

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 16, 2016
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

Monday January 18, 2016
 7:30am Dick Whitehouse
 9:00am Antoinette Constantino

Tuesday January 19, 2016
 7:30am Peter Urbaniak
 9:00am Margaret Rita Dean (20th Anniversary)

Wednesday January 20, 2016
 7:30am Perry Rizopoulos
 9:00am Catherine Weihe

Thursday January 21, 2016
 7:30am Special Intentions Tommy Lyons (Living)
 9:00am Daniel J. Moloney (2nd Anniversary)

Friday January 22, 2016-Day of Prayer and Penance for an end to abortion
 7:30am Felix Dellamonica (1st Anniversary).
 9:00am Albert Pazienza
 9:30-3:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00pm Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday January 23, 2016
 7:30am Rose Salemi
 9:00am Finualla Ahearn

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Margaret Rita Dean

Sunday January 24, 2016
 7:30am Reverend Dennis Buckley-MHM
 9:30am Islanda and Michele DiSanza
 11:15am Joseph Campione
 12:30pm Ralph Santiago, Aimee Elias and Mary Bombace



Bread and Wine is donated this week in loving memory of Margaret Rita Dean (20th Anniversary) by Margaret Mary Dean.
 The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo.



St. Francis Xavier School: Open House for all grades is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st from 12:30 to 2:99pm. Faculty will be available to answer questions. Flyers can be found in the back of the Church. UPK applications will be available beginning Monday, January 25th. 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 working diligently on the works of mercy by putting our faith into action and are donating toward the ongoing collection to purchase rabbits which will be sent to the less fortunate farmers in poverty stricken countries.

Confirmation Retreat for parents, students and sponsors with Colleen Kelly Rainer Friday, March 4th at 6pm in gym.
Communion Retreat for parents and students with Colleen Kelly Rainer Saturday, March 5th at 9:30am in the gym.



March for Life in Washington D.C., Friday, January 22nd, 2016, the 43rd Anniversary of Roe vs Wade: Day of Prayer and Penance for an end to abortion marking the 43rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade starting with 9am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the Holy Hour at 3:00pm with the Rosary for Life, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. 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. Please call Rectory for information on buses leaving the Bronx.

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. 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.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
 January 10, 2016, Baptism of the Lord: \$5,332
Second Collection (Catholic Communications and Catholic University): \$995
 Christmas 2015 to date: \$23,167

Weekly Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015
 January 11, 2015, Baptism of the Lord: \$5,903
 Second Collection (Catholic Communications and Catholic University): \$1,228
 Christmas 2014 to date \$22,938
 Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "LENTEN FUNDRAISER" from Friday, February 5th through Easter Sunday, March 27th. A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated by Big Deal to St. Francis Xavier. Just drop your sales receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser. Delivery & phone orders please call 718-824-7571. For phone orders, please tell Big Deal to drop sales receipt in jar.

Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time):
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15;
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.



Dear Parishioners,

With the Christmas Season behind us now, we are back in "Ordinary Time" until the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Ordinary Time sounds so "ordinary", but our lives are anything but ordinary after what we have celebrated at Christmas. For God so loved the world, so loves you and me, that He gave His Only Son so that we may have life and have it abundantly.

How much God cherishes, what infinite value He places on every human life. Every human life is conceived in the image and likeness of God, belongs to God, and is destined by Him to live forever. Therefore, we have an obligation to nurture and protect human life, and never to destroy it. That is why on Friday of this week, January 22nd, hundreds of thousands of people from all over our Country and even the world will descend upon our Nation's Capital for a peaceful and prayerful "March for Life" on the 43rd anniversary of "Roe vs. Wade," the Supreme Court Decision which made abortion a constitutional right in our great Nation.

Over 58 million human lives have been snuffed out before seeing the light of day since that tragic Supreme Court Ruling. Here in our own Borough of the Bronx statistics say almost half of all pregnancies end in abortion. How could it be? How could it be that so many good people - and even so many Catholics - are indifferent to, or even supportive of, the right to choose such a grave moral evil? Evil indeed has a way of blinding and deceiving us. And while it is true that some women find themselves in desperate situations and feel they have no other choice, the Catholic Church is second to none in providing support to help any woman to have and care for her baby, or to find a loving home for the child. And if a woman makes the tragic choice to have an abortion, the Church is always here for her to provide the support and healing that she needs, especially the healing of the heart and soul that comes from the forgiveness of sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Archbishop Dolan expressed well the commitment of the Catholic Church to the sanctity of human life when he said: *"The Church continues to embrace and protect the dignity of every human person, the sanctity of human life, from the tiny baby in the womb to the last moment of natural passing into eternal life. As Terrence Cardinal Cooke wrote, 'Human life is no less sacred or worthy of respect because it is tiny, pre-born, poor, sick, fragile, or handicapped.' Yes, the Church is a loving mother who has a zest for life and serves life everywhere, but she can become a protective 'mamma bear' when the life of her innocent, helpless cubs is threatened. Everyone in this mega-community is a somebody with an extraordinary destiny. Everyone is a somebody in whom God has invested an infinite love. That is why the Church reaches out to the unborn, the suffering, the poor, our elders, the physically and emotionally challenged, those caught in the web of addictions."*

All of us in the Church throughout the United States are asked to observe this Friday as a day of prayer and penance for a restoration of the legal protection of unborn children and for the healing of those suffering from having an abortion. Please try to make it to Mass if you can on Friday, and to stop into the Church at some time during the day after the 9:00am Mass until the Holy Hour at 3:00pm to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. May we never cease praying for an end to this grave evil going on every day in great numbers right in our midst. As Pope Francis warns, society will never find peace as long as this continues. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



**SFX CARD PARTY COMMITTEE
PRESENTS
THE GREAT GATSBY**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016
at Maestro's Caterers
7:00pm**

**Tickets on Sale \$55 each
Reserve your seats now!**

**For purchase contact Liane Weihe (347) 410-2744
or Catherine DiPasquale (917) 416-2541
Tickets also will be available in the Rectory**

*Catholics Can Always Come Home to
St. Francis Xavier—We are family!*

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edoardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Dottie Barry, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Patsy D'Agostino, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Eguerra, 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), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Wayo, 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 Panchan, Richard Quararone, 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 Wheeler, 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, Cpl. Brian Pascouzi,

Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin,

1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Stephen Picca

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CARD PARTY

MAESTRO'S CATERERS

APRIL 14, 2016

Dear Merchant,

As we are planning our annual card party for Saint Francis Xavier School , we are asking the local merchants for their support. The card party this year will be on April 14, 2016 at Maestro's Caterers. We are hoping for an attendance of 400, which in past years has come close. We are asking for donations such as gift cards, services, or monetary gifts which will be raffled off that night. All the money raised will support our school and our children. Merchants will also be able to advertise in our program that each attendee will have at the card party. The program will have its own dedicated pages to thank contributing businesses that donated to the card party. In addition, you may also sponsor a table for the event that will include the favors, pens and giveaways. All prices for advertising and table sponsoring will be given upon request. We are relying heavily on our local businesses for their help to make this a success, anything that you are able to give is greatly appreciated. To advertise in our program you can contact Liane Weihe at (347)410-2744 for pricing and information.

Thank You,

The SFX Card Party Committee

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