

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 31, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Intentions of Rosemarie Leo (Living)

Sunday February 1, 2015—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Angela Miata

11:15am Teresa Muffoletto

12:30pm Victoria Walker-Lowen

Monday February 2, 2015—Presentation of the Lord

7:30am Antonio and Angelo Busani

9:00am Theresa and Emilio DeBellis

Tuesday February 3, 2015—St. Blaise

7:30am Adele Foster

9:00am Catherine McNamara

1:30pm Prayer Service & Blessing of Throats—School

Wednesday February 4, 2015

7:30am Marietta Cortina

9:00am Renata DiFazio

Thursday February 5, 2015

7:30am Albert Marku

9:00am MaryAnn Cataldo

Friday February 6, 2015

7:30am Elena and Andrea Ponzini

9:00am Mario Posillico

10:00am First Friday SFX School Mass

Saturday February 7, 2015

7:30am Debra Dorrie Newman

9:00am Nicholas DiMichele

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Fernando Barbalaco

Sunday February 8, 2015—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am In Thanksgiving

11:15am Joseph and Emma Mazzella

12:30pm Gloria Galasso

First Friday Adoration will resume on Friday, March 6th.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Francis Xavier Parish Mission: Lenten Parish Mission: We are happy to welcome back Father Pat Angelucci, former President of Salesian High School and well known to us as a dynamic preacher of God's Word. The Mission will be preached by Fr. Pat beginning with all the Masses on the weekend of March 7th and 8th and continuing through the week on the evenings of March 9th, 10th and 11th—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, at 7:00pm. Holy Week Retreat: preached by Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week, March 30, 31 and April 1 at 7pm each evening. More information will follow.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Candlemas Day, Monday, February 2nd: Candles will be blessed during the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. If you would like to have candles blessed, please place the candles on the table in front of the Altar before Mass.

Feast of St. Blaise, Tuesday, February 3rd: The Blessing of Throats, traditional on this Feast day, will take place during the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. There will be a brief prayer service at 1:30pm for the SFX school children and any one else is welcome to come to get their throats blessed at that time.



St. Francis Xavier School: Congratulations to all our children as they prepare to receive their First Penance on Saturday, February 7th at 11:00 am. Tours and applications for new families will be available daily from 9:00am-2:00pm. Seats are limited for our UPK Program. Applications will be processed on a first-come first-serve basis. For updated information, please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts." May God Bless all the children who will be receiving First Penance on Saturday, February 7th in the Church.

The Parents' Communion Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9th at 7pm in the Church. Important Information will be distributed and discussed.

OUR FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL IS HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE: "Did you ever wonder what life was like beyond the walls of a convent? - Find Out." On February 8th, 2015 from 1:00pm-4:00pm The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will have an Open House, celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life at the Convent of San Damiano, 1661 Haight Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461 ALL ARE WELCOME!

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, February 6th after the 9am Mass in the Rectory for breakfast.

Next Week's Readings (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time):
 Job 7:1-4,6-7; Psalm 147:1-2,3-4,5-6 (3a);
 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39.

2014 CONTRIBUTION OFFERING: The year-end reports for 2014 from the envelope company will reflect totals for the year 2014 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside of the envelope through the year. Statements will be mailed shortly.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) :
 January 25, 2015: \$6,341.
 Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Cardinal Dolan wrote an article in his blog on the Archdiocesan Website (archny.org) this week on the all-too-little talked about virtue of Chastity, which I would like to share with you. Chastity is that virtue by which we integrate into our state in life God's Wisdom about the joy, beauty, and responsibility of sexual love. The Cardinal laments that we hardly ever speak about chastity and purity anymore. But, he says, the Word of God these last few weeks compels us to speak about it. Cardinal Dolan points to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans we heard two weeks ago: *"The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord...Your bodies belong to Christ... avoid all immorality...Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... So, glorify God in your body."*

Today St. Paul speaks of the charism of *Virginity* in order to be totally consecrated, body and soul, to God. We see the charism of *Virginity* lived out so beautifully and joyfully in Consecrated Life. It is a prophetic charism that reminds us that we are all consecrated to God by our baptism, that we belong totally to Christ. That is why Pope Francis declared this year the *"Year for Consecrated Life,"* to remind us that whatever our state in life, that we are all called to live as people who belong totally to the Lord. That means we are called to live in a different way and by a different set of values than the rest of the world. Nothing more clearly indicates this than our call to the virtue of Chastity. All of us, no matter what our state in life, are called to Chastity. And for those who are not married—whether a priest, religious, or single—that means living the prophetic charism of *Virginity*, preserving sexual intimacy for marriage.

In articulating the beautiful teaching of our Catholic Faith, Cardinal Dolan wrote: *"...Sexual love is so sacred, so noble, so awesome, that it actually reflects God's personal, passionate love for us. So, human sexual love should have the same traits as divine love. That means it is forever, it is faithful, it is life-giving. So, the creator intends that sexual love takes place only within the lifelong, creative, exclusive, loving bond of a man and woman in the unique relationship we call marriage."* Chastity, he explains, is the virtue by which we strive to pattern our sexual activity in accord with God's design, and which inspires us to believe that any sexual activity outside of that blessed union between one man and one woman in matrimony is not what God intends, and therefore, in the words of St. Paul, immoral.

