

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. "White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for June 24/25, 2017 was \$3,369.00.

Thank You

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the parish barbecue possible, especially members of the Pastoral Council—**Fr. Tom.**

Pray for Vocations

13er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El 19 de junio de 2016, antes del rezo del Ángelus el Papa Francisco invitó a sus oyentes a reflexionar en la siguiente pregunta, "¿Quién es Jesús para cada uno de nosotros?" Refiriéndose a la oportunidad de reflexionar en el cómo cargamos la cruz de cada día en nuestra vida dijo: "Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, que niéguese a sí mismo, tome su cruz cada día y sígame". No se trata de una cruz ornamental, o de una cruz ideológica, sino que es la cruz del propio deber, la cruz del sacrificarse por los demás con amor -por los padres, los hijos, la familia, los amigos, también por los enemigos-, la cruz de la disponibilidad para ser solidarios con los pobres, para comprometerse por la justicia y la paz".

Además, agregó el papa, "Asumiendo esta actitud, estas cruces, siempre se pierde algo. No debemos olvidar jamás que 'quien perderá la propia vida [por Cristo], la salvará'. Es un perder para ganar. Y recordamos a todos nuestros hermanos que aún hoy ponen en práctica estas palabras de Jesús, ofreciendo su tiempo, su trabajo, su propia fatiga y hasta su vida para no renegar de su fe en Cristo". La reflexión del Papa Francisco está basada en el Evangelio de este domingo (Mt 10, 37-42). ¿Qué pensamos sobre estas palabras del papa? ¿Cómo las podemos aplicar a nuestra vida? ¿Cuáles son las cruces de este 2017? San Pablo también lo explica así: "Si hemos muerto con Cristo, estamos seguros de que también viviremos con él" (Rom 6, 8). Mensaje: ¡La cruz es vida! ¿Lo crees así?

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.

A Message from Fr. Tom

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Fr. Tom.

AID TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Last week's Gospel message spoke about those persecuted in Jesus' name. Following is the information on how you may help to support persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Msgr. John E. Kozar CNEWA

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195

1-800-442-6392

Aid to the Church in Need, P.O. Box 220384

725 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222

1-800-628-6333

Consecration of Divine Mercy Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On June 23rd and 24th, we celebrated the Feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As you know, this year marks the 100th 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 participation in the fulfillment of the obligation to this devotion which is 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.

An Important Message Concerning Generations of Faith Campaign from Bishop DiMarzio

As you know, the “Tablet” last week featured a front-page article concerning the Diocese of Brooklyn extending financial aid to anyone who was abused by the Catholic Priest in this diocese. Bishop DiMarzio released a statement that I wanted to share with you concerning the funding for this outreach:

“I wish to assure every parishioner and every donor to our diocese in Brooklyn and Queens that not a penny of their contributions or bequests will go toward compensating victims of abuse. The Diocese will take out a loan to cover for the cost, and pay it back with rental income. The Diocese will **NOT** use money given by the faithful to support parishes, schools, charitable works, ministries, apostolates, or the Generations of Faith fundraising campaign. The financial burden will rightly be felt by the central diocesan administration.” **Fr. Tom.**

The 2017 OLMC Feast 275 North 8th Street, Williamsburg Brooklyn July 5th to July 16th

Highlights

Wednesday, July 5 (Opening Night)

7pm Coronation Mass

Thursday, July 6

6pm Dancing Children Giglio 1

Saturday, July 8

11am Questua (distribution of Blessed Bread throughout the parish neighborhood)

Sunday, July 9

9am Capo Parade

12:00pm Mass in Honor of St. Paulinus

2:00pm Dancing of the Giglio & Boat

Wednesday, July 12

6pm Dancing of the Children Giglio 2

7:30pm Turk Night Dancing of the Boat

13TH 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)

As Catholics, our faith challenges us to alleviate poverty. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren..." (No. 1397). Cardinal Timothy Dolan has commented that "we don't serve people because they're Catholic, we serve them because we are, and it's a moral imperative for us to do so".

As humble followers of Jesus Christ we open our pantry doors to all who seek sustenance. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Specific items this week: **Condiments**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – July 2, 2017**

BREAD & WINE

Erminio & Rose Fiore by Children

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Rosa and Cono Vertuccio by Maria Cimino

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 7th grade through 12th 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 via the "Camp-in-touch" portal. Any question contact the Rectory at 718-387-0256.

Chance to Purchase a House

Newly married couples of St. Francis of Paola seeking a chance to purchase a house, hopefully below the average market price, who are looking to set roots in the parish, please contact Leo and Queenie Marie Fiorica at 917-676-7461 or email LFiorica@hotmail.com.

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

Saturday, July 1, 2017

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

Monday, July 3, 2017

7:45am In Honor of St. Joseph by Anna Kampil

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

7:45am Jeanette Weber by Jeanne Naccari

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

7:45am Anastasio Vavladelis
by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Thursday, July 6, 2017

7:45am Bernard Wisniewski
by Janine & Robert Colon & Family

Friday, July 7, 2017

7:45am Raul Carreiras by Helen De Santo

Saturday, July 8, 2017

7:45am Ralph Panarese
by Cono / Thomas Trubiano

5:00pm Mary & Rocco Giudice
by Barbara Giudice

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:00am Carmine & Maria Petillo
by daughter Vincenza

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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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Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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

Sunday, July 9, 2017

10:30am Kevin Rodriguez
12:45pm Mary & Rocco Giudice
by Barbara Giudice

Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Nancy Gonzales, Vincent Gonzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza, Frank Cremato, John Pelletier, Mary Walsh, Regina Monka, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadworny, 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

Christina R. Curcio, Vincenzo Pecoraro, Frank J. Hartmann, Esperanza Vasques, Jean Marchione, Dominick Diglio, Angelina Villano

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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

Monday, July 3, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

8:30am Clara Pabon In Thanksgiving for
Another Year: Living Intention

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

8:30am Maureen Pastina

Thursday, July 6, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Friday, July 7, 2017- First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, July 8, 2017

8:30am Joseph & Concetta Fava

Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:30am Loretta Marano
Joseph De Luca
7:00pm Open Intention

Generations of Faith & Annual Catholic Appeal/2017

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

7:00 P.M. Mass at St. Cecilia

This Mass on Sunday's in St. Cecilia's will be celebrated for the summer months in the Chapel of St. Cecilia, enter on Herbert Street.

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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 30th 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.

Wednesday, July 12

6pm Dancing of the Children Giglio 2

7:30pm Turk Night Dancing of the Boat

Saturday, July 15

1:00pm Capo Parade

4:00pm Dancing of the Giglio

11pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Followed by: Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and The Reflection of the Rosary

Sunday, July 16

1:30pm Procession of the Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel throughout the parish neighborhood

10:00pm Closing ceremonies & drawing of Raffle

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