

# 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.

## Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of Sept. 24/25, 2016 was \$2,843.00.

## St. Francis of Assisi

### Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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

# 27º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡"Auméntanos la fe"! Tal como los apóstoles le pidieron al Señor, deberíamos hacerlo nosotros todos los días en nuestra oración. Aunque, quizás usted me diga: Yo creo en el Señor, tengo una fe grande. La respuesta es que todos tenemos el deseo de creer en él con más solidez. La fe es un don, es un regalo que recibimos al ser bautizados. Pero el compromiso es saber crecer ese regalo en el trayecto de nuestra vida. Pidamos, pues, que se nos sea dada abundantemente. Vivir en la fe es estar atentos a los signos de los tiempos, escuchando la voz de Dios, atentos siempre. Porque en medio de tantas restricciones económicas, falta de trabajo y de vivienda, se nos olvida lo principal: recordar que tenemos un Padre que nos cuida. ¿Cómo cuido mi fe? ¿De qué forma soy modelo de fe para la familia y la sociedad?

Existen personas con una fe firme en las enfermedades, las humillaciones y las penas. Las hemos visto y quizá vivimos con ellas; pueden ser nuestros abuelos, padres, hermanos, hermanas y amigos. Ellos han sabido responder admirablemente; no se han olvidado de nada de lo que el Señor nos ha dicho y hecho desde la cruz. El Papa Francisco lo explica de la siguiente manera: "El Apóstol Juan (1 Jn 5, 4) dice que la victoria sobre el mundo es nuestra fe. ¡Nuestra fe vence siempre! La fe es victoria" (homilía, el 14 de enero de 2016).

## Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

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| Sunday:      | Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10 |
| Monday:      | Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37                     |
| Tuesday:     | Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42                   |
| Wednesday:   | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4                        |
| Thursday:    | Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13                             |
| Friday:      | Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26                           |
| Saturday:    | Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28                          |
| Next Sunday: | 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19             |

## Men's Night Out

Join us for a Men's Night Out on Friday Oct. 14, 2016 in St. Francis Rectory Basement. Time 8pm to 11pm.

## A Message from Fr. Tom

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells us that faith can give us the power to do extraordinary things. Authentic Faith leads to a desire to serve others in the name of Jesus. Faith starts when we hear the Word of God and allow this Word to penetrate to the core of our being. By faith, new dimensions of life open up for us—hope, charity, interior listening and prayer. Therefore, the stories we hear in church each Sunday are not tales to amuse or entertain us, but rather stories in which we find ourselves, our struggles. We discover the offer of God's power and grace to grow, to change our sinful ways and become more like Jesus.

**Fr. Tom**

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## United Health Care Presentation for our Seniors

Divine Mercy Parish will be sponsoring a special event to aid our seniors of our community in order to help inform them of their rights, and privileges under Medicaid and Medicare. Please spread the word and mark your calendar.

Sunday, October 9, 2016

11:30am to 1:30pm

In the Vetro Center at St. Nicholas, 28 Olive St.

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## The North Brooklyn Coalition's Mobile Soup Kitchen

The North Brooklyn Catholic Churches will collaborate in staffing a mobile soup kitchen in our neighborhood. You may recall, we formally announced this initiative last spring. The Episcopal Church of the Ascension agreed to be the charitable entity for the start-up year for a mobile soup kitchen in North Brooklyn. When fully operational, the Mobile Soup Kitchen will be capable of distributing breakfast and lunch meals 5 days-a-week at pre-determined locations within the North Brooklyn community to some 200 people daily. Plans call for Polish and Spanish speaking capability among the staff. We anticipate this kitchen will become operational in a few weeks. The coalition needs volunteers. Please contact the following office if you are interested in serving in this important charitable endeavor.

North Brooklyn Coalition

Neil Sheehan

Pat McDonnell, Tel: 347-925-5532

<http://northbkcoalition.org>

## 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.*

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## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be in St. Cecilia's Auditorium, 26 North Henry Street, on Friday, October 21, 2016. 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.

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## At Divine Mercy Parish the First Sunday of Each Month will be Youth Sunday

This Sunday, October 2, we will begin Youth Sunday here at Divine Mercy Parish. At our Sunday Masses 9:30am, 10:30am and 11:30am, we will have the children of the Parish bring up the gifts and the donated food for our food pantry. Please bring your donation of non-perishable food items on Youth Sunday.

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Interested in sharing how God is working in your life within the context of everyday experiences, Scripture & Catholic Tradition?

Small-faith-sharing groups conducted in both Spanish & English are now forming in our community.

Contact: Dennis Torre (718) 644-8036 or Amelia Castro (347) 787-4059

**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD  
PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

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

Last week's readings urged us to meditate in prayer regarding our values and the ways we use our money.

