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Most Merciful Jesus, receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from it.

¡Oh Misericordiosísimo Jesús!, recíbenos a todos en tu misericordiosísimo corazón y no rechaces a ninguno.

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm English Mass at Saint Francis of Paola Church

Sunday: 8:00am Italian/English Mass at
Saint Francis of Paola Church

9:30am English Mass at Saint Cecilia Church

10:30am Spanish Mass at Saint Nicholas Church

11:30am English Mass at
Saint Francis of Paola Church

12:45pm English Mass at Saint Nicholas Church

7:00pm English Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Monday - Saturday

7:45am Mass at Saint Francis of Paola Church

8:30am Mass at Saint Cecilia Church

WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday: 11:00am - 1:00pm (St. Francis of Paola)

Friday: 9:00am - 10:00am (St. Cecilia Chapel)

Sunday: 9:30am - 10:30am (St. Nicholas)

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9:00am - 9:30am (St. Cecilia Main Church)

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:50pm (St. Francis of Paola)

Sunday: 9:30am - 10:30am (St. Nicholas)

OR

Call our rectory office to schedule confession at a time that is convenient for you.

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us.

But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children.

For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of July 16/17, 2016 was \$3,047.00.

Save the Date

Sun. July 31	Silent Meditation 8pm St. Cecilia's Chapel
Sat. Aug. 27	Violin Recital at St. Francis After the 5pm Mass
Sat. Sept. 17	Witness to Mercy Series: Patti Kelly

17° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El domingo pasado se nos exhortaba acerca de la importancia de la hospitalidad, hoy se nos catequiza sobre la oración y la forma de orar al Padre. Mejor dicho se nos dice cómo rezar, cómo aprender a hacerlo. La oración cristiana, es algo que debemos aprender, por eso la importancia de dejarnos dirigir por un guía espiritual y por la comunidad que ora. Se aprende con proceso, con perseverancia y sobre todo con una rutina seria. La primera lectura nos pone de ejemplo a Abraham que insiste y persiste en la oración para interceder por Sodoma. Oración, temerosa y confiada, realizada por el diálogo entre Dios y Abraham. Oración, insistente, sin perder la esperanza en obtener lo que se pide. "No se enoje mi Señor, hablaré sólo una vez más, ¿y si se encuentran solo diez?" Contestó el Señor: "Por esos diez, no destruiré la ciudad"

En el Evangelio Jesús nos relata algo similar con la parábola del amigo que llama con insistencia pidiendo ayuda. "Pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontrarán, toquen y se les abrirá. Porque quien pide, recibe; quien busca, encuentra, y al que toca, se le abre". ¿Con qué confianza me acerco al Señor? ¿Le pido con insistencia o me desanimo a las primeras de cambio? Debemos pedir sin desfallecer por nuestras necesidades y las del mundo entero. Pidamos hoy a Jesús que nos enseñe a orar. Que él sea nuestro ejemplo y modelo a seguir. Padre Nuestro que estás en los cielos...

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

A Message from Fr. Tom

The disciples who follow Jesus recognized that there was something different about Jesus. He had a unique relationship with God the Father. They desired to have this same relationship which was attractive to them. Relationship with God the Father is a source of strength and power for Jesus. Jesus manifested this relation in his prayer. Therefore, the disciples want what the master has and so they ask him, "Lord, teach us to pray."

In his response, Jesus is saying that our relationship with God—how we ask is just as important as what we ask for. Jesus understands that we may not know how to pray or that we too easily become discouraged in our prayer life. Speaking personally, this is something we all have to work through. Some of the best advice I know on this matter comes from Saint Mother Teresa:

"When people pray things may not change—but people who pray change. And when people change, then the things around them change. Love to pray and take the trouble to pray during the day. If you want to pray better—pray more. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of holding God. Ask and your heart will grow until it is capable of receiving God and having him for your own."

Fr. Tom

Stone Work at St. Cecilia's

This past May, Divine Mercy Parish engaged PPM Restoration, Inc. to undertake the restoration of the front entrance of St. Cecilia's Church. This was after reviewing the bids of nine different contractors. This work is long overdue and we are happy to see it begin. PPM will make sure that the marble is structurally sound and areas that have worn away will be restored. If our funds hold out, we hope to also restore the 'tympanum,' (that is the art work above the main entrance). Earlier this month, the parish received a report from the architect that the brick work that is behind the arch is seriously eroded and will add to the time and expense of the total restoration. The scaffolding will be with us for some months at least.

Witness to Mercy Series

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 6pm in St. Francis Church to hear witness by Patti Kelly. She will speak to us on her recovery from addiction and finding a vocation to liberate others from substance abuse.

Universal Pre-K for Our Children

The program is for any NYC resident children who turn four years old at any time during 2016.

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 proof 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!!

Churches United for Fair Housing

We welcome Mr. Cesar Rodrigues from Churches United for Fair Housing who will speak to us at most of our Masses this weekend, July 23/24, 2016 about opportunities for affordable housing.

