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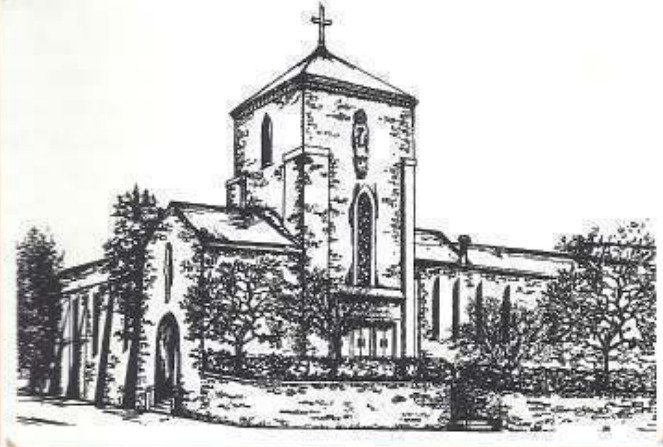
Ughette Jilleba, Coordinator - [stfrancisxre@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisxre@gmail.com)  
All Classes - Sunday - 9:30 am to 11 am followed by  
Family Mass 11:15 am  
Pre-K Wednesdays 2:30 pm

## *St. Francis Xavier School*

(718) 863-0531 FAX (718) 319-1152  
Web site: [www.sfxschool.net](http://www.sfxschool.net)  
Mrs. Angela Deegan, School Principal  
Ms. Francine Fasanelli, School Secretary

## *Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal*

San Damiano Convent - (718) 829-9466



## *SCHEDULE OF MASSES*

Saturday: (Evening)	5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday:	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am Family Mass & 12:30pm
Monday thru Saturday:	7:30am & 9:00am
Holy Days (Vigil):	5:30pm
(Day):	7:30am, 9:00am, 12 Noon
(Evening):	7:30pm

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

Sundays at 1:45pm. Parents are required to call the Rectory for an appointment for Baptismal instruction and to schedule a date for the Baptism.

## *Sacrament of Marriage*

Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with the priest. Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, or call the Rectory to make an appointment with one of our priests.

## *Anointing of the Sick*

The sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency.

## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

First Friday of the month at the main altar of the Church.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:00 pm - 7:00pm;  
Holy Hour with Benediction, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

## *Parish Council:*

Every other month in the Rectory

## *Holy Name Society*

Second Sunday every month after 9:30am Mass - Rectory

## *League of the Sacred Heart*

First Friday every month after 9:00 am Mass - Rectory

## *Ministry to the Sick and Homebound*

The priests regularly visit the ill and homebound.  
Please call the Rectory to arrange for home visits.

## *Miraculous Medal Novena*

Following the 9:00 am Mass on Mondays

## *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Mondays at 7:00 pm - Rectory.

## *Cursillo Reunion Meeting*

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm - Rectory

## *AARP - Morris Park Chapter 5120*

First and Third Wednesdays - School Auditorium  
Social hour 12 Noon - Meeting 1:00 pm

A.A. - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm - Rectory

CODA - Tuesday 7:00 pm - Rectory

Blessed Mother Statue Entrance - Lurting Avenue



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 11, 2015**  
 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 Holy Hour

**Monday April 13, 2015**  
 7:30am James and Dorothy Ward  
 9:00am Emma and Bruno Fronk

**Tuesday April 14, 2015**  
 7:30am Maria Magnarella  
 9:00am Reverend Msgr. Robert D. Saccoman

**Wednesday April 15, 2015**  
 7:30am Mary Goldie  
 9:00am Fanny Carlantone

**Thursday April 16, 2015**  
 7:30am Reverend Robert Holick—Jacobi Chaplain  
 9:30pm Fiore and Angela Maria Capogna

**Friday April 17, 2015**  
 7:30am Mary Goldie  
 9:30am Maria Theresa Ore

**Saturday April 18, 2015**  
 7:30am Charles Vegliante  
 9:00am Nora Carney

**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm Joseph Falciglia

**Sunday April 19, 2015**  
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX  
 9:30am Maria and Nicholas Knopf  
 11:15am Gino Grandolfo  
 12:30pm Anthony Scaffidi



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, TODAY—April 12th**  
**at 3:00pm in the Church.** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confession Available, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Please bring your family and friends.



**Congratulations to Gerard Marrone and Alana Valente** who were married here on Friday, April 10th.



**Congratulations to our newly Baptized and Confirmed Members** of our Parish who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday night, April 4th.

**Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** Justin Le, Kevin Ravelo and Lina Tusen.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** Lereiny Cacera, Diana Caggiano and Mariza (Molly) Gutrick.

**Confirmation:** Scott Furey, Taramarie Lovett and Donna Villanueva.

A special thank you to Betsy Davila who guided them through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process throughout this past year to prepare them to receive the Easter Sacraments.



**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](http://sfxschool.net) for updated information.

**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:** *Jesus told his disciples that when two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be there with them. Each week we come together at Mass in the name of Jesus to worship Him, to praise Him and to be with Him.*

**2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:**

To date our parish has received \$33,855. in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal from 98 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.

