

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" Jesus had worked a miracle of healing for ten people afflicted with leprosy. They had cried out for him to have pity on them, and he did. But only one member of this group took the time to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him. Why?

Perhaps some were so busy rejoicing that they forgot to give thanks. Perhaps others thought they deserved to be healed and thus did not think in terms of gratitude for the miracle. Maybe some in the group weren't sure that the healing was going to last. Or, possibly, some of them were just selfish and lazy. Whatever the case, Jesus affirms the one man who does the right thing: "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Jesus thus establishes this Samaritan man as our example. We too are to glorify "God in a loud voice" for all that he has done for us.

So, what exactly has God done for us? What are the miracles in our lives that we have failed to notice, to believe, or to appreciate? Undoubtedly the answers will be different for everyone, with one main exception: we are all called to give thanks for the gift of life, of course. This is the first miracle God worked on our behalf! Bringing us into existence to live and love is a gift we might tend to take for granted. But surely, we can be thankful for more.

We would all do well to reflect on the multitude of God's gifts in our lives. Sometimes we have to pause long enough to think and recognize those things we should be grateful for. But a little effort in this regard is well worth it to avoid being like the ungrateful lepers. Instead, may we be the ones who give thanks where thanks is due.

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection for DMP for the week of October 1/2 2016 was \$4,307.00.

Rosary Society / Living Rosary

The Rosary Society of St. Cecilia's invites all to join them in the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia's Church on all Monday's of October (10, 17, 24, and 31) at 7:00pm.

28º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Cada domingo durante el año litúrgico acudimos a Misa para estar atentos a la escucha de la palabra de Dios. La palabra a lo largo del año nos va iluminando para descubrir de la mano de Jesús diferentes caminos que nos llevan a la conversión. Hoy las lecturas nos dan una perfecta lección de cómo dar gracias a Dios en todo momento. Pero observemos que fueron los extranjeros los que agradecieron a Dios los beneficios de la salud recibidos. El pagano Naamán y el leproso samaritano. ¿Qué nos enseña este pasaje? ¿Somos agradecidos? O somos de los que creemos merecerlo todo. Fijémonos que los israelitas no sabían agradecer a Jesús a pesar de todo lo que hacía por ellos. Los curaba, les daba de comer, resucitaba muertos y ellos tomaban todo por ventaja.

Ojalá que estemos en el grupo de los que saben dar gracias. Que Dios nos ayude a tomar conciencia para no pertenecer al grupo de los otros. "¿Dónde están los otros nueve?" Sabemos que hay quien nunca da las gracias para nada, ni a la familia ni a otras personas, mucho menos a Dios. Saber dar gracias es un arte de humildad y educación. Supone relación con Dios que nos lo da todo y con los demás que nos llenan de detalles en la vida cotidiana. Pidamos al Señor que aprendamos no solo a pedir sino también a saber agradecer. ¡Hoy es un buen día para hacerlo! "Jesús, maestro, ten compasión de nosotros". Nos narra el Evangelio que gritaban los leprosos, aguardando a la distancia. Acerquémonos al Señor en esta Eucaristía; no nos quedemos lejos, él desea curarnos.

Retreat for Recovering Substance Abusers

Divine Mercy Parish will be sponsoring a retreat for recovering substance abusers. The retreat is non-denominational – all are welcome. The retreat will take place at the seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, Long Island. We will be providing transportation by charter yellow bus which will depart from St. Francis of Paola at 9:00am on Saturday, October 29. We will return by 5:00pm the same day.

The total cost including lunch will be ten dollars. (\$10.00). Please call the rectory office (718-387-0256) to reserve your spot (1st name and initial) seating is limited.

A Message from Fr. Tom

Our readings this Sunday raise questions about the kind of faith saves us. Both our first reading and Gospel contain people who have something in common. They both are non-Jews and they both are afflicted with a terrible disease that separates them from others. They are persons who live on the margins of society. In the reading from II Kings we could say that—yes—even a king lives on the margins because his power and status separates him from others. He gives orders and makes decisions that are often unpopular. The king must always be looking over his shoulder wondering where the next threat to his life or power will come from. The lepers in our Gospel also live on the fringes of society. In a demonstration of God's power and goodness to all classes of people, healing takes place. We come to understand the kind of faith that saves us. When the Christian reflects upon God's goodness—gratitude must be our response.

Let us remember with gratitude those times in our lives when we were perhaps far from God and needed healing. Yet, no matter how far we strayed, there were people who prayed for us and brought healing by their love and prayers. Let us recognize those moments in our lives and ask the Lord to increase our faith and make us grow in gratitude.

