

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday November 14, 2015
 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

Monday November 16, 2015
 7:30am Marie Marino
 9:00am John Cipollone

Tuesday November 17, 2015
 7:30am Antonio Pagnotta
 9:00am Joseph Maenca

Wednesday November 18, 2015
 7:30am Gladis Perez
 9:00am William DeVito

Thursday November 19, 2015
 7:30am Mollie Rizopoulous (Living)
 9:00am Jerry Paredes

Friday November 20, 2015
 7:30am Barbara R. Ryan (Living)
 9:00am Vincenzo Calicchia

Saturday November 21, 2015
 7:30am Marijane Allyson Marini
 9:00am Sarah Brady

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Vito Tetro

Sunday November 22, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Nora Carney
 11:15am Catherine Cordani
 12:30pm Luigi Palumbo and Raffaele Palumbo

Williamsbridge Nursing Home would like volunteers from St. Francis Xavier (adults, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc) to visit with the residents (play bingo, play cards or talk). Please call Isabelle at 917-731-3755.

Next week's second collection is for Human Development to help end poverty through building solidarity in our communities across the U.S..



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015:
 November 8: \$6,126

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2014
 November 9: \$6,655



Bread and Wine is being donated this week in loving memory of Antonio Pagnotta by Grazia and Family.



Altar Flowers are being donated this week in loving memory of Antonio Pagnotta by Grazia and Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Antonio Pagnotta by Grazia and Family.



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.



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Advent Season until December 13th and

14th. Please take a white angel from the tree located in the vestibule of the Church and fulfill a gift request. You can place your gift under the tree. The gifts will be given to the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home. **Also**, the tree will have angels in blue and pink for gifts for children. The gifts will be given to the children in East Harlem by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please do not wrap (wrapping paper can be included).

St. Francis Xavier School: The annual 8th Grade/Faculty Volleyball Game is scheduled for Friday, November 20th at 7pm. The children in grades K to 8 are practicing for the Christmas Show. Please visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:

The children are excited rehearsing for our Annual Christmas Pageant under the direction of Dale Kolarek, Mario and Ryan Gamilo, which will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 9:30am in the school gym. Please join us as Christmas comes alive with our children being a part of the beginning—The Birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. It 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 non-perishable and canned foods. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church until November 14th and 15th.

Next Week's Readings (Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 (1a); Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.



Dear Parishioners,

It is that time of year again when I need to make an accounting to you of Parish Stewardship. Inserted in today's bulletin is my annual report to the Parish together with a financial statement of income and expenses. Please read the report carefully and do not hesitate to approach me if you have any question about anything.

This is indeed a beautiful parish because of all of you. And that beauty was on display once again last weekend at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday evening, as our Church was filled with so many of our school children on sports teams and cheerleading squads, together with their coaches and families, to mark the beginning of another year of sports by gathering together for Mass – a beautiful reminder that everything we do as a Catholic School and Parish is rooted in and flows from our Worship of God together as a Parish Family at Mass each week on the Lord's Day.

As we come to the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, with the great Solemnity of Christ the King next week, our readings today draw our attention to the end; both our own personal end at the hour of our death, and the end of time when our Lord will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. The Gospel today uses some ominous images and language that we call "Apocalyptic Literature." It is highly symbolic and hard to understand, and has been used by many to predict the end of the world and to fill people with fear. But Jesus tells us that we know not the day or the hour, but to be alert and ready every day. This is not meant to be a threat, but a cause for hope and expectation.

As Saint Paul reminds us, at the end of our life we will all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an accounting of our lives. Whether this fills us with fear or with hope depends on how we are living our lives each day. For those who love the Lord Jesus and strive to live in His ways every day, the notion of the end and of Judgement is not a threat but a promise. It should fill us not with dread but with longing. As the early Christians would pray: *"Marana-tha, Come Lord Jesus."*

The Church exists, really, to prepare us for the end. And there are two sure ways the Church gives us to make sure we are ready. The first is to be dealing with our sins regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A good Confession is like anticipating the second coming of the Lord. As it says in the Catechism: *"In this Sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. By going to be forgiven now in the tribunal of God's mercy, we have nothing to fear later in the tribunal of God's justice."* Indeed, there is no better source of inner peace than making a good Sacramental Confession regularly.

The second way is to prepare well for Mass and receive our Lord worthily in Holy Communion every Sunday, or even more frequently if possible. For it is the same Jesus who comes to us so humbly in the Eucharist, who we will see *"coming in the clouds with great glory"* to judge the living and the dead. If we are ready to receive Him worthily every time we approach Holy Communion, then we are ready to face Him whenever He comes again. And if we are not ready today, then what are we waiting for? As we pray in every Mass before receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, let us live each day *"...free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."* 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.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier



Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edward Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbaggio, Nettie Blanchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cloffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot 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 Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Izzarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jalman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreaage, 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, Maria 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 Parthen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Mollie R. and Barbara R., Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Tralnor, Lori Mayer Tricoll, Dominick Viltara, 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 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: David Salemo, Gerald Reilly and Louise Starace

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Once again I want to express to all of you my deep gratitude for your goodness, your faith, and your love. On the other side of this brief report, there is a financial statement of the revenues and expenses for last Fiscal Year which ran from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

Behind the numbers, please keep in mind all of the wonderful things that go on here all year long. Above all, at the very heart of our parish life is our worship of God at Sunday Mass. Everything else flows from there. In addition to our regular schedule of Masses each day, there were Baptisms, First Holy Communions, and Confirmations of children and adults, couples united in Holy Matrimony, and Funeral Masses for loved ones. So many people received the Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and many more received the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion in their homes or in hospitals and nursing homes. Hundreds of children and adults were taught our beautiful Catholic Faith and prepared for the Sacraments. Father Reiman and I are always available to our parishioners for any need. In case of an emergency when one is seriously ill or dying, we can be reached and will come to you any time of day or night.

