

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 4, 2015
Vigil for Sunday—EASTER VIGIL
 8:00pm All Parishioners of SFX

Sunday April 5, 2015—EASTER SUNDAY
 7:30am Vincent Crotty
 9:30am Vincent Lisanti
 11:15am Intentions of SFX Religious Education Volunteers
 12:30pm Lucy Coscia

Monday April 6, 2015
 7:30am Ulderico and Claudette Cicchelli
 9:00am Jessie, Joseph and Angelina Delia

Tuesday April 7, 2015
 7:30am Patricia Reynolds Walters (Living)
 9:00am Special Intentions

Wednesday April 8, 2015
 7:30am James and Dorothy Ward
 9:00am Maria Bassani

Thursday April 9, 2015
 7:30am Francesco Tartarone
 9:30pm Carmen Morales

Friday April 10, 2015
 7:30am James and Dorothy Ward
 9:30am Ferdinando Ziolla

Saturday April 11, 2015
 7:30am Pauline Sammut
 9:00am Salvatore Picone
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Florence Prisco

Sunday April 12, 2015—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am Italia DiFalco
 12:30pm Helen Feminella
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday (Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.)



May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy and may you see the world through His eyes this Easter and throughout the year. With much gratitude and love, The priests and staff of St. Francis Xavier



Altar Bread and Wine donated in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Janelle Citron and Jayla Cintron**, daughters of Jason and Jennifer



Easter Envelopes: Please consider a special gift to your parish for Easter. Every parish relies heavily on the special Christmas and Easter gifts to make up for shortfalls in meeting their expenses throughout the year. Easter gift envelopes are in the back of the Church. Thank you.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 12th at 3:00pm. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.



St. Francis Xavier School: Registration for September is on-going. UPK seats are limited. Please call the school office for an application and tour. Visit the school website at sfxschool.net for updated information. A very blessed and happy Easter to all!

Professional Wrestling is Back on April 11th, 7:30pm, in gym, \$25. Tickets available at the Rectory, Scaglione Bakery or by calling Peter Lisanti at 646-423-5412.

Xavier Players present "Seussical Junior" on April 24th & 25th (at 8:00pm) and 26th (at 2:00pm), \$15. Tickets available at the School or Rectory.

The annual Card Party on Friday, May 1st in School Gym.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *May we live with the love of God in our hearts, do everything we do for Him and may we see lives changed by the encounter with the Risen Christ. A Blessed Easter to all! Classes will resume April 12th.*

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "Lenten Fundraiser" continues through today Easter Sunday. Just drop your sales receipt into the jar at the register and a percentage will come to us and St. Clare's.

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, April 10th after the 9am Mass in the Rectory for breakfast.

Catholic can always come home to St. Francis Xavier— We are Family

Next Week's Readings (Divine Mercy Sunday): Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1); 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
GERARD MORRONE AND
ALANA VALENTE

Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
March 29th (Palm Sunday) \$10,453
Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! A very happy Easter to everyone! Easter brings such a sense of Joy and renewed Hope, a Hope that is echoed in nature with the bursting forth of new life in this beautiful season of Spring.

What a blessed Holy Week this has been, beginning with our Holy Week Mission given by Fr. Glenn Sudano, C.F.R. How grateful we are to Father Glenn for his engaging and inspiring talks, and for the time he gave us. It was a wonderful way to bring Lent to its culmination and to lead us into the Sacred Easter Triduum these last three days.

We have just spent these last holy three days with our Lord Jesus in His final moments on earth. On Holy Thursday night, the night before He suffered, we were with Him in the upper room at the Mass of the Lord's Supper where Jesus gave us the supreme gift of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and a beautiful example of humble service when He bent down and washed His Apostles' feet. On Good Friday we accompanied Jesus on the road to Calvary and stood by Him along with His Mother, Mary, at the foot of the Cross in the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. And on Holy Saturday Night we proclaimed the Easter faith of the Church as we walked with the newly blessed and lighted Paschal Candle into a darkened Church and proclaimed the Risen Christ as the light of the world, and witnessed the abundant graces flowing from the Resurrection in the Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communion of our 10 Catechumens and Candidates who were taught and guided so beautifully by our R.C.I.A. coordinator and catechist, Betsy Davila.

