

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 7, 2015
Vigil for Sunday



5:30pm Fernando Barbalaco

Sunday February 8, 2015—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am Mario and Emma Mazzella
 12:30pm Gloria Galasso

Monday February 9, 2015

7:30am Angela Ghezzi
 9:00am MaryAnn Cataldo

Tuesday February 10, 2015

7:30am Marietta Cortina
 9:00am Michael DeCarlo

Wednesday February 11, 2015

7:30am Perry Rizopoulos
 9:00am Bruno Fronk and Vera Grossich

Thursday February 12, 2015

7:30am Mary and Otto Schoepp
 9:00am Charlie Gangemi

Friday February 13, 2015

7:30am Felicia Maglio
 9:00am Elio Viani Family

Saturday February 14, 2015

7:30am Special Intentions
 9:00am Salvatore Picone

Vigil for Sunday


5:30pm Marie Carlo

Sunday February 15, 2015—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Lillian and Victor DiGiambattista
 11:15am Fedele and Antoinette D'Erasmus
 12:30pm Anthony Scaffidi

Next Week's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence. Please see letter from Timothy Cardinal Dolan inserted in today's bulletin.

The "Magic Flute" will be performed in the SFX School Auditorium on Saturday, February 21st at 7pm and Sunday, February 22nd at 5pm. Come and enjoy this fantastic tale performed by our own talented students and guest artists. For more information please call 347-778-6296.

"...she... put in everything - all she had..." Mark 12:41

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) :
 February 1, 2015: \$5,335
Second Collection (Capital Expenditures) \$1,807
 Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Beckam Stojku** son of Arber and Amanda



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.



St. Francis Xavier School: Congratulations to all our children who received First Penance on Saturday. 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 received First Penance on Saturday.

OUR FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL ARE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE TODAY FROM 1:00PM—

4:00PM: "Did you ever wonder what life was like beyond the walls of a convent? - Find Out." 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!

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. Just drop your receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser.

2015 ARCHDIOCESE OF NY MEN'S CONFERENCE-

Saturday, March 21 at Fordham Univ. Rose Hill: Provides a unique opportunity for men to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. Speakers will include: Damon Owens, a renown public speaker on the Catholic faith; Joe Klecko, former NY Jet, and his Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. To register or for more information visit www.nymensconference.com or call Kim Quatela 646-794-3198.

Next Week's Readings (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time):

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2,5,11 (7); 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.



Dear Parishioners,

In the midst of this brutally cold Winter we are living through, there are few signs of hope. For one, we are only days away from pitchers and catchers reporting for spring training, a sure harbinger of Spring and of warmer weather to come.

Another and more profound sign of hope is the presence of our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal living in our midst. I hope as many as possible will accept the Sisters' invitation to their "Open House" this afternoon (Sunday, February 8th) from 1:00 to 4:00pm, inviting us in to get a glimpse of life inside their Convent here on Haight Avenue (The Convent of San Damiano). This is a special event for this "Year for Consecrated Life" declared by Pope Francis a few months ago. In declaring this "Year for Consecrated Life," Pope Francis urged the "whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift that is the presence of our many consecrated men and women" and to "draw close to these men and women, to rejoice with them, to share their difficulties and to assist them, to whatever degree possible, in their ministries and works."

What a unique opportunity this "Open House" gives us to do just that—to grow in our awareness of what a gift these Sisters are to our Parish and to the Church at large, to draw closer to them, and to learn more about their life and work. Pope Francis hopes that in this "Year for Consecrated Life," consecrated men and women will help to "wake up the world" to a different way of doing things, to help draw people to Christ and His way of living. In this crazy world we are living in, in a society that is becoming more and more secular and devoid of faith, do we ever need the witness of these men and women who have given themselves totally to God. And how blessed our Parish is to have living among us such a sign of hope and such a witness to the joy of knowing Christ in our beautiful Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. As Pope Francis put it: "Where there are religious, there is joy." Come and see this for yourselves at the "Open House" today.

Yet another sign of hope that breathes some warmth into this cold of Winter is that this is the Weekend (Saturday February 7th) that the children of our School and Religious Education Program preparing for their First Holy Communion in May receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. This is the first time since the day of their Baptism that they will experience the Sanctifying Grace of God in such a powerful and intimate way. What a joy it is to be part of the work of teaching our children our beautiful Catholic Faith, about the Mercy of God and the incredible love that He has for each and every one of them. May their First Confession help them to come to know the love of Jesus a little more personally, and be the beginning of a life-long friendship with Him who will always be there for them leading them and guiding them to the beautiful plan He has for their lives.

And may the First Confession of our children this Weekend be a reminder to all of us of how much we need this Sacrament of God's Mercy, especially with Lent only two weeks away. What a precious gift the Sacrament of Reconciliation is wherein we experience the Mercy of God in such a personal way as we verbally articulate our sins and hear with our ears that we are truly forgiven. What a sense of inner peace, serenity, and joy making a good Confession and hearing the words of Absolution brings to our hearts and souls. How much we all need to make a good Confession on a regular basis in order to remain happy, holy, faithful, and strong. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J.Furey

ASH WEDNESDAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"Fasting" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.



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 Defedele, 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 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'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Pame, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, 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), 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: Ruby Nesto, Anna Ranicki, Kathleen Dean, and Teresa O'Hara