

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday September 12, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Marie Marino

Sunday September 13, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Italo Bassani (34th Anniversary)
 12:30pm Frank Vitacco

Monday September 14, 2015
 7:30am Janet Pagano
 9:00am Michael F. Anzalone, Jr.

Tuesday September 15, 2015
 7:30am Arthur Pyke
 9:00am Rose Corrado

Wednesday September 16, 2015
 7:30am Sal Giovaniello
 9:00am John Babuini

Thursday September 17, 2015
 7:30am Edgardo Reyes (5th Anniversary)
 9:00am Giovanni Assalone

Friday September 18, 2015
 7:30am Michael Fragola
 9:00am SFX School Mass of the Holy Spirit
 10:00am


Saturday September 19, 2015
 7:30am Hortencia Rodrigues
 9:00am Gaetano Scrobogna and Yolanda Fronk

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Yolanda Hung

Sunday September 20, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Nora Carney
 11:15am Filippo Ferron
 12:30pm Ralph and Mary DeSantis

This week's second collection is the annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary which provides critical funding for the formation of our future priests.


Banns of Marriage Announced Third Time
Edward Sheeran and Elyse Torres

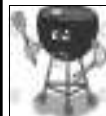

Our Gifts Back to the Lord
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) September 6: \$4,790
 Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,825
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of John Lizo by Marie Lizzo.



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.



SAVE THE DATE: SFX Welcome Back Barbecue, Sunday, September 27th immediately following the 12:30pm Mass. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.

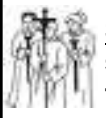


St. Francis Xavier School: Please visit sfxschool.net.



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.

Pre-K "Wednesday Afternoon With Jesus" are free and open to all Pre-K students. Classes will begin October 7th. **Rosary Making for Confirmation students** will resume October 2nd under the direction of Celeste Berretta .



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. First Altar Serving Training will be on September 19th at 2pm in Church with Fr. Matthew Reiman. Please bring your completed forms with you.



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. *Please come and support our Parish—our family.*



St. Benedict Women's Cornerstone Retreat September 18/19. Danielle 917-373-3152 or dmjcornerstone@gmail.com

St. Pio Concert and Holy Mass Celebrated by Bishop Dominick Lagonego, Saturday, September 19, 11am-7pm, San Silverio Shrine, 694 Old Rt 202, Dover Plains, NY 914-358-1110 for info

Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester will be hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, September 23rd. Speaker will be Mr. Selwyn Duke on the philosophical disorder of our time. \$25 person. Please call 718-671-8915 for reservations before September 21.

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54: 3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b); James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.



Dear Parishioners,

It is great to see the new school year off and running and the children in our Sunday morning Religious Education Program back today for our first Family Mass of this school year at 11:15. On Friday we will have the Mass of the Holy Spirit for our School children and faculty to begin the new school year on the right foot with what is most important and central to our lives as Catholics. We also look forward to the "Welcome Back" Barbeque in two weeks which is such a wonderful family event for the whole Parish put on by the Father's Club of our School.

As we get back to the hectic pace of life with the beginning of a new school year, Jesus asks all of us to stop for a moment and think about the most important question that we could be asked. Along with His Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus asks each one of us: "Who do you say that I am?" Our School exists primarily to prepare our children to answer this question from the depths of their hearts as Peter did: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." All of us need to make this response of Saint Peter our own, "Lord Jesus, you are the Christ the Son of the Living God, you are my Savior, my Redeemer, my Lord and my God."

If this is who Jesus is for us, then it is going to have tremendous implications on how we live our lives. Our Faith in Jesus calls us to live differently than the rest of the world, to think and live according to the ways of God and not the ways of the world. The contrast between the ways of God and the ways of the world is very clear in today's Gospel when immediately after Peter professes His faith in Jesus as the Son of God, Jesus says to him and the other disciples, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days." The road to Easter Sunday would first pass through Good Friday. And Jesus says to His disciples then and to us today: "If any wishes to follow Me, He must deny himself, pick up his cross, and follow Me." No one escapes suffering in this world. Jesus calls us to follow Him in embracing our cross with patient endurance, bearing our share of His Cross in our own hardships and struggles. This is not the way of the world. The Cross, which seems like utter weakness and folly in the eyes of the world is, as Saint Paul put it, *the Power of God and the Wisdom of God*.

This takes us right into the great Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (The Triumph of the Cross) which we celebrate tomorrow, September 14th. In looking upon the Cross we remember not only the suffering and death of Jesus, but the love that drove Him to endure so much and to give His Life for our salvation. And that self-giving Love which drove Jesus to the Cross is revealed in His Resurrection as the strongest force in the Universe, stronger even than death.

It is no mere coincidence that the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross comes three days after we marked the fourteenth anniversary on Friday of the terrorists' attacks on our Nation and our City on September 11th, 2001. I still have embedded in my mind the steel beams in the shape of a Cross that fire fighters and rescue workers pulled from the rubble of the fallen towers and which remained standing throughout the months ahead. The Cross stood tall above all the devastation at Ground Zero that day, reminding us that God is with us in our darkest moments, and that His Love conquers everything, even death itself. May we always live in His Love. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



\$10,000.00 \$
SFX FEAST DAY RAFFLE
Tickets are \$50.00 each
First Prize-\$10,000.00
Second Prize-\$1,000
Third Prize-\$500

Tickets will be sold before and after every Mass on weekends in the Church Vestibule and in the Rectory throughout the week. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at a Potluck Dinner Reception Celebration immediately following the 12:30pm Mass in honor of our Patron Saint.

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 Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedeio, 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 Nuozillo, 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: Edward J. Cardinale



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.



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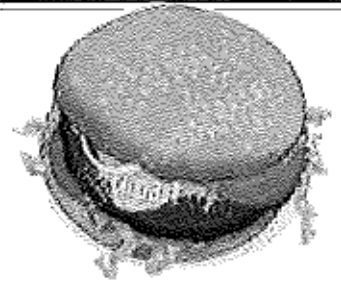
to reserve your seat/table.

Tickets are now available in the Rectory.





ENJOY OUR



2015 SFX WELCOME BACK BARBECUE

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Immediately Following 12:30pm Mass

SFX School Lawn and Gym



**Feast on
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,
Hot Dogs,
Sausages, Salads and more
Soda and Water
50/50 Raffle**

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Minimum Donation \$5 Per Person

Family Name: _____ tear off

Telephone: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

**Please return to SFX Rectory or School Office in an envelope
Marked "Barbecue"**