

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday November 7, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Mazzella Family

Sunday November 8, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Joseph Cordani
 12:30pm Savina Nigro and Michael Nigro

Monday November 9, 2015
 7:30am Bert Lannon
 9:00am Lorraine Criscuolo

Tuesday November 10, 2015
 7:30am Giovanni Greco
 9:00am Rosaria and Salvatore Pullitano

Wednesday November 11, 2015
 7:30am Thomas Riccio
 9:00am Veteran's Day Memorial Mass

Thursday November 12, 2015
 7:30am The Henning Family
 9:00am Keith O'Neill

Friday November 13, 2015
 7:30am Paul Walsh
 9:00am Orlando J. Cosmo

Saturday November 14, 2015
 7:30am Antonio Pagnotta
 9:00am Michael and Amelia Hangee

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Antonio Mazzella

Sunday November 15, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Mary Ann Moloney (4th Anniversary)
 11:15am Serafina and Nicholas Monaco & Joseph Donvito
 12:30pm Raffaella and Luca Palumbo



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Amina Ty Donzo** daughter of Samuel and Shan-tai



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

CELEBRATION: Sunday, December 6th, Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30pm Mass. Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle (winner need not be present), fun, music, camaraderie, cotton candy, face painting, great food made by our parish family, fun for the whole family and chances to win more prizes. \$5/adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish. Please complete the flier in today's bulletin and return to the Rectory.

House Blessings: We have an ancient tradition in our faith of having our homes blessed by a priest. These blessings benefit and protect all who live within the home and are a great thing to have done even if you have lived in your home for many years. While the ceremony itself is simple, it is a powerful way to sanctify the home: the place we spend so much time and a place that is very dear to us. If you would like to have your home blessed, we would be very happy to come any time you would like! Just call the rectory and we will sent up a time and date. There is no fee or offering for this service.



St. Francis Xavier School: The children in Grades 3 to 8 are enjoying the Chess Club sponsored by CYO. The class meets every Monday. The children are selling Yankee Candles as a fundraiser. Consider buying a candle as a Christmas gift. The sale ends November 13th. All grades will be receiving their Report Cards on Thursday, November 19th. For updated information, visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *God made us in His image to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, and to be happy with Him now and forever.*

The children and staff are all excited as we prepare for our Christmas Pageant "The King's Birthday" on December 13th at 9:30am. This is free and all are welcome. **First Penance Meeting for Parents: Monday, November 16th at 7pm in the Church. Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory.**

Thanksgiving Food Drive by the Franciscan Sisters of the

Renewal: will be most grateful to receive financial contributions or the following non-perishable foods: **cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cans of potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, stuffing and non-refrigerated dessert items.** Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church until November

Next Week's Readings (Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time): Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1); Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015:
 November 1: \$5,389
 All Saints: 1,190

Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$2,104
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2014
 November 2: \$5,502

All Saints: \$920
 Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$2,142



Dear Parishioners,

During this past week we have all been holding in our hearts the victims of the horror that occurred on Morris Park Avenue last Saturday in the midst of a fun-filled afternoon of trick-or-treating. Our hearts go out to the victims, ten year old Nyanna Aquil, a 5th grader at PS 83, her grandfather, Louis Perez, and 24-year-old Kristian Leka, and to their families who mourn them. There is no sorrow like that of a parent who loses a child. Let us continue to pray for their healing and peace, and for the healing of this Morris Park Community so shaken and broken by this tragedy. Indeed this is a beautiful community, and that beauty was so much on display this week with so many people spontaneously coming together to pray and looking for ways to help. It is at moments like this that we realize how precious life is, how much we need each other, and how much we really do love and care for one another.

The suffering of others brings out the best in us. Whether we know them personally or not, no matter what religion, language or country they may be from, we immediately recognize our common humanity when a tragedy like this strikes. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in his beautiful 1984 Apostolic Letter on human suffering: *"The sight of suffering in others unleashes love in the human heart. While it may be easy under ordinary circumstances to focus with tunnel vision on our own concerns, when calamities strike, in a sense they strike us all. We then recognize that others have it worse than we do and we are moved to respond with genuine compassion. It is on these tragic occasions that the world becomes more human and that we begin to sense the profound truth that we are all members of the same human family."* How true that is here in Morris Park.

Love that is sincere, that comes from the depths of our hearts is what is most pleasing to God. In today's Gospel we hear of a poor widow who put two small coins in the Temple treasury, which was everything she had. Jesus observed her and could see that her gift was truly a sacrifice, given out of genuine love for God. And Jesus pointed out that this was worth infinitely more than the donations of all the others who were giving out of their surplus wealth.

Jesus uses the sacrificial gift of this poor widow to teach us, that what is most pleasing to God is not so much the amount we give, but the love that our gift expresses. This poor widow did not give from her left overs, but gave of her very self. Her gift of self, given out of her love for God, points to the Cross where Jesus would give Himself entirely, all the way down to His last drop of blood, out of love for you and for me. Jesus teaches us by the example of this poor widow and by His own example on the Cross, that the essence of love is sacrifice.

And how beautifully this love has been on display here in the wake of last week's tragedy. May this Community and our beautiful Parish of Saint Francis Xavier always be a place where the Love of Jesus is present and felt by all every day. 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.

The raffles are selling slower than usual. There are only a few weeks left to go. We have come to rely on the money raised from the raffle over these past few years to pay some major bills and to accomplish various repairs and improvements to our Church and School buildings. Please try to support this important effort for our parish if you can and join us for our Parish Celebration of our Patron Saint at the Family Pot Luck Dinner on December 6th.

St. Benedict's Men and Women's Cornerstone Community Outreach—Winter Clothing Drive: At each Mass November 7/8 and 14/15 collecting new or gently used clothing for Men, Women and children such as coats, scarves, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves, boots, etc. Donations will be brought to local organizations.


Girl Scouts Card Party, Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30pm, Maestros, 1703 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY. Cost \$55/pp includes open bar. Please see flier in the Vestibule of the Church for more information.

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

 William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alices, Mary Annunzio, Judith Ariaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nette Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Mario Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jerry Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cumteen, Richard Dauri, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esquerro, 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 Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jalman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Mario Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Panchen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Toehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, 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 Martinaz, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pasquazi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello



Pray for those who have died: John Schettino, Otto Weihe and David Salerno



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH POTLUCK DINNER
IN GYM AFTER 12:30PM MASS**

**DRAWING FOR \$10,000
AND MORE RAFFLES**

FUN, MUSIC, CAMARADERIE AND GREAT FOOD!

WE WILL PROVIDE THE PAN FOR YOUR SPECIAL DISH TO SHARE.

SIGN UP AT THE RECTORY ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK OR
USE THE TEAR-OFF FORM BELOW.

\$5/ADULTS PLUS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISH ---- CHILDREN FREE!!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

No. Adults _____ No. Children _____ Total Enclosed _____

Main Dish _____ / Salad _____ /Appetizer _____ Dessert _____

Half Pans are available in Rectory.

Please call Rectory for more information at 718-892-3330
