

## 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

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### Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for July 15 & 16, 2017 was \$3,316.00.

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### The Bulletin

The representative from Liturgical Publications, the bulletin company, Mr. Paul Kerwick, will be here taking ads for the bulletin the week of August 14, 2017. You may call him at 718-387-0256 or visit him in the parish office at 219 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

## 16° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Seguimos en el Evangelio la secuencia iniciada el domingo pasado con la parábola del sembrador. Hoy, se nos narran tres parábolas. La buena semilla y la cizaña, el grano de mostaza, y la levadura. La primera lectura destaca la paciencia y el amor de Dios hacia su pueblo. En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús, excelente narrador, inicia su predicación con tres comparaciones del Reino de Dios. Sus palabras muestran la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. La primera parábola habla sobre el discernimiento, se ve en el diálogo sostenido entre el dueño del campo y sus servidores, "¿Quieres que vayamos a arrancarla?" Respondió el patrón, "No. No sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo". La segunda parábola habla sobre crecimiento, y Jesús narra de la siguiente manera: "Es la más pequeña de todas las semillas, pero cuando crece, llega a ser más grande que las hortalizas". La tercera parábola habla sobre la transformación, y dice así: "Un poco de levadura que tomó una mujer y la mezcló con tres medidas de harina, y toda la masa acabó por fermentar" (Mt 13, 24-33).

Discernir, crecer y transformar, son palabras claves para el crecimiento en la vida de fe. Sin olvidar que el trigo esta revuelto con la cizaña y que nuestro enfoque siempre debe ser el trabajar por un Reino que luche siempre promoviendo la paz y la concordia entre los pueblos. Muchas veces la separación entre los buenos y los malos está más allá de nuestro esfuerzo. Eso, solo le toca a Dios. "Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol en el Reino de su Padre. El que tenga oídos, que oiga" (Mt 13, 43).

### Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15 16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19- 27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127- 130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Over the last few weeks, I have written to you about my intention to consecrate Divine Mercy Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Personally, I believe that this is something that would be good for our community and pleasing to God. As I like to say, the Divine Mercy devotion is optional, but recognizing our God as a merciful God is not optional—it is part of our faith. Having a personal devotion to Mary is optional, but recognizing the vital role Mary plays in salvation history and why Catholics are right to venerate her is not optional—it is part of our faith. In any case, this is a step I hope we can make together with full and conscious participation. It is not my intention to impose a specific devotion on our community. And so in the coming weeks, I will address some questions you might ask as to why this action is a worthy undertaking.

First, the consecration of Mary is connected to what took place in Portugal in the town of Fatima 100 years ago this year. Six times from May 13<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup> in the year 1917 the Mother of Jesus appeared to three shepherd children. The Catholic Church affirms this Marian apparition as worthy of belief. Indeed, on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1982 Pope Saint John Paul II made a special pilgrimage to Fatima to thank the Blessed Mother for saving his life in a failed assassination attempt that was made one year earlier on that same date.

A significant part of the Fatima message is that for world peace to occur, Russia must be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is truly a prophetic message, as the Russian Revolution was still unfolding at that time. No one could have known at that point the magnitude of the “errors of Russia” or how profoundly a godless, atheistic regime would take hold on that unfortunate country and aggressively spread its errors throughout the world. Also foreseen were the greater misfortunes that would be visited upon humanity and the church if the many offenses against God and blasphemies against the Mother of God did not cease (Fatima warned of the Second World War). The authenticity of this prophetic voice and the many ways in which the dire warnings of Fatima have come to pass are—to my reading of history and our current predicament—beyond question. God is speaking to us here and is asking us to take seriously the perils of our time—and yes even the corruption and apostasy within the church herself. Mary asks us to reform our ways and to make reparation.

As I said, the substance and worthiness of the message in my view is beyond doubt. Please pray about this

step and please feel free to call the office and arrange a time to speak to me either by phone or in person about this consecration of our parish.

**Fr. Tom**

## Parish Trip to Brooklyn Cyclones Game

Divine Mercy Parish is participating in the special night the Diocese of Brooklyn is planning on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for a night out at the ball field to watch the Brooklyn Cyclones play. Please call the rectory to reserve your seats and a seat on our bus. Tickets \$10.

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## 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](mailto:QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website)

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email)

718-388-7992 - phone

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## Join the Knights of Columbus For Solidarity & Witness

Wednesday July 26, at 12 Noon

On the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall

It will be a peaceful stand to show our solidarity and concern to all being persecuted and killed in the mid-East & Africa.

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## 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.

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## Can You Help

Looking for an apartment so they can remain members of our community are Sister Paul Marie Filippelli and Sister Rose Miriam Pelletier both are Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Paul & Sister Rose taught at St. Cecilia's School for a number of years and are active in the community. Please call 718-387-0256 if you can help.

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

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

Friends, let us pray: Heavenly Father, teach us to be truly ourselves. Help us to cherish the true selves of others and to treat them always with respect. Forgive us for our neglect for one another. Pardon us for the times we have turned away from someone's need or blocked our ears to a call for help. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – July 23, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Guisseppina Arlistico by Family

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Marie Daniele by Family

Marie Daniele by Family

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Nunziata and Guiseppe Cimino

by daughter in law Maria & Family

Marie Daniele by Family

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**Universal Pre-K for Our Children**

The program is for any NYC resident children who turn four years old at any time during 2017.

It is a five day a week, full school day program, hosted at Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy, located at 11 Catherine Street. The school can now accept registrations directly, and the office is open during the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 1PM but can make other arrangements if those times do not work for parents.

In order to register, parents must bring the child, the child's birth certificate, two proofs of residence (lease, Con Ed bill, driver's license, etc.) and proofs of the child's immunizations. As long as there are seats available (and, there are today), we can instantly register your child. Call 718-388-7992.

Queen of the Rosary, Williamsburg's Hidden Gem, hosts the neighborhood's best Pre-K program for all.

Register today before the seats are all gone!!

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

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

5:00pm Joseph Di Giovanna by Daughter

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

8:00am Guisseppina Arlistico by Arlistico Family

11:30am Marie Daniele by Family

**Monday, July 24, 2017**

7:45am Kevin Scollard by Fr. Tom

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

7:45am Vincent & Mary Loquercio

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

7:45am Ann Turigiano

by Margaret & Felicia Pizzulli

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

7:45am Gianpiero Bartollotta Anniversary in

Heaven love Mommy & Family

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

7:45am Anna Corbisiero by Sister

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

7:45am Ralph Panarese

by John Passaro & Family

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

8:00am Our Lady of the Snow

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio

by daughter Carlotta

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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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## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:30am Juan Ramos  
12:45pm Paul & Mary Giudice  
by Barbara Giudice

### Sunday, July 30, 2017

10:30am Birthday Mia Y. Rojas  
12:45pm Michelina Napolitano  
by Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Sciangula

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### Pray For the Sick

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

Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmela Caiafa, Al Campisi, Manuel DeJesus Valenzuela, June Sannasardo, Steven Witknowski, Maddox Moises, Rodolfo Bienvedno Pichardo, Luberky Novas, Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano, Peter SanPaola, Joseph Mauceri, Rae Pacifico, Frank Cremato, Dora LoGrosso, John Porcelli, Jeanette Pellet, Vinny and Nancy Gonzales

### Pray for the Recently Deceased

Angelina Villano, Frank Fiorentino, Manny Franquinha Judith Dohrman, Michael De Gruccio, Theresa Imperato

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### Bring Back a Bulletin

Other Churches have some very good ideas, activities or information in their weekly bulletin which could be incorporated here at Divine Mercy.

So when you are away and visit another Church for Mass please consider picking up an extra bulletin and drop it off at the parish office or in our Sunday collection basket.

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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).

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, July 23, 2017

9:30am Raffloer Family  
Sarubbi Family  
Thomas Petrowski  
Francisco Enrique  
Danny Curtin  
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

### Monday, July 24, 2017

8:30am Kevin Scollard

### Tuesday, July 25, 2017

8:30am Vincent & Mary Loquercio

### Wednesday, July 26, 2017

8:30am Joseph & Sophie Gelski

### Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:30am Frank Chesnicka

### Friday, July 28, 2017

8:30am Joseph Klujnsza

### Saturday, July 29, 2017

8:30am Gelski Family

### Sunday, July 30, 2017

9:30am Stanley Koronec  
Florence Conley  
Frances Brancato 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
7:00pm Open Intention

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### 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 Tuesday, July 25, the Rosary Society will be collecting new clothing, diapers etc. for 3 months up to toddler.

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

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### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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