

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of September 10/11, 2016 was \$3,293.00.

St. Theresa Guild

Annual Mass & Communion Brunch Sunday, October 2, 2016

11:30 a.m. Mass – St. Francis of Paola

A Catered Hot Luncheon immediately following in the Auditorium. For tickets contact Rose DeMarino (718-389-4388) Annette Marino (646-361-8467 or arm718@aol.com). Donation \$20 per person.

25° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Parábola y advertencia es lo que nos presenta la Liturgia de la Palabra este domingo. Nos hace ver que en los tiempos del profeta Amós ya se tenían semejantes problemas de dinero. Exactamente, como los tenemos ahora en nuestra sociedad. Es por eso que el profeta en sus predicaciones denuncia y advierte las grandes injusticias que se llevaban a cabo. Sus palabras son directas y claras. Si se quiere hacer la voluntad de Dios hay que actuar bajo la influencia de ella, preocupándonos por los indefensos. "Escuchen esto los que buscan al pobre sólo para arruinarlo" (Am 8, 4). ¿Te dicen algo estas palabras? ¿Qué recuerdos te vienen a la mente al escucharlas?

Por si acaso estamos cortos de información sobre este tema, el Señor Jesús nos aclara sobre las enseñanzas relacionadas con las riquezas. Él nos cuenta la parábola del administrador que es despedido por su patrón por estar malgastando sus bienes. Jesús advierte el cómo debemos de actuar en nuestra vida cristiana y sobre todo poner atención en los bienes futuros no en los terrenales. El Papa Francisco también nos aconseja lo siguiente: "No puedes servir a Dios y al dinero, no se puede: o el uno o el otro. Y esto no es comunismo, esto es Evangelio puro. Estas cosas son palabra de Jesús. ¿Entonces qué pasa con el dinero? ... Te va bien, te sientes un poco importante y después sobreviene la vanidad... la riqueza para sentirse suficientes, la vanidad para sentirse importante y, al final, el orgullo y la soberbia" (Meditación diaria de 20 de septiembre de 2013).

Come and See - An invitation to You

Are you unbaptized? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist? Have you been baptized in another Christian denomination and are now considering joining the Catholic Church? If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) may be for you.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides a process where adults (18 & older) experience the scriptures, the passing on of the teachings of the faith as well as prayer with members of the parish community in preparation for full reception into the Catholic Church. Classes start on Mon., Oct. 3, and will be held in the St. Francis Rectory dining room at 7:30p.m. Call 718-387-0256 to register.

A Message from Fr. Tom

A robber jumps into a man's car and points a gun to his head and says, "Give me your money!" The victim replies "Wait a minute, don't you know who I am—I am your local Congressman?" The robber replies, "Well in that case, give me *my* money."

Our Gospel gives us the parable of the dishonest steward. The basic message—we can all appreciate—but all the details can be disorienting. This parable does not excuse bad moral conduct. Rather, we are encouraged to be just and prudent with the goods of this world. We take seriously this message because the Christian is conscious that at any given moment we may be called to give an account of our lives and well prepared to meet our God. There is a profound connection between the religious and social or communal dimension of our lives.

Update on Generation of Faith

This past January 2016, the Parish of Divine Mercy was part of Block #2 of parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn to participate in the Generation of Faith Campaign. This is a five-year pledge drive that will raise funds in the following underfunded three areas: (1) Parish Financial Assistance/50%; (2) Aid to Retired Clergy/38%; (3) Youth Ministry/12%.

The Annual Catholic Appeal was suspended for this year only (2016) so that we may focus as a parish on this fund drive. I am very pleased to say this campaign has thus far been a success in our parish. Our goal was \$375,000.00—exactly ten times our Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$37,500.00. As of August 15, 2016, one hundred and fifty six parishioners (156) have participated in this drive. We have received pledges totaling \$397,000.00 and have received approximately 35% of our total goal—\$141,000.00. I am told this is an excellent response. I am very humbled by your generosity. Please keep on top of your pledge schedule. If you have not already made a pledge, please consider making one today. Thank you and God Bless you.

