

## 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."

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### Sunday Collection

#### At Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday Collection for weekend of October 20/21, 2018 was \$2,817.00

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### Affordable Housing

5 newly constructed units at 2954 Brighton 3 Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11235 Brighton Beach.

To apply on line, go to [nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect) or to request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to MGYN Consulting, c/o 2954 Brighton 3<sup>rd</sup> Apartments, 18 Bridge St., Suite 2D, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Deadline is November 7, 2018.

## 30o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy está lleno de acción por parte del ciego Bartimeo. Les invito a ver paso a paso lo que sucede en la escena. Él está a la orilla del camino, escucha movimiento y se entera que es Jesús de Nazaret el que pasaba. Enseguida, comenzó a gritar. "¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!" (Marcos 10:47). Para el ciego, sólo Jesús podía salvarlo de su ceguera. Fue persistente, aunque le decían que se callara, gritaba aún con más fuerza. Él sabía exactamente lo que quería; no tenía ninguna duda. Él deseaba ardientemente encontrarse con Jesús. Estaba seguro que Jesús se compadecería de su situación. ¿En su vida ha experimentado alguna vez esa seguridad en Jesús?

Cuando Jesús se detiene y le llama, el tira su manto, y de un salto. Se pone frente a Jesús. Listo para la misión, seguro de sí mismo, atiende a la pregunta: "¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?" Maestro quiero ver. Su fe lo salvo. "Puedes irte, tu fe te ha salvado." Qué hermoso momento encontrar a Jesús, verlo, sentir su bondad y misericordia. Bartimeo ya no estaba solo en el camino, se unió a Jesús en una relación íntima e inquebrantable. Fe en acción es el ejemplo de este ciego. ¿Quiénes son los Bartimeos de nuestro tiempo? ¿Quiénes están en el camino dando gritos? Inmigrantes que sufren, jóvenes que claman por justicia, violencia en las familias y en la sociedad. ¡Señor, ayúdanos a ver más allá de nuestra miopía!

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### RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

### 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Before he is healed, blind Bartimaeus, throws aside his cloak and he draws nearer to Jesus in faith and trust while he is still blind. This action invites us to consider the importance of following the voice of Jesus—most especially in those moments of obscurity when the circumstances around us are shrouded in darkness. We also consider the symbolism of Bartimaeus' cloak. The things that we carry with us may prevent us from drawing closer to God. Do we cover ourselves with things—perhaps material possessions, or priorities or attitudes that block God's initiative? Do these things keep us from Jesus? Do we carry around unnecessary burdens that blind our vision—perhaps past mistakes, anger, jealousy, and rejections? Do these things keep us from deepening our faith and truly seeing the offer of God's divine life before us?

Finally, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the way to Jerusalem. This is a road that will end with rejection, great suffering, death—but also the Resurrection. As we near the end of ordinary time, we too are reminded of the coming of God's Kingdom. The restoration of the Kingdom demands our participation and that we—like Bartimaeus—who were once blind by our sins—are now freed by Jesus whom—we too—must follow along the way.

**Fr. Tom**

### Major Restoration Work in Divine Mercy Parish

As was announced by me earlier this year, Divine Mercy Parish has been granted a 3 million dollar loan to address some urgently needed deferred maintenance. St. Nicholas—Stained Glass Repair & Façade Pointing  
St. Francis—Stained Glass Repair & Ceiling and Grotto Restoration

St. Cecilia—Stained Glass Repair & Boiler Replacement

**NOTICE**—over the next few weeks the Church of St. Cecilia and Rectory will be without heat. We are sorry for this inconvenience. The resolution of many code violations took longer than expected. We will keep you informed when the more precise dates of the outages are known. Wear an extra sweater to Mass.

**Fr. Tom**

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## St. Francis of Paola Church

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 4, 2018 **12:45 pm**

**Celebrated by the Most Reverend James Massa**

## All Saints Day-Parish Mass Schedule

### Wednesday, Vigil Mass – October 31, 2018

7:00pm – St. Nicholas Church

### Thursday, November 1, 2018

7:45am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am – St. Cecilia Church

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## All Souls Day – Parish Mass Schedule

### Friday, November 2, 2018

7:45am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am – St. Cecilia Church

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## Mass Book 2019 / January to June only

The 2019 Mass book will open on Wednesday,

November 7, 2018 for Masses for

### **January through June**

In order to give everyone an opportunity to book Masses, for the first week that the Mass Book is open, requests must be made in person at the Rectory, and each person is limited to 2 weekend masses and 3 weekday masses.

Mail in requests and phone in requests, are also limited to 2 weekend Masses and 3 weekday Masses, and will be entered into the Mass book after November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The stipend for Masses is:

\$20.00 for weekend Masses

\$15.00 for weekday Masses.

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia, the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Nicholas and the last Sunday of the month at the 11:30 am Mass at St Francis will all be collective Masses.

Organizations and Societies are asked to contact the Rectory to request their Masses before the Mass book is opened to the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish.

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## St. Nicholas Alliance

St. Nicholas Alliance wishes to inform you that applications are being accepted for affordable housing at 125 Borinquen Pl., LLC, Bklyn., N.Y. 11211. you can to apply on line at [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect) or write to 125 Borinquen Pl., LLC, Occupancy Department, 260 Powers St., Bklyn., N.Y., 11211 for application.

Deadline date is November 21, 2018

30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Food Pantry Help Needed**

Volunteers are needed to assist in packing grocery bags once a month for food distribution to pantry clients. If you are prepared to make a commitment to assist us, please leave your contact information with the parish office. Thank you.

