

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday July 18, 2015
Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Serafin Izquierdo

Sunday July 19, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Luigi Palumbo and Raffaele Palumbo
 11:15am Frank Vitacco
 12:30pm Mary Bivona and Angelina Delia

Monday July 20, 2015

7:30am Corinne Augone
 9:00am Biago and Orsola Bello

Tuesday July 21, 2015

7:30am Vincent Ha
 9:00am Temistocle De Vivo

Wednesday July 22, 2015

7:30am Frank Mondrone
 9:00am Lauria Family

Thursday July 23, 2015

7:30am Vincent Ha
 9:00am Richard Gartner

Friday July 24, 2015

7:30am Teodoro and Amelia Perez
 9:00am Jessie Delia and Theresa Suozzo

Saturday July 25, 2015

7:30am Elmerinda Perugini
 9:00am Jean Zeman Cuccia

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Mary Ann Cataldo

Sunday July 26, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Davide Chiappa
 11:15am Christina Barone
 12:30pm Claudette Cicchelli



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Anastasia Katheen Teehan** daughter of Francis and Dana
Angelo Vincent Piarulli son of Angelo and Sandi Marie



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 Fr. Matthew at the Rectory at 718-892-3330. Sessions will begin the end of September.



St. Francis Xavier School: During the month of July, the school office will be open from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Monday and Friday the office will be closed (if you need assistance, you can call the Rectory at 718-892-3330). Seats are available for the SFX UPK Program (free tuition). Registration for all grades is on-going. Please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *My Church—My family:* Please remember there is no vacation from our obligation to attend Sunday Mass—See you in Church. If traveling, you can check for local Mass times at www.masstimes.org. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to register for Religious Ed as soon as possible. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory and the vestibule of the Church.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out" Pocketbook Bingo



Fundraiser for St. Francis Xavier Parish:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM in the School Gym. \$35 person/10 games each with three cards on a sheet. Lots of chances to Win! Lots of fun! Winner of each game will receive a new authentic designer handbag such as Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, Ralph Lauren, Coach, and more. BYOB & BYOA (appetizers). Door Prizes, 50/50, Tricky Tray Tables of raffle prizes and featuring our special raffle for the Louis Vuitton (value \$1,000). This will sell out!


To reserve your tables/tickets, please call Ughette in the Rectory at 718-892-3330.



SAVE THE DATE: Come see "Godspell" a Musical featuring own teenagers, St. Francis Xavier Gym, August 7th, 8th and 9th.

Next Week's Readings (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 1-16, 17-18 (16); Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

Banns of Marriage Announced:
Bryan Antoncic and Jessica Haag



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 July 12: \$6,472
Second Collection (Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa): \$929
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless



Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel this weekend, the Apostles gather together with Jesus after returning from many weeks of teaching, preaching, and healing. Jesus invites His Apostles to *“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”* How much we need to heed those words of our Lord. Hopefully this Summer will provide some time for all of us to get away for a while and rest. But on a deeper level, we also need to hear these words of Jesus as an invitation to prayer.

It is so easy for us to think that we are so busy that there just isn't time to spend in prayer. However, carving out some time every day for prayer, spending some time with the Lord, strengthens and focuses us to do all the things we have to do better, to handle all the worries and problems we have better. Jesus teaches us by word and example throughout the Gospels that taking time to pray is something we absolutely need if our faith is to remain alive. Prayer is thinking about God; it is raising our hearts and minds to God; it is having a conversation with God. And most importantly it is listening to Him. Attending Mass during the week; reading the Scriptures, especially the four Gospels, just a little bit every day and pondering it over in our minds; spending a little time before the Blessed Sacrament, even if there is only time for a brief visit; just keeping a conversation going with Jesus throughout the day; all these ways we lift our hearts and minds to God throughout the day will help us to see things and to handle things differently, in the way our Lord would want us to.

It is, however, so easy for us to give up on prayer, especially when we are not getting the answers we want when we want them. Many of the Saints will tell us that this is because we often are not seeking God's Will in our prayer but our own will. Prayer takes great patience and trust that God always hears and answers our prayers even though it may not be in the way we would have wanted it, or as quickly as we would have wanted it. Of course we can and should pray for our own needs and the needs of others, but as Blessed Mother Theresa put it: *“Ultimately prayer goes beyond asking. It is putting ourselves in the hands of God and listening for His gentle voice in the silence of our hearts.”*

And for those of us who feel that our lives are too busy and hectic to pray, Blessed Mother Theresa again provides much wisdom: *“Prayer does not always demand that we interrupt our work, but that we continue working as if it were a prayer. It is not necessary to always be meditating, nor to consciously experience the sensation that we are talking to God, as nice as this would be. What matters is being with Him, living in Him, in His Will. To love with a pure heart, to love everybody, especially to love the poor is a twenty-four hour prayer.”* What a beautiful and joyful way to live. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



“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 6pm. 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?”

Papal Wisdom: Gossip can kill, because it kills the reputation of the person! It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us. - **Pope Francis**

The plight of Christians around the world, especially in the Middle East, has become a major catastrophe. Massive numbers of Christians are being subjected to violence, displacement, and even death, explicitly because of their faith. Yet there is little attention being paid in the West, and few governments are saying anything in response. However far away, we are still impacted by the sufferings of our fellow Christians; we are all one human family. Catholic social teaching calls us to stand in solidarity. The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity; it is the land of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It's time to take action! For information, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

R.A.I.N. Information Service Center: If you need assistance with any services such as Medicare/Medicaid, SCRIE, Home Attendant Services, housing, access-a-ride and more, call 718-547-8827 8am-4pm.

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 Ciaccio, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred 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, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liferieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, 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: Alberta A. Wymimko