

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday February 13, 2016
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Antonio Mazzella

Sunday February 14, 2016
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Giovanni Assalone
 11:15am Special Intentions and All Souls in Purgatory
 12:30pm Anthony Saraco

Monday February 15, 2016
 7:30am Julie Weglarz
 9:00am Dominic Mangialardi

Tuesday February 16, 2016
 7:30am Antonio Cipollone
 9:00am John Musto

Wednesday February 17, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am George Perri

Thursday February 18, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am Nora Carney

Friday February 19, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am Salvatore Provenzano, Living and Deceased
 Members of the Provenzano Family
 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday February 20, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am Antonio Pagnotta
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Joseph Milone

Sunday February 21, 2016—Second Sunday of Lent
 7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Joseph Campione
 12:30pm Vita D'Onghia

This week's second collection is for Peter's Pence.



Altar Flowers donated this week in loving memory of Leo Mayer (5th Anniversary) by Joan Mayer and family



SAVE THE DATES: St. Francis Xavier Holy Week Parish Mission preached by

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week, March 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30pm each evening. More information will follow.

MONDAY NIGHT TALKS DURING LENT BY

FR. MATTHEW REIMAN: Begins tomorrow, February 15, 22, 29 and March 7 and 14 in the lower Rectory at 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm on February 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

PALM CROSSES will be available for purchase after Masses in the Vestibule of the Church beginning on the weekend of March 5th and 6th.



St. Francis Xavier School: Please support our Candy Sale fundraiser beginning February 22nd. All proceeds will be used for technology. The second grade children will be receiving First Penance on Saturday, February 27th at 11:30am. Registration for the new school year has begun. Contact the school office for information and a tour at 718-863-053. Please visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our

Catholic faith 24/7: Lent—we prepare our hearts for serving Jesus and loving like Jesus. The children of **Sunday Religious Education and UPK**

“Wednesdays With Jesus” are learning about Lent and working diligently on the works of mercy by putting our faith into action.

First Penance: Saturday, February 27th, 11:30am in the Church for Religious Education children and SFX School children.

Confirmation Retreat for parents, students and sponsors of Religious Education and SFX School with Colleen Kelly Rayner Friday, March 4th at 6pm in gym.

Communion Retreat for parents and students of Religious Education and SFX School with Colleen Kelly Rayner Saturday, March 5th at 9:30am in the gym.

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 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.

SFX Teen Choir & Drama Club will present Broadway Night, Saturday, February 20th, 2016. Please see flier in Church Vestibule.

SFX Card Party Committee Presents the Great Gatsby.

Thursday, April 14, 2016. For more information, please call Liane Weihe 347-410-2744. Please see flier in Church Vestibule.

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday of Lent):

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
 February 7, 2016: \$6,345
 Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$2,042

Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015
 February 8, 2015: \$5,904
 Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,807
 Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

I pray Lent got off to a good start for everyone. This is a much welcome and needed season of renewal. Living our Christian faith authentically and faithfully everyday is not easy in this difficult world. There are so many temptations we face to draw us away from God. We are engaged in a spiritual battle between good and evil that we see going on in our world and within ourselves. The Son of God was born into this world to fight this battle from within our human condition, facing down Satan whom He conquered in the desert and would ultimately conquer on the Cross.

Every year on this First Sunday of Lent the Church gives us this rich Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the Desert. For forty days Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert (which corresponds to our forty days of Lent) and was tempted by the devil. Jesus was physically weak and starving after those forty days, and the devil, as he does with us, comes to tempt Him where he is most vulnerable. First, the devil tempts Jesus to change stone into bread. This corresponds to our tendency to seek sensual pleasure. Jesus never performed a miracle for His own benefit or gratification. He did everything in obedience to the Will of His Father and for the good of others. Jesus teaches us that the dominant force in our lives must be to do the Will of God, that we are not slaves to our cravings and selfish desires.

Then the devil takes Jesus to the top of a high mountain and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and says, "I will give you power over all of them if you worship me." This corresponds to our temptation to seek power and wealth. How many have sold out their faith and their moral values to go after power and money and fame. So many worship the false gods of money, power, pleasure, and worldly honors. Jesus replies: "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve." Finally, the devil takes Jesus to the top of the Temple and says: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here." He was tempting Jesus to show off that He is the Son of God by some meaningless display of power. This is the human temptation to seek my own glory, to inflate my ego, putting myself at the center of the universe.

Lent is the time to put this disorder of our sinful human condition back into the right order: Putting God first and center in my life, putting others before myself, and putting myself last. And the fundamental disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Acts of Charity help us to do just that. The whole point is to become holier, to become more like Jesus - not just for my own sake, but that I might be a better servant of God, a bearer of His grace and Love to others. That is what our lives are supposed to be about. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY AFTERNOON, Saturday, February 20th at St. Raymond's beginning at 2:30pm with a welcome by Cardinal Dolan, followed by talks in English/Spanish, Confessions available, ending with 5:30pm Bi-Lingual Mass and light refreshments to follow in gym. All are welcome.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"Fasting" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"Abstinence" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able. **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fast and abstinence. **Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.**



Remember
Prayer

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barboglio, Dottie Barry, Nellie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavio Chiappo, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clovin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Curteen, Patsy D'Agostino, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, Carliann 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, Bill Ford, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lihiani Hernandez, Gloria Inzaray, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kneago, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lihieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lynn, Andy Massa, Vincent Jimmy Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzolla, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ordz, Louis Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quararone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosen, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Maria Swain, Paul Teahan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoi, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Otilia 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. Carnata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pasquazzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Cardito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Deceased Members of SFX



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Blessed are the meek, for they *shall inherit the earth.*

—Matthew 5:5

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MERCY SATURDAYS OF LENT

JOIN TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN AND

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2016

AT ST. RAYMOND'S

1759 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462

2:30PM

Cardinal Dolan is hosting a series of "Regional Days of Mercy" for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will include a talk from a missionary of mercy, a reflection from Cardinal Dolan, witness testimonies to the power of mercy, Confession, and information about how to get involved in the Corporal Works of Mercy

Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Light reception to follow
All are welcome.

For information on future location sites, please visit
www.archny.org/mercy