

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for February 4/5/2017 was \$3,317.00.

Help with Snow Removal

Our parish is looking for persons willing to be on call to help shovel snow when the emergency arises. The parish will pay for your service to the church. If interested, please call the rectory office and we will fill you in on the compensation offered. Thanks. Fr. Tom

6º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Para enfocarnos en el Evangelio de hoy debemos de poner atención en las siguientes palabras. Ley, letra, coma de la ley y antes se acabarán el cielo y la tierra. La pregunta clave es ¿qué significaba para Jesús el cumplir la ley? Jesús veía en la ley el cumplimiento del tiempo (antes se acabarán el cielo y la tierra). Cuando la ley sea reemplazada por la rectitud y las buenas relaciones con el Reino de Dios. Es decir, cuando toda persona tenga la capacidad de no medirse con leyes humanas sino que se mida con la ley del corazón que es el amor y la justicia, cambiará todo. Esto no quita que las leyes y normas humanas que nos rigen y nos gobiernan sean para el bien común. La ley fundamental de la que habla Jesús es el regalo de darse uno mismo a los otros por amor. Las normas y obligaciones sirven para cuidarnos los unos a los otros. Esto es lo que nos guía a una vida plena. ¡Nuestro modelo es Jesús!

¿Cómo la sociedad actual puede medirse por la ley del corazón? ¿Qué nos falta de cambiar para ver a la otra persona como si fuera yo mismo? Jesús nos lo describe así. "Por lo tanto, el que quebrante uno de estos preceptos menores y enseñe eso a los hombres, será el menor en el Reino de los cielos; pero el que los cumpla y los enseñe, será grande en el Reino de los cielos" (Mt 5, 19). No se necesita buscar tanto. Tan solo reflexionar en el Evangelio nos clarifica que el dar la vida por los demás debe ser un hábito de amor diario y el único camino para entrar en el Reino. ¡Así de simple!

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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A Message from Fr. Tom

They say a journey of a thousand miles is made by taking the first small step. This is true for being Christian. Each day we are challenged to make choices that bring us either toward Jesus or that can take us away from him. By consciously choosing the Christian life St. Paul in our Second Reading promises the gift of God's wisdom. This wisdom is discovered as a consequence of putting the Christian life and its demands at the front and center of our lives. Very often we think that we need to first get our lives in order—career, family, social life, etc.—before we can start taking on the project of being religious and morally good. I believe the message of today is saying to us the opposite. The place of priority rests with our first getting our lives in touch with and in-tune with the divine source—God—when we do this, then all these other aspects of our lives; the career, the family, the social will fall into place. Why??? Well, first, the Christian faith gives us criteria with which to judge these many aspects of our lives. I am able to judge what is good and beneficial—through Jesus I learn how to live and to prioritize. Second, a deepening religious experience is always the fruit of reflection and discernment. We ourselves must learn to judge things and discern when we hear God's voice speaking to us *or not*. We need to work at going deeper into the religious realities we profess on our lips. Nature and grace go together. If you want to pray better—pray more. If you want to know how to find God in complex situations—take the trouble and time to invite Him into your complex troubles. By the good habit of dedication and prayer, I believe the message of today tells us that we can develop qualities of discernment and wisdom that are profound and that are a genuine gift of God. All we have to do is take the first step.

Generations of Faith

It has been one year since we introduced the Generations of Faith Campaign to our parish. I am very pleased to say that we made our pledge goal of \$375,000.00, and exceeded it by about \$25,000.00. Of particular note is that at this point, thirty five percent (35%) of our pledges have been fulfilled. I am told this is a very good place to be. Of the many work projects that were mentioned as part of this pledge drive; Divine Mercy Parish has completed every one of them in all three of our churches.

