

A Message from Fr. Tom

This Sunday's readings orient our attention toward two distinct themes: (1) the subject of marriage and divorce; (2) the necessity of a 'child-like' spirit to receive the Kingdom. Perhaps they are not as separate as they first appear. Both persons in the bond of marriage and children are dependent upon others. A good marriage takes constant work—like that of maintaining a garden. The union of a man and a woman coming together is an important image that Jesus uses to represent the Kingdom. He describes himself as the bridegroom—"How can the wedding guests fast when the bridegroom is still with them?" God desires us and wants us to enter into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. We speak of the Covenant that God makes with his people (recall Noah) and the Covenant of marriage. The Catholic Church encourages us to understand marriage as a covenantal bond. It is not a contract. Problems occur, mistakes and sins happen, but the bond should be preserved whenever possible. And this—I believe—is where the exhortation to receive the Kingdom like a child comes into play. Children do not operate on the level of legality. Children—especially small children—experience all of life in a deeply unified way. They see their lives as being connected to the major relationships—mother, father, brother, sister—and the world around them—in a deeply personal way. When one aspect is broken—their whole world seems broken. And so, simplicity of heart, deep personal connection and unity are prevalent in the consciousness of children and also must be at work in adults who seek to participate in and receive the Kingdom that Jesus has come to proclaim. **Fr. Tom**

Notes from the Pastoral Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in SFRB

After the opening prayer, Fr. Tom gave a summary of the many activities and challenges facing us at the present time. We need more people to participate in parish ministries. The transition from three priests to two priests is creating stress on the priests and we must have help. Many hands make for light work. Following are the major topics discussed or presented:

- We introduced our new co-director of Faith Formation, Ms. Melanie Louis. She spoke about the importance of formation being

responsive to what children are learning, seeing, and experiencing. The program will include art activities and social justice incorporated with learning about the saints and sacraments. Melanie is creating a reception parlor at 206 Skillman for families including a lending library of contemporary Catholic literature. She is available to meet with new families;

- Claire Lanyi updated us on her many activities. The Homeschooling program will restart in October and outreach is being done to families in this community and other neighborhoods. The Young adult ministry is continuing with gatherings at the 7pm Sunday Mass and all young adults in the parish are welcome. Claire is also working on social media engagement through the pandemic to continue to reach new parishioners;
- We are grateful to Dina Murray and David Szigeti for their work on technology, maintenance, and volunteering on programs;
- Tickets continue to be sold for the St. Cecilia 150th Anniversary; if you purchase a ticket and are unable to attend due to the pandemic the cost will be refunded to you;
- We will be starting a ministry for seniors by young adults with receptions following the 9am Mass at St. Cecilia and the 12pm Mass at St. Francis. Young adults will welcome and serve seniors in the community. David Szigeti will transition from a part-time position on the maintenance staff to a part-time position where he handles the social gatherings that encourage parish life and inter-personal encounters;
- Council members spoke about the importance of nurturing existing parishioners as well as welcoming new members to the church. Fr. Tom is open to hearing from you about what members of the parish want—reach out to him with any feedback or suggestions.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021 as of September 27, 2021

Goal:	\$40,310.00
Pledged:	\$48,602.00
Received:	\$42,718.00
Pledges:	119

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed!

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (Marcos 10:2-16 - 10:2-12)

Este domingo la liturgia de la Iglesia nos invita a meditar sobre la vida humana en toda su belleza y su magnificencia, especialmente en el sacramento del matrimonio. Esta es una definición que la iglesia da sobre el sacramento del matrimonio. “El origen del matrimonio está fundado en el principio de la humanidad, que surge de nuestra divina creación, naturaleza biológica como hombres y mujeres, y por nuestro profundo deseo de estar dentro de una relación exclusiva con otra persona. La creación relatada en el Libro del Génesis, centrado en la historia de Adán y Eva, ofrece una perspectiva del comienzo del matrimonio, así como de su esencia y características fundamentales. El matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer es un concepto jurídico porque es uno de los pilares de construcción de la civilización y es la vía principal para la formación de nuevos integrantes de la sociedad. El concepto de matrimonio no solo es la base de varias religiones del mundo, sino que es un elemento muy importante de la cristiandad. Por lo tanto, es correcto decir que el matrimonio es una realidad biológica (o natural), social, jurídica y religiosa, todo a la vez”. (Del Libro de Unión Perfecta Viviendo el Sacramento del Matrimonio Page 9)

ST. THERESA GUILD

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 pm in the St. Francis of Paola Auditorium (enter Woodpoint Road). Please bring a “Halloween” raffle gift. Please arrive promptly as doors will be locked once meeting begins. New members are always welcome.

