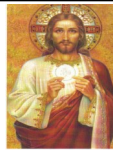


MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 9, 2016
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

Monday January 11, 2016

7:30am Linda Botticelli

9:00am Dominic Mangialardi

Tuesday January 12, 2016

7:30am Bishop James E. Kearney— 1st Pastor SFX

Reverend Thomas J. Ferris

9:00am Alfred Davidson

Wednesday January 13, 2016

7:30am Giordano and Yolanda Fronk

9:00am Pierina Chiappa

Thursday January 14, 2016

7:30am Reverend Msgr. Joseph Doyle— 3rd Pastor SFX

9:00am Arthar Accardo

Friday January 15, 2016

7:30am Victor Fantauzzi, Sr.

9:00am John Caravello

Saturday January 16, 2016

7:30am Giovanni Crisostomo

9:00am Vincent Boccia and Family

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Savina Nigro and Frances Brown

Sunday January 17, 2016

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Giovanni Assalone

11:15am Deceased Members of the Anello Family

12:30pm Thomas and Rita Leanza

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

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
 January 1, 2016, Solemnity of Mary: \$2,715
 January 3, 2016, Epiphany: \$5,677
Second Collection (Capital Expenditure): \$1,985
 Christmas 2015 to date: \$21,274

Weekly Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015
 January 1, 2015, Solemnity of Mary: \$2,132
 January 4, 2015, Epiphany: \$5,804
Second Collection (Capital Expenditure): \$2,150
 Christmas 2014 to date \$22,938



Bread and Wine is donated this week in loving memory of Catherine and Otto Weihe by the Weihe Family.



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Ray and Frank Pecone by Carmela Albano



St. Francis Xavier School: The children in Grades 3 to 8 are preparing for Mid-Term exams. UPK applications will be available beginning Monday, January 25th. Open House for all grades is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st, from 12:30-2:00pm. Specific details to follow. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *Every day we have the opportunity to seek forgiveness and to forgive; to be kind and compassionate; to follow Jesus and to love one another; and to shine the light of God's mercy to everyone we meet.*

The children of **Sunday Religious Education and UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus"** are very excited to be putting our faith into action with Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy. They will understand more clearly the Works of Mercy and incorporate Mercy and Just behavior in their hearts and lives. In addition, the children are also saving up to purchase rabbits for our Special Bunny Project. The rabbits will be sent to the less fortunate farmers in poverty stricken countries.

Heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Rosemarie Vasti (our 7th grade Confirmation Catechist) for purchasing Works of Mercy (Corporal and Spiritual) cards for the Confirmation students of Religious Ed and St. Francis Xavier School. Her students have already booked a Mass for All Souls in Purgatory, one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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

March for Life in Washington D.C., Friday, January 22nd, 2016, the 44th Anniversary of Roe vs Wade: 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 leaving the Bronx from various places in the Bronx. Please call the Rectory for information.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NY FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS:

January 24 through January 31, 2016. Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food; that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Since hunger has no season, the Archdiocese is choosing the week of Sunday, January 24th thru January 31st, 2016 for the Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign. Three simple ways to participate: Donate money to support emergency programs; participate in the food drive by bringing food to the collection bins in the Vestibule of our Church and/or volunteer at a food pantry.

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3); 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful Christmas Season we had here once again. I want to thank you from my heart for your wonderful generosity to our parish once again this Christmas and all year round.

Today we come to the end of this beautiful Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, not because He needed it, but because we do. His baptism was a sign that He came into the world to take our sins upon Himself, to crush them in His own Body on the Cross, and to raise us up with Him to new life. His going down into the waters of the Jordan was a foreshadowing of his death; His coming up out of the waters was a foreshadowing of His Resurrection. In Baptism our old self infected by sin died with Christ, and the new self, cleansed from sin and replenished with Grace, rose with Him. We became a new creation. We became by Grace what Jesus is by Nature— sons and daughters of God.

We heard in the Gospel of Saint John on Christmas Day: *“Jesus came to what was His own in the world, but His own people did not accept Him. But to those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice, nor by a man’s decision, but of God.”* Saint John is talking about Baptism. At our Baptism we were re-born, not by natural generation, but of God. We were given power to become children of God by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, has brought us into His relationship with His Father.

This is why Jesus was born: He was born in our human nature to give us a share in His Divine Nature; He was born into our human family to make us part of God’s Family; the Son of God became man so that man could become a son of God. This is the power of our Baptism. In today’s Gospel from Saint Luke, we hear that after Jesus was baptized *“heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”* The same happened to us at our own Baptism - heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon us and within us, and the Father in heaven looked upon you and me as His own beloved son, His own beloved daughter, in whom He is well pleased.

Now we must truly *live* as children of God, in a way that our Father in Heaven may always look upon us and be well pleased, reflecting the beauty of His Love and Mercy to others in everything we say and do. This is the only way to be truly happy and at peace. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

POPE FRANCIS’ 10 NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOU

1. Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.
2. Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.
3. Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.
4. Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.
5. Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.
6. Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.”
7. Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.
8. Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.
9. Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.
10. Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping.



Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, 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 Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, 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 Liferieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferieri, 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’Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, 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 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 Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Deceased Members of SFX