

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday July 4, 2015**

**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

**Monday July 6, 2015**

**7:30am** Alexander Knights

**9:00am** Davide Chiappa

**Tuesday July 7, 2015**

**7:30am** Giardullo and Montanaro Family

**9:00am** Joseph and Louis Petrozza and Antonio Buffone

**Wednesday July 8, 2015**

**7:30am** Rosalinda DiMarco

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**Thursday July 9, 2015**

**7:30am** Teresa Mariani

**9:00am** Daniel J. Moloney

**Friday July 10, 2015**

**7:30am** Elmerinda Perugini

**9:00am** Antonio Mazzella

**Saturday July 11, 2015**

**7:30am** All Parishioners of SFX

**9:00am** Carolyn Cuffari

**Vigil for Sunday**

**5:30pm** Linda Ann Cioffi

**Sunday July 12, 2015**

**7:30am** William Thomas

**9:30am** Louise Fazio and Anthony Saraco

**11:15am** Joseph Falcone and Deceased Members of Gartner and Burckardt Family

**12:30pm** Tony Vegliante, Sr. and Charles Vegliante

**Triduo in onore della Madonna del Carmine:** Dal 13 al 15 luglio—Santa Messa alle 6:30pm. Predicata per Mons. Antonio Ciliberti, Arcivescovo Emerito di Catanzaro-Squillace. Messa Solenne: 16 luglio-12pm. Invitiamo a tutti i nostri amici di lingua italiana di partecipare! Che la Madonna del Carmine ci benedica tutti!



**Our Gifts Back to the Lord**  
**Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):**  
**June 28: \$5,439**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**  
**May God bless you.**



**Newly Baptized:** We welcome into our Parish Family **Ella Jean Ulzheimer** daughter of Christopher and Jessica



**Congratulations: Gianfranco DeBellis and Jaclyn Cestaro** who were married here at **St. Francis Xavier on Friday, July 3rd.**



**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](http://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](http://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). **To reserve your tickets, please call Ughette in the Rectory at 718-892-3330.**



**SAVE THE DATE: Come see "Godspell"** a Musical featuring own teenagers, St. Francis Xavier Gym, August 7th, 8th and 9th.



**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 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8); Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13.**



Dear Parishioners,

I want to start by thanking the members of our Filipino Choir for the beautiful music they provided for the 12:30 Mass last weekend. What a gift they are to our parish. Also our Youth Choir is getting off the ground, as they sang for us at the 5:30 Mass last Saturday. They are another tremendous gift to our parish and hopefully the nucleus of a teen and young adult ministry. I also want to thank Dale and Joyce Smith, who oversee and direct our beautiful music ministry. We also said thank you to our Altar Servers, as Fr. Reiman and I and several parent chaperones spent a fun-filled day with over 30 thirty of them at Rye Playland this past Tuesday. They are another beautiful part of our parish.

I hope everyone is enjoying this Fourth of July Weekend as we celebrate the birth of our great Nation. How blessed we are to live in this Country that was founded upon and has always upheld the idea that our freedom, beginning with religious freedom, is not granted to us by the government, but given to us by God. We are living, however, in a time when our fundamental right to religious freedom is being seriously challenged. We are all aware of the Supreme Court's decision last week redefining marriage away from what God designed from the beginning, what Jesus Christ specifically taught, and what has been naturally engrained in the human heart as the foundation of civil society for millennia: that is, that marriage is a lifelong, faithful, loving union of one man and one woman, ordered toward the procreation of children, creating sound families which are the building blocks of future citizens. Now, the Church will continue to teach and uphold the authentic meaning of marriage, for our Faith does not change, the Truth does not change. The Pope, himself, has no authority to change the doctrines of our Faith, including marriage.

But, there is no question that we as Christians, and particularly us Catholics, are entering into some very difficult times. The times are coming, and are indeed here, when those who stand for the traditional meaning of marriage will be branded as bigots, and the preaching of our doctrines as hate speech. And the potential for the abrogation of our religious freedom is very real. There are already those in Congress speaking about the "discriminatory" practices of religious organizations, and looking to take away the tax exempt status of Churches who fail to recognize this new definition of marriage. While all of this presents real and imminent threats to our religious freedom, we are called to respond with even greater fidelity. It is a time for us to turn to God all the more for the Grace we need to remain faithful, to always remain faithful no matter what happens. And may we never be intimidated by the accusation of being bigoted or hateful toward anyone. The Church is not against anyone, but is for marriage as it was given to us by God.

As the bishops of New York put it so well: "We want to make absolutely clear that our firm beliefs about marriage... must not be misconstrued to be in any way a condemnation of homosexual people or an attack on their human dignity. Our Church teaches that we must treat our homosexual sisters and brothers with dignity and love, as we would all God's children. Indeed the Catechism of the Catholic Church warns that any form of prejudice or hatred against homosexual people is a grave sin (CCC 2358)." The Church is here for all people – we are all sinners from the Pope on down - to embrace them in God's love and help them to live a holy and virtuous life in union with the heart and mind of Christ.

In the writings of Our Founding Fathers it is clear that they understood well in framing our Constitution that authentic freedom can never be divorced from God, the author of our freedom, and His Divine Law. That is the principle upon which our great nation was built, and that is the only foundation upon which it will stand secure for generations to come. May God always watch over and bless the United States of America which we love so much. And may God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



**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 Ciaccio, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlan 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 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, 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 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:** Alberta A. Wyminko