**St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Memorial Gifts – October 28, 2018**

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

Frank J. Grande by Marie & Joe Bavuso

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**Transfiguration Men’s Shelter**

We are once again asking for volunteers to provide a hot meal for the men of the Transfiguration men’s shelter, our Parish will be serving the week of

November 11<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

December 9<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

We are required to provide a complete meal including beverage & dessert for 30 people.

Whether you decide to do it personally, as a family or with a group or organization, please know that your generosity and kindness is appreciated!

For more information or if you are interested in providing food or helping with serving please contact Angela Scotti at 718-782-3881 or the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

**Rosary Society Living Rosary**

All are invited to attend:

**Living Rosary & Novena** outside of St. Cecilia’s Church on Monday’s in October 29 followed by Adoration. Time 7:00 pm.

**Looking Ahead**

- Thurs. Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Fri. Nov. 2 All Souls Day
- Sun. Nov. 4 St. Francis 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Mon. Nov. 5 Learning Faith with Fr. Tom
- Mon. Nov. 12 Veterans Day Observed
- Sun. Nov. 18 Town Hall Meeting, 1 pm St. Francis
- Thurs. Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day

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

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

5:00PM For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

8:00am Dora Logosso by Joe & Angela Scotti

11:30am Carmine Yannucci by daughter Barbara  
Margaret Cosentino Happy Birthday by  
sister Nannette & Family  
Antonio Arlistico by Mr. & Mrs. Charles  
Remi & Family

**Monday, October 29, 2018**

7:45am St. Jude by Barbara Guidice

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

7:45am Stephanie Squiccirini by Marie & Dom  
Perrotto

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

7:45am Rosemarie Ihne by daughter Diana  
Altadonna

**Thursday, November 1, 2018 – All Saint**

7:45am Marie & Giuseppe Scala

7:30pm All Saints

**Friday, November 2, 2018 – All Souls**

7:45am All Souls

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

7:45am All Souls by Maria Cimino

5:00PM Anthony & Jennie Torre by Torre  
Family

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am San Sabino Deceased Members

12:45pm 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass St. Francis of  
Paola

**Faith “Tune Up” With Fr. Tom  
Monday November 5, 2018**

Do you want to brush up on the basics of your Catholic faith? Join Father Tom on the first Monday of each month, 7:30-8:30 pm in St. Francis Rectory basement to learn or re-learn about what we believe as Catholics.

**Nocturnal Adoration** All are invited to attend the monthly Nocturnal Adoration on Sat., Nov. 3, 2018 in the Chapel at St. Cecilia, 84 Herbert St., at 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 28, 2018

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

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

10:30am Frank J. Grande

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

7:00pm Vigil Mass for All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

10:30am Marie Baruso Mechaluk by Dennis Torre and Sonia Rivera

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**First Saturday Devotion in**  
**Divine Mercy Parish**

It has been almost one year since Divine Mercy Parish was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was accomplished on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the final apparition of Fatima—The Miracle of the Sun on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This was done by me, your pastor, with the conscious intention to protect our parish from many evils around us and advancing the kingdom within our community. Bishop DiMarzio was personally informed of my intention to make this consecration. He gave me his approval of this action in July of 2017. Intimately connected with the message of Fatima is the warning of severe chastisements to come and sins within the church. Who cannot see some of the tragic events of the present hour as a fulfillment of this prophetic vision? But, we are not powerless! We are not without hope! Our Lord is with us, and Mary, his mother, reminds us that one powerful weapon in these troubled times is the Rosary. As told to Sr. Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, Our Lady requests that the faithful should set aside the first Saturday of each month for “communions of reparation in atonement for the sins of the world.” The person who makes this devotion for five consecutive Saturday’s is promised the aid of the Mother of God at their hour of need. What are the requirements to fulfill the First Saturday Devotion?

- Attend Mass on that First Saturday
- Pray the Rosary on that First Saturday
- Spend 15 minutes in refection upon one of the mysteries of the Rosary on that First Saturday
- Go to Confession within 7 days of that First Saturday

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**Pray For the Recently Deceased:** Barbara Sieburt, Anthony Biondo, Fred DeLuca, Robert Schmitt

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

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

9:30am Trinity James

Robert McEvoy

Matthew McGee

7:00pm Rosa Maria Decarolis

**Monday, October 29, 2018**

8:30am Rhiannon Riess

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

8:30am Jane Jablonski

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

8:30am Margaret Rossi

**Thursday, November 1, 2018 – All Saints**

8:30am For the Deceased

**Friday, November 2, 2018 – All Souls**

8:30am All Souls

**Saturday, November 3, 2018-First Saturday**

8:30am Fr. Fidelis Egbunu by Angela Federico

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

9:30am Flo & Rick Delaney

Rosary Society

Jo & Ed Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Trinity James

Marion Priboy

7:00pm No Mass this Day

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**Gold For The Golden Years**

Please join us for this informative conference at St. John’s University on Saturday, November 10, Hear from experts in the field regarding housing, legal protection, health, mind and spiritual well-being for seniors. Lunch is included and there will be a special Mass. There is a nominal \$10. Fee.

The event is being co-sponsored by Catholic Charities Diocese of Brooklyn and St. John’s University. To register or more info please contact LaFerme Andrews at 718-722-6042 or go to our website at [www.ccbq.org](http://www.ccbq.org).

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**Pray For the Sick:** Maryann Pecora, Wanda Zadwarny, Nancy Gonzalez, Vincent Gonzalez, Jackie Elsasser, Christopher Floria, Paula Scala, John Colasanti, Lucy Corbisiero, Eliot Roldan, Rae Pacifico, Dolores Mulcahey, Jamie Castro, Cathy Leonick, Susan Gernert, Theresa Scala, Eleanor Heck, John Porcelli

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