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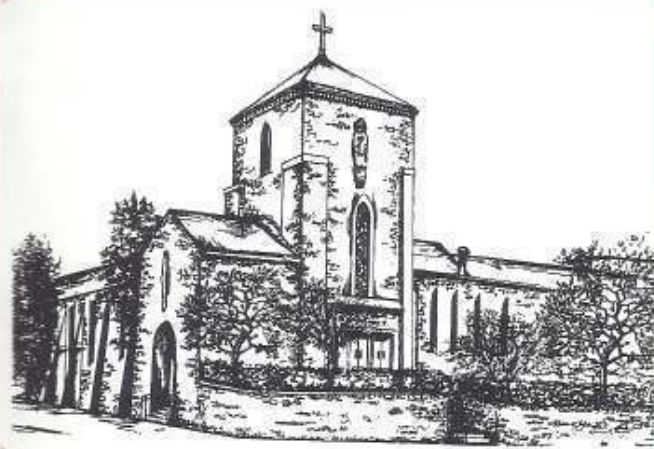
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All Classes - Sunday - 9:30 am to 11 am followed by
Family Mass 11:15 am
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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	June 27, 2015
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday	June 28, 2015
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Theresa and Emilio DeBellis
11:15am	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Segreti and Louise Segreti
12:30pm	DeSantis and Marrone Families (With our Filipino Choir).
Monday	June 29, 2015
7:30am	Joseph Milone
9:00am	Vito and Beatrice Tetro
Tuesday	June 30, 2015
7:30am	Barbara Perretti-Wolf
9:00am	Antonio and Enrico Tartaglia
Wednesday	July 1, 2015
7:30am	Special Intentions for Janelle Amador (Living)
9:00am	Kathleen Ann Dean
Thursday	July 2, 2015
7:30am	Francesco Rotundo
9:00am	Maria and Raimondo Scrobogna
Friday	July 3, 2015
7:30am	Veronica Piliero
9:00am	Maria Marino
9:30-10:30	Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Saturday	July 4, 2015
7:30am	Christopher Roland Arayata
9:00am	Joseph and Carmela Onorato and Alfonso Family
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	Antonio Cipollone
Sunday	July 5, 2015
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Salvatore Picone
11:15am	In Thanksgiving
12:30pm	John DiFalco and Charles Vegliante



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Peyton Rose Behanna** daughter of Paul and Maria



Congratulations: **Antonino Natoli and Christina Motta** who were married here at St. Francis Xavier on Friday, June 26th.



St. Francis Xavier School: During the month of July, the school office will be open from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Monday and Friday the office will be closed (if you need assistance, you can call the Rectory at 718-892-3330). Seats are available for the SFX UPK Program (free tuition). Registration for all grades is on-going. Please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *My Church—My family:* Please remember there is no vacation from our obligation to attend Sunday Mass—See you in Church. If traveling, you can check for local Mass times at www.masstimes.org Have a wonderful summer and please remember to register for Religious Ed as soon as possible. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory and the vestibule of the Church.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out" Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser for St. Francis Xavier Parish:



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM in the School Gym. \$35 person/10 games each with three cards on a sheet. Lots of chances to Win! Lots of fun! Winner of each game will receive a new authentic designer handbag such as Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, Ralph Lauren, Coach, and more. BYOB & BYOA (appetizers). Door Prizes, 50/50, Tricky Tray Tables of raffle prizes and featuring our special raffle for the Louis Vuitton (value \$1,000). 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.



There is still time to make a pledge. Now that we have reached our goal, **60% of every dollar donated will come directly back to our Parish.** Once again, thank you to all of you who have already given to this year's Appeal.

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

Next Week's Readings (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd); 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

*Banns of Marriage Announced
Third Time
Gianfranco DeBellis and Jaclyn Cestaro*

Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
June 21: \$5,009
Thank you for your generosity.
May God bless you.





Dear Parishioners,

Summer is now underway and things should be getting a bit more relaxed, but there are still some very important things to talk and pray about.

We continue to look with horror and with broken hearts on the vicious and hate-filled killing of nine people at prayer in the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The evil that can lurk in a human heart that is devoid of love erupts at times with such ferocity that it leaves every good and decent person shaken with horror and grief. But how powerful was the display of love and faith by the families of those nine good and innocent people who were murdered as they spoke of forgiving the killer of their loved ones and of praying for his soul. What an inspiration they are. That is the power of Christianity, the power of God's love, which is more powerful than any evil, more powerful even than death. How beautiful is our faith and precious our freedom to live it.

This leads us to another very serious issue we continue to confront in our great Country; that is, the very serious threats to religious liberty that have been growing over the past several years. There are cases making their way through the Federal Courts right now that could have a serious impact on our freedom to practice our faith. We who cherish our Catholic Faith and strive to live it are more and more being threatened with government intrusion upon what we firmly believe in the sanctuaries of our consciences. In this great Country of ours no one should ever have to choose between the Laws of our Land and the Laws of God. However, a small minority whose agenda it is to take God out of the public square, to take Him out of the pledge of allegiance and off our currency, to make the killing of a baby in the womb an uninhibited fundamental right, and to redefine the institution of marriage as it was designed and given to us by God as between one man and one woman, have been gaining ground over the last few years in imposing their own very different kind of morality on us and our children. This can only happen when good people do nothing. These are very challenging times calling us to heroic virtue, fidelity, prayer and courage. This is not about politics, but about our faith and our most fundamental rights given to us by God and enshrined in our Constitution.

This is the reason that the Church throughout the United States is now in the midst of the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom." This is intended to be an intense two-week period of prayer and action, which began last Sunday and concludes on the Fourth of July, to confront the growing threats to religious freedom in our land. During this two-week period we celebrate some great Saints and Martyrs to inspire us, who were true to their consciences and stood up for the faith they held so dear in the face of the political powers of their time – St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (June 22nd), St. John the Baptist (June 24th), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th). They all paid the ultimate price for their fidelity to Christ.

The fact that the "Fortnight for Freedom" concludes on Independence Day is a powerful reminder that our freedom doesn't come free, and that so many heroes have shed their blood to preserve us in freedom. Hopefully we can all be together on this, not only as Catholics but as Americans who love this great Country and the freedom we enjoy – and which we could lose if we remain asleep, if we are not vigilant, if we do not cherish our faith and truly live it. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



The U.S. Bishops have called for a "Fortnight for Freedom:" June 21st-July 4th, a two-week period of prayer and action to

address many current challenges to religious liberty.

There will be a Holy Hour on July 3rd (First Friday) immediately following the 9:00am Mass to pray for the protection of Religious Liberty.

Prayer for Religious Liberty: *Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Galatians 5:1). We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties: by Your grace may we have the courage to defend them for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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 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, Brian Gillick, 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, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovicin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quararone, 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: Geraldine Imbrognos

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