

## 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell everything else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is finite: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is infinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

### Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for July 22 & 23, 2017 was \$3,558.00.

### 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.

## 17° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy con las tres últimas parábolas se termina el capítulo 13 de Mateo. Juan Bautista y Jesús comienzan su predicación con un espíritu lleno de gozo anunciando que "el Reino de Dios está cerca". Si en realidad hemos escuchado con atención, nos daremos cuenta de que los últimos dos domingos Jesús nos ha anunciado este Reino utilizando diferentes ejemplos en sus distintas parábolas. Ahora, en este tiempo, ¿qué nos quiere decir Jesús con eso? ¿Cómo aplicar el tesoro de esas enseñanzas en nuestra vida?

También, si escuchamos atentos, veremos que existe una conexión muy estrecha entre la primera lectura y el Evangelio. Salomón pide un corazón sabio para gobernar a su pueblo y distinguir entre el bien y el mal. Es decir, saber discernir y actuar por el bien común utilizando la justicia y la sinceridad respondiendo al Señor con fidelidad. El Reino de Dios y la Iglesia que somos todos los bautizados están estrechamente ligados, no se puede separar el uno del otro. Las enseñanzas de hoy, por ejemplo, son de gran valor para el crecimiento espiritual. El tesoro escondido, la perla preciosa y la red son instrumentos para negociar, comerciar y recoger. Son herramientas de trabajo que ayudan a revisar la vida y alcanzar el arrepentimiento y la conversión personal y comunitaria. La tarea es construir el Reino respondiendo a la pregunta de Jesús que sigue en pie en la actualidad, "¿Han entendido todo esto?" (Mt 13, 51). Pidamos a Dios Padre en esta Eucaristía que nos revele a Cristo -tesoro escondido- entre nosotros.

### Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

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
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 3:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

## A Message from Fr. Tom

### Why Consecrate a Parish to The Immaculate Heart of Mary?

Often when we think of a heart we may naturally think of the romantic love between a man and a woman and of many images we naturally associate with St. Valentine's Day and romantic or physical love between two persons. However, when one speaks of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or the Immaculate Heart of Mary one is using theological images. In Biblical terms, the word heart refers to the total person and the consciousness out of which their freedom operates. Obviously for Jesus and Mary they are both operating from a consciousness united with the Divine Will of God the Father. Nevertheless, as we are made in the image and likeness of God, this means that to understand the human heart, we look to the heart of Jesus and Mary. When we speak of Jesus and Mary under the aspect of their inner lives—they supremely loved the Father's will and all people. Mankind in these troubled times needs God's love and mercy now more than ever. The love of Jesus and Mary can lead us to the selfless love of God and neighbor which is the summary of the Law. The message of Fatima speaks about this and how it is necessary for us to love and trust God totally.

### A Few Words about Decorum during Mass in Church

I have been noticing a few things which I must call to your attention about decorum—behavior in Mass:

- Please be sure to fast one hour before any Mass you attend. I notice many people bring coffee cups into church and leave them in the pews. One may consume only water or necessary medication one hour before the start of Mass.
- Please maintain a proper attitude of silence while in church. I am glad that people are coming together and seeing old friends. But, personal conversations are best left for a time and a place outside of church. Remember, you are in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle once you enter into any of our churches or chapels. Please behave accordingly.
- Please remain in church until the final blessing and closing hymn is sung. Many people are cutting out of Mass immediately after they receive the Eucharist. It is proper not only to stay to the end of Mass, but worthy to linger a few minutes and make a recollection or thanksgiving for the grace of the Eucharist that has been offered to us.

- Please wear proper attire to Mass during the summer months. No shorts above the knee and no flip flops.

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### 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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### 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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### 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!!

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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.

17<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)*

Today we pray that we will be as generous as Jesus in our care and concern for one another: Lord, you chose to identify yourself with the poor and lonely. Let us stand with them. Help us to see the world from their point of view so that we may see it from yours. Amen.

Please note that during the first 6 months of 2017 our parish pantry served 660 individual clients who represented 4,098 family members. Thank you for standing with them!

Specific items needed this week: **canned meat/fish**  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**  
**Memorial Gifts – July 30, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Anastasio Vavladelis by Annette Marino

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Angelina Villano by Sabino & Maria D'Onza

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**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Deceased Members of the Falabella Family

by Jean Falabella

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**128<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Rocco**

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Most Precious Blood Church

113 Baxter St., N.Y. 10013

*St. Rocco, helper of the sick and Saint of miracles.*

12:00pm High Mass in Honor of St. Rocco

1:30pm Procession of St. Rocco through the streets of  
Little Italy

5:00pm DJ, Refreshments and Raffle Drawing

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**San Donato**

Come celebrate the feast of San Donato

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm

158 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn NY

All are welcome

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

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

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

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

7:45am Michael Favuzza by Family

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

7:45am Saverio DeStefano by Wife & Children

**Thursday, August 3, 2017**

7:45am RoseMarie Ihne  
by daughter Diana Altadonna

**Friday, August 4, 2017**

7:45am Giovanna D'Onofrio by Ada

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

7:45am Michael Shen  
by cousin Agnes & Joseph Sun

5:00pm Sara Porcelli  
by Fran & Joe Piccora & Family

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

8:00am Our Lady of the Snow

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio  
by daughter Carlotta

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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 Tlaxcala & 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).

JULY 30, 2017

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Nicholas Church**

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

10:30am Blanca Montesdeoca by Husband & Son  
12:45pm Sr. Rose Michael Hillary  
by Janet P. Codogan

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**Pray For the Sick**

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

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, Sister Paul Marie Filippelli, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarney

**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Frank Fiorentino, Manny Franquinha, Judith Dohrman, Michael De Gruccio, Theresa Imperato, Rose Passaro

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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.

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**Our Lady of the Snow**

All are Welcome

10:00am Mass Saturday – August 5, 2017  
at St. Francis of Paola Church

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**Praying the Rosary**

On Sunday, August 6, the First Sunday of the month, the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before the 9:30am Mass in our Parish Church of St. Cecilia. Plan on joining us.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Cecilia Church**

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

9:30am Stanley Koronec  
Florence Conley  
Frances Brancato 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Judy Dohrman  
Sister Paul Marie Filippelli, C.S.J.:  
Speedy Recovers  
7:00pm For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

8:30am Joseph Klujnsza

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

8:30am Kluisza Family

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

8:30am Sal and Mary Fabbrocino

**Thursday, August 3, 2017**

8:30am Ralph Fabbrocino

**Friday, August 4, 2017-First Friday**

8:30am Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

8:30am Chiao Family

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

9:30am Barney & Angie Cavallo  
Lucy & Peter La Veglia  
Cavallo Family  
Jo & Ed Collins  
Eamon & Ray McGinn  
Rosary Society  
7:00pm Open Intention

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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)

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