

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 21, 2015
Vigil for Sunday



5:30pm Linda Ann Ciofi

Sunday February 22, 2015—First Sunday of Lent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Thomas Dillulio

11:15am Candida Mazzella

12:30pm Mimma Puglia
 (With Our Filipino Choir)

Monday February 23, 2015

7:30am Elizabeth and John Ryan

9:00am Silvia Conte

Tuesday February 24, 2015

7:30am Francis Joseph Dean, Jr.

9:00am Angelina Sciacca and Angelina Delia

Wednesday February 25, 2015

7:30am Daniel J. Moloney

9:00am Lucy Coscia

Thursday February 26, 2015

7:30am Kathleen Ann Dean

9:00am Antonio and Elizabeth Tartaglia

Friday February 27, 2015

7:30am Gladys Rosario

9:00am Anthony Esposito

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday February 28, 2015

7:30am Elias and Evelyn Nicholas

9:00am Aniano Alonso

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Clara DiLapi
 (With Our Teen Choir)

Sunday March 1, 2015—Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am In Thanksgiving

11:15am Louis Reda

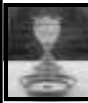
12:30pm Oliviero Civetta



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



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) :
 February 15, 2015: \$4,130. (Frigid Cold and Icy Weather)
Second Collection (Peter's Pence): \$945
 Thank you for your generosity.
 May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Laura Righetti by the Rinsdale Family



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 powerful and inspirational 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.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm,

February 27; March 6, 13, 20 27 and April 3.



St. Francis Xavier School: During the season of Lent, the children will be encouraged to do works of kindness and service. On Friday, February 27th, the children will attend Stations of the Cross. For updated information, please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic

faith 24/7: "A clean heart create for me God; renew within me a steadfast spirit." For Lent, the children are

writing their sacrifices and pinning them on a large cross at the entrance of the school. The cross will be displayed every week in Lent so that the children can add to the cross uniting their sacrifices with the Sacrifice of Jesus. Parents are also welcome to pin their sacrifices to the cross. **The Parents' Communion Meeting** will be held tomorrow, Monday, February 23rd at 7pm in the Church.

Youth Center, Saturday February 22nd immediately

following the 5:30pm Mass for all grades 5 through 9. There will be plenty of food, games and fellowship in the school gym. Come with friends. \$10 at door. Free for those who attend the 5:30pm Mass.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "Lenten

Fundraiser" begins this weekend, February 14th/15th 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.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier—We are family!

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday of Lent):

Genesis 22:1-2 9a, 10-13,15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17. 18-19 (9); Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10.



Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, we look out at our world and hear in the news everyday of so much evil, violence and atrocities against human life. We heard of the be-headings this past week of 21 Coptic Christians on the shores of Libya, executed only because, like us, they believe in Jesus Christ. And so many other Christians, Jews and Moslems have been killed as well in this wave of evil we have seen going on throughout the Middle East and in other parts of the world. This evil is on the march and we need to pray. This Lent is an urgent call to all of us to greater awareness, to greater holiness, to dedicate our prayer, fasting, and alms-giving for an end to all of this.

In offering Mass for our 21 brother Christians who were slain this week, Pope Francis lamented about man's capability for evil and destruction, the evil that lurks in the depths of the human heart. That is where wars begin, the Pope said, with hatred, jealousy, envy, and so much greed for power, money and glory that lurks in the human heart. What is going on in man's heart, the Pope asked? What is going on in my own heart? The best thing we can do right now to deal with the evil outside in the World is to deal with the evil, the sin, inside our own heart, to turn back to God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. This is what Lent is calling us to do.

We see in our first reading today the story of Noah and the Ark, how God was so displeased with the beautiful world He created that had become so corrupted by sin that He sent the flood. Is God any more pleased with our world today? But in His infinite patience and mercy, God gave humanity another chance, a new beginning after the flood. He made a covenant with Noah, that never again would the waters of a flood devastate the earth because of man's sin. The sign of this covenant was the rainbow, a beautiful arch in the sky appearing to connect Heaven and Earth.

