

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me."... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

Sunday Collection for January 11/12, 2020 was \$3,642.00.

Having a Tough Day? Pray!

Turn to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Chapel: Open 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Monday—Friday

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Monday—Thursday

St. Francis of Paola Church: Open 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
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2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El anuncio profético de Juan Bautista continua; el domingo pasado con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor él decía no merecer desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Hoy, anuncia otra importante profecía: "Este es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo." Y el Evangelio continúa narrando la grandeza del Hijo de Dios por medio de Juan, quedando su testimonio hasta nuestros días: "Aquel sobre quien veas que baja y se posa el Espíritu Santo, ese es el que ha de bautizar con el Espíritu Santo." Juan rebela que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios que será sacrificado para el perdón de todos los pecados del mundo y que Él es Dios que bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. También el Evangelio revela dos cosas importantes sobre el Bautismo: el Bautismo con agua nos lava, limpia del pecado, el Bautismo con el Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a conocer íntimamente quien es Jesús. Los Sacramentos son misterios que nos ayudan a relacionarnos y conocer al Cordero de Dios.

La catequesis por aprender de la Liturgia de hoy es que el Bautismo no es un simple evento ritual que hacen los padres al bautizar a sus hijos. Sino que es el inicio de la jornada de toda la vida; es el proceso de conversión de cada bautizado. En la Eucaristía, afirmamos nuestra fe en el Cordero de Dios cuando el sacerdote dice, "Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. Dichosos los invitados a la cena del Señor." ¿Qué relación existe entre el Cordero de Dios y nuestro Bautismo?

Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 nd 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

A Message from Fr. Tom

I hear two levels in the message of this Sunday—one is about following Jesus and being a ‘servant’ and what our baptismal promises mean. This message is clear and given to us in the Scriptures. The other level is harder—it is a consequence of internalizing the proclamation of John. It is personal and cuts deeper. It concerns our struggles—the bedrock of our faith—who do we believe Jesus to be and how will we respond to this proclamation? How many times have I been asked since my college years by various Protestants or Evangelical Christians, “Do you want to be saved?” A seminary professor of mine wisely answered, “You have no right to ask me if I want to be saved, but only to know the reason for my hope!” I like that response.

Finding Jesus—accepting him into our daily lives—is not easy. I am learning to permit myself to be interrogated by my own questions. Most often this has to do with facing the challenges of the unbelief in an intense secularism of the culture that surrounds us—and finding Jesus in all of this. Understanding the meaning of the proclamation ‘Lamb of God’ is not so much about the belief in a personal, benevolent God who suffers *with* and *for* us—I believe most of us accept that—but rather—to trust that that God can work through the particular circumstances and messiness of our own daily lives. Lord, by the grace of our celebration this Sunday—help us to see you!!

Can Anybody Say Amen?

This was the title of a documentary film about Gospel music a few decades ago. It also applies to us in our Sunday worship. When you receive the Body of Christ from the priest at each Mass—the correct response—the ONLY response—is “Amen.” Many people in DMP are neglecting this important obligation of our worship. Often, the priests of DMP are met with either silence or “thank you.” The Eucharist is a gift of God and not from the priest who merely cooperates with God’s desire to share himself with you in this Sacrament. When you come forward to receive Jesus—please respond with a firm “Amen.” Thank you for bearing this in mind.

Golden Age

The Golden Age that meets in St. Francis Auditorium on Mondays will not meet on Monday, January 20, 2020.

Welcome to Brooklyn 94th Precinct

Commanding Officer Kathleen Fahey!!

Last week the 94th Precinct inaugurated our new Commanding Officer, Captain Kathleen Fahey. Perhaps the first time in history this precinct has been led by a female officer. Please welcome her and keep her and *all* our police officers in your prayers. Also remember to stay active and alert to what is happening in our community. FYI, this past Sunday 01/12—there was an incident of someone harassing a priest during the Mass at St. Anthony / St. Alphonsus.

Transfiguration Men’s Shelter

We have been assigned our 2020 winter week for the Transfiguration Men’s Shelter. The dates we will be needing assistance are:

Sunday, January 19, 2020 through
Saturday, January 25, 2020

If you can help us by providing a complete hot meal for 35 men consisting of salad, entrée, dessert and beverage, or if you are unable to provide the food but would like to help by serving, we can always use a helping hand.

Please contact Angela Scotti @ 718-782-3881 or the Parish Office @ 718-387-0256.

Please be assured whether you do this personally, with your family, group or organization your kindness and generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Pro Vita Mass

Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 5:00 pm Mass
St. James Cathedral Basilica Brooklyn

Presenting

The Father Michael J. McGivney Medal for Life

Rev. Father Manuel De Jesus Rodriguez

The Bishop Tomas Vose Daily Pro Vita Awards

Steven Cirone, PGK and Members of the Lexington Council #293 (Kings County)

Members of Monsignor Francis J. Dillon Council #5872 (Queens County)

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday.