God our Father and Giver of all gifts, make us grateful for what we have and help us to share with those who have less. May our possessions never get in the way of our loving you and our brothers and sisters. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – October 2, 2016**

**BREAD & WINE**

Thank you Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary for granting prayers by Rosa Maria Vargas

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

Francesco D'Aloia by Lacerenza DiVito Family

**TABERNACLE CANDLES**

Kampil & John Family by Anna John

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Rose Salvato by Carmela & Ray Vomero

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**Upcoming Special Collection**

Bishop DiMarzio requests that we have a special collection for the victims of the Italian Earthquake, this collection will be taken up on:

Sunday, October 9—Italian Earthquake Victims

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**St. Theresa Guild**

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at **7PM** in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please note the earlier start time which will allow us to have prayer and a brief business meeting immediately followed by the movie "God's Not Dead" (approximately 7:30pm). No raffles will be sold this evening. New members are always welcome.

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

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

5:00pm Vincent Gongalze  
by Nancy & son Vinny

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

8:00am Antoinette & Sabino Ciorciari  
by Children and Grandchildren  
11:30am St. Theresa Guild

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

7:45am Rose Salvato  
by Carmela & Ray Vomero

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

7:45am Serafino Corvino by Carlotta Giglio

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

7:45am George & Catherine Carnivale  
by Anthony Porcelli

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

7:45am Maria & Antonio Trocchio by daughter

**Friday, October 7, 2016**

7:45am Antonio & Elisa Scala Saulino

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

7:45am Helen Beverly by Patricia Krieger  
5:00pm Salvatore Livornese  
by wife Gaetana & Family

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

8:00am Maria Corbisiero by son Guiseppe  
11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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**Diocese of Brooklyn Marian Pilgrimage  
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception - Wash., D.C.**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

Join us on a spiritual journey to honor our Blessed Mother and pray for the needs of the Church, our country and Diocese.

The bus will leave St. Francis promptly at 6:00am to arrive at the Shrine by 11:00am. You will arrive back to St. Francis by 10:00pm. Cost per person is \$52. Please bring your own lunch/snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please reserve your spot ASAP – seats are limited.

There is also a 2 day option leaving on Fri., Oct., 28, 2016. Travel package is available and cost per person varies. Call 718-387-0256 for more info..

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## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
12:45pm Rosemarie Ihne by Dennis Torre

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

10:30am Luz Patria Vega by Paula Santaromita  
12:45pm Ralph Daniele by Ann & Lou Kaplan

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### **Pray For the Sick**

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, Dora Logosso, Stephanie Frick, Ann Kiefner, Pamela Stemberg

### **Pray for Our Recently Deceased**

Charles Alvino, Anna Casella, Francesco D'Aloia, Michelina Ronzo, John Nunziato

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### **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**

Monday, October 3 St. Cecilia Church 7pm  
Tuesday, October 4 St. Cecilia Church 7pm  
Wednesday, October 5 St. Cecilia Church 7pm  
Refreshments following Triduum on Wednesday.

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### **Calling All Ladies of the Parish!**

Join us on Sunday, October 16 at 5pm in the St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement. We'll be showing the classic romantic comedy "Moonstruck" starring Cher and Nicholas Cage. Cake and coffee will be served and we'll have a 50/50 raffle.

Laughter is best when shared with others!!!

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### **Silent Meditation**

Silent Meditation group will meet on Sunday, October 9, 2016 and Sunday, October, 23, 2016 after the 7:00pm Mass from 8:00pm until 8:30pm in St. Cecilia's Chapel on Herbert Street.

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

9:30am Rocky Ferzola  
Frances J. Brancato  
Joann (Panarelli) Corvino  
Tony Pastina  
7:00pm Open Intention

### Monday, October 3, 2016

8:30am Dorothy Knapp

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

8:30am Guidice Family

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

8:30am Leonard Rossi

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

8:30am Maria Fischer

### Friday, October 7, 2016 - First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:30am Kenneth Kiefner

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

9:30am Charles Raffloer  
Mary & Edward McCauley  
John & Rose Cusimano  
Rae Pacifico  
7:00pm Open Intention

### **Memorial Gifts**

#### **St. Cecilia's October 2, 2016**

#### Bread & Wine

In Memory of Rocky Ferzola by Marie & Enrico

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### **Open House**

**Saint Saviour High School**, 588 6<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn, N.Y., Thurs., Oct. 6, 6:30pm to 8pm and Sun., Oct 23, 12:30pm to 3pm.

**The Mary Louis Academy**, 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, N.Y., Sun., Oct., 16, 10am to 3pm.

**Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School**, 71-06 Thirty-First Ave., East Elmhurst, N.Y., Sat., Oct., 8, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

**La Salle Academy**, 215 East 6<sup>th</sup> St., N.Y., N.Y., Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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**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](mailto: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