

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? “Because the widow keeps bothering me.” Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones.” Sometimes, He may well seem “slow to answer them.”

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts “are not [our] thoughts.” His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to “faith on earth

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**Sun. Collection:** Oct. 12/13, 2019 was \$2,864.00.

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**Religious Education News**

All students are expected to dress up as a Saint of their devotion for the All Saints’ Celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Saint Francis of Paola’s auditorium at 9:30 am.

**29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

La liturgia de este domingo se centra en la oración y en cómo no debemos desanimarnos jamás de orar ni de insistir a Dios con nuestras plegarias. El Papa Francisco nos ayuda con los siguientes consejos e insiste en la confianza que se debe tener al orar: “Porque ninguna oración queda sin ser escuchada, muchas de nuestras oraciones no obtienen ningún resultado. ¿Cuántas veces hemos pedido y no hemos obtenido, llamado y encontrado una puerta cerrada? [Sin embargo], podemos estar seguros de que Dios responderá. La única incerteza se debe a los tiempos, pero no tenemos dudas de que Él responderá. Tal vez sea necesario insistir durante toda la vida, pero Él responderá. Nos lo ha prometido”.

El relato de Jesús sobre la viuda y el juez afirma lo que el Papa Francisco nos asegura; Dios siempre escucha nuestros ruegos y da lo que conviene a la salvación de cada persona. “¿Acaso Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos si claman a él día y noche, mientras él deja que esperen? Yo les aseguro que les hará justicia.” (Lucas 18:7-8). Reflexionar en la justicia en términos bíblicos es hablar de la misericordia infinita de Dios. Entonces, para crecer en justicia y misericordia los unos para con los otros, se necesita un profundo crecimiento en la vida de oración. Para un dialogo y encuentro profundo con Dios ¿qué se debe hacer? La Santa Teresa de Calcuta decía que: “Sin un corazón lleno de amor y sin unas manos generosas, es imposible curar a un hombre enfermo de soledad. El amor es un fruto que madura en todas las estaciones y que se encuentra al alcance de todas las manos”.

**Concert in the Green Door Gallery**

**Corner of Skillman and Humboldt**

*Have Mondays' and early sunsets  
been getting you down?*

*Why not hear some beautiful music and see some  
wonderful art to lift up your spirits.*

Please join us on Monday, October 28th for the first concert of our Concert Series. The violin trio The String Lab Ensemble will be performing in the gallery space. There will also be a special showing of the current art show "Refuge." The gallery opens at 5 PM and the concert is at 7 PM. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

## A Message from Fr. Tom

The parable that Jesus gives us in the Gospel today can be rather upsetting and disorienting. Clearly, our God is nothing like an unjust judge—or the unscrupulous steward of a few weeks ago. Bad people are not meant to be examples for us. Rather, if such people who are not faithful to God or His commandments are enterprising and persevering in their wayward endeavors, how much *more* do we need to persevere in the ways of righteousness.

Perseverance is an essential aspect of Christian life. Prayer helps to lay the foundation for perseverance. We need to recognize that God is at work in our lives. Everything doesn't depend upon us. I think of this lack of trust when Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane. The disciples fall asleep rather than remaining vigilant with our Lord in prayer. Perhaps their falling asleep is not simply because of their weakness or they are unfaithful friends, but rather because they are just so preoccupied and worried about what will happen. This anxiety keeps the disciples from prayer and so they cannot remain in relation with Jesus when their master is threatened. Another key image is the warrior Joshua in our first reading fighting the good fight with Moses supporting him with prayer. We need the support of prayer just as much as Joshua fighting the good fight each day. Fr. Tom

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### Mass Book 2020

The 2020 Mass book will open on  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 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. The stipend for Masses is: \$20.00 for a weekend Mass, \$15.00 for a weekday Mass.

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.

## Parish Mission Sunday / October 20, 2019

This Sunday, October 20, 2019, after each of our morning Masses: 9:30 am St. Cecilia, 10:30 am St. Nicholas, 11:30 am St. Francis, we invite all parishioners and friends to the auditorium or church basement to meet the various groups and societies that are hosting our Parish Mission Sunday.

If you were thinking about joining a group or society now is the time.

You can also register as a member of the parish if you are not already registered.

*Coffee and cake will be served.*

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## Gospel of Luke - Bible Study with Fr. Tom

All are welcome to join Fr. Tom's Bible Study Group on the Gospel of Luke, on Wednesdays, at 7:45 pm in St. Francis of Paola Rectory. The Bible Study runs until November 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the parish office to confirm your participation.

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## Life Line Screening Community Health Care

Will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium  
200 Woodpoint Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

### 5 Important Screenings:

Carotid Artery (Plaque Screening), Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.

### Three ways to register for the screenings:

Call toll-free: # 1-866-229-0469

Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

Text: the word **circle** to **797979**

Please see the flyer located on the table in the back of the churches for more information and cost.