Our Lady of the Snow

All are Welcome

Wednesday - July 27, 2016 8pm Novena
Sunday - July 31, 2016 8am Mass
Friday - August 5, 2016 10am Mass
At St. Francis of Paola Church

Summer Gregorian Mass

Join us on Sunday, August 7, 2016 for our monthly Gregorian Mass at our Parish Church of St. Francis of Paola at 11:30am. Worship booklets will be available to help are parishioners.

Parish Polo Shirts

Divine Mercy Parish Polo Shirts are available for purchase by stopping by the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm or Sat. 9 to 5 pm.

17TH 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)

Today, let us pray for our neighbors: the poor, the homeless, the lonely and for those who have the courage and insight to serve them with love and hospitality.

We are grateful for our loyal benefactors and volunteers who serve so willingly as they live the words of Blessed Mother Teresa: “Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying ‘I thirst’ in the heart of the poor.”

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

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – July 24, 2016**

BREAD & WINE

In Memory of Daniel Andruzzi by Marie Petitto

SANCTUARY LAMP

Rae Yasiello by Teresa Puccio

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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.

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

Saturday, July 23, 2016

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, July 24, 2016

8:00am Deceased Members of the Giudice
Family by Barbara Giudice

11:30am Loretta Guardino by Marguerite &
Michael Caccavale

Monday, July 25, 2016

7:45am John San Pietro by Scotti Family

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

7:45am Raffaella Yasiello by Carmela & Pat

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

7:45am Sr. Francis Romana by Niece Agnes &
Joseph Sun

Thursday, July 28, 2016

7:45am Anna Ciorbisiero

Friday, July 29, 2016

7:45am Julia Caccavale by Chris Caccavale

Saturday, July 30, 2016

7:45am Florence & Anthony Giglio
by granddaughter Melissa

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, July 31, 2016

8:00am Our Lady of the Snow by Society

11:30am Saverio DeStefano

6 Month Short Time Rental

An upstanding Catholic Christian woman (32) urgently needs temporary housing in the neighborhood from September to March prior to wedding. If you can help call Leo Fiorica at 917-676-7461 or lfiorica@hotmail.com.

Silent Meditation Group

St. Cecilia’s Chapel 8PM

July 31, 2016

JULY 24, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, July 24, 2016

10:30am Open Intention
12:45pm Marie Daniele by Family

Sunday, July 31, 2016

10:30am Open Intention
12:45pm Open Intention

Pray For the Sick

Vincent Gonzalez, Andy Gonzales, Nancy Gonzales, Elena Rivera, Gabriel Moises, Emma Jones, Eddie Scalla, Mary Walsh, Vincent Perrone, Dominick Cavallo, Dora Logosso, Tom Lupoli, Seymour Sarrell, Regina Monco, John La Creta, Ann Kiefner, David Pelletier, Patricia Clarke, John Percelli, Marie Barbaro, Janet Gonzales, Manny Delgado

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Rose Lupoli, Frank L. Callovi, Angela La Rocca, Andrew Vayda

Catholic Charities Senior Housing Opportunity

Catholic Charities is pleased to announce that beginning July 18, 2016 the Pierrepont House for the Elderly, a 188-unit building in Brooklyn Heights, will re-open its waiting list.

To enter the lottery, applicants (or their spouse) must be 62 years or older with limited income based on Section 8 guidelines. Non-elderly persons with disabilities may also qualify.

To obtain an application, please send a written application request to;

Pierrepont House for the Elderly
c/o POP Management Corp.
191 Joralemon St., 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

You can pick up an application in person by visiting 55 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 beginning July 18 through August 5 during the hours of 2pm and 4pm,

Completed applications must be returned by regular mail to the PO Box listed on the application form and must be postmarked no later than **August 13, 2016**. Call 718-722-6001 for more information.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, July 24, 2016

9:30am Anthony L. Del Vicario (Anniversary)
Virginia Raship
Larry Graham
Augusto Mendoza
7:00pm Elizabeth Santaniello

Monday, July 25, 2016

8:30am Rose Lupoli

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

8:30am Richard (Richie) Scott

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

8:30am Frank Chesnicka

Thursday, July 28, 2016

8:30am Anthony Calabrese

Friday, July 29, 2016

8:30am Evelyn & Norbert Aicher: Living Intention

Saturday, July 30, 2016

8:30am Ruth Russell

Sunday, July 31, 2016

9:30am Mary & Edward McCauley
Rose Lupoli
Larry Graham
Augusto Mendoza
7:00pm Open Intention

Banns of Marriage

We congratulate the following who were recently married here at Divine Mercy Parish:

June 12, 2016 – St. Cecilia's
Robert J. Grippo & Anna Pene

June 24, 2016 St. Cecilia's
David Hugo Joosten & Brooke L. Gilbert

July 16, 2016 St. Francis of Paola
Oscar B. Saldana & Nube Quiridumbay

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