

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 21, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Vito Tetro

Sunday November 22, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Nora Carney

11:15am Catherine Cordani

12:30pm Luigi Palumbo and Raffaele Palumbo

Monday November 23, 2015

7:30am Mark J. Ryan

9:00am Jeronimo Paredes

Tuesday November 24, 2015

7:30am Perry Rizopoulos

9:00am Carmela and Francesco Nigro

Wednesday November 25, 2015

7:30am Elizabeth and John Ryan

9:00am Lucy Coscia

10:00am SFX School Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday November 26, 2015-Thanksgiving Day

7:30am Bill and Lisa Rizopoulos (Living)

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass—All Parishioners of SFX

Friday November 27, 2015

7:30am Felicita Rivera

9:00am Jeronimo Paredes

Saturday November 28, 2015

7:30am Maria Conte Calisi

9:00am Jessie Delia, Joseph Delia and Angelina Delia

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm The Vinciguerra Family

Sunday November 29, 2015—First Sunday of Advent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am John Lizzo

11:15am Ida Civetta

12:30pm Anthony Saraco

2:00pm Lessons and Carols (Please see flier in bulletin)



*Happy Thanksgiving:
May you and your families have a joyful
and blessed Thanksgiving
With love and gratitude,
All your priests at the Rectory*

Today's second collection is for Human Development to help end poverty through building solidarity in our communities across the United States.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015, November 15: \$5,510

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2014
November 16: \$5,775



Bread and Wine is donated this week in loving memory of Vito Tetro by Mary Tetro.



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family: Alexa Nicole Barresi daughter of Robert and Christine

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY**

CELEBRATION: Sunday, December 6th, Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30pm Mass.

Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle (winner need not be present), fun, music, camaraderie, cotton candy, face painting, great food made by our parish family, fun for the whole family and chances to win more prizes. \$5/adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish. Please complete the flier in today's bulletin and return to the Rectory.



St. Francis Xavier School: Happy Thanksgiving. Please visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: As we give thanks for all of God's blessings, may we also give thanks to all the volunteers of the SFX Religious Ed Program who give selflessly to teach about Jesus (without pay). A Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

The Annual Christmas Pageant will be held on December 13th at 9:30am in the gym. Our Parish Family is invited to attend as the true spirit of Christmas— the Birth of Jesus comes alive with our children. **It is free and all are welcome.**

ADVENT is a time of joyful expectation. During the four weeks leading up to the beginning of the Christmas Season we look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is an appropriate time to renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. Through her "yes" to the angel at the Annunciation she changed the world forever and became the mother of the Savior. During these weeks of Advent, Fr. Reiman will be offering a series of evening talks in which he will speak about some of the great moments in the history of our faith in which Mary has made herself known as our mother and intercessor. By renewing our devotion to Mary Mother of God may we also grow in our love for Jesus Christ and His Holy Church! Each talk will take place on a Monday at 7 PM in the Rectory.

Monday, November 30th: Our Lady of Fatima
Monday, December 7th: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Monday, December 14th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 21st: Our Lady of Lourdes



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Advent Season until December 12th and 13th. Please take a white angel from the tree located in the vestibule of the Church and fulfill a gift request. You can place your gift under the tree. The gifts will be given to the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home. Also, the tree will have angels in blue and pink for gifts for children. The gifts will be given to the children in East Harlem by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please do not wrap (wrapping paper can be included).

Next Week's Readings (First Sunday of Advent): Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b); 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.



Dear Parishioners,

I want to first of all wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving Day this Thursday. It is hard to believe that the season of Advent is almost upon us, with Christmas arriving very soon thereafter.

We begin a brand new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent next week. But first, we crown the end of this year today with this majestic Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. Today we proclaim with the Church throughout the whole world what should be evident in the way we live every day, that Jesus Christ is our King, that He is the beginning, the end, and the center of our entire lives.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI often spoke of one of the greatest spiritual and moral problems of our time - Relativism. Relativism is the idea that there are no absolute truths that govern what is right and wrong. In our culture today morality has become merely a matter of popular opinion without regard to objective Truth, without regard to the Laws and Commandments of God. It's all part of the air we breathe today. Man, not God, has become the arbiter of what is right and wrong. But that erroneous thinking dates back to original sin when Satan deceived our first parents into thinking that they could become like gods, deciding for themselves what is true, what is good and what is evil. Once we do that, God is no longer God in our lives, and we become our own god. There is only One Truth - Jesus Christ - who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That is what we proclaim with all our hearts today and every day.

