

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for Sunday June 9/10, 2018 was \$3,448.00.

Let us join together and celebrate Annual Divine Mercy Parish Barbecue Saturday June 23, 2018

All are invited.

5pm Mass at St. Francis of Paola Church
Barbecue and Celebration to follow in
St. Francis Auditorium

On Woodpoint Road and Skillman Avenue

17 de junio de 2018 11° Domingo del tiempo ordinario

Muchas veces los maestros de las escuelas y los catequistas de las parroquias llevan a cabo la dinámica de invitar a sus alumnos a plantar una semillita de frijol en un pequeño vaso lleno de tierra. Todos los días los niños cuidan y observan cuidadosamente la semilla hasta que brota la planta. Y al verla crecer se llenan de contento. En las lecturas de hoy encontramos algo similar a esta dinámica. Jesús nos asegura que la semilla crece por sí misma con impresionante vitalidad. "Escuchen esta comparación del Reino de Dios. Un hombre esparce la semilla en la tierra, y ya duerma o esté despierto, sea de noche, o de día, la semilla brota y crece, sin que él sepa cómo" (Mc. 4:26).

En el Evangelio, Jesús dice palabras que ayudan al corazón de cada persona a crecer sembrando el bien en dondequiera que se encuentre. Las parábolas son una directa invitación a la esperanza, a no perder el ánimo de sembrar a pesar del desaliento que muchas veces afecta a los sembradores. Papás, mamás, maestros, catequistas y, en fin, todos los trabajadores que día a día luchan por una sociedad más justa. Jesús hoy nos reta a todos a dejar el desánimo y seguir evangelizando, dialogando y guiando a nuestros hijos, alumnos, amigos y familia. Aunque parezca que la semilla no da fruto, Dios se encarga de que germine en cada corazón. ¿Cómo sientes que germina la Palabra de Dios en tu vida? ¿Cómo respondes ante el desánimo de seguir esparciendo el bien? La Palabra de Dios nos alienta a ser fieles y tener plena confianza en él. ¡No lo defraudemos, sigamos luchando por la justicia!

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 [29a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from Fr. Tom

On Pentecost Sunday, we distributed a booklet about my plans and hopes for the future. This included important statistics and demographic information on our diocese, our neighborhoods of Williamsburg and Greenpoint (Deanery Brooklyn West #1) and lastly on our parish. Basically, you had to sit through two homilies. Sorry about that. I realize this information is not easy to take in, but you need to know how serious the situation is for the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn (in five years 44% of all diocesan priests will be *retired* priests). But there are things we can all do to help improve the situation.

Following is a summary of the helpful steps we can all take in the areas of Faith, Evangelization, Participation, Vocations and Finances:

Faith

- If schedule permits, come visit St. Francis & St. Cecilia Chapel during the day to pray.
- Attend Mass during the week (Monday—Saturday)
- Daily Prayer Intention: Ask Jesus to help Divine Mercy Parish thrive and grow

Evangelization

- Use parish events such as our up-coming BBQ in June to evangelize and invite someone who needs to meet or reconnect with the Church. This is an open invitation for such future events.

Participation

- Consider becoming an usher, lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or catechist. We especially need people willing to visit our many homebound.

Vocations

- Encourage the faith of all of our young people. If you sincerely feel someone has a special gift or calling from God, recognize that gift and let them know *personally*.

Finances

- Our parish is fully out of debt at the moment. However, soon we will be taking on more considerable debt to address serious deferred maintenance issues.
- Please be sure you are registered with our parish
- Increase Sunday offering by 10%
- Pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
- Pledge to the Generations of Faith Campaign

Green Door Gallery

“Beasts of Brooklyn”

Join us for “Beasts of Brooklyn”, at the Green Door Gallery (corner of Skillman and Humboldt) as we view 22 Brooklyn artist’s paintings, sculptures, and photography of animal life. Curator Elisa Jensen

Open Weekends Sat. – Sun. 2-6pm

Until June 24, 2018

Change of Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closing at 4pm starting Monday, July 2, 2018 through September 4, 2018, Monday to Friday.

The Parish Office will be open on Saturday’s during this time from 9am to 5pm.

Save the Date

Thursday, June 14	Flag Day
Sunday, June 17	Father’s Day
Saturday, June 23	Parish BBQ
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day

Bishop Appeal

If you have not made a pledge commitment and would like to do so, envelopes are available near the doors of the Churches.

