

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday August 22, 2015

Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm Ronald Earley

Sunday August 23, 2015

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

Monday August 24, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
9:00am Gianfranco Dinelli

Tuesday August 25, 2015

7:30am James Burke
9:00am Francesco Rotundo

Wednesday August 26, 2015

7:30am Lucy Coscia
9:00am Adrian Garcia

Thursday August 27, 2015

7:30am Gabriele Lanzetta
9:00am William Parchen

Friday August 28, 2015

7:30am Milagros Erice
9:00am Angelina Delia (5th Anniversary)

Saturday August 29, 2015

7:30am Rev. Monsignor Joseph H. Quinn-2nd Pastor SFX
9:00am Giovanni Assalone

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Florence Motroni

Sunday August 30, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am Joseph and Catherine Cordani
11:15am Anthony Saraco
12:30pm Frank Vitacco

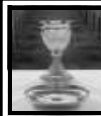
Thank you to John Dormi Funeral Home for providing holy cards in honor of Pope Francis' visit in September.

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.

League of the Sacred Heart will meet on First Friday, September 4th, after the 9:00am Mass in the Rectory.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) August 16: \$6,333:
Second Collection (Propagation of the Faith)\$853
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$1,207
Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Beatrice and Vito Tetro by Mary Tetro



Altar Flowers donated this week in loving memory of John Cipollone by the Cipollone Family



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 2:00pm. Friday, August 28th, the office will be closed. The "Welcome Back" letter will be posted on the school website on Tuesday, August 25th. UPK and Kindergarten parents will receive a separate letter by Thursday, August 27th. Registration is ongoing. Scholarships are still available. 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.



SIGN UP TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER: Open to all students in 5th grade and up. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or at the Rectory.



2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out" 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.**



SXF \$10,000 RAFFLE: Tickets will be sold on weekends in the Church vestibule and in the Rectory during the week beginning Labor Day weekend. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 6, 2015 at a Potluck Dinner Celebration immediately following 12:30pm Mass in honor of our Patron Saint.

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time): Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-3,3-4,4-5 (1a); James 1:17-18, 2b-22,27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone is holding up in all this heat. Thank God the air conditioner in the Church has been working pretty well this Summer.

As we come to the last week of our five week catechesis on the Eucharist, let us recall the words of Jesus from last week: *"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 is not speaking symbolically here. We see that many left Jesus, finding these words too hard to believe. And then He turns to the Twelve, His closest friends, and asks them if they want to leave, too. These words at the time probably didn't make any more sense to the Apostles than it did to those who walked away. But Peter expressed his trust in what Jesus said because he trusted in Jesus: *"Lord, to whom else would we go? You have the words of Eternal Life."*

Jesus is the Truth Incarnate, and He meant what He said: Unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood – unless we enter into communion with Him and keep that holy communion with Him – we have no life within us. The Christian life is more than just knowing about Jesus or keeping the Commandments. It is fundamentally about living in Communion with Jesus, drawing our life from Him in the Eucharist. That is why the Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is the *"Source and Summit of the Christian life."* Jesus in the Eucharist is the source, the point from which everything flows. And He is the summit, the goal toward which everything goes. If we are truly living a Christian life, we will be uniting everything we do to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. That is why the Mass on Sunday, the Lord's Day, is absolutely essential and indeed our obligation, because we need it so much. Let me just leave you with these beautiful quotes about the Eucharist by Saint John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, who in the 19th Century converted an entire town by getting his parishioners back to Mass on the Lord's Day:

- Attending Mass is the greatest action we can ever do.
- One will understand the greatness of the Mass only in Heaven.
- All good works taken together would not equal the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men...and the holy Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison...for martyrdom is the sacrifice of a man's life made to God. The Mass is the sacrifice that God made of his Body and Blood for man.

- Even if you had all the money in the world, you would not be able to pay for one Mass...because we can never pay for the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- If we have faith, we will see Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament like the angels see Him in Heaven. He is there. He awaits us!
- Holy Communion! What honor God gives to His creature! O man, how great you are, nourished and fed by the body and blood of God! If you were to understand it, you would not be able to live! You would die of love! This God gives himself to you. You can carry him, if you want, where you want. For He makes Himself one with you!

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.

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

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alico, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbaggio, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedeo, 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 Liffieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, 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 Muzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quarbarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravriopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teahan, 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: Gloria Finelli, Frances Cutignola and Antonia Fastook



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.

