

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday July 25, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm MaryAnn Cataldo

Sunday July 26, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Davide Chiappa
 11:15am Christina Barone
 12:30pm Claudette Cicchelli

Monday July 27, 2015
 7:30am Annette Firsching
 9:00am Michael Penta

Tuesday July 28, 2015
 7:30am Agostino Calisi
 9:00am Concetta Zullo

Wednesday July 29, 2015
 7:30am Matthew Gay
 9:00am Danica and Nicola and Boris Kurilic

Thursday July 30, 2015
 7:30am Vincent Ha
 9:00am Antonio and Betty Tartaglia

Friday July 31, 2015
 7:30am Intentions of Maureen LaLonde (Living)
 9:00am Lorenzo Zullo

Saturday August 1, 2015
 7:30am Elmerinda Perugini
 9:00am Gloria Andriuolo

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Anthony Saraco

Sunday August 2, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am William Parchen
 12:30pm Helen and Michael Radino

TEEN NEWS

GODSPELL: Please see the flier in today's bulletin to purchase tickets for "Godspell" performed by our own teenagers here in the school gym on the weekend of August 7th, 8th and 9th. Please come out and support our young people and see a great show.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of **Gloria Andriuolo** by **Vera Calabrese**



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Lorenzo Aiello** son of Lawrence and Elisa



Congratulations Bryan Antoncic and Jessica Haag who were married on **Saturday, July 25th.**



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) and being received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or if you are already baptized but not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. If you are interested, please call Fr. Matthew at the Rectory at 718-892-3330. Sessions will begin the end of September.



St. Francis Xavier School: The school office will be open from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. If you need assistance any other time, call the Rectory at 718-892-3330. Seats are available for the UPK Program (free tuition). Registration for all grades is on-going. Please visit 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, be the light of Christ in all you meet 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.



2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out"

Pocketbook Bingo: 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). This will sell out!



Tickets are now available, please call Ughette in the Rectory at 718-892-3330. 50/50 Raffles will be presold in the Church on August 29/30 - Winner need not be present. Please come and support our parish.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 July 19: \$5,020
 Thank you for your generosity.
 May God bless you.

Next Week's Readings (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a); Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51



Dear Parishioners,

With today's Gospel from the Sixth Chapter of St. John we begin a five week catechesis on the Eucharist. It would be so good if all of us could take some time in the next few weeks to read through the entire Sixth Chapter of St. John's Gospel and allow the Holy Spirit to draw us deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist.

Today's Gospel of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish is our starting point, a sign pointing to how Jesus would continue to feed His sheep through His Church with the Eucharist. It provides a good window to what is going on at every Mass. Today's Gospel passage begins: *"Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs He was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near."* Large crowds gathered to be in the presence of Jesus. Is this not what is happening at Mass, crowds of people gathering to be in the presence of Jesus to listen to Him and be fed by Him? St. John then tells us that they went up the mountain. In the Bible, going up a mountain is the place of encountering God. This is what the Mass is, an encounter with God. Then Jesus sat down, which is the posture of a teacher. That is what we do after the Gathering Rite at Mass - we sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to Him as He continues to teach us in the Liturgy of the Word. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, when we listen to the Word of God at Mass, it is Jesus Himself who is speaking to us.

Then St. John tells us that the Jewish Feast of Passover was near, connecting the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves to the Paschal Mystery, to the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. This draws us into the deepest meaning of the Mass as a Sacrifice as we move from the Liturgy of the Word into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Passover was the Feast of Liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt, when the paschal lamb was sacrificed, its blood poured out, and its flesh eaten in the Passover Meal in remembrance of the night they were set free from slavery in Egypt. All of this was a sign pointing to the New Passover - the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus - by which we are set free from our slavery to sin and *pass over* with Him from death to life. All this is renewed and made present to us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as Jesus, the Lamb of God, continues to offer His Body and pour out His Blood for us as real food and real drink in the Eucharist.

The Gospel goes on to tell us: *"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining...when they had their fill, He said to His disciples, 'Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted'."* Jesus sees that the crowd is hungry and He feeds them - an image of a deeper hunger in every human heart that only God can satisfy. And indeed it is God Himself, our Lord Jesus, who satisfies that hunger in the Eucharist at every Mass.

And every fragment left over after Holy Communion is gathered up and placed in the Tabernacle because even the tiniest fragment is truly and entirely the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. How different our lives would be, how different our world would be, if more people realized that everything we need, everything we are ultimately looking for is right here in the Eucharist, right here every day in our own beautiful Church. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

Have Your House Blessed: It has been a great blessing and a joy for me as a priest to meet you and get to know you better! I always want to be available to you and walk with you on your journey of faith! We have an ancient tradition in our faith of having our homes blessed by a priest. These blessings benefit and protect all who live within the home and are a great thing to have done even if you have lived in your home for many years. While the ceremony itself is simple, it is a powerful way to sanctify the home: the place we spend so much time and a place that is very dear to us. I would like to offer to come to your home and bless it any time you would like! Just call me at the Rectory and we will set up a time and date. May God always bless you! - **Fr. Reiman**

Reminder About Godparents: When there are two godparents chosen, one must be male and one female. One godparent, however, is sufficient. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 14 years of age and in good standing in the Church (including married in the Church if they are married). A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. Godparents will be asked to have their parish fill out a form witnessing their eligibility (sponsor letter).

