


MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	January 2, 2016
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	Mary Marziliano
Sunday	January 3, 2016—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Thomas, John and Eileen Divilly
11:15am	Pasquale Rocchio
12:30pm	Louise and Dominick Altieri
Monday	January 4, 2016
7:30am	Josephine D. Lallo
9:00am	David Salerno
Tuesday	January 5, 2016
7:30am	Shawn Pottinger
9:00am	Yolanda Fronk
Wednesday	January 6, 2016
7:30am	Linda Botticelli
9:00am	William Thomas
Thursday	January 7, 2016
7:30am	Fiona Ahearn
9:00am	Patrick Hurley
Friday	January 8, 2016
7:30am	Linda Botticelli
9:00am	John Gonzalez
Saturday	January 9, 2016
7:30am	Josephine D. Lallo
9:00am	Salvatore Picone
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	Angelo Gianfrancesco
Sunday	January 10, 2016—BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Stella Salerno
11:15am	Anthony Saraco (1st Anniversary)
12:30pm	Lawrence Calabrese

Next Sunday's second collection is for Catholic Communications and Catholic University.



Our Gifts Back to our Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
 December 20, 2015: \$5,828
 December 27, 2015: \$4,861
 Christmas Collection will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included) 2014
 December 21, 2014: \$6,075
 December 28, 2014: \$5,378

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family: **Jordan Nicholas Sidler** son of Nicholas and Inna



St. Francis Xavier School: School will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts."

Confirmation Requirements due: Information Form, Letter to Bishop Jenik, Saint Name Report and Sponsor Eligibility Letter.

The children will be learning and living the works of mercy during Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy. They will also be participating in our Special Bunny Project to buy rabbits for the less fortunate farmers in poverty stricken countries through Catholic Relief Services.

UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus": The four-year old children have learned so much since we began this October. May Jesus fill their hearts with His love and joy.

March for Life in Washington D.C., Friday, January 22nd, 2016: Pilgrimage to Washington, DC with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. Buses will be traveling to DC from all over the Archdiocese. For a complete listing of locations and further info please go to www.NYFamilyLife.org or email sr.lucy.marie@archny.org. If you are not able to make the trip, we will have a day of prayer here with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9am Mass ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction starting at 3pm.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:



John Dormi and Sons Funeral Home for donating our 2016 Parish Calendars, and for their ongoing support of our Parish throughout the year;
Ridgewood Savings Bank for their generosity to our Parish at Christmas and throughout the year and to:
All of our Parishioners for your goodness and generosity to our parish this Christmas and your constant support and generosity all year long.

*Catholics can always come home to
 St. Francis Xavier—We are family!*

Next Week's Readings (The Baptism of the Lord):
 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1); Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.



Dear Parishioners,

I pray that this New Year has gotten off to a good start for all of you and that 2016 will be filled with an abundance of grace and blessings for our families and our parish. I hope you like the new church bells, which we have gone without for far too long. How good it is now to hear those bells tolling, lifting our hearts and minds to God throughout the day and summoning us together as God's family for Mass on the Lord's Day.

Today we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Christmas Season will come to its conclusion next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The word *Epiphany* is a Greek word which means "revelation" or "manifestation." Today, with the arrival of the Magi from the Far East, the infant Jesus lying in the manger in Bethlehem is *revealed* or *manifested* as the Saviour, not just of the chosen people of Israel, but of the whole world. As we sing in today's Psalm: "Lord, Every Nation on Earth will Adore You."

The Magi are also known as the three Kings or the three "Wise Men." They were men of great wealth, learning and sophistication. But, what made them truly wise was that they were searching for something that they knew all their learning and wealth could not give them – they were searching for Truth, they were searching for God. And their search, guided by the light of a star, led them to a stable in Bethlehem, to an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. By an interior light of faith they knew they were in the presence of God, and they fell on their knees and worshipped Him.

The journey of the Magi from the East represents the journey we are all on to find meaning to our lives, to find happiness, mercy, salvation and peace. We need a light to guide us on this journey. The bright Star of Bethlehem represents the light of Faith which guides us on our way through the darkness of this world leading us toward Heaven. And Heaven has come down to Earth at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and continues to come down to Earth on the Altar at every Mass when the *Word becomes Flesh* once again in the Eucharist and remains in the Tabernacle.

There should be a star shining like the Star of Bethlehem above every Catholic Church leading people to where Jesus can be found – His Real Presence in the Eucharist in all the Tabernacles throughout the world. That is why the Sanctuary Candle burns with light at every moment near the Tabernacle.

The word *Bethlehem* in Hebrew means literally "House of Bread." That is what every Catholic Church is, another Bethlehem, a House where the Bread of Life, our Lord Jesus Himself dwells. He is right here every day in our own beautiful Church. "O come, let us adore Him." 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 6 pm. Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is here waiting for you!



An Epiphany Prayer

*O God, who on this day
revealed your Only
Begotten Son to the
nations*

*by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty
of your sublime glory.*

Amen.

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

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edoardo Aicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cusneen, 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 Gonzalez, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Litfieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (8-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Litfieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDemott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Oriz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parohen, Richard Quararone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosern, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, 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 Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascozzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Deceased Members of SFX



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January 3, 2016
Year of Mercy

Dear friends in the Lord:

As you know, in January the archdiocese is called upon to take up a special collection to support *The Catholic University of America* and the *Catholic Communications Campaign* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Truly a unique institution of higher learning, *The Catholic University of America* is the only one founded by the United States bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Because of this, the university belongs to each of us no matter where we may reside. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to assist the university in educating the future leaders of our Church and nation. Your contributions help to underwrite the university's financial aid office so that young students from throughout the nation have access to quality academic and spiritual programs. Last year, several thousand students (including those in the Archdiocese of New York) who otherwise would not have been able to attend the university were given an opportunity to do so, thanks in large part to your generosity.

Also, through the *Catholic Communications Campaign*, the bishops' conference is able to serve the (arch)dioceses of our nation by producing spiritual and educational programs for radio and television. Moreover, half of your giving to this campaign remains here in the archdiocese to assist with the ongoing and planned efforts of our communications and technology office.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your generous contribution to these two important collections and with prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy, and happy new year, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York