

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday May 2, 2015**

**Vigil for Sunday**  
5:30pm Paul Schwartz

**Sunday May 3, 2015**

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX  
9:30am Salvatore Picone  
11:15am Anthony F. Perri  
12:30pm Carmela Maulucci

**Monday May 4, 2015**

7:30am Victoria Del Rosario  
9:00am College Students of Religious Education (Living)

**Tuesday May 5, 2015**

7:30am Deceased Members of Berotte, Giordani and Joseph Family  
9:00am Maria Bassani

**Wednesday May 6, 2015**

7:30am College Students of Religious Education (Living)  
9:00am Peter Andreuzzi, John and Bea Enright  
7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary and Floral Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mother**

**Thursday May 7, 2015**

7:30am Amelia Patitucci  
9:00am Deceased Members of Llaurador Family

**Friday May 8, 2015**

7:30am Joseph Finer  
9:00am Grace Pecora

**Saturday May 9, 2015**

7:30am Don McGrath  
9:00am Jessie Delia  
11:00am **First Holy Communion**  
**Vigil for Sunday**  
5:30pm **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**

**Sunday May 10, 2015**

7:30am All Mothers (Living and Deceased)  
9:30am All Mothers (Living and Deceased)  
11:15am All Mothers (Living and Deceased)  
12:30pm All Mothers (Living and Deceased)

**Next weeks second collection: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**



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

**April 26: \$4,445**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**  
**May God bless you.**



**Holy Rosary:** Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00pm every Wednesday evening in May. Also, there will be a beautiful floral offering each week to honor Our Lady during this month of May organized by our Filipino Community. All are welcome.

**2016 Mass Book is open.** There are still Masses available for 2015. When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to memorialize your intentions. *Altar Bread and Wine: \$25; Altar Flowers: \$25; Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.* Please come to the Rectory Monday-Saturday from 9am-9pm or Sunday from 1pm-5pm.



**Sunday, May 10th—Mother's Day:** What greater gift for your Mother on Mother's Day than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses which will be offered for all Mothers living and deceased. Offertory envelopes are available in the back of the church which will be placed on the Altar and remain throughout the month of May.



**St. Francis Xavier School:** Congratulations to the Xavier Players for a wonderful evening of Broadway entertainment. Thank you to Mrs. Bettina D'Erasmus, her daughter Faith and all who assisted in the production. *Suessical Jr.* was spectacular. A special "thank you" to our alumni parents, especially Mrs. Tiz Nastasio and Mrs. Mala Sanchez for their hours of work making our annual Card Party a great success. Registration for September is on-going. UPK seats are limited. Call the school office for an application and tour. Visit the school website at [sfxschool.net](http://sfxschool.net) for updated information.



**Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:** Mandatory First Holy Communion Rehearsals on Monday, May 4; Tuesday May 5; and Thursday, May 7 at 1:00pm. In the Church.

**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. To register, please contact St. Francis Xavier Rectory before 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.

**Next Week's Readings (Sixth Sunday of Easter):** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (2b); 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.





Dear Parishioners,

We ended the month of April last weekend in such a wonderful way with the musical "Seussical Junior" performed by the children of our school. It was an amazing show. Our children have incredible talent and what a joy they brought to so many who came out to see them. Our newly formed Drama Club in our school, organized by Bettina D'Erasmus, is truly a blessing for our School, our Parish and our Children. A big thank you to Bettina and to all the parents and others who worked countless hours and gave so much of their time and love over the past months to make this such a wonderful event for all of us.

We begin now this beautiful month of May with Spring in full bloom. So many beautiful things are happening this month, a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, a month in which we honor our own Mothers in a special way, and a month in which our Children will receive their first Holy Communion next weekend and the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the month. So many beautiful events that flow from the Joy and the New Life of the Resurrection in this Easter Season. We spent a wonderful day this past Tuesday with our Confirmation candidates at the Don Bosco Retreat House at the Marion Shrine up in Rockland County to give them a day away to reflect on the importance of this Sacrament. We can all be so proud of these fine young people in the way they participated in the day so enthusiastically, respectfully, and reverently. May they be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and stay close to the Lord Jesus always as the beautiful plan He has for their lives unfolds in the years ahead.

In today's Gospel taken from Jesus' Last Discourse with His disciples at the Last Supper, He gives us such a profound image of our relationship with Him: *"Remain in Me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing."* Jesus is speaking of an intimate union He wants us to have with Him, of us being inserted into His Body, sharing in His very life, feeding off his very blood as a branch feeds off the nutrients running through the vine. We are inserted into His Body at our baptism and His Life within is deepened as it continues to flow into us right here in the Eucharist.

This image Jesus uses of the vine and the branches draws our thoughts to the Eucharist, for it is at the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the Eucharist that He is speaking these words to His disciples. He used very similar words earlier in John's Gospel when He said: *"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in Me and I in him."*

Jesus is so much more than just a great man, an inspiring teacher whom we seek to imitate. He is the source of our Life. We participate in His Divine Life, His Flesh and His Blood, in the most powerful way possible this side of Heaven in the Eucharist we receive at Mass. Apart from Him we can do nothing. We cannot love in the selfless way we are called to love without the Eucharist.

What a difference it would make in our lives if we only understood a little more the treasure we have here in the Eucharist and how much we need it. Marriages and families would be stronger, vocations to the priesthood and religious life would come in abundance, we would be a happier and more spiritually vibrant people because Jesus would truly be the Vine from which we draw our life, and the source of a deep down inner peace and joy that nothing in this world could ever give or take away. Lord increase our faith! May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
2015  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

### 2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

To date our parish has received \$43,545 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal

from 138 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.

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



#### 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 Ciavin, 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, Maritza Garcia, 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'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, 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 Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Christie Cortez, Jean Silvi, Gloria Iodice



**MAY GOD BLESS FR. SHANTHI  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
5:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY,  
MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, TO THANK AND BID A  
FOND FAREWELL TO  
FR. SHANTHI. A RECEPTION  
WILL FOLLOW IN THE SCHOOL  
GYM.**

**WE SEND FR. SHANTHI HOME  
WITH OUR LOVE, OUR  
PRAYERS AND OUR  
GRADITUDE. MAY GOD BLESS  
HIM ABUNDANTLY IN HIS  
PRIESTLY MINISTRY BACK  
HOME.**

# **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

## **HOLY ROSARY**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**MAY 6, 13, 20, 27**

**7:00 PM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE JOIN US DURING  
THE MONTH OF MAY FOR  
THE RECITATION OF  
THE ROSARY**

**AND FLORAL OFFERING**

**HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**







*the* **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$49,500**

## Make a gift today

Cardinal Dolan is asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the Cardinal's Appeal each year. Invest in your faith and your parish by making your gift to the 2015 Appeal. So far 137 of our families have pledged over \$43,000. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. We need your support.



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

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May God bless you for your generosity.