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



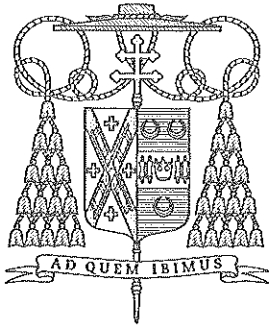
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, 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 Mayo, 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. Wymimko



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
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July 16, 2015
Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus
Year of Consecrated Life

The Reverend Matthew J. Furey, Pastor
St. Francis Xavier Parish
1703 Lurting Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461

Dear Father Furey, *Mat:*

Congratulations to you and St. Francis Xavier Parish on surpassing your *2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* goal! Please know that I am deeply grateful for your commitment to this important endeavor. We are indeed once again on track to reach our \$20 million target. You and your faithful parishioners answered the call to serve our brothers and sisters in need, as Jesus asked us to do.

You helped ensure that our archdiocese can continue providing essential services which keep our parishes strong and guarantee a solid foundation for our future. Keep up the good work!

With renewed gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

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Archbishop of New York

*A blessed
first summer!*



Ladies Night Out!



Win an Authentic Designer Handbag!

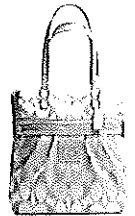
Playing Pocketbook Bingo!

St. Francis Xavier Parish Fundraiser

Friday—September 18, 2015



7 p.m.



St. Francis Xavier School Gym

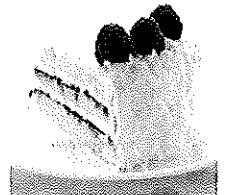
1711 Haight Avenue

Coffee/Tea & Dessert Provided

Bring your own beverages & appetizers

\$35.00 for 10 bingo games

\$10.00 for an extra set of cards

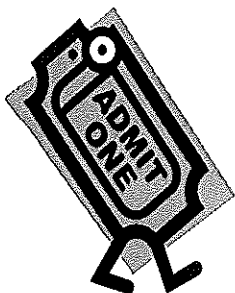


50/50, Tricky Tray, Special Raffle & Door Prizes

(Michael Kors, Coach, Dooney & Burke,

Louis Vuitton & more)

Lots of fun!



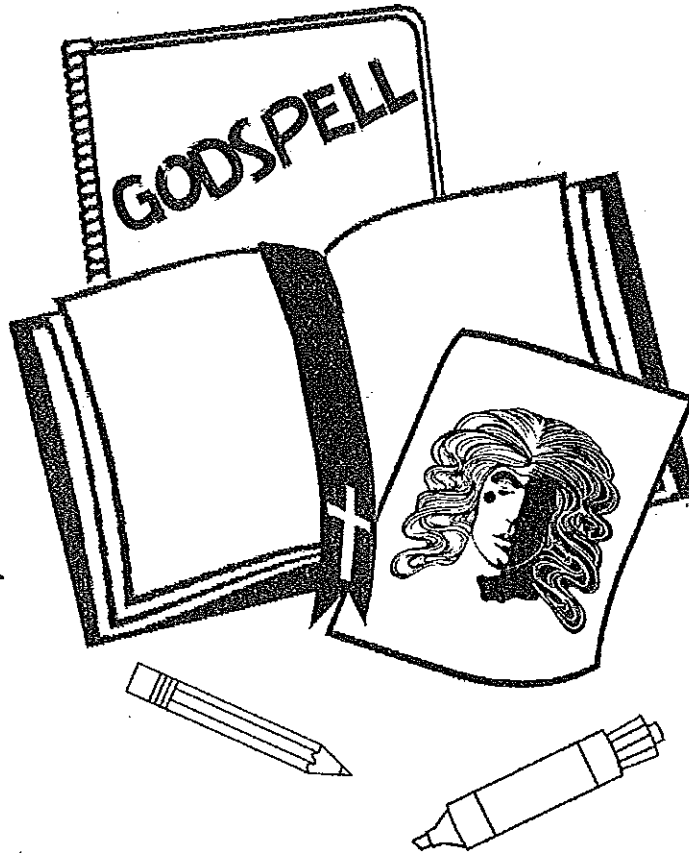
Reserve your seat/table today!

Tickets can be purchased in the

Rectory (718) 892-3330



The Morris Park Players Proudly Present



Tickets:
\$10 in advance
\$15 at the door

Tickets can be purchased at the S.F.X. rectory (718-863-3330) or by contacting Bettina D'Erasmus (347-778-6296)

August 7th at 7pm, August 8th at 7pm,
& August 9th at 2pm

at St. Francis Xavier School
1711 Haight Ave., Bronx, NY

*no assigned seating

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets:

_____ 8/7 @ 7pm _____ 8/8 @ 7pm _____ 8/9 @ 2pm

Total: _____ Amount Paid: _____