

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday August 8, 2015
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

Monday August 10, 2015
 7:30am Daniel J. Moloney
 9:00am Theresa and Emilio DeBellis

Tuesday August 11, 2015
 7:30am Corinne Paola Augone
 9:00am Evelyn Eabarcher

Wednesday August 12, 2015
 7:30am Archie Negrón
 9:00am Giovanna Picca

Thursday August 13, 2015
 7:30am Mary Speers
 9:00am Intentions of Mrs. Mary Furey (Living)

Friday August 14, 2015
 7:30am Mario DiNicuolo
 9:00am Teresa Angela Bernardi

Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:30pm All Parishioners of SFX

Saturday August 15, 2015—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother
 7:30am Special Intentions
 9:00am Rosie Smith
 12:00 Noon In Thanksgiving

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Norina Gilberg

Sunday August 16, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Alice Bieder
 11:15am Cosimo Gabriele
 12:30pm Mary and Ralph DeSantis

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 15th: Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass: Friday, August 14th at 5:30pm Saturday, August 15th at 7:30am, 9:00am & 12:00pm Noon



Altar Bread and Wine is donated this week in loving memory of Domenic Divito by Grace and Joseph Falardo



Altar Flowers are donated this week in loving memory of Domenic Divito by Grace and Joseph Falardo



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



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Ava Celia Savoca** daughter of Carl and Lana

This week's second collection is for Latin America and Home Missions. Right here is the United States, some dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. Today we will take up a collection to help strengthen the Church at home and Latin America.

Next Weekend: Missionary Appeal (Second Collection)

We will be welcoming a missionary who will be asking for spiritual and material support to raise the awareness of people here to the various needs, struggles and successes of our brothers and sisters in India. Fr. Christopher Johnson will be speaking to us next weekend asking for our support.



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: Be the light of Christ in all you meet— they will know Jesus because they know you. **Classes begin September 13th**—Registration Forms are available in the Rectory and vestibule of Church.



2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out"

Pocketbook Bingo: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM

in School Gym. Lots of fun!
 BYOB & BYOA (appetizers).
 Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.



Next Week's Readings (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Proverbs :1-6; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 August 2: \$4,969

Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,787
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

I can't help but say something about a matter that has been irking me so much and I am sure all of you as well. If you have been paying attention to the news lately, you have heard what has been going on for years now with Planned Parenthood, the great promoter of Abortion. (See Cardinal Dolan's article inserted in today's bulletin). We have seen the videos secretly taken of officials of Planned Parenthood talking about abortion procedures in such a cold and matter-of-fact way. We hear them clearly discussing abortion techniques that would not crush the baby too much so as to preserve organs and even the entire "cadaver" in order to sell them for profit for medical research.

This is the type of thing Pope Francis is talking about when he describes the "throw away culture" we live in, where human life is so easily discarded. And although the selling of fetal tissue and organs for profit is clearly against the law, we hear of no outcry from the Obama Administration or of investigations being launched by the Justice Department. Ironically, though, the same Administration is suing the Little Sisters of the Poor for refusing to violate their religious convictions by providing health insurance to their employees that would cover abortion, contraception and sterilization procedures. While the beautiful work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in nurturing and taking care of the poor who are frail and elderly (truly God's work) is seriously being threatened, the work of Planned Parenthood funded by our tax dollars apparently will go on. What is wrong with this picture? What is wrong with our Country? When will we have had enough?

We turn to Jesus who gives us such a different message, who calls us to nurture and protect human life from the moment of conception in the womb to natural death and at every point in between. What more could God possibly do to show the value He places on human life than sending His Only Son into the world as one of us to suffer and die so that we may live, and to give us His Flesh and Blood in the Eucharist to feed and sustain the life of our Souls? In today's Gospel Jesus says: *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* In the Eucharist our Savior, Jesus Christ, continues to offer Himself to humanity as the source of Eternal Life. As we participate in the Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord we share in the Sacrifice of Christ here and now, and have the pledge and promise of the Resurrection as we pass over with Him from death to eternal life. As Pope Saint John Paul II once put it: *"In the Mass Christ left us the means to take part in His Sacrifice on the Cross as if we had been present at Calvary. The Mass and the Cross are but one."*

May we respond to so great a mystery as St. Thomas did, falling on our knees in the Presence of the Risen Jesus in the Eucharist and saying *My Lord and My God*.

