

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector." For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who "went home justified." How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it.

Sun. Collection: Oct. 19/20, 2019 was \$3,143.00.

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.

30° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Continuamos en este domingo con la insistencia de la oración. Tal pareciera que sin ella la vida no tiene ningún sentido. La necesidad del ser humano de estar unido a su creador es por medio del diálogo sincero que nace de lo profundo del corazón. Los místicos y místicas a través de los tiempos nos dan catedra y ejemplo con su propia vida de lo que es el proceso de oración. No es fácil, pero sí es seguro que Dios desde siempre ha escuchado las plegarias de las viudas y los huérfanos. Su respuesta es acudir con su justicia en todo momento. "Porque el Señor es el juez y no hace favoritismo. El nunca recibirá mal al pobre, escuchará la oración del oprimido. No menospreciará la súplica del huérfano y los gemidos de la viuda." (Sirácides 35:12-14).

El Evangelio nos narra otra hermosa parábola de Jesús, la del fariseo y el publicano. El fariseo es: arrogante y va al frente del templo, habla de sí mismo, centra su oración en la perfección, olvidando que solo Dios es perfecto. El publicano, por el contrario, se sabe humilde pecador y de retiradito le pide perdón a Dios. Se siente humillado y suplica por justicia. Ahora, hablando con honestidad, se debe de admitir que algunas veces se es como el fariseo y otras como el publicano. ¿Has descubierto eso cuando haces oración? ¿Cómo te sientes al descubrirlo? El punto es que se reflexione en las últimas palabras del Evangelio de este domingo: "Porque el que se hace grande será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido." (Lucas 18:14).

Readings for the week of October 27, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

A Message from Fr. Tom

Last week Jesus encouraged us to persevere in prayer. But, he did not tell us how to pray or what prayer without ceasing would look like. Today, we get some answers. Jesus wants us to pray with humility and acknowledge our standing as sinners before our God. As I like to say, our “default setting” before our God is that we are all sinners. Like the older brother in the Prodigal Son parable, the Pharisee of today’s Gospel presumes to know the faults of those around him. The Pharisee believes that actions and deeds can be accumulated like possessions—like so many beans in a jar—and used to confer upon a person good standing in God’s eyes. Jesus will have none of this. Self-righteousness is a serious obstacle to discipleship. Those who are humble recognize that every aspect of their lives unfolds in the sight of God. God knows all our tricks, excuses and evasive maneuvers. Our God cannot be bribed. The humble know that they are poor in spirit and that they need a personal, loving and benevolent God to save them. This humility motivates us—helps us—to acknowledge God’s presence. Those who are humble know that they must depend upon God—and therefore the humble—the poor in spirit—pray well.

Saturday, November 2nd/First Saturday of the Month Marian Devotion

I encourage you to take advantage of the First Saturday Devotion. Mary the mother of Jesus invites us to make the following four (4) spiritual exercises on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- Attend Mass on the First Saturday of the Month
- Pray the five decades of the Rosary on that Saturday
- Reflect for 15 Minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary on that Saturday
- Go to Confession within 7 days prior or after the First Saturday

Please attend Mass on that day. For the person who makes this devotion to Mary for five (5) consecutive Saturdays the mother of Jesus promises us that she will be with that person at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. What a deal!

Finally, become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society here in DMP. Attend Nocturnal Adoration on the First Saturday of every month in St. Cecilia’s Chapel. Next date is November 2nd, 2019.

Mass Book 2020

The 2020 Mass Book is open for intentions
January to June

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.

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

All Souls Day – Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 2, 2019

7:45am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30am – St. Cecilia Church

Traditional Latin Mass

Beginning on Sunday, December 1st (the first Sunday of Advent), 7:00 pm Mass at St. Cecilia will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (more commonly known as the Traditional Latin Mass). In order to help parishioners with this transition, Fr. Rafael will be preaching at the 7:00 pm Mass during all Sundays in November to explain what makes this Mass unique and how one can fruitfully participate in praying it. Also stay tuned for bulletin explanations in the weeks ahead.

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
St. Joseph Candles.

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

30TH 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)

“In giving, we imitate God; we mirror God’s unselfishness and love” (Father Robert Lauder)

Specific items needed: **Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – October 27, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

In Celebration of Saints, Angels, Sacred Heart and Virgin Mary of Carmen by Gertrudis Vidot Ginares

BLESSED MOTH R CANDLES

Gloria Szczepanski by Anna & Joe Fusco

**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– website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com– email

718-388-7992 - phone

**Living Rosary & Novena
All Are Welcome**

All are invited to join the Rosary Society for the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia’s Church on Monday, October 28. Time 7:00 pm.

**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.

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

Saturday, October 26 2019

5:00pm Gaetana Rappuci Vincenzina Bianco by
Gaetana Livornese

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:00am Cono Babino

11:30am Andrea Catalanotti by Scotti Family

Monday, October 28, 2019

7:45am Cono Babino by wife Nicolina Babino

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

7:45am Wanda Zadwarny by Carlotta Giglio

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Thursday, October 31, 2019

7:45am Pietro Martello by wife Ada & Daughter

Friday, November 1, 2019 – All Saints Day

7:45am Erik Brown by Grandma & Grandpa
D’Arrigo & Family

7:30pm All Saints

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – All Souls Day

7:45am All Souls

5:00pm Marie Ferzola

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:00am Antonetta Cherubino by Luigia Rozza &
Family

11:30am San Sabino Deceased Members

Prayer Group

As members of the Prayer Group we are inviting Catholics to either by their presence or remotely on Wednesdays between the hours of 3 pm through 4 pm join us in the Chapel at St. Cecilia Church or be part of the prayer chain. We connect with the Lord through quiet prayer, say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, lift up our petitions to the Lord Jesus Christ, read either a Psalm or an insightful reading, and sing joyfully either with songs or listen to music.

As always, at the end we tell the Lord thank you for all that He has given us.

The Lord gives us many missions in our lives: some difficult, some easy but all with a reward. If you need us to pray for your petition, please send us the request.

Hopefully you will be able to join us.

OCTOBER 27, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, October 27, 2019

10:30am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Thursday, October 31, 2019

7:00pm All Saints

Friday, November 1, 2019

11:00am All Saints

Sunday, November 3, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: Marlina Ferone Washack, Onelia Velez, Antoinette Tucillo, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Dorothy Madigan

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

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

Life Line Screening

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

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.

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:30am Dorothy Knapp
Barbara Sinkevitch
Pat (Patricia) Samfilitto
Ann & Len Kiefner

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, October 28, 2019

8:30am Jacqueline Elsasser

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

8:30am Living Members of the DeGruccio Family

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

8:30am Steffon Kackocki

Thursday, October 31, 2019

8:30am Margaret Rossi

Friday, November 1, 2019 – All Saints Day

8:30am Sal & Tom Pastina

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – All Souls Day

8:30am All Souls

Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rosary Society
Rich & Florence Delaney
Luis & Elizabeth Gonzales: Living Intention

7:00pm Open Intention

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 20th.

Christiana Cole

We congratulate Christiana Cole. She is starring in a new Off-Broadway Show, "An Enchanted April". The show runs three weekends, with performances Wed. through Sun., Nov. 1-16. All performances take place at Theater Two at Theater Row on 42nd Street. Ticket info: telecharge.com or use discount code TRBiz on website telechargeoffers.com.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th 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

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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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Electronically

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