Jesus said to Pontius Pilot in the Gospel today: *"I have come to testify to the Truth. Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice."* Are we listening to the voice of Jesus as He continues to speak to us through His Church, or are we listening to the myriad of other voices and opinions out there? When asked if He is a King, Jesus replied to Pilot: *"My Kingdom does not belong to this world."* To proclaim Jesus as our King is to recognize that while we are in the world we are not of the world; that we belong to Christ; that our true and lasting Home is not here but in Heaven. Today's Feast of Christ the King calls each of us to consider whether we truly profess Jesus Christ as our King, not only with our words, but in the way we live. Is it the values of Jesus Christ or the values of the world that drives our thoughts, words, and actions?

With a new year of Grace beginning next week on the First Sunday of Advent, let us recommit ourselves to proclaiming to the world that Jesus Christ is our King, that He alone has dominion over our lives, over our minds and our hearts.

And as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, let us give thanks to almighty God that we have such a King, who in the words of Saint John Paul II, *"...renounces all the signs of power, the instruments of dominion, force and arrogance, and wishes to reign only with the power of truth and love in the interior of our hearts."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J Furey

\$10,000.00 SFX FEAST DAY RAFFLE:

Tickets \$50.00 each

First Prize-\$10,000.00,

Second Prize-\$1,000

Third Prize-\$500



Tickets will be sold fore and after every Mass on week-ends in the Church Vestibule and in the Rectory throughout the week. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at a Potluck Dinner Reception Celebration immediately following the 12:30pm Mass.

The raffles are selling slower than usual. There are only a few weeks left to go. We have come to rely on the money raised from the raffle over these past few years to pay some major bills and to accomplish various repairs and improvements to our Church and School buildings. Please try to support this important effort for our parish if you can and join us for our Parish Celebration of our Patron Saint at the Family Pot Luck Dinner on December 6th.



Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alices, Mary Annunzio, Judith Ariaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cuzzocrea, Joanne Curneen, Richard Dauri, Carlann Defede, 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, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzalez, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jalman, Emily Koch (8-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lync, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jonnie 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 Panchen, Richard Quartarone, Barbara R. and Nollie 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 Wheeler, 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. Bianco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pasquazi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: David Salerno, Gerald Reilly and Finnuala Ahearn

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICE OF

Lessons and Carols

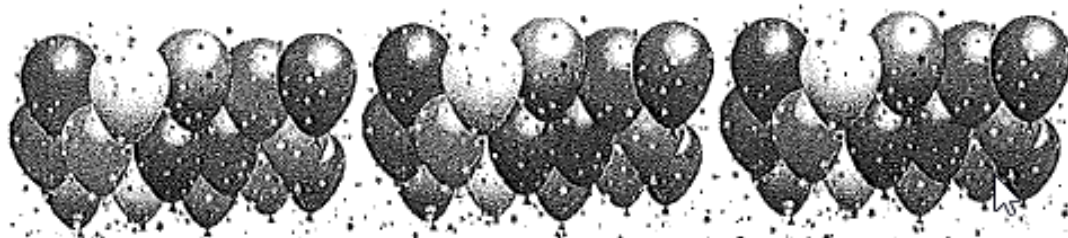
**As we prepare for the Holy Christmas Season
with special music and readings**

Sunday afternoon, November 29, 2015

2:00 p.m. (following the 12:30 p.m. mass)



**St. Francis Xavier Parish
1703 Lurting Avenue (at Van Nest)
Bronx, NY
(718) 892-3330**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH POTLUCK DINNER
IN GYM AFTER 12:30PM MASS**

**DRAWING FOR \$10,000
AND MORE RAFFLES**

FUN, MUSIC, CAMARADERIE AND GREAT FOOD!

WE WILL PROVIDE THE PAN FOR YOUR SPECIAL DISH TO SHARE.

**SIGN UP AT THE RECTORY ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK OR
USE THE TEAR-OFF FORM BELOW.**

\$5/ADULTS PLUS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISH ---- CHILDREN FREE!!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

No. Adults _____ No. Children _____ Total Enclosed _____

Main Dish _____ / Salad _____ / Appetizer _____ Dessert _____

Half Pans are available in Rectory.

Please call Rectory for more information at 718-892-3330

Please return before November 30, 2015.