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*¡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.*

Rev. Thomas F. Vassalotti, Pastor  
Rev. Rafael Perez, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Carlos Valderrama



## AFFILIATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy  
11 Catherine Street Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Nursery - Grade 8  
718-388-7992  
<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.

# 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

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## Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of August 13/14, 2016 was \$3,731.00.

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## Flea Market

The Parent Committee of Pack 996 will hold a Summer Flea Market on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28, from 10am to 5pm, in St. Francis Parking lot, 409 Humboldt Street between Skillman Ave and Humboldt Street.

# 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Para entender el Evangelio y vivirlo debemos de tener un corazón puro y una mente abierta. La cerrazón de cabeza no lleva a ningún lado; hay que abrir el corazón a su palabra. Esto es lo que Isaías trataba de hacerle entender a la gente de su tiempo: "De entre ellos escogeré sacerdotes y levitas" (Is 66, 21). La lección puede ser aprovechada hoy en la comunidad de creyentes al aceptar sacerdotes de toda raza, color y de diferentes culturas para servir en nuestras parroquias. También es un verdadero gozo el poder colaborar y trabajar juntos con otras culturas y tradiciones.

El texto del Evangelio por el otro lado inicia con una pregunta que hacen los discípulos a Jesús. "¿Es verdad que son pocos los que se salvan?" La pregunta viene por la tendencia del pensamiento religioso de la época de Jesús. Según algunos se salvarían todos los hebreos que participaban del reino futuro, según otros solo los que observaban la ley. Jesús rompe el esquema y da respuesta para todos. No basta con ser religioso y fiel a las propias tradiciones, o cumplir con algunos preceptos. Lo único para Jesús es que haya un esfuerzo sincero en atravesar la puerta angosta. Es decir, no perder tanto tiempo en nuestras devociones e ideas religiosas, más bien pidamos que Dios nos dé fuerza de su Espíritu, para que superemos con valentía cristiana las pruebas que nos da la vida. Porque no vaya a ser que ni veamos esa puerta angosta entretenidos en otras cosas vanas de la vida. Ojo, recuerda: "Los que ahora son los últimos, serán los primeros; y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos" (Lc 13, 30).

### Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## R.C.I.A.

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. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a Baptized member of the Catholic Church or in receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion please call 718-387-0256 to register for classes.

Classes start on Monday, September 19 and will be held in the Saint Francis Rectory dining room at 7:30p.m.

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## Sunday 7:00PM Mass at St. Cecilia

Due to the extremely hot weather the Sunday 7:00pm Mass at St. Cecilia's will be celebrated in the air-conditioned St. Cecilia's Chapel for the summer months into September.

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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 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!!*

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## 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.

## 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.

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## 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, Sunday, September 25, 2016.

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## Concert

Join us on Saturday - August 27, 2016  
6:15pm in St. Francis of Paola Church  
For a Violin Recital  
Free Will Offering  
All Are Invited

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## 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  
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[QOTRDinner@gmail.com](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com) – email  
718-388-7992 - phone

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## Wood for Carving or Firewood

Since pruning the tree in St. Cecilia courtyard, we have wood suitable for firewood or carving. If interested please call the Rectory at 718-387-0256 or email Frank at [FMarino@dmbk.org](mailto:FMarino@dmbk.org)

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## Looking Ahead

Aug. 27 Concert St. Francis after 5pm Mass (6:15pm)  
Aug. 28 Silent Meditation St. Cecilia Chapel 8pm  
Sept. 4 Gregorian Mass Sunday St. Nicholas 12:45pm

**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)*

“The Gospel calls us to be close to the poor and forgotten, and to give them hope.” Pope Francis

We firmly believe that the Gospel message is fulfilled through the work our volunteers and benefactors do through our parish pantry ministry which brings us closer to the needy in our community and provides love and hope to each of them.

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

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – August 21, 2016**

**BREAD & WINE**

Rosa Fiore by Maria Arlistico & Family

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Nicola Corbisiero by Wife & Children

Nicola Corbisiero by Wife & Children

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

John Frankovich - Roseann

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**Calendar Meeting**

All Groups, Organizations, Associations, Clubs and Societies are invited to a calendar meeting, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola Rectory.

