerza que necesitamos para buscar siempre la paz en nuestras relaciones; a pesar de no estar de acuerdo en todos los puntos de la relación.

Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

A Message from Fr. Tom

Fire has great significance for the Christian community. In every one of the Sacraments of Initiation, fire is an important symbol. A candle is lit during the rite of Baptism, the fire of the Holy Spirit is called upon those who receive Confirmation, and the candles in the Sanctuary are lit during First Holy Communion. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, the priest calls down the power of the Holy Spirit to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We also remember our connection with the history of the Jewish people. It was fire that led the children of Israel through the desert from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In our Gospel, Jesus speaks to us about the fire faith. In my view, the danger in our time is a domesticated Jesus. We grow comfortable with a man with some nice words, some good advice and perhaps a moral ethic—and nothing more. This is the great challenge of our time. Good relations with God cannot be equated with domestic prosperity and peace. To follow our God and love family and neighbor as Jesus teaches—we need both God’s grace and the will to hear a Gospel message that challenges us.

Call for Atonement & Reparation for our Nation

Our hearts are shocked and sickened by the senseless recent mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. To add to this—doctor assisted suicide is now legal in the State of New Jersey. New York cannot be far off. My people wake up!! Our society is sick. The evidence is plain to see. As was announced this past weekend—I have asked every member of our parish to pray the Rosary and make an act of sacrifice in reparation for these great threats to our society. Please join us and continue to pray for our country.

Receive Our Parish Bulletin Electronically

Would you like to receive our parish bulletin electronically days before everyone else? Then log on to “Parishesonline.com” to register. In a few simple steps you can receive our parish bulletin and more easily stay on top of parish events and other important parish information.

Calendar Meeting

All Groups, Organizations, Associations, Clubs and Societies are invited to a calendar meeting, on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola Rectory.

This calendar meeting is for the use of our facilities for parish activities here at Divine Mercy, for the upcoming calendar months of September 2019 through June 2020.

Registration for Religious Education has begun.

The office at 206 Skillman Avenue is open every day from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Special office hours will be on Sunday, August 25th, and Sunday, September 8th, from 9:30 to 11:00am, and Saturday, September 14th, from 3:00 to 5:00pm. If you need to schedule an appointment for a different time please call the Faith Formation office at 347-521-0068 or email us at faithformation@dmbk.org

An invitation to all catechists who serve or have served at St. Francis:

We’d like to welcome you back with a luncheon at 206 Skillman Ave. on Sunday, August 25th, after the 11:30am Mass. If you cannot commit full time for the coming school year, please consider volunteering as a sub, or just be in touch so that I can thank you for your service. Please contact Wanda at the Faith Formation office 347-521-0068 or by email: faithformation@dmbk.org.

Would you like to share your faith with our young people?

Additional volunteers (in many capacities) are always needed to help with our Faith Formation program. Please contact Wanda (347-521-0068) for more information. God Bless You!

A message from Amelia Castro Religious Education Coordinator

The registration for Religious Education Program is in progress. Starting on Sunday, August 18th and 25th, 2019.

Please bring the Birth and Baptism Certificates for each child to be registered. Please come to St. Nicholas Church Auditorium after 10:30am Mass.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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)

Dear friends, thank you for your continued support of our pantry.

Specific items needed: **Canned Fruit**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – August 18, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

SANCTUARY LAMP

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

ALTAR CANDLES

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

Anthony Marino by Frank Marino

Memorial Gifts / 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

Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles

St. Joseph Candles

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candle (this candle is lit for a year).

Memorials can be made in remembrance of or in honor of a loved one.

Wedding Banns

August 31, 2019 – St. Cecilia
Elizabeth Gut & Philip Fico

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

Saturday, August 17, 2019

5:00pm Mary De Angeles by Cecilia Myers

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:00am Giuseppe D’Arrigo by Mr. & Mrs.

Francesco D’Arrigo and Family

11:30am Paul & Salvatore Livornese by Gaetana

Livornese

Monday, August 19, 2019

7:45am Michael & Joe Pasquariello by daughter

Ada

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

7:45am Cono Babino by wife Nicolina Babino

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7:45am Elisa & Nicola Menta by Igino &

Giovannia Falce

Friday, August 23, 2019

7:45am Sabato Scotti by Scotti Family

Saturday, August 24, 2019

7:45am Zef & Maria Macaj

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:00am Giuseppi, Ersilia & Famiglia by Mario
Falce

11:30am Chelsea DeCaminada by DeMarino
Family

Kutschmenda Family by Matty

St. Lucy in Thanksgiving by Luis &

Martha de los Rios

Calling All Vendors

Only \$25.00 per table

For questions or to reserve your table at our Flea Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581.

Flea Market will take place on Sunday, October 20th, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm.

(Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish).

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

AUGUST 18, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, August 18, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, August 25, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Con Shanahan, Phil Capano, Jackie Elsasser, Lucy Porcelli, Ana Marie Moreno, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, S.C.J., Jacqueline Meneel, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, James Colasanti, Valarie Bruno

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Joseph Rinaldi, Margaret "Peggy" Mc Guinness, Jovef Janicki, Cono Babino, Charles Altadonna

The Saint Theresa Guild Presents

"European Masquerade"

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

Time: 6:15 pm

Food, Wine, Dessert, Live Entertainment by the Evan Arntzen Trio & Fabulous Prizes!

Where: St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

200 Woodpoint Road

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Tickets are available at the Parish Office, or by calling Marie Perrotto 718-389-1073 or Annette Marino 646-361-8467 – arm718@aol.com.

St. Cecilia's Seniors

Mark This on Your Calendar

St. Cecilia's Seniors will reopen on Thursday, September 5th. We will gather from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. There is an annual registration fee of \$10.00. Bingo will be played and cake and coffee will be served. New members are welcome.

Evening Adoration

Monday—Thursday 9 pm to 10 pm St. Cecilia Chapel. All are Welcome

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, August 18, 2019

9:30am Rosa Fiore by Children

Jo & Ed Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Tom Sabatino

Esther Roldan

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

8:30am Anthony Marino

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:30am Vincent Brogan

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Friday, August 23, 2019

8:30am Mary & Louis Loesel

Saturday, August 24, 2019

8:30am Cletus Nkemka by Angela Federico

Sunday, August 25, 2019

9:30am Barbara Sinkevitch

7:00pm Open Intention

Thank You

We have received the following thank you note from Sister Miriam Daniel Pender, C.S.J.

Dear Father Vassalotti and Parishioners of St. Cecilia's.

I am very grateful to all of you for the Masses, prayers and get well wishes that I received at the time of my surgery. I am sure that your prayers and thoughtfulness helped to make my surgery a success.

God Bless You.

Clothing Donations

Please note that Divine Mercy Parish does not accept any donations of clothing. They are simply too difficult to process. There are organizations prepared to handle such items, for example

St. Mary's Church, 230 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., 11205. Telephone number 718-529-6070.

St. Mary's picks up.

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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

Cell: (929) 371-4355

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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