

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 9, 2015
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)
Monday	May 11, 2015
7:30am	Albert Marku
9:00am	Angelo and Aurora Olmedo
Tuesday	May 12, 2015
7:30am	Thomas, Joannah and Ann Marie Higgins
9:00am	Gemma Andreuzzi and Peter Andreuzzi
Wednesday	May 13, 2015
7:30am	Elizabeth Hefter
9:00am	Temistocle DeVivo
VIGIL—ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)	
5:30pm	Special Intentions (Confirmation Retreat)
7:00pm	Recitation of the Rosary and Floral Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mother
Thursday	May 14, 2015-ASCENSION OF THE LORD
7:30am	Marie Curcio
9:00am	Anna Maria Chistoni
12 Noon	Kathleen Ann Dean
7:30pm	Oswaldo Mercurio
Friday	May 15, 2015
7:30am	Frank Petronella
9:00am	Special Intentions
Saturday	May 16, 2015
7:30am	Gloria Vegliante
9:00am	Nora Carney
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	In Honor of the Blessed Mother and Jesus
Sunday	May 17, 2015
7:30am	All Parishioners
9:30am	Patricia Foley
11:15am	Italo Bassani (Birthday)
12:30pm	In Thanksgiving

Rectory will be closed on May 25th, Memorial Day.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 May 3: \$6,070
Second Collection (Capital Expenditure): \$1,701
 Thank you for your generosity.
 May God bless you.

FAREWELL TO SHANTHI:

Please join us for the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, May 16th to thank and bid a fond farewell to Fr. Shanthi.

A reception will follow in the school gym. May God bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 14TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

The schedule of Masses is as follows:

Wednesday, May 13th: 5:30pm Vigil

Thursday, May 14th: 7:30am, 9:00am, Noon, 7:30pm



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.

**TODAY, 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. Names of mothers living or deceased can be written on the envelope and will be placed on the Altar and remain throughout the month of May.



St. Francis Xavier School: On Saturday, May 9th, our second grade children received First Holy Communion. Congratulations to the children and their parents. May Crowning will be at 1:00pm this Friday. 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

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faith 24/7: *What joy to see our the children receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus for the first time on Saturday morning as they received First Holy Communion. May Jesus live in their hearts always.*
Confirmation Retreat: Wednesday, May 13th beginning with the 5:30pm Mass for all Confirmation students accompanied by their sponsors and parents.

Today's second collection- Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: This collection helps Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation will help restore the Church in the region in the aftermath of Soviet rule. **To learn more about this important collection, please visit www.usccb.org.**

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, June 5th for Mass at 12:00 Noon followed by a luncheon at Captains. \$35 per person. For more information, please call Joyce Russo at 347-302-7635.

Next Week's Readings (Seventh Sunday of Easter): Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a); 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is another beautiful weekend here filled with reminders of God's love and care for us. For one, this is the weekend of First Holy Communion for the children of our School and Religious Education Program. What a joy it is to see the children approach Holy Communion for the very first time with such reverence, excitement, and joy. They remind us of the joy we should all have inside every time we receive Holy Communion, for every worthy reception of Holy Communion is just as beautiful and special as our very first time, because every time it is the same Jesus we receive into our hearts and souls. As St. Pope Pius X put it: "There is no way this side of Heaven to be closer to Jesus than by worthily receiving Him in Holy Communion."

Adding to the beauty of this weekend is our celebration of Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms! We pray in a very special way today for all mothers, living and deceased. We pray, too, for all those heroic grandmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, aunts - all those women who have loved a child with a mother's heart. One author wrote: "Mothers are special agents of God's love, of His care, of His protection, of His presence. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature, for God joins forces with a Mother in performing His ongoing creation of human life - there is nothing more glorious than to be a mother." Indeed, one of God's most precious gifts to us is the gift of a mother's love, for a mother's love like no other mirrors so beautifully for us the unconditional, life-giving, tender love of God.

A mother's love is so special in God's plan, that He wanted His beloved Son to have one. Mary was the woman chosen by God the Father in order to send His only begotten Son into the world as one of us when the Word became flesh in her womb. At Bethlehem Mary held her Divine infant in her arms. At Calvary she held Him in her arms again as He was taken down from the Cross. And it was from the Cross that Jesus gave His Mother to us to be our Mother. Jesus loves us so much that He wanted to share the gift of His Mother's love with us. That is why we love her so much and dedicate this beautiful month of May to her. And through our love for Mary, she will always lead us closer to her Son, Jesus.

So, this weekend is full of reminders of God's Love for us - in our children receiving their First Holy Communion, in our own mothers whom we honor in such a special way today, and in our Blessed Mother Mary whom we honor in special way throughout this beautiful month of May. May our beautiful Parish, too, always be a place where we are reminded of God's Love for us, especially in the supreme gift of the Eucharist which unites us all in His Love. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



Mother's Day Prayer
Gracious and loving Mary,
Mother of Jesus,
and our Mother,
pray for all mothers the
world over on this their special day.

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.

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.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. **The next "Day of Prayer and Healing" is Saturday, June 6th in Manhattan.** For location and confidential registration call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For additional tri-state retreats and information see Lumina Hope and Healing after abortion www.postabortionhelp.org or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org



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, 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 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) Mastrogirovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keaffe, 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), Otilia 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 Cardello



Pray for those who have died: All Parishioners of SFX



First Communion
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 2015

What joy to see the children of St. Francis Xavier receiving for the first time the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th. May Jesus be always in their hearts and may He and His Mother Mary bless them always!

*Benjamin Acosta
Noah Andriach
Kayla Cerbone
Ellen Cruz
Christian Falciglia
Dylan P. Fernandez
Sianna Garcia
John Guillermo
Jordan Kobeck
Christina Marrero
Yvonna Mazzella-Rodriguez
Annamaria Oquendo
Luca Pena
Gabrielle Phillips
Sebastian Polanco
Alexa Jo Ribustello
Hannah Sanchez
Arianna Stor
Trisha Tinawin
Amber Lillian Torres
James Weihe*

*Justin Acosta
Vincent Angell
Christopher Confreda
Asia De Los Santos
Joseph Fazio
Rachel Gamilo
Nina Gonzalez
James Imbrogno
Dominic Ljucovic
Genna Mazza
Molly McCrossan
Jayden Ortiz
Carlo Perri
Anthony Pisano
Lucas Pulley
Siobhan Rice
Joseph Steccato
Gabriel Tellez
Lorenzo Tirabasso
Alyssa Uy
Samantha Zeni*

And, Elizabeth Garcia, Sammy Oquendo III and Antonio Torres who received First Holy Communion on Mother's Day, May 10th, 2015.



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