This calendar meeting is for the use of our facilities for parish activities here at Divine Mercy for the upcoming calendar months of September 2016 through June 2017.

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

October 15-16 (Queens) Douglaston, N.Y.

November 4-6 (L.I.) Bay Shore, N.Y.

For more information or to register contact Richie & Karen Roginski 1-877-NYS-WWME or [www.bq-wwme.org](http://www.bq-wwme.org).

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

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

5:00pm For Health

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

8:00am Rosa Fiore by Maria Arlistico & Family

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Monday, August 22, 2016**

7:45am Giovanni Pasquarielli by Ada

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

7:45am Sabato Scotti by Scotti Family

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

7:45am Mrs. Zenobia Kotlinski by Fr. Tom

**Thursday, August 25, 2016**

7:45am Vincenzo Lanzieri

**Friday, August 26, 2016**

7:45am Open Intention

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

7:45am Sr. Rose Winifred O’Neill, O.P.  
by Janet Cadogan

5:00pm Paul & Mary Giudice  
by Barbara Giudice

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

8:00am Ralph Daniele  
by Josephine & Nancy Manzolino

11:30am Florence & Anthony Giglio  
by daughter Carlotta

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**Life Line Screening  
Community HealthCare**

Life Line Screening will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium, 200 Woodpoint Road, Bklyn., NY on Tuesday, September 27, 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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**TAKE HOME AN EXTRA BULLETIN  
AND SHARE IT WITH A FRIEND**

AUGUST 21, 2016

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

### Sunday, August 21, 2016

10:30am Jasmine & Kate: Living Intention  
12:45pm Zenobia Rodriguez by son Carlos

### Sunday, August 28, 2016

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

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### Pray For the Sick

Vincent Perrone, Dominick Cavallo, Dora Logosso, Tom Lupoli, Seymour Sarrell, Regina Monc, John La Creta, Ann Kiefner, David Pelletier, Patricia Clarke, John Percelli, Marie Barbaro, Janet Gonzales, Manny Delgado, Vincent, Andy & Nancy Gonzales, Franco James Gentile, Patrick Del Vicario, Dominick Cantelma, Cathy Leonick, Elizabeth Ludwic

### Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Thomas J. Petrowski, Frances Brancato, Rosemarie Ihne, Agnes Hurley

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### Food or Clothing Donations

Please note that Divine Mercy Parish does not accept any donations of clothing items. They are simply too difficult to process. Any clothing items dropped off at our rectory door will be thrown away. There are special organizations prepared to handle such items and they should be contacted directly. One that comes to mind:

St. Mary's Church 230 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
Tel: (718) 529-6070

In addition, we do not accept donations of perishable food items (e.g. bread, cheese, sandwiches). We cannot process these items and they will be thrown away. Often times they have been sitting outside or in the rectory vestibule for many hours or days and it creates a health hazard for anyone who eats something sitting around unrefrigerated for any period of time. Please use your common sense and spread the word about this issue.

We will accept non-perishable items for our food pantry and those donations may be dropped off directly in our rectory office or the donation basket in St. Cecilia's Church.

## Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

### Sunday, August 21, 2016

9:30am John Lydon  
Mary & Edward McCauley  
John Curcio  
Bill Donovan  
7:00pm Elizabeth Santaniello

### Monday, August 22, 2016

8:30am Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph - January to June

### Tuesday, August 23, 2016

8:30am Rose Lupoli

### Wednesday, August 24, 2016

8:30am Tommaso Bondi

### Thursday, August 25, 2016

8:30am Eleanor Fox

### Friday, August 26, 2016

8:30am Nicola Rozza

### Saturday, August 27, 2016

8:30am David Lopez

### Sunday, August 28, 2016

9:30am Rocky Ferzola  
Jim "Pop Pop" Watson  
Rose Lupoli  
7:00pm For the Five Officers Killed in Dallas

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## St. Cecilia's Church Memorial Gifts – August 21, 2016

### Bread & Wine

In Memory of Tom Sabatino  
Donated by Marianne Garcia

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### Memorial Gifts at DMP

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp  
Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles  
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For more information call the Rectory: 718-387-0256

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