

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for July 1 & 2, 2017 was \$3,344.00.

Divine Mercy Parish

Polo Shirts \$20.00

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X Large and XX Large

Baseball Cap \$10.00

One Size fits all

Come to the parish office Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm if interested.

14º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Como lo vemos cada domingo del tiempo ordinario las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento iluminan el Evangelio. Las de hoy nos muestran como el Mesías es manso y humilde de corazón. "Alégrate sobremanera, hija de Sión; da gritos de júbilo, hija de Jerusalén; mira a tu rey que viene a ti, justo y victorioso, humilde y montado en un burrito" (Zac 9, 9). ¿Por qué esta lectura nos invita a estar alegres? ¿Qué relación tiene esta lectura con la del Domingo de Ramos? Ciertamente, el resultado de la acción de este rey no es nada parecido a lo que vivimos actualmente con los líderes que nos gobiernan. La paz en lugar de la guerra, el amor en lugar del odio.

También, el texto del Evangelio nos muestra la acción de gracias que Jesús hace a su Padre porque ha revelado los misterios del Reino a los sencillos de corazón, motivando a sus oyentes de entonces, y a nosotros ahora, a practicar la mansedumbre y a ser humildes de corazón. En tiempos de Jesús la gente tenía poca fe. Para los ricos él era demasiado pobre, para los sabios, muy sencillo y para los piadosos demasiado libre. Sus acciones no eran bien vistas por ellos. Sin embargo, para los pobres, los sencillos, los de corazón abierto hacia las cosas de Dios él era su todo. Por esa razón Jesús exclama con alegría, "¡Te doy gracias, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has escondido estas cosas a los sabios y entendidos, y las has revelado a la gente sencilla! Gracias, Padre, porque así te ha parecido bien" (Mt 11, 25).

Mammograph Mobile Van

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Girl Scout Troop 2-996 is hosting a no-cost Mammography Mobile Van, sponsored by the American Italian Cancer Foundation. On Wed. July 19, 2017 from 9am to 5pm, in front of the parking lot at 413 Humboldt St.

Eligibility: any woman over the age of 40 who has not had a screening within 12 months. Open to all women who do not have insurance or have insurance (please bring your insurance card.) Do not wear deodorant that day.

Any further information or to make an appointment, please call Maria at 917-446-5969.

A Message from Fr. Tom

A few years ago, I was an English language guide on the staff at the Marian Shrine of Lourdes in France. An important part of my responsibilities was to give tours to pilgrims. One of the most powerful places to visit on the tour of the city was the old jail or “cachot” in French. This is the place where Saint Bernadette lived during the time of the events of 1858. These events changed her life and made Lourdes a place of extraordinary healing for the sick and the downtrodden. Each time I visited the “cachot”, I would read today’s Gospel—“Yes Father, such has been your gracious will—for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned you have revealed them to the little ones.”

God reverses the normal order of things. Insiders—the wise, the learned—become outsiders. And those who are of considered of least importance—THEY are the ones to whom God’s message becomes more easily accessible. Jesus in our Gospel gives us God’s method. The key to this method is that we have to change the ways we evaluate things. Understanding the Gospel does not come through knowledge of facts or by our technical proficiency. God doesn’t work like that. Like the old adage, “It’s not what you know, *but* who you know.” It not so much what we know—factually—but how we receive what is being offered to us. The key is relationships. “Just as no one knows the Son except the Father, no one knows the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

Fr. Tom

Aid to Persecuted Christians

Last week’s Gospel message spoke about giving a cup of water to the little ones who belong to Jesus. Certainly those persecuted in Jesus’ name fit that description. Here is how we may help 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, NY 11222
1 800 628-6333

Consecration of Divine Mercy Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Recently 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. Fr. Tom

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

Highlights

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

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 Recitation 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

14TH 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)*

Reflection:

“Our works of charity are nothing but the overflow of our love for God. Therefore, the one who is most united to God loves others the most. To understand and practice this, we need to pray, for prayer unites us with God and overflows upon others.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Specific items needed this week: **Coffee/Tea**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – July 9, 2017**

BREAD & WINE

Arnulfo Santamaria by Annette Marino

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy

Second Annual Benefit Dinner

Honoring Deacon Philip A. Franco, PhD.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6-10pm

Giando on the Water

400 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$125.00 per Person

For Tickets, Commemorative Journal Submissions &
Further Information:

QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email

718-388-7992 - phone

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: \$ \$225.00. Deadline for full payment: Friday July 10, 2017.

For more information call 718-774-3806.

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

Saturday, July 8, 2017

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

Monday, July 10, 2017

7:45am Ralph Panarese
by D'Auria & Lyman Family

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

7:45am Annibale & Mariuccia Falce
by Iginio & Giovanna Falce

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

7:45am Vincenzo & Lorenza Tagliaferro
by Grandchildren

Thursday, July 13, 2017

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

Friday, July 14, 2017

7:45am Carmela DeLuca by Daughter-In-Law

Saturday, July 15, 2017

7:45am Martino DeStefano by Daughter-In-Law

5:00pm Peter Ferrante by Wife & Children

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:00am Sara Porcelli
by Anthony Porcelli & Family

11:30am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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 9, 2017

10:30am Kevin Rodriguez
Nancy & Patriero Quizhpe
by Quizhpe Family
12:45pm Mary & Rocco Giudice
by Barbara Giudice

Sunday, July 16, 2017

10:30am Octavio Carrillo
En Agradecimiento a la Virgen
Milagrosa por Salud by Iris Batista
12:45pm For the People of Divine Mercy

Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

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, Rae Pacifico, Frank Cremato, Dora LoGrosso, John Porcelli

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Jean Marchione, Dominick Diglio, Angelina Villano,

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.

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. Cecilia Church

Sunday, July 9, 2017

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

Monday, July 10, 2017

8:30am Maria Caponigro by Anthony Caponigro

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

8:30am Fevola

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

8:30am Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole

Thursday, July 13, 2017

8:30am Maria Caponigro

Friday, July 14, 2017

8:30am Ed Hawkins – Get Well

Saturday, July 15, 2017

8:30am Maria Caponigro

Sunday, July 16, 2017

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Joseph Kluisca
7:00pm Michelina Ronzo by Loretta Pizza

Saint Ann

Just inside the main entrance of St. Cecilia's Church is a statue of St. Ann and Mary. St. Ann is the Patroness of the unborn and represents a Pro-Life statement against abortion. Her feast day is July 26.

From now through Sunday, July 25, the Rosary Society will be collecting new items for pro-life mothers, such as Pampers, clothing, strollers, etc.

Please leave your item at the foot of St. Ann in St. Cecilia and at St. Francis and St. Nicholas leave your donation in the back of Church, or bring it to our parish office.

All Items collected will be given to Hour Children an organization that assists pro-life mothers.

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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