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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.

O Gesu' misericordioso, ricevi tutti noi nella dimora del tuo cuore compassionevole e non lasciarci mai allontanare da Te.

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Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy
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<http://www.queenoftherosarybrooklyn.org>

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.

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." The only thing we really know about when Jesus will come again is that we won't be expecting it. As Jesus instructs us today, the best plan of action is thus to be prepared at all times. We need to be ready and waiting to meet Jesus so that when he does return, it won't catch us off guard.

A little thought experiment might be helpful here. Let's imagine that the doorbell rings this evening after dinner. We open the door and find Jesus standing there. He asks to come in. Are we ready for this honored guest? What will he find when he steps in unannounced? Is everyone at peace around the house? Is everyone speaking with love and acting with generosity? Is there anything in our home that, in his presence, we might be ashamed of--books, shows, movies, or music that aren't appropriate? Pictures, Facebook posts, or a record of Internet history that we hope he won't discover?

Now, imagine that he came unannounced into our HEARTS this evening. What would he find there? Are our hearts ready to welcome Jesus? In truth, we need not wait for the second coming to have Jesus in our hearts. He wants to live there already today!

So regardless of the timing of the second coming of Christ, we would do well to follow the traditional spiritual practice of a daily examination of conscience to see where we are doing well and where we need to make changes. Taking such a deliberate spiritual inventory is an excellent way to help us be ready for Jesus like those servants "who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of July 20/21, 2016 was \$3,705.00.

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.

19° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Dónde tenemos nuestro tesoro? El texto del Evangelio de hoy nos muestra diversos centros de atención. Veremos en lo que Jesús enfatiza en diferentes ocasiones y es la imagen del tesoro para hablar del Reino. El tesoro es deseado, es algo así como sacarnos la lotería cada semana que la rifan, o que nos llegue una herencia no esperada. En la vida nos encontramos rodeados de tesoros que nos quieren vender muchas cosas con la promesa de ser felices. Sin embargo, Jesús nos dice que poseer el Reino de Dios implica otra cosa a la que debemos poner atención. Esta va en la medida de donde ponemos los bienes que tenemos, del cómo compartimos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro con los demás. Se trata de no acumular, sino de buscar y dar, dar siempre, para obtener el tesoro que no se acaba.

La seguridad de pertenecer al grupo de Jesús no está en querer todo, sino en confiar en Dios. Eso es lo difícil porque se tiene la tendencia de aferrarse a las cosas materiales, el dinero, la ropa, el carro, la casa y tantas otras cosas que se podrían mencionar. ¿Cómo hacer para que a partir de hoy aumente la confianza en Dios? ¿Dónde está a lo que me aferro? ¿Qué me aleja de Dios? Para responder a estas preguntas Jesús nos explica tres parábolas: el patrón que regresa de su boda y encuentra a los siervos atentos y vigilantes, y prepara la mesa para ellos; el ladrón que entra a la casa, roba y se lleva todo; y la del administrado fiel que cuando llega el patrón lo encuentra trabajando. Cumplir, confiar, comprometerse y trabajar. ¡Ahí está el tesoro!

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016

Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

A Message from Fr. Tom

In our Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples be not afraid. He assures them that our trust in God will lead us to a life of glory and happiness. “God [the Father] is pleased to give [us] the Kingdom.” What does receiving this Kingdom require? How may I enter into God’s Kingdom? To do this demands that I deepen my relationship with God. My life must imitate the life of God’s Son Jesus. Our gifts are to be put at the service of His Kingdom. When the master returns to discover his servants faithful and ready to serve him—He, the master—will serve the servants. Therefore, true authority in the church must be based on service to others. Luke continues this theme of the great reversal found throughout his Gospel. Greatness is found in the willingness to give one’s life for others.

How can we live this message within our parish community? We desperately need the generosity of our people to serve and to help to Evangelize our community. It is my hope that the activities our parish sponsors—barbecues, mercy witnesses, family day, parish pilgrimages, etc.—are not received as events just to entertain us or distract us. They are opportunities for Evangelization. They are opportunities for you to share your faith in a way that is easy and simple—all you need to do is invite someone to come and see.

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 difference 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.

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!!