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## Flea Market / St. Nicholas Church

Today - Sunday, October 20, 2019

10 am to 4 pm

Msgr. Vetro Hall

26 Olive Street

between Powers and Devoe Sts.

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## Pray for Vocations

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

**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)*

Your ongoing support is vital to this important ministry at Divine Mercy Parish! “Thank You!”

Specific items needed: **Canned Meats**  
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – October 20, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

Maryann Thompson by Carol Carannante & Family

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

Thank you Jesus Christ for my Mother’s good health and Virgin Mary for answering my prayers by Rosamarie Suarez Vargas

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**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy  
Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner**

*Honoring Sr. Joan Losson, O.P., Sue Ann Roye  
Marian Mingo (formerly Hernandez)*

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6 – 10 pm

Giando on the Water \$125.00 per Person

**For Tickets, Commemorative Journal  
Submissions & Further Information:**

[QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com](http://QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com)– website

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com)– email

718-388-7992 - phone

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**Rosary Society of Divine Mercy Parish  
Christmas Extravaganza**

Saturday, November 16, 2019

6:30 P.M. – St. Cecilia’s Auditorium

Tickets \$25.00 dinner included

50/50, Raffles, Money & Door Prizes

You can purchase your ticket at the Parish Office or in back of Church after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Cecilia.

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**All societies and groups**

are welcome to publicize their up-coming events, meeting, etc. in the parish bulletin. All copy must be in submitted by Monday, 12 noon.

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

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

5:00pm Anthony Arato by wife Dominica

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

8:00am Maria & Antonio Trochia by Daughter

11:30am Angie & Tony Cagegia by Children

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

7:45am Alfred Vassalotti by Father Tom

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

7:45am Josephine Lachetta by Maria Mandarino

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

7:45am Open Intention

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

7:45am Robert Sciangula by Family

**Saturday, October 26 2019**

7:45am Open Intention

5:00pm Gaetana Rappuci Vincenzina Bianco by

Gaetana Livornese

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

8:00am Cono Babino

11:30am Andrea Catalanotti by Scotti Family

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**Coat Drive at St. Cecilia**

St. Cecilia Church is participating in Broadway Stage’s coat drive to benefit families living in Brooklyn homeless shelters. Kindly donate new or lightly used coats for children and adults by November 24th and place the item in the collection bin located in front of the church. This is a perfect way to start the holiday season and to help our needy neighbors!

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**Memorial Gifts- At DMP**

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, Altar Candles, Blessed Mother Candles and St. Joseph Candles.

*All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of  
a family member or friend.*

OCTOBER 20, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, October 20, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

#### Wednesday, October 23, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, October 27, 2019

10:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

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**Pray For the Sick:** Tom Napolitano, Marlina Ferone Washack, Onelia Velez, Antoinette Tucillo, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Dorothy Madigan, Con Shanahan

#### **Pray For the Recently Deceased:**

Victoria Solano, Luz Maria Javier, Michael Nunziato, John Monaco, Celia Auriemma, Dominick Villella, Lucy Blass, Norma Carlo

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#### **Family Day Trip Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Mercy Parish will again offer a family day outing this fall to the Our Lady of the Island Shrine. We will depart in front of St. Francis of Paola Church on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. All who are going on the trip are encouraged to attend the 7:45 am Mass this day, here at St. Francis.

We will go pumpkin picking for an extra cost after our trip to the shrine site. Please call the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. We ask a nominal reservation fee of \$5.00. Please bring a packed lunch. Deadline to sign up is Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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#### **All Saints Day-Parish Mass Schedule**

##### Thursday, Vigil Mass – October 31, 2019

7:00pm – St. Nicholas Church

##### Friday, November 1, 2019

7:45am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am – St. Cecilia Church

11:00am – St. Nicholas Church

7:30pm – St. Francis of Paola Church

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#### **All Souls Day – Parish Mass Schedule**

##### Saturday, November 2, 2019

7:45am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am – St. Cecilia Church

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Monday, October 21, 2019

8:30am Jacqueline Elsasser

#### Tuesday, October 22, 2019

8:30am John Brummett

#### Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:30am Joseph Rinaldi

#### Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:30am Edward Flanagan

#### Friday, October 25, 2019

8:30am Ben Brancato (Anniversary)

#### Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:30am Jacqueline Elsasser

#### Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:30am Dorothy Knapp

Barbara Sinkevitch

Pat (Patricia) Samfilitto

Ann & Len Kiefner

7:00pm Open Intention

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#### **Thinking of becoming a Catholic?**

#### **Thinking of being confirmed?**

If you or someone you know is thinking of this, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participating at Sunday Mass and instructions on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Classes meet Mondays at 7:30 pm in St. Francis Rectory. Call the parish office to register.

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#### **Living Rosary & Novena**

##### **All are welcome**

Are all invited to join the Rosary Society for the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia's Church on the following Mondays; October 21 & 28. Time 7:00 pm.

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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

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### **Receive Our Parish Bulletin** **Electronically**

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