2ND 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)

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will (Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9)

Each time we reach out to help those who need understanding, compassion and kindness, we stand before our Lord and Savior and declare our commitment to do His will. Your support of our Food Pantry clearly puts this pledge into action.

Special Items needed: **Canned fruits**
Food Pantry Coordinator

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – January 19, 2020**

BREAD & WINE

Louis & Tessie Brando by Teresa Puccio & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Louis & Tessie Brando by Teresa Puccio & Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Frances Papapietro by Carol Carannante & Family
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- 1/26/2020 Regular Classes
2/20/2020 Family Catechesis for Communion
1-3 pm St. Francis Auditorium (topic:
Family)
2/16/2020 No class midwinter recess/Presidents’
week.
2/23/2020 Regular Classes & Family Day at
12:30 pm in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

**Clases De Ciudadania
!GRATIS!**

Clases son los

LUNES Y MIERCOLES

Demezando: El 6 de Enero, 2020

Horario: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Direccion: 295 Woodbind St., Bklyn., N.Y. 11237

Registracion en el 265 Wyckoff Ave., Brooklyn, New
York 11237. CEO: Monsignor James J. Kelly

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

Saturday, January 18, 2020

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

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00am Open Intention

11:30am Salvatore Bifulco by Caroline
Carannante & Family

Monday, January 20, 2020

7:45am Nicola Baglivo by daughter Santina

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

7:45am Open Intention

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

7:45am Open Intention

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:45am Frances DeStefano by Rose Ann
Fortunato

Friday, January 24, 2020

7:45am Lucy Laratonda by Friend

Saturday, January 25, 2020

7:45am Lucy Laratonda Birthday in Heaven by
Theresa Knapp

5:00pm John Gentile by Peter Passarelli &
Family

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:00am Rita De Martino by Mr. & Mrs. Cono
Mazza

11:30am Catholic Schools Week
Joseph Lanzieri by San Sabino Society

Save the Date:

St. Anthony’s “Carnevale”
Tuesday February 25, 2020

Brooklyn Evening of Fraternity

Saint John Paul II House of Discernment
January 27, 2020

Holy Hour // Conference // Dinner

341 Highland Blvd., Bklyn., N.Y., 718-827-2454
Re. Vincent Chirichella Asst. Vocation Director

Take Home an Extra Bulletin

JANUARY 19, 2020

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

Sunday January 19, 2020

10:30am Joseph Aragona by family

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

7:00pm Filomena Vitale by Mr. & Mrs.
Baldassarre

Sunday, January 26, 2020

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Pray For the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to add (or remove) a name to this list...

Patricia Clarke, Trish Randall, Anthony Delio, Laura Vayda, Michael Santoro, Marie Salvato, Caroline Bark

Pray For the Recently Deceased

James Sullivan, Michael Younghese, Agnes Sullivan, Deborah Gelski, Lorraine Lagalla, Nicholas Val Farina, Salvatore Bifulco, Giuseppe Lanzieri

Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate the

Annual Midday Praise and Prayer Celebration

“Commemorating the Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Monday January 20, 2020

St. Martin de Porres Parish, Our Lady of Victory
Worship Site, 583 Throop Ave. Bklyn., N.Y. 11216.

Heart to Heart Ministry

Special Women’s Mini Brunch Retreat

LOVE’S GIFT OF LIGHT

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:30 am 12 Noon

At American Martyrs Sullivan Hall, 79-73 Bell Blvd., Bayside. (Corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Turnpike) Bring your mom, grandmother, sister, friend or neighbor. Come and share in a morning of prayer, song and joy!

Call Sister Ave to register 718-428-2471.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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

Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Philip Hofmann

Monday, January 20 2020

8:30am On the Feast of St. Sabastian in Memory
of Father Calendo

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

8:30am Leonard & Margaret Rossi

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

8:30am Daniel McGovern

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:30am Arthur Knapp, Sr.

Friday, January 24, 2020

8:30am Rose & Sam De Angelis

Saturday, January 25, 2020

8:30am Dr. Katharine Hays & Family

Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:30am Eleanor Mangonia
7:00pm Anthony & Mary Risi

**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy
Brooklyn Bingo Night**

Friday, February 7, 2020 7:00 PM

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Price \$10; includes one card, coffee and dessert.
Plus...Extra cards and raffles will be sold.

Purchase tickets at the school (11 Catherine Street) by
Monday, February 3, or contact Annette Marino (646-
361-8467). No Tickets sold at the door.

Children under 16 NOT permitted.

Prizes to be won!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Mon. Feb 3.	St. Blaise
Fri. Feb. 14	St. Valentine’s Day
Mon. Feb. 17	Presidents’ Day
Tues. Feb. 25	Carnevale – St. Anthony
Wed. Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
Sun. March 8	Daylight savings time begins
Tues. March 17	St. Patrick’s Day
Sun. April 5	Palm Sunday
Sun. April 12	Easter Sunday

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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

Cell: (929) 371-4355

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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