All this points toward the New and Eternal Covenant, where Heaven and Earth were truly joined together - God and man - in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. This New and Eternal Covenant was sealed with the Blood of Christ, as He submitted to the destructive power of evil on the Cross, and crushed its power by His Resurrection. St. Peter in our second reading saw the events of the flood and the covenant with Noah as pointing toward the Victory of Easter which is extended to us by Baptism. Now through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus the destructive waters of the flood have been transformed into the cleansing and life-giving waters of Baptism, which destroys the power of sin, and brings forgiveness and new life to the sinner. We have been given so much in Baptism. We have been given new life, another chance, like after the flood. And God will always give us another chance whenever we approach Him with a sincere and contrite heart, especially in the Sacrament of Penance.

Lent is the time to turn back to our Lord with all our hearts. His Cross and Resurrection assure us that the evil we see in our world, and the evil we see in our own hearts will not have the final word. So let us heed the words of Jesus this Lent that we heard Him say in the Gospel today: "Repent" and believe in this Good News. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LENTEN MISSION

Preached by Father Pat Angelucci, SDB
Preaching at all the Masses the
Weekend of March 7/8
(Saturday: 5:30pm;
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am, and
12:30pm)
7:00pm Each Evening

Monday (March 9th): Talk Within

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday (March 10th): Talk Within Penance Service

Individual Confessions Available

Wednesday (March 11th): Closing Mass With
Healing Service



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Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Maryanne Cataldo, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Maria Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jerry Cioffe, Lorean 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, Maritza Garcia, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Itzary, 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 Muzzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtzaga, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parohen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosen, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Tochan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Nayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villoriza, 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 Talona, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpl. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Betty Catarcio

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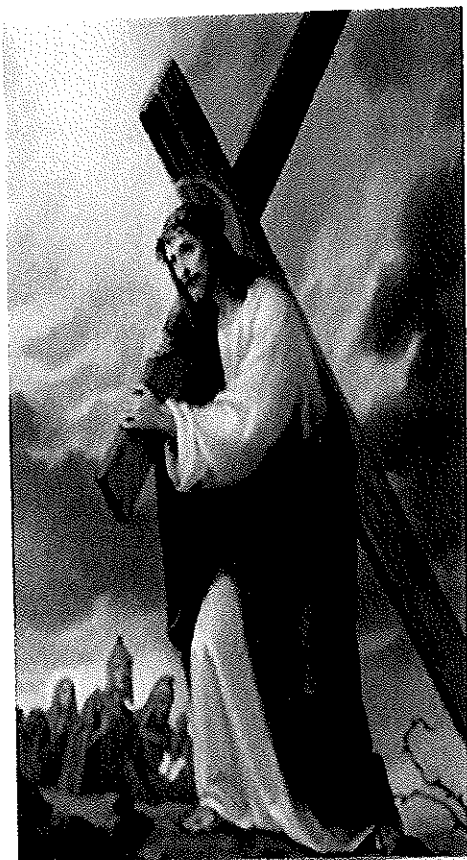
LENTEN MISSION

"BEING A TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST TODAY"

PREACHED BY

FATHER PAT ANGELUCCI, SDB

PREACHING AT ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 7/8
(Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am, & 12:30pm)



7PM EACH EVENING

MARCH 9 (MONDAY):

Talk Within Eucharistic Adoration

MARCH 10 (TUESDAY):

Talk Within Penance Service

Individual Confessions Available

MARCH 11 (WEDNESDAY):

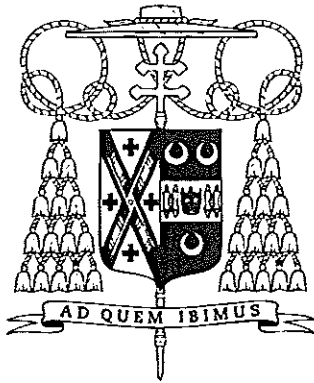
Closing Mass With Healing Service

Please bring family and friends!

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