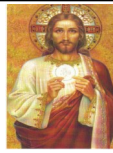


**MASS INTENTIONS**



*May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy and may you see the world through His eyes this Easter and throughout the year. With much gratitude and love. The priests of St. Francis Xavier*

**HOLY SATURDAY March 26, 2016**  
8:00pm **EASTER VIGIL**

**EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2016**  
7:30am All Parishioners of SFX  
9:30am Lucy Coscia  
11:15am Intentions of SFX Religious Education Volunteers (Living), Intentions of SFX Parish Volunteers (Living) and All Souls in Purgatory  
12:30pm Anthony Saraco

**Monday March 28, 2016**  
7:30am Claire Cardinale  
9:00am Jessie, Joseph and Angelina Delia

**Tuesday March 29, 2016**  
7:30am Patsy D'Agostino  
9:00am Francis Joseph Dean, Jr.

**Wednesday March 30, 2016**  
7:30am Viancente Ha, Quang Khue  
Terexa Nguyen thi Thieu  
9:00am Antonio Cipollone

**Thursday March 31, 2016**  
7:30am Alfred Miraglia, Living and Deceased Members of the Miraglia Family  
9:00pm Angela Buonocore

**Friday April 1, 2016**  
7:30am Giovanni Assalone  
9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean  
1-7:00pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
7:00pm **Holy Hour and Benediction**

**Saturday April 2, 2016**  
7:30am Marc J. Ryan  
9:00am Domenico Delli Carpini

**Sunday April 3, 2016—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
7:30am All Parishioners SFX  
9:30am Giuseppe Lanza  
11:15am Pasquale Rocchio  
12:30pm Lucia Palumbo  
3:00pm **Divine Mercy Sunday (Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.)**

League of the Sacred Heart will meet First Friday, April 1, after the 9:00am Mass in the Rectory.



**Bread and Wine lovingly donated this week in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings by the Jilleba Family**



**Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family Carmine Joseph DiLullo son of Giovanni and Rosa**



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3 at 3:00pm:** Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin. Also see the reverse side of flier for information to visit the relics of Saint Faustina on display at various locations throughout New York.

There are still Masses available for 2016. Please come to the Rectory Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm, Saturday from 9am-5pm, or Sunday from 9am-3pm. The 2017 Mass Book will open Tuesday, March 29th. To have a Mass offered for a loved one living or deceased is the greatest gift you can give them.



**Easter Flowers** can be memorialized in honor of loved ones. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names which will be published in the bulletin after Easter. Easter envelopes are in the Vestibule of the Church.

**Easter Envelopes:** Please consider a special gift to your parish for Easter. Every parish relies heavily on the special Christmas and Easter gifts to make up for shortfalls in meeting their expenses throughout the year. Easter gift envelopes are in the Vestibule of the Church. Thank you!



**St. Francis Xavier School:** Online application and increased financial assistance go to [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org). The faculty and staff wish all the parishioners a Blessed Easter. School resumes on Monday, April 4th.



**Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:** *May we live with the love of God in our hearts, do everything we do for Him and may we see lives changed by the encounter with the Risen Christ. A Blessed Easter to all!*

Sunday Religious Education classes will resume on April 3rd and "Wednesdays With Jesus" will resume on April 6th.



**Tree of Life located in the Vestibule of the Church is so much more than a beautiful sculpture.** It is a most loving way of memorializing someone special, to say thank you, or to honor a special person. Please call the Rectory for more information at 718-82-3330. Forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church.

Please visit our Parish Website: [stfrancisxavierbronx.com](http://stfrancisxavierbronx.com). The Parish Bulletin can be read each week on the website.

*Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier*

**Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy):** Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1); Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Our Gifts Back to the Lord  
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016  
March 13, 2016: \$5,355

Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015  
March 15, 2015: \$6,770

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!** A very Blessed Easter to everyone! What a powerful Holy Week this has been beginning with our Holy Week Mission given by Father Glenn Sudano and with so many people coming to Confession in this Holy Year of Mercy. How grateful we are to Father Glenn for his engaging and inspiring talks and for the many hours he gave to hear so many Confessions, and to our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for the beautiful and prayerful music they provided for the Mission. It was a wonderful way to lead us into the Easter Triduum.

We have just spent these last three most holy days with our Lord Jesus in His final moments on earth. On Holy Thursday night we were with Him in the upper room at the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Jesus gave us the supreme gift of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and a beautiful example of humility when He bent down and washed His disciples' feet. On Good Friday we accompanied Jesus on the road to Calvary and stood by Him along with His Mother, Mary, and Saint John at the foot of the Cross in the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. And on Holy Saturday there was a prayerful silence throughout the day as we recalled the time Jesus laid dead in the tomb until the silence and darkness of death was shattered that night as we walked into the darkened Church with the newly blessed and lit Paschal Candle at the beginning of the Easter Vigil and proclaimed the Risen Christ our Light.

From Holy Thursday Night until the Easter Vigil all the Tabernacles throughout the world were empty, the Sanctuaries in every Church were stripped bare, and the Mass was not celebrated. The whole Church paused to remember the death of the Lord. How sad life would be, how hollow and empty our existence would be if Good Friday was the end of the story, if the Tabernacles were always empty, if the Church did not exist, if we did not have our Faith and our hope was limited to this world alone. But today the Church throughout the world proclaims with a resounding *Alleluia!*: *Christ is Risen!, He is truly Risen!* Death is swallowed up in victory. Good has triumphed over evil, Love has triumphed over hate, Life has triumphed over death. It seemed as though evil, darkness, sadness and death had won on Good Friday afternoon, but not for long. God will always have the last word.

How beautiful and powerful is our Faith. And how beautiful is this Parish of St. Francis Xavier because of all of you. I thank you from the depths of my heart for your faith, your love, your prayers and your support of our Parish all year long. Please know that we are here to serve you, that we love you, and we cherish your presence here with us, most especially at Sunday Mass each week. May the blessings and Joy of Easter be yours in abundance.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

**Holy Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016**  
"It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation." - *Pope Francis* -

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

**"A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive."**

The following shrines and Churches in the Archdiocese of NY are holy sites and places of Pilgrimage where a Holy Door, a Door of Mercy, has been opened and where the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- St. Patrick's Cathedral (New York City)
- Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral (New York City)
- St. Frances Cabrini Shrine (New York City)
- National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Middletown)
- National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians (Stony Point)



So far 81 of our parishioners have pledged \$23,755 to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at 45% of the goal for our parish of \$52,500. Cardinal Dolan is asking your support of the many charitable

works of the Archdiocese. Please consider making a gift or pledge to help our Parish surpass our goal and earn a much needed rebate for our Parish. Please fill out your pledge card and send it in, or drop it in the collection or at the Rectory. Extra pledge envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church. You can also make a gift online: [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). If you have already made a pledge, thank you!

**St. Francis Xavier Card Party Committee Presents The Great Gatsby, Thursday, April 14, 2016. Please call Liane Weihe 347-410-2744. For more information, please see flier in Church Vestibule.**



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 Coccozrea, Joanne Cunneen, 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 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 Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreage, 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 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

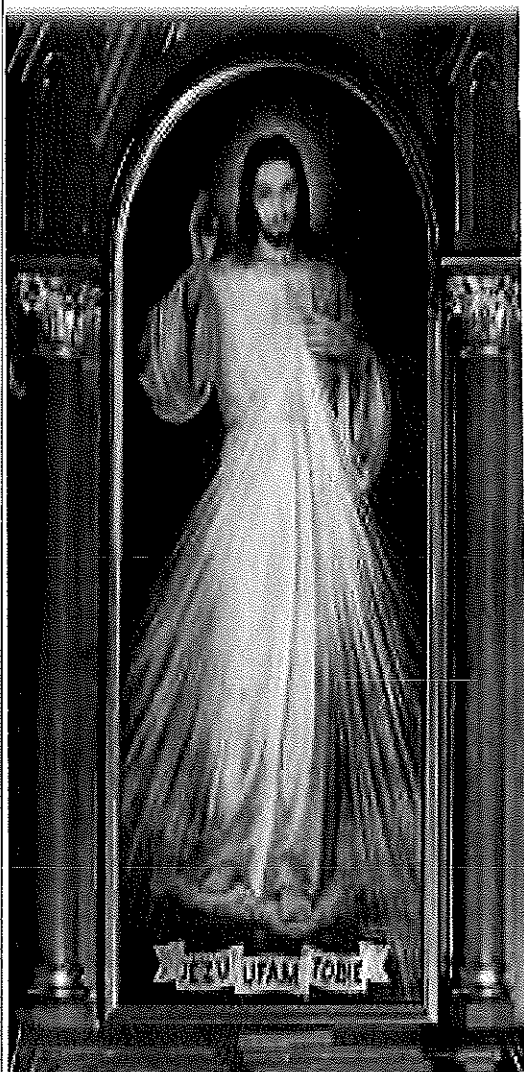
In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Dorothy Barry and Norma Sorg

# **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

**3:00 PM IN CHURCH**

**EXPOSITION OF**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

**CONFESSION AVAILABLE**

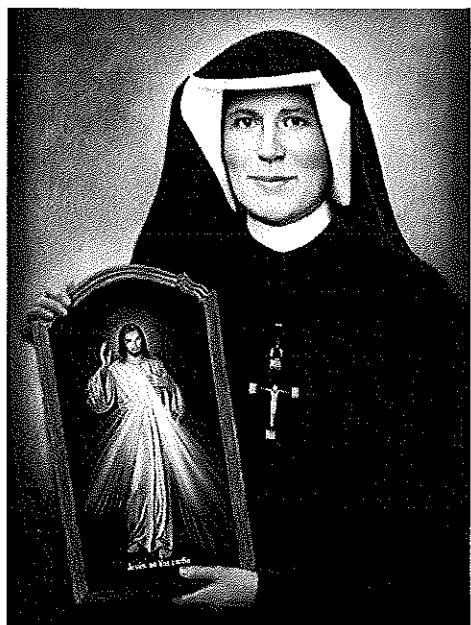
**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

**BENEDICTION**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF VOCATIONS PRESENTS



# The Relics of Saint Faustina

April 2-10, 2016

An historic, grace-filled occasion: the "Saint of Mercy" comes to New York in the Year of Mercy, on Divine Mercy Sunday!

## Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule

Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral

**Saturday, Apr 2:** At the 5:30pm English Vigil Mass there will be an entrance procession with relics, followed by all night veneration

**Sun, Apr 3:** Masses from 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Veneration of the relics resumes at 2pm, and includes the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

## Visit the Relics at Seven Locations

Mon, April 4	Holy Family, Staten Island
Tues, April 5	St. Elizabeth's, Wash. Heights (in Spanish)
Wed, April 6	St. Patrick's Cathedral
Thur, April 7	Assumption, Peekskill
Fri, April 8	St. Barnabas, Bronx
Sat, April 9	O.L. of Mt. Carmel, Middletown
Sun, April 10	St. Columba, Hopewell Junction

### Daily schedule at each church:

2:45 - Welcome the relic  
 3:00 - 4:00 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 4:00 - 6:00 - Veneration & Confessions  
 6:00 - Rosary  
 6:30 - Reflection  
 7:00 - Mass

Details at [www.NYDivineMercy.com](http://www.NYDivineMercy.com)

updates at [facebook.com/nypriest](https://facebook.com/nypriest)