

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday August 29, 2015
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

Monday August 31, 2015
 7:30am Carolyn Clemenza
 9:00am Helen Barry

Tuesday September 1, 2015
 7:30am Henry Ang
 9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean

Wednesday September 2, 2015
 7:30am Dante Lachica
 9:00am Maria Marino

Thursday September 3, 2015
 7:30am Eduvijes Amaguin
 9:00am Francesco Rotundo

Friday September 4, 2015
 7:30am Agostino Calisi
 9:00am Guido Cimador and His Deceased Parents
 1-7pm First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 7pm Holy Hour with Benediction

Saturday September 5, 2015
 7:30am Agostino Calisi
 9:00am Mario and Maria Caprara

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Mary Lombardo

Sunday September 6, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am Lauren Cummings
 12:30pm Rosaria and Luigi Rampino

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

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Banns of Marriage Announced First Time
Edward Sheeran and Elyse Torres



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) August 23: \$5,416
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Margaret Rita Dean by Margaret Mary Dean



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Margaret Rita Dean by Margaret Mary Dean



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Michael Anthony Hidalgo** son of Edward and Marilyn



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 Rectory at 718-892-3330.



St. Francis Xavier School: The school office will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm Monday—Thursday. School begins on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00am for grades 1-8. UPK and Kindergarten will follow the schedule outlined in the Welcome Back letter. Tuition must be paid to SMART Tuition in order for your child to begin school. 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. Classes will begin October 7th.



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 today, August 29/30—Winner need not be present. (Last year's winner of 50/50 won \$2,000.) *Please come and support our Parish—our family.*



SXF \$10,000 RAFFLE: Raffles will be sold on weekends in the Church 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time): Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b); James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



Dear Parishioners,

Things will be getting back to normal after Labor Day next weekend. This is truly a beautiful parish, and even more beautiful now with the addition of our new, newly ordained priest, Father Matthew Reiman. What a blessing he will be and already is for our Parish.

Our finances have gotten so much stronger over the last few years, and it looks like this year we will not have to depend on financial aid from the Archdiocese. That is so important for us and a sign of the strength of this parish. But as good as that is, the true success of any parish is measured not by its finances, but by the vitality of its Sunday Worship. When he first became our Archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan was asked what his first priority in leading the Archdiocese of New York is. He responded: "To make Sundays important; to make Sunday truly the Lord's Day; spending quality time with one another - Sunday Mass and a Sunday meal. For us Catholics, Sunday Mass is a Sunday meal."

The best quality time we can spend together as a parish family and with our own families is at the most sacred Meal we celebrate at every Mass. Mass is the heart and soul of our faith and of our parish and family life. As Cardinal Dolan again put it in his homily at his Installation Mass: "The Resurrection of Jesus, Easter, is so central to our faith that we celebrate it every Sunday as the Lord's Day, anchored in our faithfulness to Sunday Mass, our weekly family meal with the Risen Jesus." The constant teaching of the Church for 2000 years as stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is that, "the Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on Sundays and days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, caring for the sick, or some other compelling reason)." The Catechism goes on to say that, "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." This is something many Catholics don't seem to understand anymore.

We need to teach our children the importance of Sunday Mass. If they could only come to know more the inestimable treasure we have in the Eucharist, it would make all the difference in their lives. I look forward to getting back into the full swing of parish life after Labor Day, with our school children coming back, our Sunday morning Religious Education Program starting up again, our Family Mass with our children's choir at 11:15, our newly formed teen and young adult choir and our Filipino Choir singing once a month under the guidance of Joyce and Dale Smith who bring so much beauty to our Sunday Worship every week. We also have the excitement of Pope Francis visiting our City in less than a month.

As we come to the official end of the Summer next week, let us make it our first priority to make Sundays, the Lord's Day, important; to spend quality time together as a parish family at Sunday Mass, and more time with our families at home. This is what will make our parish family of St. Francis Xavier, and our own families at home happy, holy, and strong in the midst of a world that presents so many challenges to living a holy life. 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.

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, Eduardo Alica, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, 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 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 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 Nuzillo, 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 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: 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

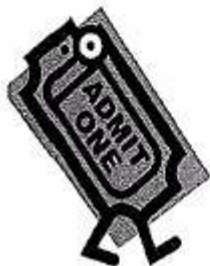
\$10.00 for an extra set of cards

& 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—our Family.



Please call Ughette at 718-892-3330

to reserve your seat/table.

Tickets are now available in the Rectory.