Fr. Tom

One Day Workshop for Teachers

Any Teacher is invited for a one day workshop for teachers to teach computer coding skills. Free - but space limited. Thursday, October 27th from 9am to 4pm at QRCA, 11 Catherine Street. Sponsored by "code.org". Upon completion a certificate will be given. Call 718-387-0256 for more information.

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy First Annual Benefit Dinner Honoring Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6 – 10 pm

Giando on the Water

400 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

\$125.00 per person

For Tickets & Further Information

QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com – website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com – email

718-388-7992 – phone

ARISE Together in Christ

Divine Mercy will be participating in the diocesan-wide ARISE Together in Christ program which runs from the first week of October through the second week of November. During this period, small groups of 8 to 10 people will be meeting weekly in fellow parishioner's home for a faith-sharing experience. The goal of these gatherings is to facilitate a closer personal encounter with Christ. Each weekly meeting will run about 90 minutes and will be led by a fellow parishioner who has received training by the diocese in facilitating small group-based discussion.

Each gathering will have a specific faith-related theme explored by "breaking-open" God's Holy Word, and then inviting participants to reflect-upon and share with the group how the theme relates to their own personal life-experiences, within the context of the Gospel and our Catholic Tradition. Each weekly gathering will also include prayer and songs of worship and praise; and conclude with an invitation to "live-out" our faith as expressed in the sharing by engaging in a concrete act either on a personal or group level during the time span between meetings.

ARISE will be conducted in both Spanish and English. To fully participate in the ARISE program, a faith-sharing booklet is available for a donation of \$8.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in ARISE Together in Christ. To join a small group, please call the rectory or contact Dennis Torre 718-644-8036, email: dennis.torre@student.shu.edu or Amelia Castro 347-787-4059, email: amelcas774@hotmail.com.

Rectory Office

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 26, 2016 for a Staff Professional Day.

25TH 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)

Lord, life can be a struggle, but we believe You are with us to carry us through. Continue to strengthen us for the struggle, Lord, and show us the path that leads to easing the burdens of someone else.

Friends, please be mindful that our food pantry provides us such a path to relieve the needs of many of our neighbors. We are grateful for your continued support

Mother Teresa pray for us and guide us
on our journey of service.

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

St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – September 18, 2016
ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

William Presutti by Marie & Joe Bavuso

Upcoming Special Collections

As we hear the news of the flooding in Louisiana and the earthquake in Italy, Bishop DiMarzio requests that we have two special collections for the victims of the Louisiana Flood and the Italian Earthquake:

Sunday, September 25—Louisiana Flood Victims
Sunday, October 9—Italian Earthquake Victims

St. Theresa Triduum

In St. Francis of Paola Church

Wed. Sept. 28 St. Theresa Triduum 7:15pm
Thurs. Sept. 29 St. Theresa Triduum 7:15pm
Fri. Sept. 30 St. Theresa Triduum 7:15pm

Saint Saviour High School
Open House

Thursday, October 6 from 6:30pm to 8pm and Sunday
October 23 from 12:30pm to 3pm (last tour 2:30pm)
Saint Saviour High School, an all-girls school, is
located at 588 6th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215
Call 718-768-4406 ext. 10 to schedule a Buddy Day!
e-mail: stsaviororg

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, September 17, 2016

5:00pm Caroline & Lawrence Papapietro
by Connie & Nick

Sunday, September 18, 2016

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am John Andrew D’Arienzo

Monday, September 19, 2016

7:45am Pacifico Family

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

7:45am Antoinette Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

7:45am Michael Loguercio by Family

Thursday, September 22, 2016

7:45am Padre Pio by Cono & Nicolina Babino

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:45am Padre Pio by Maria Sepe

Saturday, September 24, 2016

7:45am Raphaela Giammarino by Robert Sekac
5:00pm In Thanksgiving to Almighty God

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00am Carmine Petillo by Daughter
11:30am Alan Bergamo by Mom and Family

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be at St. Francis of Paola
Aud., 200 Woodpoint Rd., on **Tue., Sept. 27, 2016** and
Fri., Oct. 21, 2016 at St. Cecilia Aud. 26 N. Henry St.

Schedule your Annual Wellness visit today by
calling 1-888-653-6450. Please have your Medicare
card ready when you call. See flyer on the table in the
rear of the Church for more information.

