

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ...” In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we’re struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: “How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I’m part of?” Perhaps you’ve wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: “Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?” These aren’t easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don’t be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.

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**Sun. Collection:** Nov. 2/3, 2019 was \$3,084.00.

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**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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Ticket info: telecharge.com or use discount code TRBiz on website telechargeoffers.com.

**32º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

En este domingo, la Iglesia comienza a enfocarse en el final de los tiempos y en la segunda venida de Cristo. Las lecturas aseguran que la esperanza debe estar en la vida, que es Cristo. La muerte es inevitable; todos pasaremos por ella. El trauma de perder a un ser querido es palpable. El dolor nos hace sentir la presencia del ser amado más fuertemente. Esa sensación de presencia se siente en lo profundo del corazón, no tan solo del ser amado, sino de Jesús mismo que es la resurrección y la vida. La resurrección no es mera fantasía, es por seguro una divina presencia.

El Evangelio nos enseña que existe la vida después de la muerte. Jesús dijo a los saduceos: “Él no es Dios de muertos, sino de vivos, y todos viven por él.” (Lucas 20:38). Ahora, ¿Qué se piensa de la muerte? ¿Qué crees tú sobre la muerte en las circunstancias que vive la sociedad? El Papa Francisco nos ayuda con la siguiente reflexión:

Así es la esperanza cristiana: tener la certeza que yo estoy en camino hacia algo que es, no que yo quiero que sea. Esta es la esperanza cristiana. La esperanza cristiana es la espera de algo que ya ha sido cumplido y que realmente se realizara para cada uno de nosotros. También nuestra resurrección y la de los seres queridos difuntos, por tanto, no es algo que podrá suceder o no, sino no es una realidad cierta, en cuanto está enraizada en el evento de la resurrección de Cristo. Esperar por tanto significa aprender a vivir en la espera.

Aprender a vivir en la espera y encontrar la vida.

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**Concert Series****“Low Art—Borderlines”**

The Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series invites you to our second show “Low Art—Borderlines,” to be held in the Green Door Gallery (the corner of Humboldt and Skillman) on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm.

Justin Fields (piano) and Cody Hosza (saxophone) will present a Concert exploring the space between the finished musical product and its inception.

Featuring a program of all new music, it is not a Concert you want to miss. Admission is free and there will be a reception to follow. For more information visit [lowart.eventbrite.com](http://lowart.eventbrite.com) or take a flyer located at the entrances of the church.

## A Message from Fr. Tom/Progress Report on Renovation Projects

This past week our \$3 million deferred maintenance project passed some important milestones:

**St. Cecilia** You may have noticed the scaffolding is now down from St. Cecilia's Church. The major part of this work was to install safety glass and restore all window frames. In addition, about 8% to 10% of the windows have been totally re-lead. While the work is not finished (over the next 30 years we must re-lead the remaining windows), we can say with justifiable pride, that we have gone a long way in preserving an important part of our parish patrimony for future generations. I can definitely notice more light in the church!! A good way to appreciate the quality of this work is to inspect up close the windows on the cloister walk on Herbert Street as you enter the day chapel.

**St. Francis** We installed the last of the reconstructed stained glass that was removed back in 1973 to make room for air conditioners. Regrettably, this original glass was thrown out, and so we reconstructed the missing portion of these windows. Along with the ceiling coffers and new fans, the church has a restored appearance that is in keeping with the 1941 design. Hopefully, we will tackle the grotto in 2020.

**St. Nicholas** We continue to work on a number of fronts. The same scope of work undertaken on the stained glass at St. Cecilia's has now begun. We are nearing the completion of pointing the façade and will also replace the roof shortly. I hope we will find the funds to tackle the pointing on the exterior sides and sanctuary in the near future. The church will also have new doors for all three main entrances. The doors have been completed, but we will defer installation after we have completed the pointing and stained glass work. No need to put these beautiful doors at risk of damage. I hope to create a small chapel open daytime hours in the right side entrance in 2020.

Thank you for your generosity and please participate in our Generations of Faith and Annual Catholic Campaign Appeal if you have not already done so. Every little bit helps!! **Fr. Tom**

## Silence and the Traditional Mass

In the book of Kings we read that the prophet Elijah heard the Lord speak to him, not in the gale of a strong wind, nor in the quaking of the earth or in the blaze of a fire, but rather in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19: 12). Living in an urban environment, we can become desensitized to the constancy of the noise that surrounds us. Sadly, moments of genuine silence in the modern world amidst our busy lives can become a rare commodity. When we are alone with ourselves, many of us can find such solitude challenging. We begin to think about many things and feel things which we realize we may have not been tending. But as those seeking to follow Christ, silence can become a springboard for a powerful encounter with the living God.

