MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 1, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Anthony Saraco

Sunday August 2, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am In Thanksgiving11:15am William Parchen

12:30pm Helen and Michael Radino

Monday August 3, 2015 7:30am Mary Creatura

9:00am Reverend Joseph Dolan, S.J.

Tuesday August 4, 2015 7:30am Peter Manchester 9:00am George Marino

Wednesday August 5, 2015 7:30am Charles Vegliante 9:00am Carolyn Cuffari

Thursday August 6, 2015 7:30am Laura Ann Licata 9:00am Nicholas Musto

Friday August 7, 2015 7:30am Marie McQuaid 9:00am Bianca Cilento

Saturday August 8, 2015 7:30am Teresa Cipollone 9:00am James Quigley

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Serafina Vespertino

Sunday August 9, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am Salvatore Picone
11:15am John Ayala
12:30pm Marie Theresa Ore

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Main Altar will resume on September 4th.

<u>TEEN NEWS:</u> GODSPELL will be performed by our own teenagers here in the school gym next weekend on August 7th, 8th and 9th. Please come out and support our young people and see a great show.

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included): July 26: \$5,647 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Francine Christopher by Gerald Christopher

Altar Flowers donated this week in loving memory of Francine Christopher by Gerald Christopher



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo



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—they will know Jesus because they know you 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.

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,

It is hard to believe August is here already. The Pastor Summer, as always, is going by so fast. For much of the remainder of this month, we will be hearing from the Sixth Chapter of St. John's Gospel, Jesus' discourse on the Eucharist. Last week we began with the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves of bread and two fish, a foreshadowing of how He would feed the multitudes throughout the centuries through His Church with the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel we hear that the crowds were looking for Jesus not out of genuine faith, but because they had eaten their fill of bread. They wanted to see more wonders from Jesus, comparing Him to Moses who fed their ancestors in the desert with Manna from Heaven as we heard in the first reading. Jesus says to them: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."

Jesus goes on to explain to them that it was not Moses who gave them bread from Heaven, but His Father who gives the True Bread from Heaven. The Manna from Heaven given to the Israelites in the desert was a sign pointing toward the True Bread that the Father would give, His Only Begotten Son. Just as the Israelites were fed by God with bread from Heaven to strengthen them on their journey through the desert on their way to the Promised Land, so too are we fed by God with the Eucharist to strengthen us on our journey through the desert this world on our way to the Promised Land of Heaven. And that "Living Bread that comes down from Heaven" is the Lord Jesus Himself who is the only One who can satisfy the deepest need of the human heart.

As Saint Pope John Paul II put it: "Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of the human person would still exist...Therefore, I say, Come all of you, to Jesus, the Bread of Life, and you will never be hungry again." And as Jesus Himself says: "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."

Let me leave you with some beautiful statements from the teaching of the Church on the Eucharist. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian Life. In the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself." Again from the Catechism: "In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith. It is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and the fountain from which her life flows." We have these beautiful words from the Church's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council: "At the Last Supper, on the night before He died, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given."

And finally in the words of Saint Pope Pius X: "Remember, this side of Heaven, there is no way to be closer to Jesus than by worthily receiving Him in Holy Communion." 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!

<u>National 54 Day Rosary Novena</u>— The Archdiocese of New York will participate in the National 54 Day Rosary Novena for Family and Marriage sponsored by the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate. This Novena will launch on August 15, 2015 and conclude on October 7, 2015. This effort is to help bring spiritual renewal in the nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Rosary. For information, check the website at www.54days.org.

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers; William Ahoarn, 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 Defedele, 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, Rosemarie Flatley, 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 Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, 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'Keeffe, 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. Bianco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Arnador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Diana Vicinanza, Margaret Wharton and Milwido Villarino



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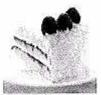
St. Francis Xavier Parish Fundraiser

Fríday—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