Fr. Tom

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.

Outreach
117-11 Myrtle Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
T. (718) 847-9233

Upcoming Special Collections

The second collection this Sunday, October 9 will be for the victims of the recent earthquake in Italy. Please be as generous as possible.

United Health Care Presentation for our Seniors

Divine Mercy Parish will be sponsoring a special event to aid the 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 Msgr. Vetro Center at St. Nicholas, 28 Olive St.

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!!!

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.

Join us for a Ladies Night Out

All ladies of the parish are invited to a Paint Night on Friday, October 28, at 7pm in Msgr. Vetro Center. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes pizza, soda, coffee, and cake. Raffles will be sold. Space is limited so buy your tickets today! Contact Carina at c.sciangula14@gmail.com or 718-782-8565 to reserve your seat.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 10, in observance of Columbus Day.

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

It is important for us to remember that it is impossible to serve God with all our hearts and at the same time miss out on God's call to care for the needy.

Your ongoing support is vital to this important ministry at Divine Mercy Parish. Thank you!

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

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

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – October 9, 2016**

BREAD & WINE

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

James N. Puccio by Teresa Puccio

**National Council of Catholic Women
(NCCW) Annual Presidents
Mass & Luncheon**

Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11am

On behalf of the NCCW, the St. Theresa Guild will be hosting their annual Mass which honors the Presidents of Parish Societies. Please join us Saturday, November 12, 2016 at an 11:00am Mass, celebrated by Most Reverend James Massa, at St. Francis of Paola as we acknowledge our call as Catholic women to spirituality, leadership and service in our Church.

Immediately following Mass there will be a luncheon in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available by calling Rose DeMarino (718-389-4388) no later than Tuesday, November 1.

Men's Night Out

Join us on Friday, October 21 at 8pm for Men's Night Out to be held in St. Francis of Paola Rectory basement at 8pm. Bring a friend.

St. Nicholas Church

Please join us all Wednesdays in October for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also to pray the Rosary at St. Nicholas Church from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

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

Saturday, October 8, 2016

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

Monday, October 10, 2016

7:45am Maria Barona

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

7:45am Annie O'Neill Fordand
by Janet Cadogan

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

7:45am Michael Cawley Rochford

Thursday, October 13, 2016

7:45am Nicola Corbisiero by Wife & Children

Friday, October 14, 2016

7:45am Michael Favuzza by Family

Saturday, October 15, 2016

7:45am Rosemarie Ihne
by Rita & Robert Finkelstein & Family
5:00pm John Barnwell by Marie & Dom Perrotto

Sunday, October 16, 2016

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am Salvatore Livornese
by wife Gaetana & Family

**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.

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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

Sunday, October 16, 2016

10:30am Jose Nunez by daughter
12:45pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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 Elsaser, David Pelletier, Patricia Clarke, Joe Bavuso, Wanda Zadwarny, Dora Logosso, Stephanie Frick, Ann Kiefner, Pamela Stemberg, Raymond Rychalski

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

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

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.

Silent Meditation

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

Greenpoint Community

Environmental Fund Open House

Saturday, October 15, 2016 11am – 3pm

From green roofs and parks to birds and boats, OpenHouseGCEF offers Greenpointers a chance to see GCEF projects in action, and learn first-hand how they are making our community a healthier, safer, and "greener" place to live. Join us at these 4 locations: McCarren Park, McGolrick Park, Newtown Creek & Kingsland Wildflowers Rooftop.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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

Monday, October 10, 2016

8:30am Romano Giuliani

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

8:30am Stella & Joseph Haberkorn

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

8:30am Rose Del Vicario (Birthday)

Thursday, October 13, 2016

8:30am Frances Brancato

Friday, October 14, 2016

8:30am Frances Brancato

Saturday, October 15, 2016

8:30am Candida Giuliani

Sunday, October 16, 2016

9:30am Joseph Finn
Tom Sabatino
Marie Ferzola (95) Living Intention
Charles Raffloer
7:00pm Elizabeth Santaniello

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

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

Now is the time to join one of our small-faith-sharing groups:

our Wednesday Group meets 7:30-9:00 pm
our Thursday Group meets 8:00-9:30 pm
and our Friday Group meets 7:00-8:30 pm

Additional Spanish-speaking ARISE small-groups are also available.

ARISE groups are now meeting, so sign-up for one today: contact the rectory

or call one of our **ARISE** parish team coordinators
Dennis Torre - for **ARISE** in English at (718) 644-8036 or
Amelia Castro - for **ARISE** in Spanish at (347) 787-4059

*Please pray for spiritual renewal and the success of **ARISE***

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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, 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