For a newcomer to the traditional Latin Mass, the abundance of silence which is to be found therein can be a bit unnerving. During the course of the Mass, many of the prayers are offered inaudibly. For example the prayers at the offertory, the canon (Eucharistic prayer) and those immediately preceding the reception of communion are all said silently by the priest. In the low Mass (one offered with few or no hymns), this reality becomes starker. It is a reminder that God does not come to us just in the multiplicity of spoken words, but as the Word made flesh; who is both with us and beyond us at the same time. Throughout the Bible, the human response to God's divine presence was awe-inspired silence; a silence which readied them to respond to God who came to them. The sacrifice of the mass is the unbloodied representation of God's love made flesh in the person of Christ who came to suffer and die for us. The silence found in the Mass reflects Christ's agony in the garden, his silence in the face of his executioners, the silence of the hours he spent on the cross and finally the silence of his burial. Then in silence, the resurrected Lord comes to us to feed us with His body and blood. No amount of hellish distraction could prevent our Lord from carrying out his sacrifice that conquers the powers of hell and carries us back to our Father's embrace.

The silence of the Mass is the silence between the Beloved and the Lover. Gazing upon him as the priest lifts the host and receiving him into our souls in communion, it is a silence that can draw us into the presence of the one who longs to speak to us in our hearts. While perhaps an acquired taste, the silence of the traditional Mass can invite us to seek God in a new found way.

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## Diocesan Pilgrimage Oberammergau The Passion Play

Visit: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Rebensburg, Passau, Salzburg & Munich: **May 12-21, 2020.** Bishop Octavio Cisneros: *Spiritual Director*, Rev. Frank Schwarz: *Chaplain*. For brochure call 516-605-1551x17.

**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry  
At Divine Mercy Parish**

With the holidays coming it is a good time to remember and embrace the words of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta “At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.”

Specific items needed this week **canned sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix**  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – November 10, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

Louis & Tessie Brando by Teresa Brando & Family

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

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

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**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Josephine Strocchia by Anna & Joe Fusco  
John Strocchia by Anna & Joe Fusco

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**Celebrate Thanksgiving by Helping  
Someone in Need**

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, Divine Mercy Parish will make home visits to distribute meals to feed our homebound and also offer meals and winter clothing to the homeless of our neighborhood. If you are interested in helping, please call the rectory office (718-387-0256).

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**Life Line Screening**

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

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre by Torre Family

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

8:00am Joseph Rinaldi

11:30am Our Lady of the Snow Deceased Members

**Monday, November 11, 2019**

7:45am Theresa Ferzola by Ben Moccio

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

7:45am Jane Squarciafico by Anthony Disalvo

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

7:45am Clara Ulto by Mr. & Mrs.. Cono Mazza

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

7:45am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel by Giuseppe Vertuccio

**Friday, November 15, 2019**

7:45am Louise & Angelo Libretto

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

7:45am Villella Family by Children

5:00pm Jean Falabella by Maria Mandarino

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

8:00am Rocco & Rose Passaro by Sister

11:30am Don Bosco Columbiettes Memorial Mass

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**BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA.**

**Miracle of Christmas**

**December 28, 2019**

Leaving from St. Anthony’s, 862 Manhattan Ave., at 7:00 am and returning at 7:00 pm back, to St. Anthony’s. The ticket for the trip is \$133.00 adult, and \$86.00 children 3-12. Ticket includes: bus, show, lunch and tip for the bus driver. Deadline for reservation is November 16 or 17.

On the bus trip we will have a 50/50 going to Pa. and 50/50 coming back to NY.

To reserve a ticket call Carol Kulikowski at 718-387-6979 or Cell # 917-617-1413.

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**Mass Book:** The 2020 Mass Book is open for intentions. From January to June only.

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

10:30am Miguel Rodriguez Happy Birthday in Heaven by Sal & Diane  
Nuestra Senora Providencia  
All Souls

#### Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, November 17, 2019

10:30am For Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons

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**Pray For the Sick:** Antoinette Tucillo, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Dorothy Madigan

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

Dominick Vilella, Lucy Blass, Norma Carlo, Con Shanahan, Salvatore Spinosa, Marie Custodio

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## Cultural Events for Catholics of African Ancestry

Sat., Nov. 16, at 7 pm Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson St., Bklyn., N.Y. **Tolton** *From Slave to Priest*. Performed live by Jim Coleman. Admission: free will offering. More info: 718-253-4404.

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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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**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>.

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## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of Veterans Day.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:30am Jane Pedota-Good Health  
Robert Knapp-Happy Birthday – Living Intention  
7:00pm For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

#### Monday, November 11, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

#### Tuesday, November 12, 2019

8:30am Rev. James Krische; Living Intention

#### Wednesday, November 13, 2019

8:30am John Curcio

#### Thursday, November 14, 2019

8:30am Theresa Viscardi

#### Friday, November 15, 2019

8:30am Baby Angel Evergreen Hope

#### Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30am Norma Brogan

#### Sunday, November 17, 2019

9:30am Cappiello Family  
John & Josephine Manzolillo  
For Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons  
7:00pm Open Intention

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## St. Nicholas Winners

A television (donated by the St. Nicholas Committee) and Echo Dot (donated by the Sciangula Family) was raffled at the Flea Market on Sunday, October 20, 2019. The Winners are: TV– Domingo Diaz / Echo – Angel Reveron. A vendor: Marianna Nastasi-Schwartz raffled a basket of Arbonne Products – The Winner Gianna Sciangula

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## Traditional Latin Mass

Beginning on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (the first Sunday of Advent), the 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 this week and through November.

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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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