St. Anthony Society

The Saint Anthony Society would like to thank the following parishioners:

Teresa Puccio for donating the altar flowers used for our triduum and feast day Mass. *In memory of her husband James Puccio.*

Frank Marino for donating the bread. *All proceeds from bread donations will be used to feed the less fortunate.*

A very special Thank You
to all the Saint Anthony members who
go above and beyond to make every project a success.

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, PA., October 15, 2016. Reservations are required. For information or reservations please contact Sister Alma Marie (845) 745-1319 or vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org.

19TH 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, we think today of people who are having difficulties because they have little or no money. We thank you for the many material blessings you have given us. Help us to appreciate these gifts and to share them generously. May we never place them above our own spiritual good. Amen.

Friends, we are very grateful for your continued generosity and loyalty in supporting our shared ministry.

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

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – August 7, 2016**

BREAD & WINE

Eleanor O'Hare by Annette Marino-D'Arienzo

SANCTUARY LAMP

Louis & Tessie Brando by Teresa Puccio & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

In Thanksgiving by Teresa Puccio & Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Rosa Salvato by Josephine & Dominick Siano
Mary De Angelis by Cecilia Myers

**Life Line Screening
Community HealthCare**

Life Line Screening will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium, 200 Woodpoint Road, Bklyn., NY on Tuesday, September 17, 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.

**Silent Meditation Group
St. Cecilia's Chapel 8PM
Sunday, August 14, 2016**

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

Saturday, August 6, 2016

5:00pm Our Lady of the Snow by Medici

Sunday, August 7, 2016

8:00am Alfonso & Maria Maddaloni
by Daughter & Family
11:30am San Sabino by Medici

Monday, August 8, 2016

7:45am Stanislaus Shen by Joseph & Agnes Sun

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

7:45am Sarafina Porcelli by Anthony & Children

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

7:45am Riccio Family by Anna Riccio

Thursday, August 11, 2016

7:45am Cynthia De John by Carlotta Giglio

Friday, August 12, 2016

7:45am Anna Maria Desarno by Parents

Saturday, August 13, 2016

7:45am Living Members of the Kukura Family
by Teresa Kukura
5:00pm Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter
Carlotta

Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00am Mary & Michael Anolfo by Nancy &
Louis Anolfo
11:30am Rose & Michael Torro by Family

Diocese of Brooklyn Marian Pilgrimage

To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. In the Year of Mercy. Led by the Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio. October 28-29, 2016. For more information call 718-965-7313.

Religious Education Program

The Religious Education Program is closed for the summer. Registration will take place, Sunday, 9/11/16 at Queen of the Rosary Academy and Sunday, 9/18/16 at St. Francis Church and St. Nicholas Church. Classes will start September 25, 2016.

AUGUST 7, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, August 7, 2016

10:30am Dolores Almonte by Clara Pabon
Dagoberto Hernandez
12:45pm Anthony & Jennie Torre
by Torre Family

Sunday, August 14, 2016

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
12:45pm Open Intention

Pray For the Sick

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, Vincent, Andy & Nancy Gonzales, Franco James Gentile

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Angela La Rocca, Andrew Vayda, Thomas J. Petrowski, Frances Brancato

Catholic Charities Senior Housing Opportunity

Catholic Charities is pleased to announce that beginning July 18, 2016 the Pierrepoint 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;

Pierrepoint 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 Pierrepoint 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, August 7, 2016

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Frances Brancato

Monday, August 8, 2016

8:30am Angelina & Angelo Brancato

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:30am Ignazio Leo Grande by Raffaella Morena

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:30am Rose Lupoli

Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:30am Joan Capobianco

Friday, August 12, 2016

8:30am Margaret Rossi

Saturday, August 13, 2016

8:30am Rose & Robert Pelletier

Sunday, August 14, 2016

9:30am Barney & Angie Cavallo
Lucy & Peter La Veglia
Cavallo Family
Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
7:00pm Janice Pavone

127TH Feast of St. Rocco

Sunday August 21, 2016

Most Precious Blood Church

113 Baxter St., N.Y.

Mass at 12 Noon & a Procession

through the streets of Little Italy to follow at 1:30pm.

Feast of the Assumption

Monday, August 15, 2016 is not a holy day of obligation this year. But, you are encouraged to attend Mass on this day to honor Mary our Blessed Mother.

Our parish Mass schedule for August 15th will be the same at all our liturgical worship sites as a Monday weekday schedule.

7:45am St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am St. Cecilia Church

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