Silent Meditation Group will meet on Sun., Sept.
25 after the 7:00pm Mass from 8:00pm until 8:30pm in
St. Cecilia’s Chapel on Herbert Street.

Rosary Society St. Cecilia’s Church

Living Rosary & Novena outside of St. Cecilia’s on
all Monday’s in October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Time 7pm.
Rosary Triduum in St. Cecilia’s on October 3, 4, 5.
Time 7pm. Refreshments following Triduum on Wed..

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, September 18, 2016

10:30am Open Intention
12:45pm Ralph Daniele by Theresa & Ed Baker

Sunday, September 25, 2016

10:30am Maria Garcia by Daughter
12:45pm Nicolina Bruno
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Baldassarre

Pray For the Sick

Marie Barbaro, Janet Gonzales, Manny Delgado, Vincent, Andy & Nancy Gonzales, Patrick Del Vicario, Dominick Cantelma, Cathy Leonick, Elizabeth Ludwic, Rae Pacifico, Ann Padden, Agnes Hurley, Joann D'Alessio, Thomas Alsasser, David Pelletier, Patricia Clarke, Joe Bavuso, Wanda Zadwarny

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Patrick Raso, Thomas Lupoli, Charles Alvino, Anna Casella, Francesco D'Aloia, Michelina Ronzo

Holy Year of Mercy

Apostolate Italian – Diocese of Brooklyn

Join Us On Sunday, October 2, 2016

We will meet at the Grand Army Plaza, where it will be possible to receive the sacrament of Confession. The iniziera' procession will be at 3:30pm. We will enter the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph through the Holy Door.

What is the Holy Door?

Gate refers to the passage that every Christian is called to accomplish from sin to grace, looking to Christ who says of himself "I am the door." Our Bishop, Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate the Mass at 4:30pm.

Let us remember this date. This initiative is a great opportunity to participate in the short pilgrimage and fulfill the requirements for obtaining the indulgence.

A bus will be leaving from St. Francis of Paola Church at 2:00pm. We ask \$10 per person. It is necessary to book as soon as possible. For more information contact Anna Maria at 347-249-7850.

Religious Education Program

Registration for the Religious Education Program will take place this Sun., 9/18/16 at St. Francis Church and St. Nicholas Church. Classes will start, Sunday, September 25, 2016.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, September 18, 2016

9:30am Thomas Mc Cormick
Leonard Rossi
Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rocky Ferzola
7:00pm Anna Strocchia

Monday, September 19, 2016

8:30am Thomas Lupoli

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

8:30am Frances Brancato

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

8:30am Cono Namorato

Thursday, September 22, 2016

8:30am Mary & Edward McCauley

Friday, September 23, 2016

8:30am Thomas Piazza

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:30am Rocky Formato 16 years

Sunday, September 25, 2016

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm For all those killed in the Italian
Earthquake

Memorial Gifts – St. Cecilia Sept. 18, 2016

Bread & Wine

In Memory of Rocky Ferzola by Marie & Enrico

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Outside St. Nicholas Church 8:45am
Outside St. Francis Church 12 Noon
Outside St. Cecilia's Church 6:45pm

Pray for Vocations

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Available On-line You can locate Divine Mercy Parish in Brooklyn, New York on-line at www.seekandfind.com and sign up to receive via email notification our weekly parish bulletin. Stay up to date on all parish events and activities—even if you are away for the weekend—sign up today

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.

Vocation Discernment The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne are inviting young women who are discerning a religious vocation to join them for a weekend of sharing in their life of prayer and apostolate. Weekends are Hawthorne, N.Y., Nov. 4-6, 2016, Atlanta Georgia, Sept. 23-25, 2016 and Philadelphia, Penn., October 15, 2016. Reservations are required. For information or reservations please contact Sister Alma Marie (845) 745-1319 or vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org.

The Weekly Bulletin Any parish society / organization who would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, regarding their meetings, activities, etc. are welcomed to do so. Noon on Monday is the latest that an announcement can be accepted for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend October 15-16 (Queens) Douglaston, N.Y.
November 4-6 (L.I.) Bay Shore, N.Y. For more information 1-877-NYS-WWME