150th Anniversary

Celebration of St. Cecilia's Church

Please mark your calendar Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 1 P.M. we will offer a Solemn Mass marking the 150 years of St. Cecilia's Church.

Reception to follow in the auditorium. \$75.00 per person. For tickets, commemorative journal submissions, and memorabilia display please contact 718-387-0256 or parishoffice@dmbk.org. Or e-mail stceci150th@gmail.com or visit our website at: <https://divinemeracy-brooklyn.org/>

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, October 2, 2021

5:00pm Rose Giusto by Giusto Family

Sunday, October 3, 2021

7:30am Our Lady of Pompeii by Maria Sepe

12 Noon St. Theresa Guild

Nick & Felicia Tulumello 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Monday, October 4, 2021

7:45am Werner Szuppa by Family

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:45am Chrisy - Good Health

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:45am John Farco by niece, Augustina

Thursday, October 7, 2021

7:45am Brina & Giuseppe Ruggiero
by daughter, Rosa

Friday, October 8, 2021

7:45am Thomas Brown Jr.
by Virginia Mannetta

Saturday, October 9, 2021

7:45am Mary Ann Piecora
by Mr. & Mrs. Stallone & Family

5:00pm Salvatore Livornese
by wife, Gaetana Livornese

Sunday, October 10, 2021

7:30am Vincenza Diana by daughter, Silvana
Martocci & Family

12 Noon For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

St. Francis of Paola Church

Memorial Gifts – October 3, 2021

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Joseph Anzalone by Tina Carannante

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Homeschooling This Year?

All are welcome to join our Thursday Co-Op!
Contact our Program Coordinator at 718-387-0256, or divinemeracy-brooklyn.org/homeschool-co-op for more information.

Información/Information

Divine Mercy Parish will offer an Advent Retreat for all parishioners on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9am to 1pm in St. Nicholas Vetro Center in Spanish. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Parish will offer an Advent Retreat for all parishioners on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 1pm to 3pm in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium in English. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Parish will celebrate a special Mass for All Souls on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. This Mass will be celebrated in three languages at St. Francis of Paola Church at 7:00 PM. If you have any relative who has passed into eternal life during the past year, you can call the parish office and leave the name.

We will celebrate the feast of our Lady of Providencia, the patroness of Puerto Ricans, on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the church of St. Nicholas. We will have a Holy Hour to thank God for allowing us to finish the year liturgical.

Padre Pedro está pidiendo colaboración para celebrar el día de nuestra Hispanidad el 24 de Octubre en Nuestra comunidad, Por favor comunicarse con él.

La iglesia de la Divina Misericordia celebrará una misa especial por día de todas las almas el 2 Noviembre 2021. Esta misa se celebrará en la Iglesia de San Francis de Paola a las 7:00 PM. Si tiene un familiar que haya fallecido y quiere que se celebre la misa por él o ella. Por favor llamar a la rectoría y dejar el nombre.

La iglesia de San Nicolás ofrecerá un retiro de adviento para todos los feligreses del 13 de noviembre del 2021 a las 9:00 AM a 1:00 PM. Todos están invitados a participar.

Celebraremos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Providencia, patrona de los puertorriqueños, el 20 de noviembre de 2021, a las 7:00 PM en la iglesia de San Nicolás. Tendremos una hora santa para agradecer a Dios por permitirnos terminar el año litúrgico.

Si alguien de los parroquianos quiere ofrecer una misa o una intención para sus familiares, por favor ir a la Sacristía y comunicarle al Sacristán, que se llama el Señor José Muñoz.

Informamos a la comunidad que los que deseen hacer los sacramentos de iniciación bautismo, comunión y confirmación para adultos en nuestra parroquia las

inscripciones están abiertas, por favor comunicarse con el padre Pedro.

Rosary Society Living Rosary and Novena & Triduum

All are invited to join the St. Cecilia Rosary Society for the Living Rosary and Novena & Triduum.

Living Rosary: 7pm outside of St. Cecilia's Church on all Mondays in October (4, 11, 18 & 25).

Rosary Society Triduum: on October 11, 12 & 13 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) at 7pm in St. Cecilia's Church. Refreshments to follow Triduum on Wednesday, October 13, in St. Cecilia's Auditorium.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary First Friday & First Saturday Friday, Oct. 1st & Saturday, Oct. 2nd

Please mark on your calendar the First Friday and First Saturday Devotions at Divine Mercy Parish.

First Friday is in St. Francis of Paola Church: 6pm Holy Hour and 7pm Mass with reception to follow.

First Saturday is the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Following are the First Saturday requirements:

- Attend Mass on a First Saturday (and for 5 consecutive first Saturdays)
- Go to Confession 7 days prior to or 7 days after a First Saturday
- Pray the Rosary on that First Saturday
- Reflect on this day for 15 minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary

The person who makes this devotion is promised by Mary the mother of Jesus, all the graces necessary for salvation at the moment of our death.

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 4, 2021

St. Francis of Paola Church after the 7:45am Mass

St. Cecilia Chapel after the 8:30am Mass

The Blessing will take place outdoors.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:00pm Mary Nolie by Mr. & Mrs. Baldassarre
& Nicole

Sunday, October 10, 2021

10:30am Open Intention

Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Antonio Cacace, Josephine De Lauro, Mary Ann
Pecora, Pasquale Coraggio, Maria Beatrice

Pray for the Sick:

Natalie Witkowski, Eunice & Rolando Calderon,
Edwin (Eddie) Roldan, Robert Freericks, Felicia
Tulumello, Lucy Canizzaro, Tommy Ozoria, Pauline
Szturma, John Colasanti, Mary Jane Del Vicario, John
Tusa

40 Days For Life
Help Save Lives in Brooklyn
September 22 – October 31, 2021

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our
Community:

Vigil Location: Outside Planned Parenthood at 44
Court Street-downtown Brooklyn Boro Hall

Vigil Hours: 7am to 7pm daily

Local contact: Christian email: crada@diobrook.org

Website: 40daysforlife.com/BrooklynNorth

Join our Parish Youth Group
Starting October 5, 2021

This year we will meet every Tuesday, from 4:00pm –
6:30pm in St. Cecilia's Auditorium.

Come for the Faith, stay for the fun!

Children's Art Workshop
With Teresa Valla

Join Us, Find God in the Garden, Create Art

Will take place on Friday, October 15, 2021

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: 206 Skillman Ave. – The Green Door Gallery

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9:00am Felippa Settepani

Teresa Dunne

Rosary Society

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Jo & Ed Collins

7:00pm Lawrence & Sarah Murray

Monday, October 4, 2021

8:30am Anthony Palumbo by Peter Cangialosi

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

8:30am Marie Caracciolo

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:30am Josephine De Lauro

Thursday, October 7, 2021

8:30am AnneMarie Vricella

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:30am Open Intention

Saturday, October 9, 2021

8:30am Salvatore Livornese

by Angela & Ralph Federico

Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:00am Margie Formato

Rose Del Vicario – Birthday in Heaven

Florence & Richard Delaney

Pauline Szturma

Marie Caracciolo

7:00pm John & Josephine Kirk

Thank You

We wish to thank Justin Fields, the Music Director, for
his 5 years of service in Divine Mercy Parish.

Justin has moved on to St. Patrick's Church in Bay
Ridge. Good Luck and God Bless!

Generations of Faith
as of September 21, 2021

Goal: \$375,000.00

Pledged: \$443,295.04

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Pledges: 190

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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.

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.

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.

How to Report Online **Sexual Exploitation of Children**

To report suspected online sexual exploitation of children—contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1 800 843-5678 or to make a report online go to: www.cybertipline.org

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