*"Jesus, I Trust in You"*

**Our Gifts Back to the Lord**  
**Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):**

**Good Friday (Holy Land): \$1,166**

**Easter Sunday: \$18,147**

**April 5 (Capital Expenditure): \$3,105**

**Thank you for your generosity.**  
**May God bless you.**



**Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday of Easter):**

**Acts of the Apostles 3:13-1, 17-19; Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9 (7a); 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48**



Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful and joyful celebration of Easter we had here and will continue to have throughout this glorious Easter Season. It was so encouraging to see the overflowing crowds at Easter Mass, and an extraordinary number of people coming to the Sacrament of Reconciliation the last few weeks of Lent, and especially during Holy Week. And I want to thank you with all my heart for your goodness and generosity to our Parish once again this Easter, and your fidelity all year long.

Last week was such a powerful week, beginning with our Holy Week Mission with Father Glenn Sudano, C.F.R. All who attended got a unique and special gift. A special thank you to our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for making this Mission possible and providing such prayerful and beautiful music for all three nights. So many worked so hard to make the Easter Triduum so beautiful. The music, as always, was spectacular thanks to Dale and Joyce Smith and our dedicated choir members consisting of adults, teens, children and members of our Filipino Choir. Thank you to our Lectors who proclaimed the Word of God so powerfully and devoutly, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Ushers, and our dedicated Altar Servers who, as always, did such a splendid job with such care and reverence. I must give special thanks to Ughette Jilleba and Angela Liferieri who spent so many hours during the week and the entire day Saturday doing all the physical work in preparing the Church for these special and most solemn Liturgies, and the Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary. Now we have six more weeks of this beautiful Easter Season ahead of us until Pentecost to savor the joy of the Resurrection.

Today on this Octave Day of Easter we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday*. This beautiful devotion to our Lord's Mercy came out of private revelations to a cloister nun in Poland, Sr. Faustina, during the 1920's and 1930's when there were so many manifestations of evil going on in the world, including World War II and the Nazi concentration camps. Everything Jesus revealed to St. Faustina merely reiterates the most fundamental teaching of the Gospel and re-presents it for our times. After many years of investigation by the Church into the authenticity of these private revelations, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina a Saint in 2000. It was then that Saint John Paul II instituted this Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter as a means of imploring us to trust in God's Mercy, to seek God's Mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and then to extend that mercy to others by forgiving one another from the heart just as God has forgiven us. As Jesus said at the end of the Sermon on the Mount: *"Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful."*

Jesus made these private revelations to Sr. Faustina about the need to turn to Divine Mercy during a time of so much evil and atrocities against human life going on in the world. And today we are seeing evil thrive in our world in the slaughter of human beings and persecution of Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities perpetrated by ISIS and others at a level I have not seen in my lifetime. We need to turn back to God with all our hearts and implore His Mercy "in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world," as we pray in the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As Saint John Paul II put it, "God has placed a limit on evil in the world: Divine Mercy." Indeed, our Lord revealed to Saint Faustina that: *"The world will never find Peace until it turns to my Mercy."* Let us do just that with renewed hope in this Easter Season, keeping that beautiful and simple Divine Mercy prayer always in our hearts and on our lips: **"Jesus, I trust in 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.

**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, Nellie Calderon, 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, Maritza Garcia, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liferieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferieri, 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, 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, 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 Cardillo



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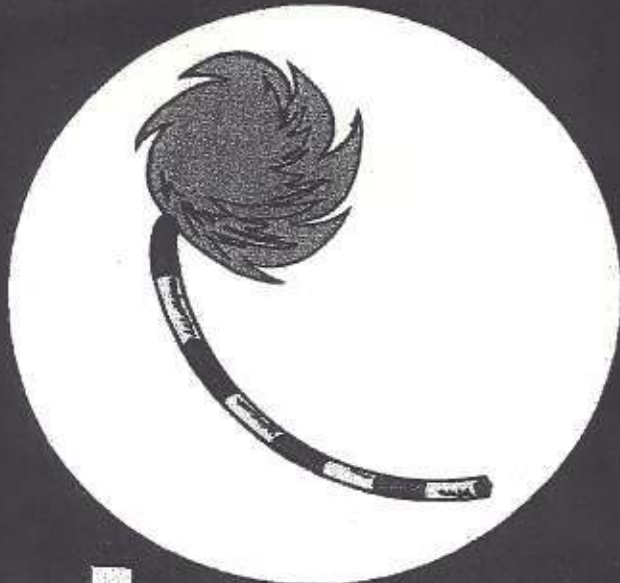
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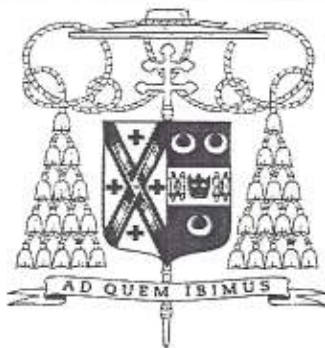
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