With all the good news are some areas where we can still make progress. There are still some people that have not made any contribution to the pledge they made

during last year's campaign. We have approximately 600 registered families in the parish, but only 135 have made pledges. Please do what you can in the coming days to continue to fulfill your pledge or make one if you have not already done so. It is my hope that every family or person who attends Mass here regularly would find the generosity to make a pledge. If you cannot make a pledge, I ask that you continue to pray for the success of this campaign

Married Couples Retreat

Our parish will sponsor a retreat for married couples the last weekend of March during Lent. The dates are Friday, March 24th to Sunday, March 26th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, L.I. The retreat will have two language tracks—English & Spanish led by Deacons John Warren (English) and Elkin Tamayo (Spanish). There is space for 23 couples and the cost for the entire weekend is \$110.00 per couple. Please call the rectory office to reserve your space.

Beginning Experience

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences; often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain, it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you, to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future.

The next weekend is on Long Island at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore on February 24th—26th, 2017. For information and reservations, call MARY at (516-) 413-6209 or JEAN at (631) 903-0973, JIM at (718) 474-3779 or JOHN at (516) 822-0635.

Ladies Movie Night

Join us this Sunday, February 12, at 5:30pm in the St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement. We'll be showing the romantic comedy "Only You" starring Marisa Tomei (as a woman whose search for her soul mate leads her to Italy where she meets her destiny) and Robert Downey Jr. This movie was filmed on location in Italy and the scenes are just beautiful.

Refreshments will be served and we will have a 50/50 raffle.

This movie is rated PG for some mild sensuality and language.

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GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

“What does LOVE look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.”

St. Augustine

Please be assured that our needy neighbors appreciate the love that comes from the food they receive through your support of our pantry. May God's love and blessings rest upon you always.

Specific item needed this week: **Canned meats**
Food Pantry Coordinator & Volunteers

St. Francis of Paola Church

Memorial Gifts – February 12, 2017

BREAD & WINE

Joseph, Sam, Michael Rocco
by Teresa Puccio & Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Deceased Members of the Falabella Family
by Jean Falabella

Senior Housing Opportunity

Progress of Peoples Management Corp. - an affiliate of Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens – is pleased to announce the opening of the waitlist for the Mt. Carmel Apartments, located at 745 Saint Johns Place, Bklyn., N.Y. 11216. The building includes handicap accessible units, is for elderly residents and couples where the head of household or spouse is 62 years or older. Income restrictions apply based on Section 8 guidelines.

Applications will be available beginning Monday February 13, 2017 and will remain available until Friday, March 3, 2017. Applications must be mailed to the P.O. Box listed on the application and must be postmarked by Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Application In Person: Catholic Charities Walk-in Center 191 Jeralemon St, 1st Floor, BKlyn., N.Y. 11201 time 9am - 5pm Mon. to Fri. (Feb.13 thru Mar. 3), OR At St. Carmel Apartments (745 Saint Johns Place, Bklyn, N.Y., 11216) 2pm - 4pm Mon. thru Fri. (Feb. 13 thru Mar. 3)

By mail written application: Mt. Carmel Apartments, c/o POP Management Corp., 191 Joralemon St., 8th Floor, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Written applications requests must be received by Friday, February 24, 2017.

(See flyer in back of Church for more information).

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, February 11, 2017

5:00pm Mannetta Family by Virginia Mannetta

Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:00am Antonio De Sarno by Marie Sepe

11:30am Bobbe Angiolletti by Family

Monday, February 13, 2017

7:45am Romano Family by Daughter

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

7:45am Sr. Barbara Zhu by Agnes & Joseph Sun

Thursday, February 16, 2017

7:45am Saverio De Stefano by Wife & Children

Friday, February 17, 2017

7:45am Phyllis Dede by Son

Saturday, February 18, 2017

7:45am Nicola Baglivo

by Mr. & Mrs. A. De Sarno

5:00pm

Pasqual Medici by Medici Family

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:00am Sr. Agnes Shen

by Niece Agnes & Joseph Sun

11:30am

Thanksgiving to my Parents
by Carlotta Giglio

Youth After School Program

Our Parish's After School Program has started. All young people in grades 4-12 (ages 10-18) are welcome to participate! The program will meet in the St. Francis Rectory Basement (219 Conselyea St.) from 2:30-6:00pm for a brief time of prayer and reflection, followed by focused study time, and lastly time for socializing.

