

MASS INTENTIONS



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Carys Marie Morelli** daughter of Elena Morelli



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) and being received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or if you are already baptized but not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 718-892-3330. Sessions will begin the end of September.

Reminder About Godparents: When there are two godparents chosen, one must be male and one female. One godparent, however, is sufficient. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 14 years of age and in good standing in the Church (including married in the Church if they are married). A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. Godparents will be asked to have their parish fill out a form witnessing their eligibility (sponsor letter).



St. Francis Xavier School: During the month of July, the school office will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am until 12 Noon. Families interested in UPK seats are still available. Contact the school office at 718-863-0531 option 1. Registration is on-going. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our beautiful Catholic faith 24/7: *Jesus is waiting for you in the Eucharist!* Please remember there is no vacation from our obligation of attending Sunday Mass. If you are traveling, you can check local Mass times at

www.masstimes.org.

Also, tune into EWTN TV Channel 135 for general viewing and movies on Saturdays at 8pm. You can also start your day with the Rosary online at comepraytherosary.org either individual or worldwide recitation.

Re-registrations forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church and the Rectory. For new families registering, please contact the Rectory.

NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASS will begin during Sunday Religious Education. This is **FREE**. Please contact Rectory.

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

"Saturdays With Jesus" will begin this September on Saturdays at 10:00am in the lower Rectory. If your child or someone you know has special needs, they are very welcome as we work together with the children and parents to prepared them for the Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). Please contact the Rectory.

Next Week's Readings (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time):
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (95:8); Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Saturday July 23, 2016
Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm Frances Joseph Dean, Jr.

Sunday July 24, 2016
7:30am All Parishioners SFX
9:30am Eva Bertolacci
11:15am Charles Bernard
12:30pm Jessie Delia and Theresa Suozzo

Monday July 25, 2016
7:30am Clara King
9:00am Juana E. Greco

Tuesday July 26, 2016
7:30am Nelida Lopez
9:00am Neil O'Donnell

Wednesday July 27, 2016
7:30am Carolina Battaglia
9:00am Michael Penta

Thursday July 28, 2016
7:30am Agostino Calisi
9:00pm In Thanksgiving for Fr. Furey's beautiful and memorable years at St. Francis Xavier and for God's blessings in his new assignment (Living)

Friday July 29, 2016
7:30am Sharon Corso
9:00am Danica and Nicola Kurilic

Saturday July 30, 2016
7:30am Gina Pandolfo Hooks
9:00am Joseph Leanza

Vigil for Sunday
5:30am Agostino Calisi

Sunday July 31, 2016
7:30am All Parishioners SFX
9:30am Anita Massara-Levin and Joseph Latronica
11:15am John Schettino
12:30pm Eva Bertolacci



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended until September 2, 2016.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016—July 17, 2016 : \$4,403
Second Collection (Propagation of the Faith/Srs. Of Charity): \$1,441
Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015—July 19, 2015: \$5,020
Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

In today's Gospel, Luke tells us the importance of prayer in Jesus' life. Luke begins with Jesus "praying in a certain place." When he had finished praying, one of his disciple asked, "Lord, teach us to pray..." Why is this so important? The disciples were watching Jesus and seeking answers to the miracle of His life. For Jesus, prayer was a way of life and it was a way of being in communion with God.

The prayer which Jesus taught the disciples is the Lord's Prayer. It opens with praise to God the Father and follows with petitions having to do with personal needs. Jesus said to His disciples, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Give us each day our daily bread, And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

The heart of today's message is that Jesus also offers the following three lessons to keep in mind when we pray the Lord's Prayer. The first lesson refers to the parable that illustrates *persistence* with which one is to petition God; the second is to pray in *faith*; and the third refers to *God's response* to prayer.

The first lesson is about hospitality and that God can be trusted to respond to our persistent prayers. Jesus tells the parable of the unexpected visitor who comes calling at midnight. When the man finds himself without enough bread for his visitor, he goes to a neighbor and asks to borrow some bread for his visitor. The neighbor reluctantly responds to his persistence and gives him bread. This teaches us that we must be *persistent* and to pray always.

Next is one of the more familiar commands of Jesus: "Ask and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." We pray to God for what we need. Jesus was trying to make the disciples understand that when we ask God, we receive; when we seek God, we find Him; and when we knock, God opens the door. The answer may not come immediately or in the form we were expecting but God hears our prayers. We pray in *faith* that God will answer our prayers.

Lastly, Jesus reminds us that a good parent knows more of what is good for their children just as God, our Father, knows what is good for each of us – His children. He cares for us in a deep and profound way and cannot give us anything but what is best for all concerned. We are all invited to have a relationship with God, to make our petitions to God, and to know that *God responds* in a way that is best for us all.

Praying is the most important thing we can do in life so that we can have a beautiful relationship with God. It is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. Every day when we pray *The Lord's Prayer* (the prayer Jesus Himself taught us so that we can praise God and petition Him for our personal needs), may we also be reminded *to be persistent, to pray in faith and to understand God's response* to our prayers.



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 5pm. Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is there waiting for you!

"Look at a Crucifix Every Day": *Think*—How much Our Lord must have loved me to suffer those nails, those thorns, those bleeding wounds, such humiliations, such heartbreak. *Ask Yourself*—If He loves me that much, what will I do for Him today? Start going to Mass on weekdays? Spend more time in prayer? Be kind to those who are not kind to me? What can I do to love God more today?



WE REACHED AND SURPASSED OUR GOAL OF \$52,500! Thank you to all who have supported this year's

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. **We have now raised \$53,160 from 170 donors.**

There is still time to give to the Appeal. 60% of every dollar raised now will come directly to our Parish. You can do so by filling out your pledge card and mailing it in, or dropping it in the collection or at the Rectory. Extra pledge envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church or you can also make a gift online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

Thank you once again for your tremendous generosity!



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, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, 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 Lifrieri Hernandez, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreaage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, 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: Anthony Vincent Boccia, 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: Robert D'Ambrosio, Nicholas Ferrante and David L. Doney