And if our reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist is to be sincere, it will be backed up by the way we live, and in the way we show reverence for the dignity of every human person for whom our Lord would and did die so that they may live forever. May our prayers, and the way we live our faith help our Country to return to its religious and moral foundation as a place where the Laws of God are obeyed, and the value of every human life is revered, nurtured and protected at every moment of existence. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

National 54 Day Rosary Novena— The Archdiocese of New York will participate in the National 54 Day Rosary Novena for Family and Marriage beginning 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. Check the website at www.54days.org.



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. Please call Fr. Matthew at the Rectory at 718-892-3330.

PAPAL VISIT TO NYC: Pope Francis will arrive in New York on Thursday, September 24, and will depart Saturday morning, September 26, for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He will celebrate Mass at Madison Square Garden on Friday, September 25 at 6:30pm. Parishes will be receiving tickets to be given out by lottery. We will keep you informed.

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



William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettle 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, Antonette 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 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'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Roseni, 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 Candido, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Deceased Parishioners of SFX



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

BYOB & BYOA—Bring your own beverages & appetizers

\$35.00 /10 bingo games with 3 games on a card

\$10.00 for an extra set of cards

& Tricky Tray Tables of raffles each valued at \$100-\$895 including

money trees, 50/50, and featuring our Special Raffle for the

Louis Vuitton (\$1,000 value) & Door Prizes

(Michael Kors, Coach, Dooney & Burke, Vera Bradley etc)

Lots of fun! Please come and support our Parish.

Please call Ughette at 718-892-3330

to reserve your seat/table.

Tickets are now available in the Rectory.





TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

AUGUST 5, 2015

Another Boy, Another Question

The news has been full over the last few weeks of revelations about the “harvesting” of organs by Planned Parenthood from the remains of aborted children, so they can be sold for medical research. Reactions have varied. Some have offered technical arguments about the legality of this practice, while others have sought to attack the makers of the undercover videos. Planned Parenthood’s PR people have been busy. Some legislators have understandably and laudably initiated measures to stop their public funding, while others continue to attempt to defend the indefensible.

Most of us simply recoil in horror from this ghoulish practice.

This controversy has served one very valuable purpose. It teaches us that despite over forty years of legalized abortion, the human conscience has not been completely deadened. But there is another aspect to this that I think deserves more attention — the truth is coming out.

For decades, the advocates for legal abortion — with Planned Parenthood in the forefront — have minimized or denied the humanity of the unborn child. Handy euphemisms have been used to conceal the true nature of the target of abortion, such as “products of conception”, “blobs of tissue”, “uterine contents”, “terminating a pregnancy”, and the like.

Those tricks of misleading language are no longer viable, thanks to the Planned Parenthood staff members who were captured on these undercover videos, with their callous bluntness about what they were actually doing.

In fact, for once we can actually take Planned Parenthood at their word, because in these videos they don’t use euphemisms, but instead they openly acknowledge the humanity of the babies they have aborted and are now dissecting. This makes perfect sense. The whole point was that the child was really a human person, and their organs and other tissue could be sold for experiments.

In other words, the folks at Planned Parenthood finally told the truth about what they are actually doing when they abort over 300,000 babies each year — that’s

more than 20% of all abortions in this country: they are putting an end to an innocent, fragile, defenseless, human life.

The importance of this is made particularly stark in a horrifying moment in one of the videos. A technician is exchanging small talk with the interviewer, all the while as she coldly describes her handling of the various organs of one of the aborted babies.

She is then heard to exclaim, "Another boy!"

The pathos of that scene is almost beyond human comprehension. But the acknowledgement of the truth is a pivotal moment. Nobody can hide from it any longer. It comes right out of their own mouths. It's not a thing. It's not just some tissue. "It's a boy!" It's a human, baby, boy.

Many years ago, during the great moral crusade to eliminate the human slave trade, a medallion was used by men such as William Wilberforce to advance their cause. It depicts a slave, bound in chains, and asks a simple question — "Am I not a man and a brother?"

"Another boy" now asks us that same question. How will we answer?