

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday October 4, 2014
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Vivian Catuogno

Sunday October 5, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Ilona Janny and Deceased Members of Janny and Szanto Family
 11:15am Raymondo Zangrandi
 12:30pm Frank Ramunno

Monday October 6, 2014
 7:30am Charles DiMaria
 9:00am Laura Righetti

Tuesday October 7, 2014
 7:30am Louis Colozzi
 9:00am Serafina Vespertino

Wednesday October 8, 2014
 7:30am Patrick Riccio
 9:00am Robert Landi and Anthony Landi
 7:00pm **Recitation of Rosary**

Thursday October 9, 2014
 7:30am Charles DiMaria
 9:00am John Denner

Friday October 10, 2014
 7:30am Ralph and Eric Vazquez
 9:00am Mater Dei Memorial

Saturday October 11, 2014
 7:30am James Lane
 9:00am Mrike Parubi
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Francesco Nigro

Sunday October 12, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Juanito and Elena Mangalindan
 12:30pm Kathleen and Harry Riconda



Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church during the month of October in Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us October 8, 15, 22, and 29.



Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Blessed

Mother: Please join us **TODAY** beginning with the 9:30am Mass and following with a beautiful Rosary Procession throughout the neighborhood. We will conclude with a Continental breakfast and fellowship in the school gym. All are welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: will begin this Monday evening, October 6th at 7pm in the Rectory and will meet every Monday evening thereafter until Easter in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Please call the Rectory or just come on Monday evening.



St. Francis Xavier School: Thank you to the Home-School Executive Board for making the Penny Social a fun evening!

The children are selling Hershey Candy as a fundraiser for the school. Please buy a chocolate candy bar and support St. Francis Xavier School. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic

faith 24/7: Service for Confirmation students:

Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory. All are welcome.

Visiting the Residence of Williamsbridge Nursing Home: under the direction of Ms. Mariangela Agovino will be on Saturdays, October 11th, November 15th, December 13th, January 10th, February 7th, March 14th and April 11th. Please meet in front of the Church at 10:45am. Return time approximately 12:15pm. Parents and Grandparents of students are also welcome.

Mater Dei Society 17th Annual Memorial Mass honoring deceased members on Friday, October 10th, 9am Mass. Breakfast to follow at Pelham Bay Diner. Reservations (718) 863-2618 if you have a name to add, please call.

TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High School): Friday, November 7th. Applications for the Examination must be submitted by Monday, October 8th. www.tachsinfo.com, 1-866-61TACHS, 1-866-618-2247.

OPEN HOUSE:

AQUINAS HS: Sunday, October 5th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. 718-367-2113, X137. Students interested in "Aquinite for a Day" program, please contact Betsy Davila at 718-367-2113, X137. **CARDINAL SPELLMAN HS:** Sunday, October 26th, from 11:30am-3:30am.

FORDHAM PREP: Sunday, November 2nd, at 1pm. 718-367-7500 or admissions@fordhamprep.org.

XAVIER HS: Saturday, October 18th, 1:00pm-4:00pm. 212-924-7900.

IONA PREP (Grades 9-12): Sunday, October 19th, 12 Noon-3:00pm. www.ionaprep.org or contact Barbara Robertson at 914-600-6154

ST. RAYMOND: 2380 East Tremont Ave., Friday, October 10th at 6:30pm. www.saintraymondacademy.org, 718-824-4220.

Weekly collection September 28: \$5,168

Filipino Mass: \$755

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Today is another beautiful Sunday here in our parish beginning with the 9:30 Mass at which we will install our new Altar Servers, children from our School and Sunday morning Religious Education Program, boys and girls from the fifth grade through High School. What a beautiful way for our children to grow closer to Jesus and the awesome mystery we celebrate at Mass. We appreciate all our Altar Servers so much and thank them for so generously volunteering their time to serve God and our Parish in this very special way. We have over 50 Altar servers which is a beautiful sign of the vitality of this parish. In particular, I want to congratulate and thank on behalf of all of you each of our new Altar Servers being installed today: **Kevin Ravelo, Jaylene Magro, Joseph Mazza, Matthew Greaney, Giulia Capozzoli, Chanel Rodriguez, Tracy Ha, Maggie Rice, Emmanuel Mazzella, Lucas Mazzella, Amanda Mooney, Elona Nacaj, Nicole Caringal, and Logan Hau Maloney.** May our Lord Jesus bless them abundantly and draw them ever closer to His Most Sacred Heart through their service at the Altar.

Immediately following the 9:30 Mass is our Rosary Procession as we pray the Rosary throughout the streets of our neighborhood to start off this month of October dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary and the Rosary. The Procession will take the place of Sunday morning Religious Education classes, for what better way to teach our children about Jesus than by teaching them the beautiful and powerful prayer of the Rosary. As we pray the Rosary we think about Jesus: the Incarnation, His birth, His Life, His Passion and Death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Through the Rosary we contemplate the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary as she draws us into a deeper knowledge of Her Son.

As we pray the Rosary today we will also be imploring the intercession of Mary as we join the Church throughout the United States in observing "Respect Life Sunday." Let us turn to this most powerful weapon against evil, the Rosary, as we dedicate ourselves to building a culture of life. Today's focus on respect for human life reminds us that all life comes from God and belongs to God, and that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, and therefore must be loved, nurtured, and protected from the moment of conception through natural death and at every point in between. As the Servant of God, Terrance Cardinal Cooke, put it so beautifully: "Life is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, physical or mental diseases, loneliness or old age." Life is always a beautiful gift from God, and when God gives life it is forever. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

From a letter on the Sanctity of Life by Terrence Cardinal Cooke:

...We are made in God's image and likeness, and this fact gives a unique dimension to "the gift of life." We have even more reason to be grateful. It is tragic that in our time, concepts which are disastrous to the well-being of God's human family—abortion, euthanasia and infanticide—are falsely presented as useful and even respectable solutions to human family and social problems. Human life is sometimes narrowly viewed in terms of being inconvenient or unwanted, unproductive or lacking arbitrarily imposed human criteria.

From the depths of my being, I urge you to reflect on this anti-life, anti-child, anti-human view of life and to oppose with all your strength the deadly technologies of life-destruction which daily result in the planned death of the innocent and the helpless. Together we must search for ways to demonstrate this conviction in our daily lives and in our public institutions. In doing so, we must never be discouraged or give up. Too much is at stake—"the gift of life" itself.

The "gift of life," God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age. Indeed, at these times, human life gains extra splendor as it requires our special care, concern and reverence. It is in and through the weakest of human vessels that the Lord continues to reveal the power of His love. ...

...In October, as we observe Respect Life Month, I call on you to rededicate your efforts for the sanctity of all human life and to work to counteract the contemporary threats to life. ...



Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, John Dinelli, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Pat Foley, Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza (Fr. Neil's Father), Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel



In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our

Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Gerald Esposito and Eduardo Garcia