From Holy Thursday Night until the Easter Vigil the Tabernacles in all the Churches throughout the world were empty and the Mass was not celebrated. The whole Church paused to remember the death of the Lord. How sad life would be if this were the end of the story. How hollow and empty our existence would be if the Tabernacle was always empty, if the Church did not exist, if we did not have our faith. But today the Church throughout the world proclaims with a resounding *Alleluia*: Christ is Risen!, He is truly Risen! Death is swallowed up in victory. Good has triumphed over evil, love has triumphed over hate, life has triumphed over death.

How marvelous and powerful is our Faith, and how beautiful is our Parish of St. Francis Xavier because of all of you. How encouraging and uplifting it was for Fr. Shanthi and I to see the overflowing crowds at Mass and so many coming to Confession during these holy days. If anyone reading this message today has been away from our parish or from the Church we welcome you home and hope you will remain with us. We need you so much.

On behalf of all the priests and staff of St. Francis Xavier I want to wish all of you once again a very blessed Easter. And I thank you from the depths of my heart for your faith, your love, your prayers, and your support. Your presence here with us week after week is most precious to us. Know that we love you and are here to serve you. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey

Annual Wedding Mass Celebration: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st at 2:00pm. Registration is required. Please contact St. Francis Xavier Rectory at 718-892-3330 to register before Tuesday, May 19.

St. Francis Xavier Golden and Silver Wedding Celebration Mass: For couples celebrating their 50th or 25th Anniversary during 2015, there will be a parish celebration with renewal of vows on Sunday, May 31st at the 12:30pm Mass here at SFX. Please contact the Rectory so that we can have a certificate commemorating your golden or silver jubilee prepared for you. Cake and coffee will be served in the Rectory for the Jubilarians and their families after Mass.

Archdiocesan Liturgy and Brunch for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools: Saturday, April 11th, 9am to 1pm. Riverview, One Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Donation: \$30. Sr. Catherine Ryan at 212-923-0950, manhattan@nyfaithinformation.org

2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: To date our parish has received \$32,930 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 91 families. We need the support of all our families to reach our goal of \$49,500. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the ministries, programs and services that help so many people in need throughout this vast Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Pledge envelopes are always in the back of the church. Please do whatever you can. And thank you to all who have already made your gift.



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, Nettie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Maria Ciaccio, Theodora 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, 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 Murtzagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parohen, 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 Tochan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel



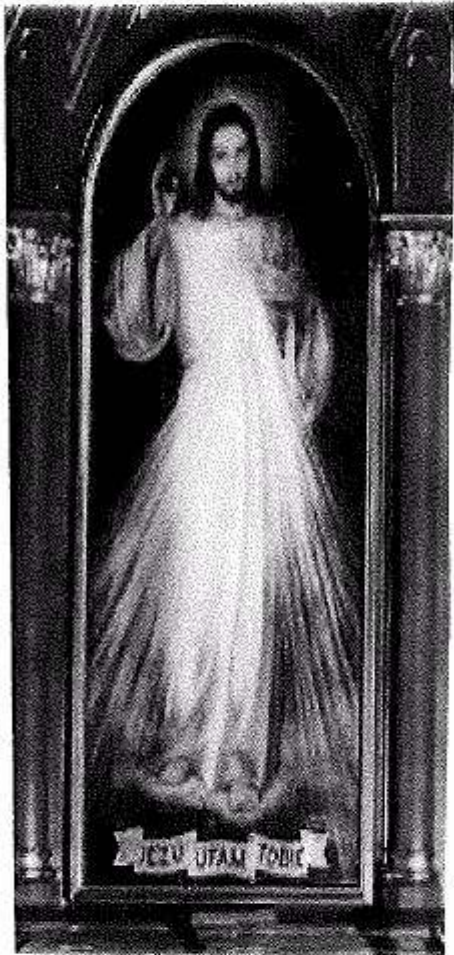
In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our

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: Vincent Martucci, Gelacio Villaviza and Deceased Members of SFX Parish.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

3:00 PM IN CHURCH

EXPOSITION OF

BLESSED SACRAMENT

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

CONFESSION AVAILABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

BENEDICTION

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS