

## 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to me? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are loved beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul-and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."

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### Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for June 17/18/2017 was \$3,049.00.

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### Goodbye and Blessings to Lauren Lazzari

With sadness we announce the departure of Lauren our Family Life and Youth Minister who will be leaving Divine Mercy Parish at the end of this month. We thank her for her service and wish her God's Blessings

## 12° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estamos viviendo tiempos de mucho miedo. Los medios de comunicación nos abruman con tanta mala noticia. Hasta han hecho programas especiales para orientar a las personas afectadas de lo que se puede hacer y de lo que no se debe hacer. Sobre todo los inmigrantes han sufrido momentos aterradores de separación de familias. Los niños y los jóvenes viven también sus tensiones en la escuela, la universidad y en el trabajo. ¿Qué hacer ante esta ola de rechazo e incertidumbre? ¿Cómo acompañar y guiar a las personas para que el sufrimiento sea más llevadero?

Las lecturas de hoy caen como anillo al dedo y nos enfocan en la historia de todos los tiempos, haciéndonos ver que en la vida del ser humano siempre ha existido la lucha del fuerte contra el débil. El Profeta Jeremías habla de adversarios y de cómo estos buscaban que tropezara para que sucumbiera. Pero él tiene confianza firme en Dios como su poderoso defensor (Jr 20, 10-11). En el Evangelio, Jesús es más claro y contundente al hablar de los que nos ponen trampas, ya sea en la política, religión o en nuestra vida de familia. "No teman a los hombres. No hay nada oculto que no llegue a descubrirse; no hay nada secreto que no llegue a saberse" (Mt 10, 26). Y nos anima a decir todo lo que nos lleve a ser justos y sembradores de esperanza. Ser luz, proclamar su amor y su justicia debe ser siempre la prioridad de toda persona. Porque recordemos que hasta los cabellos de nuestra cabeza están contados. Por lo tanto el miedo y la desesperanza no deben ser parte de nuestro diario vivir.

### Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-9/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

## A Message from Fr. Tom

You will find in your bulletin this weekend a letter from Bishop DiMarzio concerning Mass schedules. This letter was sent to all diocesan parishes. This is a topic of serious concern to me as your pastor. I urge you to save this letter and reflect upon it. As you may know, before the merger there were not less than five priests and two deacons serving the three churches which today comprise Divine Mercy Parish. Today, we have two priests and one deacon. At present we have three Masses 8am (St. Francis) 12:45pm (St. Nicholas) 7pm (St. Cecilia) which have had consistently low attendance (20 to 40 parishioners). We must seriously look at our Mass schedule in the light of the scarcity of priests and low Mass attendance. As you can see, I have been asked to submit any proposed changes to the diocese in the near future. I have consulted with the Pastoral Council on this topic and will discuss this matter with our Trustees and Finance Council soon. Please keep our parish in your prayers and let me know your thoughts on this matter.

## Consecration of Divine Mercy Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This past Friday and Saturday, we celebrated the Feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As you know, this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. The consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary plays a significant role in this Marian devotion. After praying over this matter for some time, I would like to undertake the consecration of Divine Mercy Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at some point in the near future. I will endeavor to distribute more information about this devotion and have the parish participate in this consecration.

As previously announced, I also invite you to join us on the First Saturday Devotion of each month after the morning Mass. We will encourage the faithful participate in the fulfillment of the obligation to this devotion which are in reparation for our sins and those of the world. Those obligations in brief are: (1) to pray the rosary on 5 consecutive first Saturdays; (2) attend Mass; (3) attend confession within a timely period (8 days); (4) to spend 15 minutes reflecting upon the mysteries of the rosary.

Fr. Tom

## Legion of Mary/Norma Espinosa

### Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am (St. Cecilia) and 10:30am (St. Nicholas) Masses, Norma Espinosa will propose the founding of a Legion of Mary Group for our Spanish speaking parishioners. I strongly encourage this initiative. Like the Arise/Levántate Programs—the Legion is home based. It is my hope that this program will take root in our parish—especially for those who live in the Cooper Houses. Please respond to Norma's appeal. She is prepared to train leaders.

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## Generations of Faith & Annual Catholic Appeal/2017

As you know, we have two major appeals going on at the same time. The last few months I have let you know the differences in these two appeals and hopefully you attended one of the Masses where we presented the ACA for 2017. I thank you for your generosity and participation. I want to update you on the progress of these campaigns at the present time (05/25/17):

### Generations of Faith

Parish Goal	\$375,000.00
Pledged to Date:	\$398,971.00
Pledges Received:	\$187,597.48

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal for 2017	\$37,500.00
Pledges Received	\$20,865.00

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## Change of Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closing at 4pm starting Monday July 3, 2017 until Tuesday, September 5, 2017, Monday to Friday. The Parish Office will be open on Saturday's during this time from 9am to 4pm.

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## Wednesday Prayer Groups

The Wednesday Prayer Group that meets in the St. Cecilia's Chapel on Herbert St. will not meet for the months of July and August. They will return in September.

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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY  
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
ALL ARE WELCOME

*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)

Summer is a time for relaxation and renewal, and we take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a very pleasant interlude.

Lord God, guide our hearts and choices as we enter this summer season. Help us to use your gifts of time and leisure well and keep us safe and healthy. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Specific items needed this week: **Canned meats**  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**  
**Memorial Gifts – June 25, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Erminio Fiore by Children

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

Felice Baglivo by daughter Carol

Lorraine Hanson by Jeanne Naccari

**TABERNACLE CANDLES**

Laurie Ann Puccio by Teresa Puccio & Family

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**Registration**

**for Camp Veritas**

Camp Veritas Mount Saint Mary's College / Newburg,  
New York, July 16 – 22, 2017

Camp Veritas Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, New York  
August 13 – 19, 2017

Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The schedule is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Come get to know other kids your age and experience a week of sports, activities, prayer, and fun! This week of faith and fun is probably the most beneficial gift you could give your teen. Register at [CampVeritas.com](http://CampVeritas.com) via the "Camp-in-touch" portal. Any question contact the Rectory at 718-387-0256.

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

**Saturday, June 24, 2017**

5:00pm Sarah Porcelli  
by Mary Joe, Rob Stallone & Family

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

8:00am Andy Gonzalez  
by Nancy, Vinny & Anthony

11:30am Erminio Fiore by Children

**Monday, June 26, 2017**

7:45am Raul Carreiras  
by Josephine & Enzo Denaroso

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

7:45am Shirley & Andrew Garbarini  
by Jeanne Naccari

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

7:45am Annette Antonello by Family

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

7:45am Joseph (Buddy) Altadonna  
by cousin Carmelo & Diana

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

7:45am Saverio DeStefano by Wife & Children

5:00pm Clement Costance by Medici Family

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

8:00am Alfonso Maria Maddaloni  
by Daughter and Family

11:30am Erminio & Rosa Fiore by Children

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**Mexico**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**December 9-14, 2017**

Please join "M and M Travel" and Fr. Rafael on a pilgrimage to Mexico City, Mexico to celebrate the feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 9-14, 2017.

The pilgrimage includes excursions to Tiaxcala & Puebla & the celebration of the Mass of Roses at the shrine on Our Lady's feast day.

Total cost is \$2,049. To book and for more details, contact Mike Milano: 1-800-773-2660 or visit [www.pilgrimages.com/mandmtravel](http://www.pilgrimages.com/mandmtravel).

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## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, June 25, 2017

10:30am Pablo Sanchez by Margarita Quinones  
Maria Perez  
12:45pm Sr. Rose Winifred O'Neill, O.P.  
by Janet Cadogen

### Sunday, July 2, 2017

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
12:45pm Sr. Philip Sabella, O.P.  
by Janet P. Cadogan

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### **Pray For the Sick**

*Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:*

Dora Logosso, John Purcelli, Nancy Gonzales, Vincent Gonzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza, Frank Cremato, John Pelletier, Mary Walsh, Regina Monka, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmela Caiafa, Al Campisi, Manuel DeJesus Valenzuela, June Sannasardo, Steven Witknowski, Maddox Moises, Rodolfo Bienvedno Pichardo, Luberky Novas, Manuel De Jesus Valenzeula, Patrick Del Vicario. Ralph Varano, Peter SanPaola, Joseph Mauceri

### **Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Florence Molinaro, Ann Williams Rose Orlando, Anthony La Rocca, Christina R. Curcio, Vincenzo Pecoraro, Frank J. Hartmann, Esperanza Vasques

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### **Peter's Pence Collection**

Our second collection today (June 25, 2017) is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/petes-pence](http://www.usccb.org/petes-pence).

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### **Praying the Rosary**

On July 2, 2017 the first Sunday of the month, the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before the 9:30 a.m. Mass at our parish church of St. Cecilia.  
Plan on joining us.

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, June 25, 2017

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
7:00pm Open Intention

### Monday, June 26, 2017

8:30am Angela Battista

### Tuesday, June 27, 2017

8:30am Antonina Pagano

### Wednesday, June 28, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

### Thursday, June 29, 2017

8:30am Anna Catalano

### Friday, June 30, 2017

8:30am In Thanksgiving

### Saturday, July 1, 2017

8:30am Tommaso Bondi

### Sunday, July 2, 2017

9:30am Dan and Marion Fabbrocino  
Rosary Society  
Norah McCormick  
Ed Hawkins  
7:00pm Open Intention

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### **Banns of Marriage**

St. Cecilia's Church – July 27, 2017  
Monica Salazar & Joel Rosado

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### **Life Line Screening Community Health Care**

Will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium  
200 Woodpoint Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211  
Monday July 24, 2017

5 Important Screenings

Carotid Artery (Plaque), Heart Rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.  
Please call 1-888-653-6450 to register for your screening.

(Please have your Medicare card ready when you call.)  
See flyer located on the table in the back of the Churches for more information and cost.

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### **Memorial Gifts At Divine Mercy Parish**

Bread & Wine      Sanctuary Lamp      Tabernacle Candles      Altar Candles      Blessed Mother Candles      St. Joseph Candles      Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information on available dates.      Also available are Tree of Life Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year). All memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.

### **. XXVI Kujenga Leadership Conference**

July 28-30 2017 (Fri. Sat. Sun.)

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

The Kujenga weekend is designed as an intensive experience of leadership training with a focus on evangelizing peers. Ages 14-18 years. Fee: \$185.00 by June 30<sup>th</sup> and after this date cost is \$225.00. Deadline for full payment: Friday July 10, 2017. More information call 718-774-3806

### **Parish Polo Shirts**

Divine Mercy Parish Polo Shirts are available for purchase by stopping by the Parish Office, at a cost of \$20.00.