

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 27, 2014

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Segreti and Louise Segreti



Sunday December 28, 2014 –Holy Family Sunday

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Frank Ramunno

11:15am Anthony Rocchio

12:30pm Jessie, Joseph and Angelina Delia

Monday December 29, 2014

7:30am Charles, Joseph and Louis Vegliante

9:00am Maria Imbrogno and Family

Tuesday December 30, 2014

7:30am Thomas O'Keefe

9:00am Massimo Chulli

Wednesday December 31, 2014

7:30am Michael LaLonde.

9:00am Michael Manniello

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

5:30pm Special Intentions

Thursday January 1, 2015-**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am John Castello

11:15am Josef Schneider and Deceased Members of the Schneider Family

12:30pm Michael Manniello

Friday January 2, 2015

7:30am Susan Williams

9:00am Genaro, Helen and Dominic Libertelli

Saturday January 3, 2015

7:30am Robartolo Alincastre and Esmeralda Layno Cleofe

9:00am Francesco Cipollone

12:00Noon Memorial Mass-Rosario Rodriguez

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Maria Morante Vinciguerra

Sunday January 4, 2015- **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am John Ayala

9:30am Frank Ramunno

11:15am Antonio Morales

12:30pm Lawrence Calabrese

First Friday Adoration will be suspended for the months of January and February and will resume in March.

Due to the early printing deadline because of Christmas, last week's collection will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.

Thursday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule is as follows:



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

5:30pm-Vigil

Thursday, January 1, 2015

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 12:30pm

Thank you for your kindness Fr. Matthew, Fr. Shanthi and Fr. Hippolytus want to thank all of you for your many cards, gifts, Christmas goodies and wishes. Your thoughtfulness and love are so much appreciated.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in Loving Memory of Anthony Rocchio by Rosemarie and Thomas Vasti



Francis Xavier School: School resumes on Monday, January 5th, 2015. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic

faith 24/7: "What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts."

Our wishes for blessings for the New Year to all the families of the parish with love from the volunteers of SFX Religious Education Program.

Classes will resume on: Sunday, January 4th, 2015.

Christmas at St. Francis Xavier: A reminder that Christmas Flowers and Decorations can be memorialized in honor of loved ones. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names. The Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and included with your Church envelopes. You can leave these envelopes at the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket.



The Lighter Side of Christmas: Please join us for a fun evening of favorite Christmas Carols by our Choir members, Saturday, December 27th at 6:30pm immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier

Next Week's Readings (The Epiphany of the Lord): Isaiah Chapter 60:Verses 1-6; Psalm 72:Verses 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11); Ephesians Chapter 3:Verses 2-3a, 5-6; and Matthew Chapter 2:Verses 1-12.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope this Christmas is a blessed and joyful time for all of our families. Our Church looks so beautiful for Christmas because of your generous donations for Christmas flowers. So many worked so hard to make our celebration of Christmas so beautiful here. The music as always was spectacular, especially at the Midnight Mass, thanks to Joyce and Dale Smith and our dedicated choir members – children, teenagers and adults. Thank you to our Lectors who proclaimed the Word of God so powerfully, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Ushers, and our Altar Servers who served so devoutly. I must give special thanks to Angela Lifrieri, Ughette Jilleba, and Julie Boglioli, who spent so many hours behind the scenes preparing the Sanctuary and displaying the Poinsettias so beautifully.

Most especially, thank you to all of you, our faithful parishioners, for your love and support of our beautiful parish all year long, and for your overwhelmingly generous donations to our Christmas collection. And not only for your generosity to our parish, but thank you, too, for the abundance of Christmas gifts you donated for the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home which were delivered by Tom Tronchoni of our Holy Name Society along with Mariangela Agovino and our Confirmation Students, and the gifts donated for the children in Harlem which were delivered by our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. I am so humbled always by your goodness and generosity.

Today we are in the midst of the Octave of Christmas with this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family. That Jesus was born into and grew up in a human family draws us deeper into the mystery of the *Incarnation* - that the Son of God took on flesh and became one of us, fully God and fully human. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remind us that all our families are called to be holy. When we look at the beautiful scene of the first Christmas displayed in front of our Altar and in so many of our homes, we see Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus in the center. That is the model of a Holy Family - Jesus at the very center of every marriage, of every family. We must ask ourselves today whether Jesus truly is the center of our lives? Are our homes places of prayer where the peace of Christ dwells? Saint John Paul II so often spoke of the family as the domestic church, and a school of love where children first receive love and learn how to love. The strength and future of our society depends on the family, for it is from the family that good Christians and solid citizens are produced. And it is from holy families that holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life are produced.

The Octave of Christmas culminates this week on January 1st, with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Mary is indeed the Mother of God because the baby she delivered is truly God and truly man. At the birth of Jesus, Mary held her Divine infant in her arms. She held Him in her arms again as He was taken down from the Cross.

And it was from the Cross that Jesus gave His Mother to us to be our Mother. Mary is the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, and our Mother. And through our love for her, she will draw us closer to her Son, Jesus. That is the best New Year's resolution we could make - to draw closer to Jesus through Mary.

On a final note, on behalf of Fr. Shanthy and Fr. Hippolytus, I want to thank you for all the kindness, encouragement, and generosity you have shown to us this Christmas with your many gifts, goodies, and cards of good wishes. The best gift of all is your presence here with us every week at Sunday Mass. May God continue to bless all of us with His Peace this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life

and in the bonds of charity.

We humbly ask that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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, Maryanne Cataldo, Louis Campi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, John Dinelli, 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, Donald Gallagher, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Phome, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottiia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel



In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our

Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Pignoli, 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: Filippo Ferron, MaryAnn Cataldo, Katherine McNamara and Rosario Rodriguez