

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday June 6, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Thomas Dillulio

Sunday June 7, 2015— CORPUS CHRISTI
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am Francesco Cipollone
 12:30pm In Honor of Saint Anthony

Monday June 8, 2015
 7:30am Special Intentions of Janelle Amador (Living)
 9:00am Giovanni Assalone

Tuesday June 9, 2015
 7:30am Oliver Kiernan
 9:00am Giovanni Assalone

Wednesday June 10, 2015
 7:30am Kate Kiernan
 9:00am William McAndrew

Thursday June 11, 2015
 7:30am John Romito
 9:00am Steven Smoker

Friday June 12, 2015
 7:30am In Honor of Saint Anthony
 9:00am Domingo, Irene and Francisco Llaurador

Saturday June 13, 2015
 7:30am Laurel LaForte
 9:00am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm In Honor of St. Anthony

Sunday June 14, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Steven Galiardo
 11:15am Josef Schneider, Johann Gartner and Joseph Falcone
 12:30pm Salvatore Picone

Banns of Marriage Announced
First Time
Antonino Natoli and Christina Mota

Next week's second collection: Black and Indian Mission Collection.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 May 31: \$5,843
Second Collection (Nepal Relief): \$1,195
 Thank you for your generosity.
 May God bless you.



Altar flowers were donated for Confirmation on May 28th in honor of the students from our Religious Education Program and School by Mrs. Rosemarie Vasti, our 7th grade Catechist.



TODAY, St. Francis Xavier Feast of Corpus Christ: Please join us as we celebrate the supreme gift of The Eucharist—The Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament— Sunday, June 7th, 9:30am Mass, Procession to follow. Concluding with Benediction in School gym. Light refreshments will be served.



Sunday, June 21st— Father's Day: What greater gift for your Father on Father's Day than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses which will be offered for all Fathers living and deceased. Offertory envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church which will be placed on the Altar and remain throughout the month of June.



St. Francis Xavier School: Congratulations to our New Beginnings and Kindergarten children as they graduate. We wish our eighth graders "Good Luck" as they graduate and begin their high school careers. They will be missed! 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



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *My Church—My family:* What a beautiful year this has been. The children were so eager to learn about the love of Jesus and our faith. Heartfelt thank you to all the catechists, who give of themselves to teach the children every week, and to all the volunteers. They do so much from the goodness of their hearts! May God bless their generosity and goodness always. Registration Forms for Religious Ed for September 2015 are available in the Rectory and the vestibule of the Church.



2nd Annual Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser for St. Francis Xavier:



We are in the early stages of preparing for our 2nd Annual Pocketbook Bingo, which will be held on **Friday, September 18th at 7pm** in the School gym. If you would like to donate a prize for the fundraiser, we would be very grateful and your name will be included in the list of Sponsors. Please contact Ughette in the Rectory at 718-892-3330.

Next Week's Readings (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time): Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (2a); 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34



Dear Parishioners,

We look forward to the arrival of our newly ordained priest, Father Matthew Reiman, in just a couple of weeks. I cannot think of a better way for Father Matthew to begin his priesthood than by getting to know and serve all of you. We truly have a beautiful parish.

Today is the beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a day for special Eucharistic celebration and devotion, like our Eucharistic Procession after the 9:30am Mass, as we walk throughout our neighborhood with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, celebrating the Church's greatest treasure, the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, and giving witness to this marvelous belief of ours. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it: "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life...For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself."

Every day at every Mass the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is made present for us to enter into, as bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Risen Christ. Our Lord Jesus becomes really, truly and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine. As a kid preparing for First Communion I was taught to say "My Lord and My God," when looking upon the Sacred Host and the Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Jesus as the priest raises them up at the Consecration. I still say those words at the Consecration every time I offer Mass, and I can honestly say that I get the same lump in my throat as I did on the day I offered Mass for the very first time sixteen years ago. How beautifully and powerfully we express our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and draw others to this mystery by the reverence we show toward the Most Blessed Sacrament - in our fidelity to Sunday Mass; in the way we genuflect before the Tabernacle; in the way we bow with reverence as we approach to receive Holy Communion; in the way we take time to pray and give thanks as we savor the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus in our bodies and souls after receiving Him in Holy Communion. These kinds of outward gestures of reverence speak volumes about the faith we hold deep in our hearts.

Cardinal Basil Hume, former Archbishop of Westminster, wrote just before he died: "The greatest need in the Church today is the rediscovery of the power and mystery of the Eucharist - devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in this Most Blessed Sacrament. Outside the Mass that presence continues and is celebrated through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. That devotion was weakened in the years that followed the Second Vatican Council, but we need to rediscover it." As Pope St. Pius X put it so beautifully: "Remember, there is no way to be closer to Jesus on this side of Heaven than by worthily receiving Him in Holy Communion."

May this beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi re-ignite our faith and our devotion, and lead us to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for giving us so precious a gift, so great a Sacrament of His Love which we have available to us right here in our own beautiful Church every day. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



"I am with you always." A reminder that Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the small chapel off the vestibule of the Church which is open every day until 6pm. Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is there waiting for you!

We reached our goal!

Thank you for responding once again so generously to this year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Last week more than \$5,000 in pledges came in to put us over our goal. To date 148 families have pledged \$50,795. Know that your donations to the Appeal will contribute to so much good that is done for so many by the Church here in New York.

There is still time to make a pledge. Sixty Percent of every dollar raised now will come directly back to our parish. Cardinal's Appeal envelopes are always at the doors of the Church. Once again, thank you so much!

Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

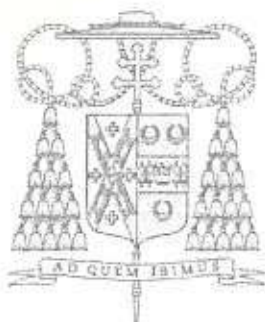
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alcega, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard 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 Lirfieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lirfieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Loule Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, 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 Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Vincent Maffia, Heleen Barry, Joseph A. Milone, Marion Macellaro, Michael F. Anzalone, Jr. and Edgar V. Enamorado



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June 1, 2015
Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Year of Consecrated Life

Dear friends in the Lord:

I write on a matter of critical urgency, asking your help.

The matter is the *Education Tax Credit* – a proposal that would encourage individuals and businesses to donate more money to scholarship funds for children who choose to attend Catholic and other private schools. The tax credit also would encourage donations to public schools and nonprofits to increase funding for after-school, music, arts, sports, and classroom projects, a win-win for all children.

The *Education Tax Credit* is included in a broader *Parental Choice in Education Agenda* being pushed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and supported by the State Senate. This package of bills also would provide a \$500 tuition tax credit for low-income families.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and other courageous Democrats support this measure, but, unfortunately, many members of the Assembly Majority are blocking this critical assistance for our families.

If the Assembly Democrats drop their opposition, the *Education Tax Credit* will become law. That means millions of dollars in scholarships to help needy children attend Catholic and other private schools. It means fewer Catholic school closures and more jobs for teachers.

For public schools it translates to millions of dollars for art, music, libraries and sports, as well as support for teachers.

This is where I am asking for your help!

The only way the Assembly Democrats are going to agree to these important measures is if they hear from enough families around the state, more than they do from the powerful Government School monopoly Teachers' Union.

Please visit www.nyscatholic.org to find your local Assembly member. Then, email them to urge their support for the *Education Tax Credit*. This will take just a few minutes of your time.

Thank you in advance for joining in this effort. Our children and our schools are depending on you!

Faithfully,

+ T.M. Card. Dolan

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

P.S. Please don't put this letter aside for action some other time. We all know how that works. Please go on our website and take action now. I am counting on you.



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April 30, 2015
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Dear friends in the Lord:

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must do our best to continue to build the Lord's kingdom in our world.

We invite you to help build our mission to the missions by supporting the *Black and Indian Mission Collection*.

Your support will provide the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. Your participation places bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico; in the far reaching villages of Alaska; and in so many other places. Your sacrifice addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51); "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope." Your prayer needs to be constant as, together, we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator.

In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each other: "The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation." (*Lumen Fidei*, 51).

Thank you for your prayerful support of the *Black and Indian Mission Collection*. Please be as generous as you can.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York