Youth Retreat Opportunity

All high schoolers and young adults, ages 15-30 are invited to attend Youth 2000's retreat *Face 2 Face*. This three day retreat, February 17, 18 and 19 will be at St. Mark's Church in Sheepshead Bay. This Eucharist-centered retreat is not to be missed, and there is a suggested donation of \$35!

For more information or to register call the parish office (718)-387-0256 or email Lauren at youth@dmbk.org.

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, February 12, 2017

10:30am For Divine Mercy by Paulette Family
Nancy & Patricio Quizhpe
by Leon Quizhpe
Osualdo Bautista by Leon Quizhpe
Fe Evangelista by Family
Nena Acosta by Family
12:45pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, February 19, 2017

10:30am Dolores Almonte
Huascar Pabon
Dagoberto Hernanez
12:45pm Marie Guarino Babino
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Sciangula & Family

Pray For the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Wanda Zadwarny, Carmella Caiafa, Maureen Conlon,
Sister Rose Ellen McCann C.S.J., Raul Carreiras,
Christina Giron, Patrick Del Vicario, Dora Lo Gosso,
John Porcelli, Nancy & Vinny Gonzalas, Marti
Latterman, Rae Pacifico, David Pelletier, Richard
Schloop, Frank Cremato, Nicolet Latore, Maddox
Moises, Bob Petruzzo, Louis Clappi, Patraicia Clarke,
Martha Pulgarin, Sister Helen Schmidt, I.N.J. Ben
Brancato, Marion & Florence De Gruccio

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Michael J. Piro, Nicholas La Veglia, Kathleen Egan,
Andy Gonzales, Angelina Cifaldi, Giovanna D'Onofrio

Divine Mercy Parish Choir

The Parish Choir will be meeting regularly in the St.
Francis of Paola Choir Loft after the Saturday 5PM
Mass. Rehearsal is open to anybody who wishes to
sing with us. No prior singing background is required.
Please speak to our Director of Music, Justin Fields, for
more details.

Men's Night Out

Men's Night Out will meet on Friday, February 17, at
8:00pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola Rectory.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, February 12, 2017

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Thomas Petrowski
Kenny Tenzycki
Maria L. Rodriguez
7:00pm For those who have no one to pray for
them

Monday, February 13, 2017

8:30am Michael & Joann Fabbrocino

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

8:30am Michael & Fanny Namorato

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

8:30am Nancy Formato Zito

Thursday, February 16, 2017

8:30am Biaggio Bondi

Friday, February 17, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Saturday, February 18, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, February 19, 2017

9:30am John Walsh
James Wade
Raffloer Family
Ben Brancato Speedy Recovery
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

St. Cecilia's Church

Memorial Gifts – February 12, 2017

BREAD & WINE

John, Anna & Ted Sefcik by Lori Sefcik

ARISE Together in Christ

Interested in sharing how God is working in your life
within the context of everyday experiences, Scripture &
Catholic Tradition? Then join an ARISE faith-sharing
group this coming Lent!

Season 2 of ARISE begins the week of February 17.
The theme this Lent is "Change our Hearts"!
Information on available group meeting days and times
will soon follow. Pray for the 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.

Registration for Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas Mount Saint Mary's College
Newburg, New York, July 16 – 22, 2017
Camp Veritas Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, New York
August 13 – 19, 2017

Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. The schedule is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Come get to know other kids your age and experience a week of sports, activities, prayer, and fun! This week of faith and fun is probably the most beneficial gift you could give your teen. Register at CampVeritas.com via the "Camp-in-touch" portal before April 1, for the early bird rate. Any question contact Lauren at youth@dmbk.org or the Rectory at 718-387-0256.