Father’s Day

Today, we give thanks and praise to God our Father for all fathers young and old, living and deceased and for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland

And attendance at the 9th World Meeting of Families

August 19-27, 2018

Sponsored by

The Pilgrimage Office, and the Office of Family Life
School of Evangelization

Bishop Massa will be Spiritual Director

Mass with our Holy Father Pope Francis

For a Brochure call Peters Way Travel 516-605-1551

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**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH
ALL ARE WELCOME**

“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)

Our” Gift of Love” food pantry is an opportunity for community experience. We share our food and love with our neighbors and this action becomes a sign of love for Christ. May the Lord God continue to allow us this opportunity to love each other in His Name!

Specific items needed: **jelly/jam**

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – June 17, 2018**

BREAD & WINE

Charles J. Palmaccio by daughter Melissa

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Gabriele Carannante by daughter Tina

Gabriele Carannante by Wife

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Louis Anolfo by Wife and Children

ALTAR CANDLES

Louis Anolfo by Grandchildren

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Giuseppe Corbisiero by Tina Carannante

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**The Sisters of St. Dominic
Of Amityville**

Celebrate Annual Luncheon

Please join us on Friday, June 29th, 2018 as the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville host their:

17th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon

Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, N.Y.

This year’s Master of Ceremonies is News 12 Long Island Anchor and Journalist Carol Silva. Tickets are \$75.00 each. For more information contact 631-842-6000 ext. 246.

Proceeds from the event
benefit the retired Sisters.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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

Saturday, June 16, 2018

5:00pm Father’s Day Remembrance

Sunday, June 17, 2018

8:00am Father’s Day Remembrance

11:30am Father’s Day Remembrance

Monday, June 18, 2018

7:45am Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

7:45am Virginia & Angelina by Ada

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

7:45am The Riccio Family by Anna Riccio

Thursday, June 21, 2018

7:45am Deceased Members of the Caiafa Family
by Rose Martello

Friday, June 22, 2018

7:45am Giuseppe & Brina Ruggiero by Family

Saturday, June 23, 2018

7:45am Phyllis Dede by Son

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, June 24, 2018

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy

11:30am Katie Dagrosa by Family

Nunzio Trezza by Mr. & Mrs. Cono
Mazza

Deceased Members of the Scala Family
by Family

Summer Sacred Music Courses

Introduction to Chant

St. Joseph’s Seminary (Yonkers)

June 25-28, 2018

For more information please contact:
nyliturgy.org/workshops or liturgy @archny.org or
914-968-6200 x 8177.

Wedding Banns

St. Cecilia’s Church – July 21, 2018

Larry Magagna & Kristine Luat

JUNE 17, 2018

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, June 17, 2018

10:30am Father's Day Remembrance

Sunday, June 24, 2018

10:30am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Juan de la Cruz Agudo by Teresa Agudo
Huascar Pabon

Pray For the Sick

Barbara Vetel, Valarie Bruno, Nancy Gonzalez, Vinny Gonzalez, John Porcelli, Wanda Zadwarny, Richard Schlopp, Angela Mauceri, Frank Grutza, John Tusa, Rae Pacifico, Cathy Leonick, Dolores Mulcahey, James Smith, Jamie Castro, Rosa Maria, Anne Hogan, Clara Caglione

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Frank M. Cremato, Saturnino Juarbe-Mercado, Rose Greco, Florence E. Piccolo, Teresa Scotti, Joan Tusa, Dora Logosso, Frances Dascoli

Registration for 2018-19
is Now Open At

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC ACADEMY
11 Catherine Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education, please contact Principal James Daino at 718-388-7992, www.queenoftherosarybrooklyn.org

Support Aid to the Church in Need
by registering for or sponsoring the
23rd Annual Bishop DiMarzio
Golf Classic

Thursday, July 12th, 2018

North Hills Country Club, Manhasset, N.Y.

To register or more information:

718-517-3128 or www.desalesmedia.org/golf2018

Bishop Kearney TACHS Prep Class

September 11th – October 30th

Please visit our website for more information

<https://www.bishopkearneyhs.org>

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, June 17, 2018

9:30am Father's Day Remembrance

7:00pm Father's Day Remembrance

Monday, June 18, 2018

8:30am Neil & Mary McAllister

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8:30am Dorothy & Arthur Knapp

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

8:30am Cappiello Family

Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:30am Daniel Pudjak

Friday, June 22, 2018

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Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:30am Anna & Vincent Vuzzo by Batista Family

Sunday, June 24, 2018

9:30am Frank Chesnicka
Norah McCormick
Rose Lupoli
Tom Sabatino
Rose Pettenato

7:00pm Erminio Fiore by Children

Firefighter Daniel F. Pujdak

Memorial Mass - Saturday, June 23, 2018
St. Cecilia Church at 9:30 am

Memorial Gifts - Divine Mercy Parish

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp

Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles

Blessed Mother Candles St. Joseph Candles

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year).

Memorials can be made in remembrance or in honor.

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