

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday August 15, 2015**  
 7:30am Special Intentions  
 9:00am Rosie Smith  
 12:00Noon Deceased Members of Mary Queen of Peace Council

**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

**Monday August 17, 2015**  
 7:30am Maria Teresa Ore  
 9:00am Edward Romano

**Tuesday August 18, 2015**  
 7:30am Milwido Villarino  
 9:00am Anthony Cianci, Maria Cianci and Luigi Cianci

**Wednesday August 19, 2015**  
 7:30am Irene Dito  
 9:00am Anthony Greco

**Thursday August 20, 2015**  
 7:30am James Burke  
 9:00am Franko Dineli

**Friday August 21, 2015**  
 7:30am  
 9:00am Michael Fragola

**Saturday August 22, 2015**  
 7:30am Carol Antonio  
 9:00am Nora Carney

**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm Ronald Earley

**Sunday August 16, 2015**  
 7:30am Remo and George Franceschini  
 9:30am John Cipollone (5th Anniversary)  
 11:15am Beatrice Tetro  
 12:30pm Michael Nigro

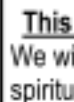
**Congratulations to our teens (The Morris Park Players)** who did a phenomenal job presenting "Godspell" last weekend. We are truly blessed to have these fine and extremely talented young people: Luciano Iovenitti, Ryan Gamilo, Andrew Alessandro, Faith D'Erasmus, Isabela Scaglione, Madeline Bonsignore, Monica Gayanelo, Gino Irizarry and Julia O'Sullivan.



**Our Gifts Back to the Lord**  
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) August 9: \$5,277  
 Second Collection (Latin American & Home Missions): \$953  
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



**Newly Baptized:** We welcome into our Parish Family **Julia Rosalina Loci** daughter of Mentor and Luljega



**This 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 this weekend asking for our support.



**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.



**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: Classes begin Sunday, September 13th at 9:30am in the school.**  
 Students are to come prepared with pen/pencil, folder and backpack. There will be a meeting for the parents during class time on September 13th. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory and vestibule of Church. **Pre-K "Wednesday Afternoon With Jesus"** are free and open to all Pre-K students. More information will be forthcoming.



**2nd Annual "Ladies Night"**  
**Pocketbook Bingo: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM**  
 in School Gym. Lots of fun!



Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin. 50/50 Raffles will be presold in the Church on August 29/30—Winner need not be present. (Last year's winner of 50/50 won \$2,000.) Please come and support our Parish.

**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.

**Next Week's Readings (Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 (9a); Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69



Dear Parishioners,

We come today to the end of Jesus' "Bread of Life Discourse" taken from the Sixth Chapter of St. John's Gospel which we have been hearing at Mass the past several weeks. It is the basis for our Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Last week Jesus said to the crowds: *"I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever. And the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

Jesus was not speaking symbolically here, but about something very real. Even as the people complained among themselves and many of His follows left Him because of what He said about eating His flesh, Jesus did not back off, but reiterated what He said four more times: *"Amen, Amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in Me and I in him."*

Jesus fulfilled these words when He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper on the night before He died when He said over a piece of bread, *"This is My Body,"* and over a chalice of wine, *"This is My blood."* And at every Mass ever since, bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ for us to eat and drink. Every speck of the Host at Mass, every drop of the wine, truly, really and substantially become the Body and Blood of Christ, His *Real Presence*, a presence which remains and is placed in the Tabernacle for us to adore and to bring to the sick and homebound. Through this Most Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood Jesus brings us into Communion with Himself and with one another as He remains in us and we in Him, a foretaste of Heaven and the promise of future glory that has already begun in us.

The promise of future glory in Heaven brings us to the beautiful and glorious solemnity we celebrated yesterday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The doctrine of the Assumption states that Mary was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven after the completion of her earthly life. She is the first one to experience the joy of Heaven in her *body and soul* after Jesus ascended. Since Mary was preserved from sin from the very moment of her conception, her body was preserved from the consequences of sin, the corruption of death. For the rest of us who will taste death, there will be a time between the soul's entrance into Heaven and the union of body and soul at the time of the resurrection of the body on the last day.

What God has already done for Mary is the hope held out to all of us who belong to her Son, Jesus, and share in His life right here and now especially through the Eucharist. For Jesus promised in the Gospel today: *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."* Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. 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 waiting for you!

**2016 Mass Book is open.** There are still Masses available for 2015. When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to memorialize your intentions. Altar Bread and Wine donated for a week in loving memory: \$25 Altar Flowers donated for a week in loving memory: \$25 The Sanctuary Lamp lit for a week in loving memory: \$10 Please come to the Rectory Monday-Saturday from 9-5pm or Sunday from 1pm-5pm.

**St. Benedict School Alumni Reunion** on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00pm. Contact Donna Miller at 718-822-6382 or sbsalumni@stbenedictsschool.com.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Pilgrimage to Holy Land**, November 9-18: Daily Mass at the Holy Sights. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, Dead Sea and more. Includes 3 meals daily. Air from JFK \$3,399. Cathie/Mike Milano 800-773-2660.

**Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:**  
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alico, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Blanchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean 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 Esquerma, 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 Liffieri Hernandez, Gloria Inzarri, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, 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 Nuzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quarbarone, 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 Toepha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villars, 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:** James Burke



# 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**

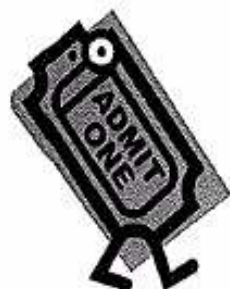
**\$10.00 for an extra set of cards**

**& 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.*

