

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday November 15, 2014

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Antonio Mazzella

Sunday November 16, 2014

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am John Cipollone

11:15am Celia "Sally" Gervasi

12:30pm Kathleen and Harry Riconda

Monday November 17, 2014

7:30am Christopher Efthimiou

9:00am Luigi Palumbo and Raffaele Palumbo

Tuesday November 18, 2014

7:30am Intentions of John Mulhern (Living)

9:00am Nora Carney

Wednesday November 19, 2014

7:30am Intentions of John Mulhern (Living)

9:00am Joseph Guerriero

Thursday November 20, 2014

7:30am Gladys Bonano

9:00am Emilia Fata

Friday November 21, 2014

7:30am Intentions of John Mulhern (Living)

9:00am Vito Tetro

Saturday November 22, 2014

7:30am Rosetta Iodice

9:00am Charles Dicosola

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Anna Radovanovich

Sunday November 23, 2014

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Anna Radovanovich

11:15am Ida Civetta

12:30pm Joseph Petrozza

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Time

Anthony Minella and Siobhan Slattery



Weekly collection (Parish Pay included)
November 9: \$6,655
Thank you for your generosity.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

CELEBRATION: Sunday, November 30th

Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30

Mass. **Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day**

Raffle. Fun, music, camaraderie, cotton candy, face painting, great food made by our parish family, fun for the whole family and chances to win more prizes (50/50 prize and lady's handbag, make-up and toiletry baskets, large painting, wine, table cloth set, and more). \$5/adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish. Please complete the flier inserted in today's bulletin.



St. Francis Xavier School: The eighth graders are looking forward to their annual volley ball game against the faculty on Friday evening, November 21st. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our

Catholic faith 24/7: The children are all excited rehearsing for our Annual Christmas Pageant under the direction of Dale Kolarek, Mario and Ryan Gamilo.

The Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 9:30am in the school gym. Everyone is welcome as Christmas comes alive with our children being a part of the beginning-The Birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. Please join us to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas at St. Francis Xavier.

Confirmation students Community Service:

Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory.

Next Visit to the Residence of Williamsbridge Nursing

Home: Saturday, November 15th. Please meet in front of the Church at 10:45am. Return time approx. 12:15pm. **Potluck Dinner**, November 30th, Setup and Cleanup, Face Painter etc. Please call Rectory to sign up.



Thanksgiving Food Drive by the Franciscan

Sisters of the Renewal: Will be most grateful to receive financial contributions or the following non-perishable foods: **cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cans of potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, stuffing and non-refrigerated dessert items.** Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church by this weekend, November 15th/16th.

St. Catharine Academy hosting Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 29th. Three races—a 2.5 mile open event, a 6th, 7th and 8th grade 1.25 mile event and a 1.25 mile walk starting at 9am. For information, <http://www.scahs.org/apps/news/> and look for Turkey Trot or email: tdelaney@scahs.org.

This week's second collection is the Thanksgiving Day Collection for Human Development.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier



Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin by sharing with you some of Cardinal Dolan's thoughts as he lamented the tough announcement of parish mergers last week. In his blog this week the Cardinal wrote that there are many reasons why we had to reduce the number of our parishes from 368 to 305, from shortage of money to shortage of priests, but that the fundamental reason is that so many of our people are just not coming any more. On any given Sunday only somewhere between 15 and 20% of our people come to Mass. Therefore, the Cardinal wrote, "our sacred duty is to win our people back! That's what Saint Pope John Paul II called the *new evangelization!* That means asking *why* they no longer come, how we can attract them back, and what we've done wrong." We have much work and much praying to do.

As we come near to the end of the Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King next week, our readings today implore us to be ready for the "Day of the Lord," the day when Christ will come again. Whether this be at the end of time when Christ will come in glory, or at the end of our life here on earth at the moment of our death, the message is the same – we must remain alert and ready for we know not the day or the hour. As St. Paul put it in our second reading today, this day will come when we least expect it, like a thief in the night. Today's gospel of the *Parable of the Talents* reminds us that we must be ready at any time for our Lord to come and seek an accounting from us of how we have used the gifts He has given us. In this parable Jesus is not just speaking about using and developing our own personal gifts or talents, but something much deeper. He is speaking about using and developing the greatest talent, the greatest gift which all of us have received – the gift of faith, the gift of His Grace, a share in His Divine Life. Our Lord has invested His Life and His Love in us, and He expects a generous return on His investment.

Do we live each day of our lives in expectation of the coming of the Lord, or does the notion of death and judgment fill us with anxiety and fear? The answer depends on whether we are living the way we are supposed to be living every day of our lives, seeking to do the Will of God in all things, and constantly relying on the Grace and the Mercy of God. The Church gives us two sure ways to help us to anticipate the coming of the Lord without fear or anxiety. The first is to be dealing with our sins regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A good confession is like anticipating the second coming of the Lord. As it says in the Catechism: "*In this Sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. By going to be forgiven now in the Tribunal of God's Mercy, we have nothing to fear later in the Tribunal of God's Justice.*" Saint Padre Pio put it well: "*Work hard, do your best, pray hard, and don't worry.*"

The second way is to prepare well for Mass and to receive our Lord *worthily* in Holy Communion every Sunday, or even better, every day. The same Jesus who comes to us so humbly in the Eucharist is the same Jesus who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. If we are ready to receive Him worthily every time we approach to receive Holy Communion, then we are ready to meet him whenever He comes again. And if we are not ready today, then what are we waiting for? May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY RAFFLE

First Prize: \$10,000

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$500

Raffles are \$50 each and will remain on sale before and after every Mass in the Church vestibule, and in the Rectory during the week until the drawing on Sunday, November 30th.

The raffles are selling slower than usual. There are only two weeks left to go. We have come to rely on the money raised from the raffle over these past few years to pay some major bills and to accomplish various repairs and improvements to our church and school buildings. Last summer we were able to do much needing pointing on the two school buildings which we could not have accomplished without increasing our debt if it were not for the funds in the Raffle Account. Please try to support this important effort for our parish if you can, and join us for our parish celebration of our Patron Saint at the Family Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, November 30th.



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 Defedeale, 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., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, 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, Leslie Russin, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza, 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: All the Souls of the Faithful Departed



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH POTLUCK DINNER
IN GYM AFTER 12:30PM MASS**

**DRAWING FOR \$10,000
AND MORE RAFFLES**

FUN, MUSIC, CAMARADERIE AND GREAT FOOD!

WE WILL PROVIDE THE PAN FOR YOUR SPECIAL DISH TO SHARE.

**SIGN UP AT THE RECTORY ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK OR
USE THE TEAR-OFF FORM BELOW.**

\$5/ADULTS PLUS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISH ---- CHILDREN FREE!!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

No. Adults _____ No. Children _____ Total Enclosed _____

Main Dish _____ / Salad _____ / Appetizer _____ Dessert _____

Half Pans are available in Rectory.

Please call Rectory for more information at 718-892-3330

Please return before November 26, 2014.