In addition to our priests and staff, we are blessed with so many wonderful parishioners volunteering in the various groups of our parish: The ladies of the League of the Sacred Heart, the men of the Holy Name Society, Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Trustees, Catechists, Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, our Music Ministry and adult, teen, children's and Filipino choir members, and others who work behind the scenes tending to the flowers, linens, and so many other details to make our Church so beautiful. We have such a beautiful School with so many parents of our Home School Association, Father's Club, Drama Club, Sports, Scouts and so many other parents who volunteer so much of their time for the good of our children. I love these words of Cardinal Dolan which describes so well the beauty of Parish life. He wrote: *"Parish life is where it's at. Parishes are the front lines of the Church...where our babies are baptized, our grandparents buried, our children educated and catechized, our young couples married, our sins forgiven, our elders congregate, our young people play basketball, God's Word is proclaimed, His very Body and Blood consumed, and the sick and poor embraced...People in general love their parish, are loyal to their parish, and do not want to lose their parish."* These words certainly apply to our own beautiful Parish.

As you look at the numbers on the financial statement, **you can see that we ended the last fiscal year with a surplus, and did not have to turn to the Archdiocese for financial aid for the first time in many years.** This is tremendous. Our Parish is still going strong because of you and your love for and generosity to this Parish. I must point out to you, however, that our weekly collections for the first two months of this Fiscal Year are down quite a bit (about \$5000) compared to this time last year. With our costs rising each year, as they do for all of you, I need to ask you to prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your weekly contribution in the Sunday Collection by even just a dollar or two to keep our Parish in the black. I know I ask this every year, but it is absolutely necessary that I do for the good of our Parish. It is our sacrifices today that will ensure that this beautiful parish will be here to serve many more generations to come. If you decide that you cannot give any more than you currently are, I understand completely and appreciate everything that you do.

Let us continue to work together to make our Parish stronger in every way as a community rich in faith, hope and love. May God bless us all.

Reverend Matthew J. Furey, Pastor

Income Statement
St. Francis Xavier Church
September 2014-August 2015

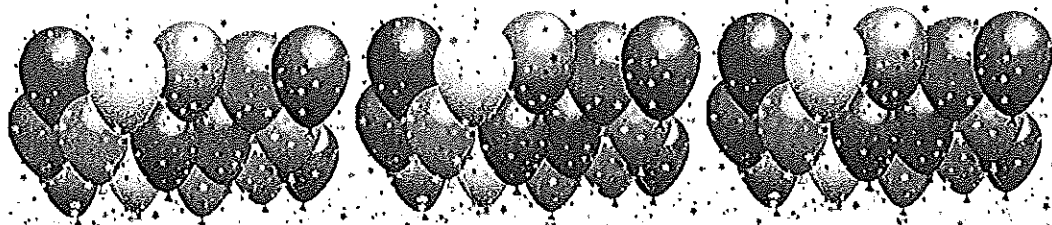
Revenues

Reg Sunday Collections	\$ 304,911
Christmas/ Easter/Holy Day Collections	48,525
Monthly Capital Expenditure	26,287
Votives and Candles/Perquisities	25,139
Fund Raising-Net	26,741
Domicile/Rental Income Receipts	31,600
Donations	43,026
Tuition and Fees Religious Education	11,925
Rel Ed Cathedraticum	8,205
UPK Contribution	15,400
Hospital Reimbursement	22,273
Other Revenues	<u>84</u>
Total Revenues	<u>564,116</u>

Expenses

Salaries and Payroll Taxes	229,079
Benefits	84,371
Office	38,500
Church Expenses	15,554
Maintenance	9,849
Utilities	57,420
Religious Education Expenses	10,403
Propert and Liability Insurance	20,731
Parish Assessments ADNY	38,322
Interest Expense	6,609
Food and Supplies	9,676
Other Expenses	<u>4,340</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 524,854
Net Deficit Before Support and Reimb	39,262
ADNY Support to Church	<u>-</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Reimb	\$ 39,262

* Excludes interest to ADNY from Old Loans \$35,764



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

**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 _____

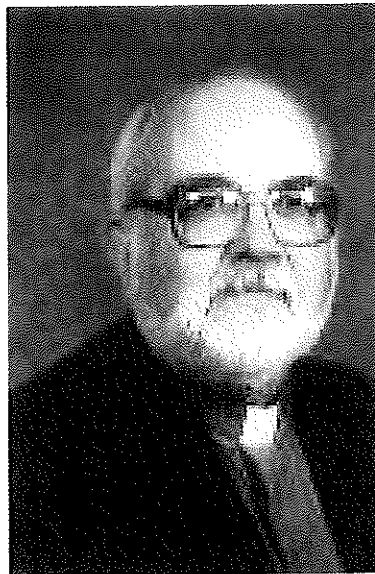
Main Dish _____ / Salad _____ /Appetizer _____ Dessert _____

Half Pans are available in Rectory.

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

Please return before November 30, 2015.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
FATHER BILL FERRUZZI
OF
THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO
ON HIS
GOLDEN JUBILEE OF
RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**



**THANK YOU FATHER BILL FOR SAYING
"YES" TO JESUS
AND FOR YOUR WONDERFUL PRESENCE
WITH US AT SUNDAY MASS EACH WEEK.**

**LOVE,
THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**