How many lives have been left shattered, families broken apart, souls seriously damaged, how many babies have been aborted because of a misuse of the gift of sexuality? As one author so profoundly put it: *"The truth of the Church's teaching on sexual morality can be seen in the wounds of those who have failed to live it."* And so we have a grave duty to speak about it.

Cardinal Dolan warns that we live in a world where God's revelation about sexuality is *counter-cultural*, which sees the virtue of Chastity as repressive and "out of touch", and where those who strive to live it can expect many temptations, falls and even ridicule. But the truth, Cardinal Dolan points out, is that the virtue of chastity frees us, while immorality enslaves us. The truth is that the intimacy between a man and woman united in marriage is a beautiful reflection of how God loves us - a love that is free, total, faithful and fruitful. For us, the Cardinal concludes, sex is far from negative or bad, but *divine*, as long as we follow God's design. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



Last week you should have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the 2015

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship

Appeal. As you know, the Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$49,500. Special thanks to all of you who have already made your gift. Thank you to everyone for your prayerful consideration of your Appeal commitment.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "Lenten Fundraiser" begins Saturday, February 14th through Easter Sunday, April 5th. A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated by Big Deal Supermarket to St. Francis Xavier Church. After you pay for your purchases, please drop your sales receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser located in the front of the store. Delivery service and phone orders available (718)824-7571 and please be sure to tell Big Deal to drop your sales receipt into the jar.



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, Maryanne Cataldo, 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., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liferi Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferi, 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 Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (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), Ottilla 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: Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier

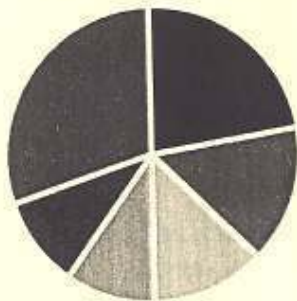


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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
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THE 2015 APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

Make a gift today

Recently, Cardinal Dolan sent a letter asking for your support. Your generosity will help strengthen the following areas:



Pastoral Offices and Programs	\$6 million
Support for Needy Parishes	\$4.5 million
The Departments of Education and Religious Education	\$3 million
Works of Charity	\$2.5 million
Retired Priests and Religious	\$2 million
Preparing the Clergy	\$2 million

You can make your gift online at

www.cardinalsappeal.org

May God bless you for your generosity.



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Today marks a very important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. This is the official kickoff of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. There are so many reasons why the *Appeal* is important, not only to those in need in the Archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the *Appeal* helps countless men, women and children, and it sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes.

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with some material that illustrates the deep importance of the *Cardinal's Appeal* to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and a responsible tending of that which God has entrusted to us. Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative.

- Your Gift to the *Appeal*:

Supports offices, ministries, and programs throughout the archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith;

- ✓ Helps educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs;
- ✓ Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service;
- ✓ Helps to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service; and
- ✓ Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our Archdiocese;
- ✓ Finally, it is through the *Appeal* that we receive a myriad of services and guidance from the Archdiocese. Whether it involves building, finance, questions of law or questions of faith, the Archdiocese of New York has at our service professionals of the highest quality. It is with their help that we are able to go about our role of caring for the faithful of St. Francis Xavier parish.

The Archdiocesan goal for the 2015 *Appeal* is \$20,000,000. And our individual parish goal is \$49,500. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift, fill out the pledge card and mail it in.

If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend in a few weeks. Thank you so much for your support of the *Appeal* and please pray for its success at our parish.

Gratefully in Christ,

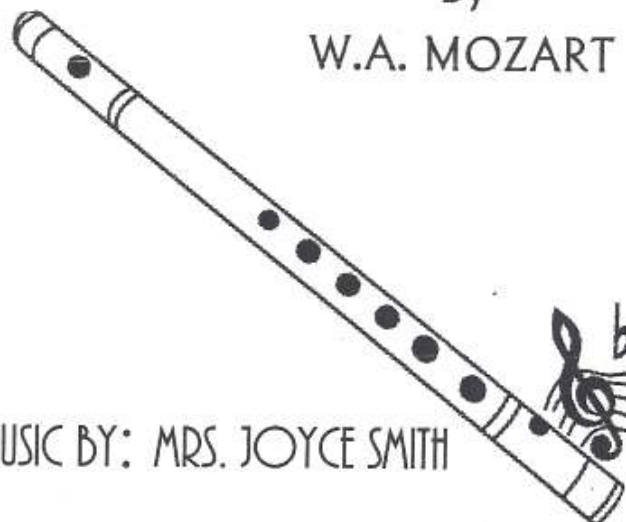
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THE MORRIS PARK PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

THE MAGIC FLUTE

By
W.A. MOZART

Jr.



MUSIC BY: MRS. JOYCE SMITH

Stage and Musical Director:
Mr. Dale Smith

St. Francis Xavier School
Saturday, February 21st at 7pm
Sunday, February 22nd at 5pm

Tickets: \$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
No assigned seating;
first come, first serve basis

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE SCHOOL OR AT THE RECTORY
& SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO BETTINA D'ERASMO 347-778-6296

Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone # _____ School Parish

SPECIFY PRODUCTION DATE AND # OF TICKETS:

Sat. 2/21 @ 7pm # OF TICKETS _____

Sun. 2/22 @ 5pm # OF TICKETS _____

TOTAL # OF TICKETS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

FORM OF PAYMENT: CASH CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER